

**Mauriceville (East): 1889-Present.** Note at various times either Mauriceville School was called plain old “Mauriceville”. The school is by the railway line, where the dairy factory and lime works provided work and the railway station was busy. 22 Kilometres North East of Masterton on the Opaki Kaipororo Road. Roll 32 in 2009

**Mauriceville Railway: 1887-1888** The original name for Mauriceville East School



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## Buildings

Original building 690 square feet

Area 2 acres 1 rood. Lots 3-6 of section 207

Block 2 Mauriceville East Gazetted 1892 page 1155

School residence purchased 1914. Rooms 4. 1923 additional Bathroom, washhouse put in

1946 1 room added. Residence sits adjoining school area 2 acres 3 perches. Being Lot 7 of Section 207

Purchased with residence 1914

A 180 square foot garage added later

6 Perches of school land transferred for roading purposes 26/8/1937

Residence purchased November 1913 for £450

1939 rented Church hall for 10/- per week

1928/1929 Rented council chambers for a pound per week

16<sup>th</sup> November 1930? Septic tank installed

## 1886

6<sup>th</sup> February 1886 NOTICE. A TEA MEETING will be held on FRIDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> instant, at 2 p.m., at to celebrate the OPENING of the NEW MAURICEVILLE, SCHOOL. Tickets may be obtained from Mr T. E, Price, Stationer, and Mr Joseph Williams, Tobacconist, also from the members of the School Committee. W. JESSEN, Hon Secretary PP

## 1887

22<sup>nd</sup> April 1887 James Willis First Teacher  
Mauriceville Railway School opened.

The first day of teaching 45 students were enrolled. That is 19 boys and 26 girls. 9 boys and 11 girls have passed in Standards. The majority of the others have not attended any school before.

At the end of the quarter, the roll was 63 and the working average 45. There were no shelter sheds, nor swings, nor gymnastic apparatus. There was only one closet and that had no door. The school playground also was very wet and soft; and the roof of the school leaked very badly in wet weather.

At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (December 31<sup>st</sup> 1887 ) the number on the roll was 65 and working average 44

The midsummer holiday

## 1888

February Miss McKenzie was appointed pupil teacher. Up to this time only one teacher was employed.

The quarterly return at the end of March showed 65 on roll strict average 38.58. The low average may be accounted for partly the strict average but in a greater measure by many children kept at home to save grass seed.

14<sup>th</sup> May 1888 Ninety-nine sections in the Mangatainoka, Hastwell, and Mauriceville East Village Settlements are advertised to be open for application on and after the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. PP

16<sup>th</sup> July School reopened Only 19 pupils attended.

20<sup>th</sup> July William Seymour left to attend new school at Hastwell.

1<sup>st</sup> August Rain coming through roof on desks.

5<sup>th</sup> August Received new regulations for pupil teachers

6<sup>th</sup> Miss McKenzie absent through illness.

10<sup>th</sup> August Roof of school being repaired Mr Jorgenson visited the school

13<sup>th</sup> August Very wet day. Miss McKenzie absent

23<sup>rd</sup> August Special meeting of School Committee to elect new chairman.

1<sup>st</sup> September Receive new regulations of the Board

3<sup>rd</sup> September. Mr Eagle paid official visit to the school. New chairman?

15<sup>th</sup> September Lutheran minister got use of school for holding Sunday School on Saturday afternoon.

21<sup>st</sup> September Received circular memo from Wellington Education Board re punishment and playground supervision.

27<sup>th</sup> September. Meeting of School Committee decided on erecting rough swings in play ground, Mr Eagle made short visit

1<sup>st</sup> October No on roll 56 Average 36

2<sup>nd</sup> October Received memo on new regulations.

6<sup>th</sup> October Rain came into school badly

9<sup>th</sup> October Sent copy of new regulations back to the office for signature and date. 12<sup>th</sup> October Average attendance low. Children engaged in putting in crops.

17<sup>th</sup> October Received copy of new regulations.

25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Committee Mr Jorgensen chairman as Mr Woodhouse left the district

1<sup>st</sup> November Miss McKenzie absent, illness and bad weather the cause

9<sup>th</sup> November Holiday Prince of Wales Birthday

21<sup>st</sup> November School closed two days illness of teacher's wife.

3<sup>rd</sup> December 1 pupil left in Greytown

7<sup>th</sup> December Very wet day. Rain coming down all over.

20<sup>th</sup> December Miss McKenzie absent attending P T (*Physical Training*) Exam.

21<sup>st</sup> December Closed for holidays

30<sup>th</sup> December Many of the larger children engaged in harvesting.

## 1889

11<sup>th</sup> February Some of Standard 3 and 4 children kept home for harvesting.

15<sup>th</sup> February Mr Jorgensen paid official visit to the school

22<sup>nd</sup> February Two pupils left for Auckland.

5<sup>th</sup> March Received memo re instruction of Pupil Teachers.

11<sup>th</sup> March School closed for 14 days. Typhoid fever having broken out

25<sup>th</sup> March School reopened Attendance small because of bad weather.

18<sup>th</sup> April The school was examined by Mr Lee. The following passed

Standard 1, Etty Eagle, Mabel Lucas, Bertha Benchley, Catherine Carroll, Christine Jacobsen, Mary Willis, Olive Dorset, Kathleen Power, John Jensen, Richard Dorset, Dinah Ericksen

Standard 2 Jessie Grey, Catherine Grey, Paul Jorgansen, Peter Jacobsen

Standard 3 Helen Thrupp

Standard 4 Blanche Eagle, Alice Willis

17<sup>th</sup> May School Committee getting closet (*toilet*) for girls erected-money raised by subscription

24<sup>th</sup> May Queens Birthday

3<sup>rd</sup> June. 3 pupils left for Hastwell

11<sup>th</sup> June Water pipes taken away from Railway Station No water to be had for children without crossing the line.

24<sup>th</sup> June Snow and rain

20<sup>th</sup> July Wet day, rain not coming through roof so badly as last winter.

26<sup>th</sup> July School Committee Meeting Authorised teacher to purchase Historical readers for Standard 3

30<sup>th</sup> July Mr Eagle paid a short visit, also brought firewood.

11<sup>th</sup> September Violent storm only 3 pupils came to school

1<sup>st</sup> October Received list of subjects for Object and Natural History Lessons

26<sup>th</sup> October Meeting of School Committee lapsed

15<sup>th</sup> November Wet day. No attendance in forenoon, 13 in afternoon.

20<sup>th</sup> November Holiday for Wellington Show

7<sup>th</sup> December Meeting of School Committee Mr Vile appointed chairman vice Mr Goodgame

17<sup>th</sup> December Miss McKenzie absent attending pupil teacher's exam

## 1890

1<sup>st</sup> January 1890 It is notified that in consequence of the resignation of the 1 Mauriceville East School Committee a public meeting of householders will be hold on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> October, for the purpose of electing a new committee. PP

27<sup>th</sup> January School reopened Miss McKenzie left

11<sup>th</sup> February 1890 Mary Mckenzie, Mauriceville East Pupil Teacher placed on list. PP

10<sup>th</sup> February School Committee sent in Miss Jensen as pupil teacher to take the place of Miss McKenzie. She is not yet appointed by the Board of Education

24<sup>th</sup> February Received science syllabus

29<sup>th</sup> February Meeting of School Committee Roll No 50 Average 36

17<sup>th</sup> March St Patricks day Many children gone to sports Attendance 15

28<sup>th</sup> March Meeting of School Committee Agreed to get papers for coming exam. No on roll 50 Average attendance 36

28<sup>th</sup> April Meeting of School Committee Election of new committee

30<sup>th</sup> April Mr Lee examined he school

Standard 5 Blanche Eagle Alice Willis

Standard 3 James Thrupp, Jessie Gray, Catherine Gray

Standard 2 Alice Carroll, Matilda Jorgensen, Annie Jenson, James Power, Bertha Benchley, Catherine Carroll, Catherine Power, Mary Willis

Standard 1 Mary Larsen, Annie Mallabar, Sarah Vile, Andrew Gray John Thrupp, John Youngesen

No of passes 19/27

12<sup>th</sup> May. Last record (*For James Willis*) Storm of snow Attendance Morning 6 Afternoon 0

Joseph H Worboys Started

6<sup>th</sup> October School reopened by new teacher, small attendance, no ink, no pens, no slate pencils, no books

Desks, walls and, mantelpiece very much cut about and scratched. Everything dirty. All centre of floor underwater Two broken windows stuffed up with old sacks!!!!

7 admissions

10<sup>th</sup> October Average for week 34. Children have no books to work by timetable. Chief work all week to get prompt obedience

15<sup>th</sup> October No school, very wet school underwater.

17<sup>th</sup> October Average for week 41. Using up all old copybooks and exercise books

21<sup>st</sup> October Complained to chairman re cleaning

22<sup>nd</sup> October 1890 Messrs J Jorgensen, C Hall, P Neilson, F Branderson, J Vile, senr, H Eagle and W Vile have been elected as a new committee for the Mauriceville East School PP

23<sup>rd</sup> October Commenced singing lessons

24<sup>th</sup> October Commenced drill. Desks will not allow of inside drill in desks.

28<sup>th</sup> October Holiday given for Masterton Show by School Committee

1<sup>st</sup> November Good attendance all week Great inconvenience through lack of water at school. Boarded up roughly broken windows

5<sup>th</sup> November Bothered for want of drawing books and materials

Penholders badly wanted

7<sup>th</sup> November Average for week 56 Standards 1 and 3 making fair progress. Standard 4 the most unimproving

14<sup>th</sup> November Average for week 50.5 Standard 1 (Upper Division) coming on better.

25<sup>th</sup> November Had to cane L Brooks for stealing. Several complaints about him.

24<sup>th</sup> November received teacher's desk and chair from Wellington Education Board.

28<sup>th</sup> November Good attendance all week. Received illustrations of pole exercises from Education office

1<sup>st</sup> December Attendance affected by wet weather. School floor underwater.

2<sup>nd</sup> December Punished E Thrupp for display of temper

4<sup>th</sup> December Best attendance yet 59 present

8<sup>th</sup> December Windows mended. 3 panes put in.

12<sup>th</sup> December Average 56 for week. Standard IV doing much better and standard 1 making more progress.

15<sup>th</sup> December Time table partly suspended. Recapitulation of Quarter's work

16<sup>th</sup> December School visited by Mrs Blair, Mr Newman, Mr Dorset and others

16<sup>th</sup> December 1890 Tho deadlock which has occurred in the administration of the Mauriceville East school affairs will be considered by the deputation from the Education Board to-day, PP

19<sup>th</sup> December Average for quarter 49. Average for September quarter 23. Increase for December Quarter 26

## 1891

26<sup>th</sup> January. Miss Mackenzie commenced duties as Pupil Teacher

Received a clock from Wellington Education Board

2<sup>nd</sup> February School floor under water. Moved Standard 1 and preparatory classes into back room to keep them from the rain and wet. Miss Mackenzie taking one room under supervision of master.

Sewing commenced in one room. Boys with the master in the back room.

6<sup>th</sup> February Punished two Farmers for breaking windows and Karl Ericson for interfering with Mary Mallabar going home. Standard 4 still absent

10<sup>th</sup> February Timetable suspended. Mr De Mey took drill all morning

13<sup>th</sup> February Had to punish Dina Ericson for stealing and for lying.

14<sup>th</sup> February 1891 THE EDUCATION BOARD.

(To the Editor,) Sir, —As far back as the Wellington Agricultural Show you devoted a leading article to the way the Education Board did business. While that Board is made up of Wellington men, I ask will the country schools receive fair play There is a doubt about it.

Then why not follow the example of the Mauriceville East School Committee and return new blood. This Committee has nominated Messrs McCardle, Vile, and Von Redin, and they have a good reason for doing so. Why, on Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst., the schoolroom here was covered half way over with water to a depth of three inches. On the Thursday following, when the visiting member called, there was still one-and-a-half inches of water on the floor. This kind of thing happens nearly every week, and the master is compelled to hug the children together in a corner. The attention of the Board was called to the dilapidated state of the school about nine months ago, but nothing was done in the matter. Therefore, I advise Committees to vote for new blood!—I am, etc., Parent, Mauriceville PP

18<sup>th</sup> February Mr De Mey again took drill all afternoon

26<sup>th</sup> February Best attendance on record. 64 present

2<sup>nd</sup> March Received Pupil Teacher Report, Annual Report and Inspector's Guide to Teachers

6<sup>th</sup> March Timetable suspended all week. Recapitulation of previous work

11<sup>th</sup> March Received pencils, nibs and blotting paper from the School Committee

17<sup>th</sup> March School visited by chairman.

20<sup>th</sup> March Removed several useless names from register. Roll 62

21<sup>st</sup> March 1891 On the recommendation of the Clerk of .Works, it was decided to carry out some painting works at the Mauriceville East PP

24<sup>th</sup> March T R Fleming inspector included

- a) I found the schoolroom very wet. Mr Worboys informed me that it had been in that condition since Friday, when there were several inches of water covering the floor.

- b) It is perfectly evident that the school has been in a low condition and some of the standards (One and Four especially) are still weak.
- c) Mr Worboys has only been in charge five months but in that time he seems to have done good work, especially in class subjects
- d) Standard 3 gave some very good answers in geography and History
- e) The spelling, writing and other work in this standard were also good.
- f) Under Mr Worboys the school should improve,

1<sup>st</sup> April 57 present

3<sup>rd</sup> April Had to complain of the dirty state of schoolroom wrote to chairman

8<sup>th</sup> April Had to send children home early on account of floor being underwater

17<sup>th</sup> April Work hindered by lack of reading books.

21<sup>st</sup> April Sent to Wellington Education Board for another blackboard.

22<sup>nd</sup> April 1891 The following have been nominated for seats on the Mauriceville East School Committee :—Messrs S. M. Drew, W. Vile, C. Hall, W. Gray, J. Bannister, J. Scott, O. F. Broderson, F. N. Kummer, J. Cottess, G. Day, N. Jensen, and T. Brenchley PP

24<sup>th</sup> April I visited the school today and found the classes working satisfactorily (under the circumstances.) Wrote T R Fleming.

Mr Worboys, Mr Vile and myself went over the reserve on the other side of the railway line. We all agreed it was a very suitable site for a school

Mr Worboys and Miss Mackenzie went to Masterton to see Miss Evans (the Kindergarten Teacher) at work.

Mr Worboys will have to work under difficulties for some time. I understand that some of the residents object to the site on the other side of the Railway because the children will have to cross the line.

This is a piece crossed out that Read: Mention that the Mauriceville people for the board to take any notice of their claims, they will have to stop the petty quarrels that seem to prevail in this district

29<sup>th</sup> April 1891 Messrs Gray Bannister, Kummer, Drew, Day, Cottess and Hall. School Committee PP

30<sup>th</sup> April Received box of small models for school use.

1<sup>st</sup> May Allowed Miss Mackenzie to go at 2 p.m. to Hastwell School Picnic

4<sup>th</sup> May School roof patched up by Blinkhorne

Introduced Longman's readers into the school

4<sup>th</sup> May. T R Fleming Report from March 24<sup>th</sup> Visit included.

- a) Percentage of passes 92
- b) This school has been and is still weak.
- c) For the time Mr Worboys has been here he has done excellent work especially in the classwork and in arithmetic
- d) Mr De Mey has visited the school and the children have already learnt some of the Swedish Drill
- e) On the day of the examination the floor of the schoolroom was quite wet.
- f) In one part of the room, the children were actually sitting in water, although several days had elapsed since rain fell.
- g) The building is quite unfit to be a schoolroom

13<sup>th</sup> May Received clay

14<sup>th</sup> May received geometry specimen papers.

18<sup>th</sup> May Timetable suspended all afternoon School visited by Mr De Mey

21<sup>st</sup> May No attendance. Very wet day. Five came but all soaking wet.

25<sup>th</sup> May School closed for Queen's Birthday

26<sup>th</sup> May Received more clay, boards and wooden slips for kindergarten

3<sup>rd</sup> June Kindergarten lessons started.

16<sup>th</sup> June There is to be a meeting of householders on Monday next, 22nd inst., for the purpose of electing a School Committee for the Mauriceville East school, the last election being upset on account of the action of the late chairman in refusing to accept the nomination of one of the householders with whom he was on bad terms. The Board has very wisely taken the matter into their own hands, and by this means the householders are at length rid of an incubus which has caused much discredit; to this particular school, and though I am afraid that there may be some lively skirmishes on Monday next, so true it is that (the evil that men do live after them) I think I can prophecy that this election will be the beginning of the end of all our school troubles. PP

18<sup>th</sup> June 1891 A Mauriceville resident has written to us, pointing out the necessity for improvement in the management of affairs in connection with Mauriceville East school, and urging householders to elect as a Committee married men—men who have an interest in the school PP

19<sup>th</sup> June Children coming late on account of bad roads and weather

23<sup>rd</sup> June School room used for magic lantern. Everything left untidy

23<sup>rd</sup> June 1891 Messrs. Gray (Chairman), Bannister, Cottess, Hall, Kummer, Rossitter, and W. Vile, were elected last night a Committee for the Mauriceville East School. PP

26<sup>th</sup> June Received circular from Wellington Education Board re Kindergarten. Sent reply.

1<sup>st</sup> July Sent complaint to Chairman re school cleaning.

2<sup>nd</sup> July Only 24 present at school opening. School disgracefully dirty.

10<sup>th</sup> July Head Teacher ¼ hour late for school. Came from Masterton

30<sup>th</sup> July School reopened Miss Mackenzie absent.

3<sup>rd</sup> August Again complained to School Committee about dirty state of school.

6<sup>th</sup> August Received 4 boxes metal joints, 4 bundles of sticks, 1 packet of films, 1 box of beads as kindergarten material

11<sup>th</sup> August received Longman's fairy Tales for Standards 1,2,3,4

14<sup>th</sup> August Holiday given by Wellington Education Board in honour of opening new offices in Wellington

17<sup>th</sup> August Miss Mackenzie absent arrived by 2.30 train

19<sup>th</sup> August Received 5 wall geography sheets from Wellington Education Board

21<sup>st</sup> August Received Kindergarten circular This should be pasted onto cardboard.

25<sup>th</sup> August T R Fleming wrote

- a) I paid a surprise visit to the school and found 56 present out of 67 on the roll
- b) The owner of the building has made a slight improvement in the roof of the building but Mr Worboys informs me that rain still comes in,
- c) Recitation has been taught since the examination.
- d) History is well taught in Standard 3, 4 and 5. If the children had effective historical readers the work of the teacher would be rendered more effective
- e) I took Standard 2 in reading and found it rather weak.



- f) The discipline of the upper classes is good but in the lower classes it should be stricter
- g) Mr Worboys will undertake to start a library as soon as possible.
- h) Teaching is carried out in this school under very great difficulties but Mr Worboys is earnest and enthusiastic and is doing very good work under the circumstances
- i) The outside offices (*toilets*) are in a disgraceful condition and should be attended to at once

27<sup>th</sup> August Miss Mackenzie absent in afternoon owing to earache

1<sup>st</sup> September Put up swing for children in playground

7<sup>th</sup> September School Committee meeting. Applied for help re Library. Deferred till next month

16<sup>th</sup> September 12 readers arrived from Wellington Education Board for school library.

18<sup>th</sup> September Took swing down. Rope Broken

21<sup>st</sup> September Cupboard of desk refused to open. Lock gone wrong.

25<sup>th</sup> September Finished Book 1 in Physiology

29<sup>th</sup> September School closed Head teacher had to go to court as a witness in Masterton. Chairman gave permission.

5<sup>th</sup> October Again asked the committee to consider library scheme. They reaffirmed their decision that the time is not opportune for establishing one and declined to do anything in the matter.

10<sup>th</sup> October 20 pairs of clubs ordered for school use.

12<sup>th</sup> October Received ink from school

14<sup>th</sup> October Sent out subscription list on my own account to raise funds for school library

19<sup>th</sup> October received 20 pairs of clubs from School Committee

All this week experimenting with new timetable. Sewing 1 hour instead of 2. Indian club exercises started.

22<sup>nd</sup> October Explained to Mr Lee (Inspector) present class arrangements of the school and called attention to unsatisfactory condition of building

27<sup>th</sup> October Sent report to Mr Lee positions re residences of children and plan showing localities best suited to school site

29<sup>th</sup> October Masterton Show Day Holiday granted.

2<sup>nd</sup> November Total received £7-0- ½

9<sup>th</sup> November Holiday for Prince of Wales Birthday

10<sup>th</sup> November No School No attendance. Very heavy rain all day

19<sup>th</sup> November School Committee have Head teacher permission to close school, he having to go to Wellington

20<sup>th</sup> November Sent away for library books

25<sup>th</sup> November Chairman fixed lock on back door, also put up towel roller

26<sup>th</sup> November Received library books to value of £7.9.0

27<sup>th</sup> November gave ½ hour for dinner and let school out at 3 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Head Teacher unwell. Influenza Present but not doing much

Miss McKenzie took upper room and monitor took lower room.

4<sup>th</sup> December School had to be closed Head Teacher too unwell to attend

11<sup>th</sup> December Attendance lessening owing to influenza

## 1892

25<sup>th</sup> January 35 present

5<sup>th</sup> February Received three roller towels for school use.

11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1892 Mary McKenzie passed her 4<sup>th</sup> year pupil teachers examination PP



13<sup>th</sup> May 1892 The Chairman of the Mauriceville East School Committee wrote, requesting the Council to apply to the Land Board to get that portion of the Gravel Reserve given for a school site vested in the Education Board. PP

15<sup>th</sup> February had to punish Alex Hall for continued neglect with his home lessons

17<sup>th</sup> February Received drawing regulations for Standard 4, 5, and 6 from Wellington Education Board

18<sup>th</sup> February Received memo of floor space, replied to ditto

23<sup>rd</sup> February Mr De Mey visited children. Gave new exercises

11<sup>th</sup> March From this onward to exam timetable will not always be adhered to.

18<sup>th</sup> March Head Teacher left school half an hour early. Put on extra ½ hour in morning

31<sup>st</sup> March Head Teacher had to leave at 11.15 to go to Masterton

1<sup>st</sup> April Head Teacher only present a short time in morning

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April Head Teacher absent from school

Doris Mary Worboys Daughter of Joseph Harrison and Clara Worboys born 18<sup>th</sup> July 1891

Died 5<sup>th</sup> April 1892 Aged 8 Months

6<sup>th</sup> March Usual school routine returned

8<sup>th</sup> April School examined All passed 100% 58 on books 57 present

11<sup>th</sup> April Sent application for more forms and desks to Wellington Education Board

13<sup>th</sup> April received instruction from Wellington Education Board office to apply to Pahiatua for desks.

20<sup>th</sup> April Sent application for teacher's desk for Miss McKenzie

21<sup>st</sup> April School Committee provided ½ cord of firewood.

25<sup>th</sup> April Received memo re teacher's desk from Wellington Education Board. Sent to Pahiatua for desks

26<sup>th</sup> April The making out of new timetables and the rearranging of classes delayed till new desks come and arrangements made by School Committee for more room

27<sup>th</sup> April Very Wet day No attendance until about 10 15. Five came all wet. Registers not marked

5<sup>th</sup> May Attendances this week best on record. Work hindered by want of more desks and room.

6<sup>th</sup> May Received Yaggy's chart from Hastwell

11<sup>th</sup> May received 7 desks and 1 teacher's desk from Pahiatua. All scratched and worn very much

13<sup>th</sup> May Holiday for school picnic

13<sup>th</sup> May Received weaving frame from Mr Sanson

16<sup>th</sup> May School floors under water worse than ever.

17<sup>th</sup> May 1892 On Friday last a picnic was given to the children attending the Mauriceville East school, The weather being fine about seventy children rolled up and spent a very enjoyable day. Mustering at the Choral Hall (which was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr W. Vile), each child was presented with a paper bag containing sandwiches and cakes, They afterwards marched to a paddock kindly lent by Mr Gundersen, where sports and games were kept going with high glee the whole day, The Committee did their best to keep the children amused, Mr R. Brooks being worthy of special mention. At 3.30 an adjournment was made to the Choral Hall, where a capital spread was provided by Mrs Vile, The tables fairly groaned beneath the load of sandwiches, cakes and jim-jams, which disappeared in a wonderful manner when the urchins got fairly under way. After tea the hall was cleared, and skipping contests, games and scrambles were indulged in, Songs were rendered at intervals by the children, everybody expressing themselves highly pleased with the way in which Mr Worboys (the

teacher) had developed the vocal organs of his pupils. The children were then put through club exercises by Mr Worboys, but one lad vowed he was really too full to stoop. Three cheers were given for Mr Worboys, the Committee, and Mr and Mrs Vile, and the youngsters then dispersed. The elder folks' afterwards indulged in a dance, the proceeds of which went towards defraying the expenses of the tea.

The new Committee are working hard to get a new school erected, which in much needed, The building at present used is totally unfit for school purposes, some sixty odd children being crowded into small rooms, there is no doubt the Education Board will now proceed with the erection of a new school, a site having been procured, PP

1<sup>st</sup> June Roll 70

6<sup>th</sup> June School flooded out again. Small attendance

8<sup>th</sup> June Punished Karl Ericson for two offences of annoying girls during the dinner hour.

15<sup>th</sup> June Received word re holidays from Wellington Education Board

20<sup>th</sup> June Applied to School Committee for chair ad fairy tale books

23<sup>rd</sup> June School Committee had some limestone put round the school

26<sup>th</sup> June Received 1 cord of firewood for school use.

27<sup>th</sup> June Received from Board Reading and alphabet sheet

28<sup>th</sup> June received a chair for Miss Mackenzie

29<sup>th</sup> June 1892 Mauriceville East School to cost £492 (\$94378,85 in December 2014 terms)

2<sup>nd</sup> August Received anther from the board

3<sup>rd</sup> August School Committee gave ½ ream foolscap paper and box of nibs.

6<sup>th</sup> August 1892 MAURICEVILLE EAST SCHOOL

Generally speaking the State schools of New Zealand are handsome and comfortable buildings, admirably adapted for the purpose used, and even when temporary premises are obliged to be taken they are at least a protection from the inclemency of the weather. At Mauriceville East, however, the exception which is said to prove every known rule may be found, and the young idea is taught to shoot in an ancient and dilapidated building, neither painted outside or in," the paper hanging down in great ugly dirty strips, swayed hither and thither by the ceiling draughts. On wet days the rain pours through the roof in torrents, and in winter time as much as two inches of water sometimes covers the floor,

Prayers, petitions, and other letters have been sent to the Board, the school has been visited by the secretary and members (*Wellington Education Board*), and over twelve months a sum was placed on the estimates for a new school, but it seems no nearer than ever, The difficulty of obtaining a suitable site is said to be the cause of the delay. Surely this could be overcome, and

the sooner action is taken the better. A decent-sized tent or .marquee would be far ahead of the present building, which would make a very poor stable, let alone a schoolhouse . The average attendance is nearly sixty, and the master (Mr Worboys) must find it hard work preparing the youngsters for their examination when they lose so much time, because parents will not send their children to such a wretched place in bad weather, and for this cannot be blamed. PP

9<sup>th</sup> August Received cocoa samples and book

15<sup>th</sup> August Applied to School Committee to have the partitions in three back rooms pulled down, so as to allow the preparatory class and Standard 1 being placed there. Standard 3 require more

supervision from Head Teacher. Under existing circumstances, I cannot see how to manage this

Four new pupils admitted, One, a girl anxious to go up for scholarship exam.

16<sup>th</sup> August Moved classes into main room. Put Primer classes into back room.

18<sup>th</sup> August Class arrangements very unsatisfactory. 65 present Very crowded

22<sup>nd</sup> August Decided to give present arrangement a further trial. During the next fortnight some lessons may be omitted to give more times for drawing in Standard's 4, 5 and 6

23<sup>rd</sup> August T R Fleming Inspector

- a) Paid a surprise and found 60/72 on the roll. The work is going on satisfactorily more especially in the upper classes. The Standard 6 girl may be taken with Standard 5 in some of the work, provided she has extra lessons in arithmetic and some of the classwork

- b) The boys' offices are in a rather disgraceful condition

1<sup>st</sup> September Average 57. Took 8 names off the roll

2<sup>nd</sup> September Received mat weaving apparatus for kindergarten

6<sup>th</sup> September 1892 The following petition to the Education Board is now being circulated for signature in the Mauriceville district We, the undersigned householders and parents of Mauriceville East respectfully request that your Board will build, without delay, the school on the site procured after so much trouble. Having been led to believe that the question of the site was the only difficulty in the way, we now feel justified in asking that the erection of the new school be proceeded with at once, as the building now in use is altogether unsuitable."

A stoat has been killed in the centre of Wellington. It is supposed to have come from the Wairarapa, The Wellington Evening Press says: PP

7<sup>th</sup> September Drawing examination held in the school

8<sup>th</sup> September. Scholarship candidate left

20<sup>th</sup> September Backroom partitions taken down. Moved the first standard into back room. Present arrangements the best possible in the buildings

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Examined all classes in all subjects.

7<sup>th</sup> October Punished Karl Ericson for annoying girls going home.

14<sup>th</sup> October Bothered with late coming for some time past, putting a stop to it now, the days are longer.

17<sup>th</sup> October Windows made to open from the top by Mr Blinkhorne

21<sup>st</sup> October Received plans for new school

30<sup>th</sup> October Started drawing again in upper Standards

31<sup>st</sup> October Received drawing results 7 passed.

10<sup>th</sup> November T R Flemings report included

- a) Although the day was wet I found 60 children present out of 72 on roll
- b) The work was going on very satisfactory considering the disadvantages under which Mr Worboys labours
- c) He is very energetic and makes excellent class teacher
- d) The writing of the children is fair
- e) The school library now contains 111 volumes
- f) The boys offices were very dirty

11<sup>th</sup> November bother re quarrel between Jorgenten's and Benchley's children

15<sup>th</sup> November Drawing certificates distributed by the Chairman

21<sup>st</sup> November School Committee granted slate pencils and Blackboard compasses.

25<sup>th</sup> November 1892 Several buildings are in course of erection in this district, notably that much needed school-house at Mauriceville East, which is to supersede the old tumble-down edifice which has done duty in the past and which has weathered so many storms, both from without and within, The contractor is Mr Daniell, of Masterton, which is a guarantee that the work will be quickly as well as faithfully executed. The site of the new building is all that could be desired, centrally situated and within easy distance of the river on one side, and the railway line the other, while on yet another side a gravel pit opens its cavernous jaws if inviting the small boy to hang over the edge, further than any other boy in the school. The building itself is to be replete with every modern convenience, but there are grave doubts as to whether its carrying capacity will be equal to the demands made on it in the future. It is estimated it will accommodate something less than a hundred pupils, whereas there are at the present time over seventy on the roll, and we are not nearly at the end of our resources in this direction. But, however, "sufficient unto the day, etc."

2<sup>nd</sup> December Got slate pencils and compasses from Masterton

9<sup>th</sup> December Low attendance all the week, especially in the 5<sup>th</sup>

## 1893

24<sup>th</sup> January School reopened attendance

27<sup>th</sup> January Sent out lists for funds for picnic

2<sup>nd</sup> February School visited by Mr Hogg MHR (*Member House of Representatives and Wellington Education Board member*)

7<sup>th</sup> February Received word from Mr Dorset (Wellington Education Board) to use old furniture till inspector reports on requirements

16<sup>th</sup> February Handed over £5-17-0 from children to the School Committee for the picnic.

17<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for school picnic

20<sup>th</sup> February Furniture not taken down to new school. Still in old school

22<sup>nd</sup> February No work done first hour in afternoon. School photos taken

28<sup>th</sup> February Upper room made thoroughly quiet. Little ones still noisy

3<sup>rd</sup> March received two booklets on drill.

10<sup>th</sup> March 67 present best attendance ever

13<sup>th</sup> March Top of ventilator blown off by High Street

20<sup>th</sup> March Handed £4-4-0 to the School Committee for school prizes

27<sup>th</sup> March School examined All passed 57/68

10<sup>th</sup> April Prizes awarded by the chairman

24<sup>th</sup> April New School Committee elected. Mr Hillas elected chairman

26<sup>th</sup> April Mr Riley visited school for drawing. Mr Turnbull (*Wellington Education Board renown Architect*) also came to arrange for draining

11<sup>th</sup> May Received set of Physics Apparatus. Water level broken

16<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> Standard began Prisoners of Chillon (*The Prisoner of Chillon is a 392-line narrative poem by Lord Byron. Written in 1816*)

25<sup>th</sup> May No school very wet day. 6 came about 11 O'clock. All wet through

5<sup>th</sup> June From today to the 23<sup>rd</sup> extra time will be taken for singing and recitation for a school concert on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

12<sup>th</sup> June School Committee met, arranged for supply of a cupboard for science apparatus and for firewood and sundry repairs

23<sup>rd</sup> June School closed by direction of School Committee on account of wet state of playground

26<sup>th</sup> June 1893 SCHOOL CONCERT AT MAURICEVILLE EAST.

(From Our Own Correspondent,)

A concert of a most praiseworthy kind was given at the Choral Hall on Friday night last by the juvenile amateurs attending the Mauriceville East school, which was certainly the most pleasing affair, without exception, ever held in connection with any school in the district, and reflects the highest credit on the children themselves, as well as on their highly efficient and capable master-Mr Worboys—and his talented assistant, Miss McKenzie. The programme consisted of music, songs, and recitations, and the manner in which the young folks acquitted themselves throughout, won the admiration of the large audience who attended the entertainment.

The following are some of the items rendered Overture,, Soldier-Boys March Piano with violin accompaniment, Miss May and Master Richard Dorset; Dialogue, Master Len Brooks Recitation, "Saying and doing," C Carroll; Song, A boy's best friend (full choir); Recitation, "The boy who told a lie," Pearly Hull; Song, Ring the bell watchman (full choir); Recitation, Hobendinden. Katie Gray; Recitation, Marmion and Douglas," Alex. Hull Chinese story, Etty Eagle; Song, "Three little pigs" (full choir); Recitation, Helps to read," Bertha Brenchley; Song, The Country Squire,' Richard Dorset; Song, "The Chameleon," Mary Brodersen; Song, Come home father," Katie Carroll, Bertha Brenchley, and Sarah Hillas; Song, The noble boy," Willie Rossiter Recitation, Longing for

home," Lucy Mallabar; Song, "The Tempest'," May Dorset; Song, "Home sweet home" (full choir).

The singing the National Anthem brought to a close an entertainment which it is to be hoped will be repeated at some future time. The success of the affair was due to a large extent to the careful training of their teachers, whose painstaking is fully appreciated by the children's parents, No trouble was spared in coaching the young people, and advantage was taken (outside of school hours) of the Hall and piano, to which they had recess at all times, thanks to the proprietor (Mr Cottiss). Some of the children showed native talent of a high order, and they all deserve the highest praise for the admirable manner in which they conducted themselves, I feel that I have not done them justice in this brief notice but I trust when they read this report in the Daily Times they will pardon me if I have left out anything that ought to have been mentioned PP

28<sup>th</sup> June 1893 The action of the Mauriceville East Committed in closing the school on account of the muddy state of the grounds was condemned. A grant of .£20 was made for the purpose of remedying the matter. PP

1<sup>st</sup> August Received notice re drawing exam. From now to September 6<sup>th</sup> extra time will be taken for drawing in standards 4. 5. 6. and 7

5<sup>th</sup> August Frame put up in porches for clubs. Called committee's attention to dirty state of boy's closet. Door to be erected there Kept school open on Arbor day

11<sup>th</sup> August Sent catalogue for library books to the inspector

14<sup>th</sup> August School closed by permission of School Committee to allow Head teacher to go to Napier on business.

16<sup>th</sup> August Re Kate Gray's Drawing book. The book has up to date been a model of neatness and cleanness. This morning Kate found her book with nearly every problem smudged and dirty. This is written to exonerate her from any blame in the matter.

18<sup>th</sup> August Received Drawing specimen. Had to complain about the dirty state of boy's closet.

17<sup>th</sup> August Boy's playshed blown over by the wind

28<sup>th</sup> August Boys playshed reerected by Mr Daniell

22<sup>nd</sup> September All this week busy pushing on Standard 1 and 2. Too much copying in both classes.

29<sup>th</sup> September Took school in at 9 and closed at 3

3<sup>rd</sup> October Head teacher away last hour in afternoon. Not well.

13<sup>th</sup> October Received red ink from School Committee

16<sup>th</sup> October Asked School Committee to again apply for new desks. It seems impossible to obtain the necessary quiet in changing lessons in the old desks.

27<sup>th</sup> October Received drawing results 14 candidates 11 passed. 3 good

2<sup>nd</sup> November Punished R Dorset (4 on hands) for bad case of rudeness to a small boy

3<sup>rd</sup> November Took 2 part singing for first time

20<sup>th</sup> November School Committee met. Arranged for temporary water supply

27<sup>th</sup> November Received 2 buckets and a packet of tacks from School Committee

28<sup>th</sup> November School closed Election Day

11<sup>th</sup> December Applied to have blackboards painted

14<sup>th</sup> December Average for year 55.35

## 1894

29<sup>th</sup> January 8 new pupils admitted. New desks or more desks needed at once. As before the holidays Head Teacher will give as much time as possible to Standard 1 and 2 to ease Miss McKenzie's work

12<sup>th</sup> February School Committee granted set of class reading books for teacher's use, asked them to arrange for water supply

28<sup>th</sup> February 1894 The Mauriceville East School supplied with a 400-gallon tank and some dual desks PP

1<sup>st</sup> March 1894 A claim made by the Mauriceville East Committee for school repairs was not entertained PP

2<sup>nd</sup> March Received clay for kindergarten work

12<sup>th</sup> March Mr De Mey visited school. Stayed all afternoon

19<sup>th</sup> March 1894 The Committee of the Mauriceville East school are calling tenders for the erection of a fence and other improvements in connection with the school grounds, which are much needed and which will earn those gentlemen the thanks of the community for the trouble they have taken to obtain the favourable consideration of the autocratic Board in the matter. The plans, specifications and drawings,, issued by the Committee, of the proposed work, will be forwarded to the Masterton Museum as a contribution to the exhibits PP

24<sup>th</sup> April 1894 School Committee Messrs Hillas (Chairman), Coe, Carroll, Cottiss, McLauchlin, Brooks and Kummer PP

1<sup>st</sup> March Holiday for licensing Election Day. School used as polling booth

3<sup>rd</sup> April Robert Lee inspector wrote

- a) I looked in on my way and found this school in good working order under Mr Worboys
- b) There were about 65 pupils present

- c) The outer fence is altogether destroyed by the road side
- d) The playground has been much drained since I last saw it.
- e) I do not approve of using the porches as classrooms
- f) I have made a few suggestions
- g) Mr Worboys seems an efficient master
- h) The dual desks now being used are much needed

10<sup>th</sup> April Tank arrived from Carterton

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> T R Fleming inspected the school and wrote

- a) The work in the lower room is very poor. The tables were not well learnt in the primers class
- b) Standard 1 reading was very inferior
- c) In standard 2 there was an improvement but in these two classes too much use is made of the fingers.
- d) The work in these classes is noisy and there is too much prompting and copying. The class numbers here are large but they will be smaller after the holiday

Upper Room

- e) The work here is very satisfactory character in all subjects
- f) The children should not run in and out of the porches when the school is in.

20<sup>th</sup> April Began As You Like with Standard 6 and 7

3<sup>rd</sup> May Received new desks

15<sup>th</sup> May Received wire drawing models from Mauriceville West, one the oblong slightly damaged.

18<sup>th</sup> May Head Teacher by permission left school at 2.25

18<sup>th</sup> March Sent Yaggy's chart to Eketahuna School (*Yaggy's chart is a map chart presenting material in a detailed format*)

21<sup>st</sup> June Received new broom from School Committee

27<sup>th</sup> June Fencing of playground begun

27<sup>th</sup> June 1894 Mr. Wardlaw was transferred from Waihenga (*Martinborough*) to Mauriceville East. As the schoolhouse had been burned down and the master was obliged to live in an hotel, he asked that the usual house allowance of .£20 should be increased. The Board decided that it could not grant the request. The Board decided to apply to the Government to erect a schoolhouse at Waihenga to replace the one burned down PP

27<sup>th</sup> June 1894 Mr. Worboys was promoted from the head Teachership at Mauriceville East to the charge of the Pahiatua School PP

16<sup>th</sup> July School reopened Miss McKenzie away ill

18<sup>th</sup> July Asked School Committee for shelf over door for drawing models, and to remove two panels of the partition.

20<sup>th</sup> July Miss McKenzie away all week.

23<sup>rd</sup> July. Partition removed two rooms thrown in one. Shelf put up.

25<sup>th</sup> July Punished W Farmer for scratching desk

3<sup>rd</sup> August Holiday for Arbor day. Very wet day. Nothing could be done

6<sup>th</sup> August By Committee's instructions school closed for tree planting. About 600 trees and shrubs put in.

17<sup>th</sup> August School Committee at request of Head Teacher today had the trees staked in the playground

20<sup>th</sup> August Applied today for boxes in sheds for wash papers.

3<sup>rd</sup> September Head Teacher away. Snowed up in the Baker Block

5<sup>th</sup> September Drawing exam supervised by Mr McLauchlan

Inspector's report T R Fleming included

- a) Roll 73 Present 37. Weather wet. 48 present on 2<sup>nd</sup> day
- b) This school is now in a better working order than it has ever been



- c) 27 papers have been applied for in the drawing examination to be held next month
- d) During the winter months the attendance has been very low
- e) Very good work in the upper classes and improved in the lower since the partition was taken down
- f) The schoolroom has been approved by the substitution of dual desk for the long ones. The room was in good order
- g) The grounds with the small exception of a small portion adjoining a neighbour's property at the side have been fenced with a wire fence and a close barded dividing fence has also been erected
- h) A window in the porch was broken
- i) Upwards of 600 trees were planted
- j) The lunch papers should be collected every day and placed in a box in the shelter shed
- k) The school library now contains 165 volumes

24<sup>th</sup> September Admitted a standard 7 boy from Mauriceville West

4<sup>th</sup> October Sent in three names for scholarship

8<sup>th</sup> October Applied 3<sup>rd</sup> time to have washpaper boxes put in sheds, also to have window pane put in boy's porch

15<sup>th</sup> October 1894 No fewer than 160 pupils have intimated their intention of competing at the next Education Board scholarship examinations, These include Carterton 7, Masterton 5, Greytown 4 Mauriceville East, Pahiatua and Kaiwairua two each. PP

23<sup>rd</sup> October Received drawing exam report. 20 papers, 13 passes, 4 excellent

25<sup>th</sup> October Received 2 washpaper boxes to be placed in sheds. Window pane put in in the porch

29<sup>th</sup> October School scrubbed out

1<sup>st</sup> November Received new act on compulsory attendance

23<sup>rd</sup> November Head Teacher left at 2.30 to get books in Wellington

26<sup>th</sup> November Received 26 books values at £2-10-0 from Wellington for the library. Total 195 volumes

29<sup>th</sup> November Mr McLaren called complaining of his two little girls being punished for continual late coming.

4<sup>th</sup> December Began to give the 7<sup>th</sup> Standard a little Latin

14<sup>th</sup> December School closed 3 pm Head Teacher at 2.30 to catch the train to Wellington

## 1895

28<sup>th</sup> January Reopened 52 present

5<sup>th</sup> February 1895 Mr J H Worboys of the Mauriceville East School has been transferred to Eketahuna and Mr John Kay to Mauriceville. Both appointments mean substantial promotions

12<sup>th</sup> February 1895 Mr. John Kay, who was in temporary charge of the Carterton School, has been chosen for the position of headmaster of the Mauriceville East School. The local Committee has confirmed the appointment. PP

15<sup>th</sup> February Head teacher absent in morning. In afternoon school closed at 2.30 by permission of chairman

John Kay In accordance with instruction from the Wellington Education Board I this day took charge of the Mauriceville East School. The attendance is very satisfactory. The children were well behind throughout the day. The working of four standards for the first time I found slightly harassing, but as time goes on, shall find the work easier. I cannot find the inventory of the school property which I presume might according to the Board's regulations have been left by my predecessor Mr Worboys

**Mauriceville East Public School** was opened in 1892. The school, a wooden building of one room, is about a quarter-of-a-mile from the Mauriceville Railway Station. The school grounds are two acres in extent, and there is a commodious play shed and porches, which are occasionally used for classrooms. The school is well appointed in every way, and has a library of 300 volumes. The technical instruction given is a feature of the school work. The headmaster is assisted by Miss McKenzie.

**Mr. John Kay**, Headmaster of the Mauriceville East Public School, was born in Burnley, England, in 1854, and educated first at the local grammar school with Dr. Butler, and then at the national school. He began teaching in a school near Burnley, where, after serving as a pupil teacher he was appointed assistant master. Coming to New Zealand in 1878 he held appointments in various schools under the Wellington Education Board, and came from Carterton to his present position. Mr. Kay takes a keen interest in technical education, and occasionally delivers lectures on that subject. He holds a captain's commission on the retired list of New Zealand Volunteers, and is a Past Master in the Masonic order. He is married and has four children.

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21<sup>st</sup> February The attendance is good. Found this work much easier and am of the opinion that the timetable can be improved by alterations

25<sup>th</sup> February Attendance 65

A hand bell would be very useful at 9.30 and 1 .30. I believe the School Committee intend to purchase one second hand. On my return from lunch today I found that a window on the North side had been broken by stone throwing A third standard boy Walter Gray

acknowledged he had done it. I have been intimated to him that the cost will have to be paid by him.

28<sup>th</sup> February Replied to a letter by Mrs Carroll re complaint against Santa (Sandra?) McKenzie

1<sup>st</sup> March Cheques to hand. Paysheet returned with signatures

1<sup>st</sup> March The window was repaired this morning. Mrs Martin cleaned the school floor on Saturday

11<sup>th</sup> March I attended the monthly meeting of the School Committee and obtained permission to order Bacon and Scale and Model Drawing Chart

13<sup>th</sup> March Received tickets for excursion to Wellington which were quickly sold.

15<sup>th</sup> March School closed by permission of the chairman to accompany excursion to Wellington

18<sup>th</sup> March On my arrival at school this morning I found that someone had been scribbling figures and other shapes on the walls of the school. This has been done since Thursday last. Inquiries have failed to find out the culprit. The walls were washed off this morning by my orders.

The tank has now been empty for ten days. Water can be got by the children just opposite the school if required.

22<sup>nd</sup> March The chairman has supplied two enamelled cups, which can be fastened to the dividing fence opposite the tank

25<sup>th</sup> March The tank is now full of water

Professor De Lorea took a photo of the school and children this morning. I understand teachers in the district have been supplied with Exam Arithmetic cards for 1894 presumably to give them an idea of the difficulty of the papers, but no cards have been forwarded to this school

28<sup>th</sup> March T R Fleming Inspector Included

- a) Cards will be sent on application to the custodian who has evidently omitted to send them to Mauriceville
- b) Primer Class Improved a little but still only fair. The primer class has been neglected for the Standard classes.
- c) The list of Object lessons given is an old fashioned one. I have asked Mr Kay to select suitable lessons from the list sent
- d) Tables were not thoroughly learnt
- e) Miss McKenzie is diligent and under careful supervision should do better work with the infants
- f) The examination proves the school to be in satisfactory condition. The credit of which is due to Mr Worboys.
- g) Mr Kay who has taken charge has already done some excellent work in the school He is an excellent teacher the school should prosper under his charge

5<sup>th</sup> April I regret to hear that Mr Cox who is on the School Committee is leaving the district which will diminish the roll by 4

8<sup>th</sup> April The attendance is still poor, the weather is rather unfavourable and the roads are daily becoming worse.

10<sup>th</sup> April I received two blackboards which have been supplied on the recommendation of the inspector.

17<sup>th</sup> April School reopened this morning after Easter Holiday. The day is cold and wet and the attendance is poor. Children from a distance cannot attend owing to slips on the road. The annual picnic was to take place yesterday, but the floods compounded its postponement

19<sup>th</sup> April Boys informed me that someone had put a small stone in the keyhole of the boys' closet. I have failed to get it out which debars me from locking the door on a Friday as usual

22<sup>nd</sup> July 1895 A ceremony of a most pleasing character took place at the Mauriceville East School, at noon on Thursday inst. when the head teacher (Mr John Kay) was made the recipient of a highly complimentary testimonial, together with a handsome and massive marble clock, subscribed by the School Committee and residents of Carterton as a mark of the esteem in which he was held during the time he had charge of their school. The presentation was made by Mr A. Bish, who was accompanied by Messrs Ewing and Aplin, all prominent Carterton residents, who were members of the Carterton School Committee in Mr Kay's time. There were also present two members of the local Committee—Mr F. Hillas (Chairman) and Mr J. Cottiss. Mr Bish, after reading the testimonial, which was of a most laudatory character, spoke in high terms of Mr Kay's abilities as a teacher, and his many sterling qualities as a man. It had been the almost unanimous wish of the residents of Carterton to retain the services of Mr Kay permanently in the district, but in this matter their wishes had been overridden by the Board. He could, however, congratulate the residents of Mauriceville in having secured the services of such an able and efficient- teacher for their children. In conclusion he begged Mr Kay's acceptance of their small present as a token of their regard and expressed a hope that it would serve to remind him of his many friends and well wishers at Carterton.

Mr Kay in a few well-chosen words expressed the pleasure he felt at this evidence of the kindness of his Carterton friends.. He thanked Mr Bish and the other gentlemen personally who had journeyed from Carterton to do him this kindness. He assured them that Mrs Kay and himself would regard their action with feelings of real gratitude, The visitors shortly after adjourned to Mr Cottiss's Hotel,

where an excellent lunch was provided, after which they left for Carterton by the afternoon train. PP

23<sup>rd</sup> April Annual school picnic The weather was very unfavourable which compelled the committee to make use of the assembly room.

No school today

23<sup>rd</sup> April 1895 School Committee Mr T Hillas (Chairman) F Dunmer, J Cottiss, J Carroll, R Brooks, B Archer, R Carroll PP

26<sup>th</sup> April I have promised to put Mary McKenzie in the 4<sup>th</sup> Standard on account of her age. She would have left had I not complied with the wishes of her parents

1<sup>st</sup> May I this day received a letter from Mr Bremner, stating that the boy Karl Ericson and another when riding behind his buggy had stolen his leggings which was comparatively new. I intend to see the boy's parents and induce them to give up the articles necessary

6<sup>th</sup> May This afternoon I found figures drawn on the walls of the boys' water closet suggesting rude ideas. Have spoken about the matter and had the scene washed out.

16<sup>th</sup> May Received this day the inspector's report and pass cards also packet of absence notices The report must be copied in this log book by the instruction forwarded

- a) The P classes have been neglected by Miss McKenzie for Standard 1 and 2 but the work of the lower classes has improved.
- b) Mr Worboys has gone to Eketahuna on transfer he has done some very good work in the school.
- c) Mr Kay is now in charge
- d) Mr Kay is an excellent teacher of mental arithmetic.

17<sup>th</sup> May I understand that the Mckenzie's had four library books at the same time their house burnt down. The books were burnt which leaves the number of books at 196

7<sup>th</sup> May Miss McKenzie is absent this morning. The weather is very wet and cold. The family is today moving to Tinui.

24<sup>th</sup> May The School Committee have agreed to provide the school with geographical readers

27<sup>th</sup> May This morning I found filthy language on the walls of the girls' closet Enquiries have failed to find out the culprit. I am of the opinion that the act was done by larrikins after school lessons

31<sup>st</sup> May Miss McKenzie left at 2.30 to go to Wellington to attend the drawing classes at the technical school The School Committee have consented to her leaving at 2.30 alternate Friday afternoons

3<sup>rd</sup> June It is now five weeks since the school room was scrubbed. The contract I understand with Miss Mutrey? Was monthly. I intend to intimate this mishappen to the School Committee

7<sup>th</sup> June I regret my inability to attend conversatizone. At Masterton owing to a severe cold. *A type of gathering of teachers*

May McKenzie has left school for a month she cannot afford to be absent a day

10<sup>th</sup> June More filthy language has been written on the walls of the girl's closet. I have failed to find the culprit As the doors have been locked daily for the past fortnight I now know that the act has been done by some girl attending school

14<sup>th</sup> June Mr De Mey visited the school for last time today. He gave the girls club drill and the boys Swedish Drill

21<sup>st</sup> June I understand May Mckenzie will not return to school. She is quite an imbecile and her prospects of passing the 3<sup>rd</sup> standard are far from promising. I have withdrawn the name from the school register

18<sup>th</sup> July Half holiday given by the chairman of School Committee on account of presentation to myself of Time Piece from the members of the Carterton School Committee

22<sup>nd</sup> July Lectured the children re scattering lunch papers about playground when boxes are provided

29<sup>th</sup> July Miss McKenzie is absent today owing to an attack of influenza Miss Kate Gray took her classes and managed very well during the day

5<sup>th</sup> August The School Committee have promised to supply me with a pair of compasses, parallel ruler and set squares

12<sup>th</sup> August The School Committee held their regular meeting and passed Whitcombe and Tombs account for payment. I applied for a new broom for sweeping the school

20<sup>th</sup> August The examination process, the reading and spelling to be weak. The arithmetic is fairly good.

2<sup>nd</sup> September. The girls complain of a strong draft through the flooring where the partition used to be fixed.

6<sup>th</sup> September In my monthly report I have brought under the notice of the School Committee several repairs which are much needed

9<sup>th</sup> September Regular meeting of the Committee. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board re repairs mentioned in my report.

13<sup>th</sup> September The attendance has been good throughout the week. Home lessons were not well prepared, considering the easy tasks given.

16<sup>th</sup> September The window in the boy's toilet is broken, have failed to find out who did it, shall recommend that a latticed window be fixed in as ventilation is required

24<sup>th</sup> September This is a very rough and unpleasant day. The attendance is less than half.

27<sup>th</sup> September Poor attendance all the week, which is discouraging to a teacher in his work meaning the lessons must be again given, on account of the absent ones.

4<sup>th</sup> October Roll numbers was increased by three this week. Three of the Coe's have returned. They now have to walk 6 miles to school.

11<sup>th</sup> October I am informed that Lily Mallaban will not return to school till after the Xmas vacation

9<sup>th</sup> October Mr Blair and Mr Fraser, members of the board called at the school today. I showed them the repairs needed and the carpenter was instructed to carry out the same.

14<sup>th</sup> October The regular meeting of the School Committee lapsed No one being present but myself. Put out the light and left at 8.20

21<sup>st</sup> October Miss McKenzie is absent today through sickness. The monitor Kate Gray is taking her sections, and appears to manage fairly well.

Received schedule from Railway Department showing facilities open to school picnics from 4 miles to 50 miles

23<sup>rd</sup> October Received Circulars for distribution of the Carterton Agricultural Show

Tonight Professor De Lourie gives a magic lantern entertainment on the late China wars. Have recommended it to the children to see the same

1<sup>st</sup> November Received examination report of Drawing. The results have been posted to the chairman and not sent direct the head master according to usual custom.

2<sup>nd</sup> November I this day received the results of the drawing examination which compared with what the children have done in the past may justly be considered s highly satisfactory. There were 35 passes out of a possible 43 yielding a percentage of 81 which I notice is much higher than the average for the province viz 59

Passes Freehand 2, Geometry 14, Scale 15 and Model 4 6 Excellent, 7 Good, 22 passes

11<sup>th</sup> November School was closed today for Prince of Wales's birthday which this year fell on a Saturday

18<sup>th</sup> November Withdrawn Karl Erikson from the roll

2<sup>nd</sup> December Punished several pupils for being late. The practice is becoming so prevalent which interferes with the first lesson of the day

9<sup>th</sup> December A case of stone throwing occurred this morning which is strictly forbidden I gave the offender two smart cuts with the cane.

13<sup>th</sup> December Andrew Gray's name withdrawn from the register. His behaviour has always been good. He has passed standard 6

19<sup>th</sup> December Miss McKenzie's cheque arrived

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15<sup>th</sup> January 1896 Assistant Mistress } salary, £80 Pupil Teacher, PP  
27<sup>th</sup> January 46/68 present. Grass seeding and harvesting I fear will prevent many from attending for the first two weeks

31<sup>st</sup> January. Owing to the desks sloping too much, many slates have been broken. I intend to lay the matter before the School Committee and have the cause actioned

3<sup>rd</sup> February The weather is sultry and the children are feeling the effects of same in school.

6<sup>th</sup> February 1896 MAURICEVILLE NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent). Mauriceville, Wednesday. The annual picnic and distribution of prizes in connection with Mauriceville East school, took place a few days ago in Mr Gunderson's paddock. Our popular and energetic teacher, Mr Kay, succeeded in collecting the respectable sum of £8. £6 was devoted towards the purchase of prize books, and the balance towards toys which were competed for. A liberal supply of varied delicacies was

distributed by a strong committee of ladies, thanks to whose energy the complete success of the day was largely due. Foremost of these I must mention Mesdames Hillas, Kay, Carroll (2), Brooks, McLachlan, Erickson and others. All sorts of fun in the shape of round games, swings, lolly scrambles, etc., was indulged in; another feast, and all went home in high spirits, having spent a most enjoyable day. In the evening a large number of adults themselves of Host Cottiss' kind invitation to wind up with a hop in the Choral Hall. Refreshments were again handed round, dancing being kept up till 12.30, when the gathering was adjourned for 12 months PP

11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1896 MAURICEVILLE EAST. Bounded on the east by Bideford School District, on the north by a portion of the Eketahuna School District, on the north-west by Sections 19, 18, and the eastern boundary of section 109, thence continuing south-westerly along the northern boundaries of sections 102, 103, 107, 104, and 106. thence southerly along the western boundary of said section 106 and part of 90 to the south-eastern boundary of section 56, thence along the said boundary of 56, the south-western boundary of section 60, the south-eastern boundary of section 64, thence in a direct line to the northern corner of section 2 and along the north-western boundaries of sections 2 and 1 to the boundary of the Dreyerton School District. On the south it is bounded by the said Dreyerton School District and also the Rangitumau and Wangaehu School Districts

Additional tanks acquired into 1896

11<sup>th</sup> February The committee met last night. The sheds will be gravelled to stop drafts and make a grate for the water

17<sup>th</sup> February There is a full attendance in the upper standards The children have lost ground considerably during the holidays

21<sup>st</sup> Miss McKenzie left at 2.10 to attend the technical classes in Wellington Weather hot and oppressive. Discipline satisfactory. Music and drill improving.

24<sup>th</sup> February Two new pupils Ivan and Eva O'Connor were admitted. They have attended the Masterton public school. The weather is very cold and attendance poor in consequence

26<sup>th</sup> February Received a letter from Mrs McLaren complaining of bad language being used in the playground. Brought this under notice of the children and threatened to punish the next offender severely. I fear that several boys are given to swearing, and have cautioned one boy in particular.

29<sup>th</sup> February Miss McKenzie left for Wellington (Technical School)

3<sup>rd</sup> March Receive notice from the institute (NZEI?) to discuss important matters.

6<sup>th</sup> March All the library books have been returned but nine, some of them have been badly used. Have allowed the standards to take them out of air No child must take more than two. They must return them in a fortnight.

9<sup>th</sup> March Miss Kate Gray who is gratuitously acting as monitor was absent today through illness.

12<sup>th</sup> March Yesterday I prohibited the boys from going on the railway bridge which is a dangerous practice.

20<sup>th</sup> March The chairman has supplied wooden blocks to nail under infant desks to diminish the slope of the desks. A large number of slates have been broken owing to this.

23<sup>rd</sup> March The chairman has granted permission to the Rev Yorke of Masterton to hold a service (Anglican) in the schoolroom

8<sup>th</sup> Received cheques for the month. Delay was owing to want of a quarterly return form.

9<sup>th</sup> April Miss McKenzie left school at 2.45 to attend the christening of Mr Quinn's Baby

13<sup>th</sup> April The desks which have had wooden blocks nailed under them are much better. I intend to do the remainder at the first opportunity

19<sup>th</sup> April I have examined the 1 and 2 standards There were three failures in the two classes

20<sup>th</sup> April Permission has been given to Mr .... to exhibit his Magic Lantern show in the schoolroom on Friday evening

22<sup>nd</sup> April Mr Riley (Art adviser) examined the Standard 1, 2 and 3 on slates and the whole school orally

Mauriceville

28<sup>th</sup> April 1896 Messrs F Hillas, W Gray, R Carroll, J Goodgame, R McLaren, H Eagle, and F Lehman

29<sup>th</sup> April T R Fleming inspector wrote

- a) The work of the school is generally satisfactory
- b) The Object lessons have improved in character but I was disappointed at not finding any science subjects taken this year
- c) Mr Kay has done more work in political geography than was necessary and he has devoted a good deal of time to improving other divisions in the school
- d) He explains that as he has not had several classes on his hands for a number of years, he at first found difficult in keeping them all going satisfactorily and was unable to find time for science
- e) The teaching however of the upper classes has been very good
- f) The discipline of the upper classes is excellent



g) The work of the lower classes has on the whole improved in character

1<sup>st</sup> May Two maps Europe and New Zealand will be supplied in place of our old ones, which are to be sent to some aided school *An aided school was a small school with teacher paid by Wellington Education Board a per head capitation and the School Committee provided accommodation and a building*)

4<sup>th</sup> May Laurie Cox and his sister Jean? Have left the school. They live 6 ½ miles from Mauriceville, the road in winter are impassable. I understand a track has been cut through a certain bush, which will enable them to attend the Rangitumau School which is only a mile and a half from their house

11<sup>th</sup> May The work of the school is at present much upset owing to the want of readers. Which were promised by Whitcombe and Tombs last week

12<sup>th</sup> May A great part of this day was devoted to Recitation and Singing for the School Concert I propose giving in aid of the school concert.

15<sup>th</sup> May Kate Gray who has for some time been acting as monitor was absent all week. I conclude she has left school and have withdrawn her name from the school register

20<sup>th</sup> May The boys playing football have agreed that in case a window is broken they will bear the expense collectively. The ball has frequently struck the frames already

21<sup>st</sup> May Robert Lee visited and wrote (Chief Inspector)

- a) I visited the school on my return from the back country and found he school in action and orderly work
- b) 58/80 were present
- c) The school is well appointed and under capital management

d) The grounds and fences are in much better order than I saw on my last visit

e) I heard the upper class sing and was much pleased with the progress of the children and with the efforts to affect an evening entertainment for the benefit of the library funds.

f) The schoolroom is clean and the walls well furnished

26<sup>th</sup> May Miss Mackenzie received a telegram today stating that her brother was dead, The shock has made her ill and naturally she is unfit to attend to her duties

1<sup>st</sup> June The curriculum of work will necessarily be much disturb this week owing to rehearsal which will be given in school hours for the entertainment on Thursday evening at the choral hall

5<sup>th</sup> June The concert last night may be considered in every way, successful. The programme was gone through without a hitch and the children well merited the hearty applause so frequently given at the conclusion of each item I think about £6-0-0 will be on hand to replenish the library

The expenses will be under a pound sterling.

The attendance today is under the half owing to the concert.

8<sup>th</sup> June Received report of the drawing Inspection which is my own information only

9<sup>th</sup> June Received list of suitable books for school library

21<sup>st</sup> July Received circular giving particulars of Educational exhibits for the Wellington exhibition

I was called away to Masterton on urgent business and notified the chairman of my absence from 2.20 pm which will be communicated to the Board.

Many of the children were in urgent need of Exercise and Drawing books which were purchased in Masterton today

6<sup>th</sup> August Punished two girls for truant playing

12<sup>th</sup> August Received permission to have the use of Yaggy's Physiology charts which are at present in Eketahuna

14<sup>th</sup> August Miss McKenzie resumed her attendance at the Technical Classes today and left at 2.10 p m

17<sup>th</sup> August The School Committee in response to my request for a swing gate have decided to erect one on the South side of the main entrance. This will prevent cattle from trespassing on the school grounds. The big gate will be padlocked and the key kept in my possession

21<sup>st</sup> August Miss McKenzie attends the Technical class this week. . I have the approval of the chairman to go to Masterton on important and urgent business

24<sup>th</sup> August The Physiological charts were forwarded from Eketahuna on Saturday and received today carrying 6d being paid on the same

25<sup>th</sup> August Wrote to Mr Fleming re supply of modern maps

2<sup>nd</sup> September Mr Leminsot? A committee man acted as supervisor. 20 papers in freehand were worked and 11 in practical Geometry. The papers were taken away and posted at once by the supervisor

10<sup>th</sup> September Tonight I have arranged to give a lecture on technical at Local Hall The subject is an important one and is not generally understood.

14<sup>th</sup> September Wrote Mr Fleming re old maps and forwarded the old ones. The world in Hemispheres and the British isles. The new ones are to hand

20<sup>th</sup> September Wrote Mackay Bros re libraries enquiring how soon they are to supply the balance of books ordered.

25<sup>th</sup> September Many children have of late come late in the morning, which interferes very much with the first lesson of the day. Today I

gave four late arrivals forty lines to write out as they have no excuse from their parents for being late

2<sup>nd</sup> October Wrote to Mackay Bros again re balance of library books

6<sup>th</sup> October This week I am devoting the whole time to reading, writing and arithmetic. The ordinary timetable is therefore suspended.

9<sup>th</sup> October Last day for McLachlan's They are removing to Mangamahoe and will attend the school there.

This reduces the roll by 5 %

12<sup>th</sup> October Annie Hillas left the school this week. She is leaving home to training in the business of a dressmaker

14<sup>th</sup> October The School Committee have supplied a padlock and chain for the gate and erected a cross step for the scholars to get over the fence, when they are at school before the head teacher. This provision will prevent cattle trespassing in the school grounds and also protect the young trees planted by the fences.

16<sup>th</sup> October Miss Mckenzie was looking very ill this morning and I suggested she should leave her duties for an hour or so. She was however too ill to return during the day

21<sup>st</sup> October There is a decided improvement in the reading and writing in all classes. I find great difficulty in teaching the third standard long division with three or more figures in the divisor

24<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Jacobson wrote a note this morning stating that I had punished her daughter unjustly, which on enquiry I must regret is the truth. It appears the girl Josephine Carroll not knowing how to work practice, obtained the correct answers by multiplication, as she sits next to the girl Jacobsen. I concluded the latter had permitted her to copy the answers and punished her accordingly. I have sent a verbal apology to Mrs Jacobsen for the mistake

Received results of drawing examinations 12 passes in freehand and 5 in Geometry

26<sup>th</sup> October 1896 DRAWING EXAMINATION.

The results of the late drawing examination are as follow:—  
Analysis, number of papers worked, 79; number of passes obtained, 61; number of individual candidates, 40.

Freehand, 13 Frederick Brodersen, Archibald Campbell, Martini Carroll, Thomas Carroll, Harold Coe, Elizabeth Coe, Norman Dorset, Arthur Eagle, Emma Goodgame, Abigail Gray, Pearlie Hughan, Rubina Jacobson Alexander Mutrie,

Geometry, 23.—Annie Brodersen, Frederick Brodersen, Henry Branchley, Thomas Carroll, Harold Coe, Elizabeth Coe, Norman Dorset, Nellie Evans, Alfred Ericksen, Willie Farmer, Emma Goodgame, Abigail Gray, Alma Hall, Pearlie Hall, Benjamin Hillas, Florence Kay, Mary Mallabarr, Alice Mutrie, Michael O'Brien, Joseph Rossiter, Henry Hillas, Birdie Vogt. Scale, 24, Annie Brodersen, Frederick Brodersen, Thomas Branchley, Josephine Carroll, Martin Carroll Thomas Carroll, Harold Coe, Elizabeth Coe, Arthur Eagle, Alfred Ericksen, Willie Farmer, Abigail Gray, Sarah A, Hillas, Benjamin Hillas, Pearlie Hughan, Rubina Jacobson, Florence Kay, Alice Mutrie, Mary Mallabarr, Alexander, Mutrie, Michael O'Brien, Joseph Rossiter, Lucy Thrupp, Margaret Thrupp.

Model.—Willie Gray

Mr, John Kay, late of Masterton, is the master in charge of the school. PP

6<sup>th</sup> November Very good work has been done in Map Geography and History

16<sup>th</sup> November Balfour Dawson was today admitted from Dreyer's Rock

24<sup>th</sup> November The whole of the Library has been labelled and numbered for facility of reference

27<sup>th</sup> November The proposed excursion to Wellington had been abandoned owing to the number required not being obtained.

1<sup>st</sup> December Took the Map of England for a geography teaching the standards the most important sea ports round the coast of England

4<sup>th</sup> December School closed owing to general election and my appointment as deputy returning officer

The attendance is falling off as usual before the Xmas holiday

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25<sup>th</sup> January 48 present. The number on the roll is now 70

27<sup>th</sup> January Drinking cups are required for the tanks. The committee have consented to purchase them

29<sup>th</sup> January Mr Benchley reported to me this morning on my way to school that his son Thomas had the diphtheria

I instructed to him that the matter was serious and should be communicated to the chairman of the School Committee. I will not be able to permit their attendance for at least a month after all danger is over, but I shall leave this entirely to the judgement of the School Committee

5<sup>th</sup> February I know the case of Diphtheria will seriously effect the attendance.

Wrote to Board yesterday to ascertain if School Committee or myself had power to forbid attendance on Monday Morning, at being rumoured that the parents of the boy who has had the diphtheria will insist upon his being admitted on Monday morning

and that he will produce a Doctor's certificate as proof that there is no danger

8<sup>th</sup> February The School Committee had the irregular monthly meeting this evening and passed a resolution authorising the head master to forbid the attendance at school of any scholar suffering from all infectious diseases until the expiration of 14 days from the time such scholars are convalescent

9<sup>th</sup> February The attendance, this morning is but poor. The weather is slightly unfavourable but I attribute the large number of absentees today to the case of Diphtheria, which recently occurred in Mauriceville

11<sup>th</sup> February received a letter from Mr Dorset (Secretary of Wellington Education Board) referring me to clause 87 of the Education Act with reference to diseases

12<sup>th</sup> February The Kopuaranga is higher today than I have seen it.

15<sup>th</sup> February The Carroll's have returned today. I am assured by the father that they have had sore throats only and have been well all last week. Their weather is improved and the attendance is consequently good

10<sup>th</sup> February Mr Balfour wrote inquiring if there was cause for alarm with reference to Diphtheria. I replied in the negative

Cups with strong chains and towel rollers have been supplied by the School Committee

22<sup>nd</sup> February By the Chairman's permission I this morning went to Masterton to purchase the school prizes

26<sup>th</sup> School closed annual school picnic

1<sup>st</sup> March Every girl in the Upper Standards is present

11<sup>th</sup> March A window fastener was this day broken by some girl in the upper standards. The chairman has undertaken to get a new one.

12<sup>th</sup> March The writing is improving but slowly. I am of opinion that the heavy work which boys have to do at home injures the writing to a great extent.

15<sup>th</sup> March The girls complain of their lunches being interfered with and at times hats and cups are hidden. I have taken steps to prevent the occurrence of such contemptible actions.

22<sup>nd</sup> March I have transferred two boys to the second standard. One has been absent from school for about 6 months and the other is very backward owing to irregular attendance and his dislike of schoolwork

29<sup>th</sup> March I hear that Mr Richard Brook's daughter is dangerously ill with Diphtheria The Doctor has reported the case as one of the worst he has seen The news has quickly travelled for today more than half of my pupils are away. Several parents have sent me word that they will not send their children till the danger is over. I have asked the chairman to call a School Committee meeting to discuss the closing of the school.

30<sup>th</sup> March I am instructed to close the school until Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> April. It is understood that we are to have no winter holidays owing to this unfortunate occurrence

20<sup>th</sup> April School reopened today. The attendance is fair

23<sup>rd</sup> April I was authorised to employ somebody to clean out the school for the examination

30<sup>th</sup> April

School Inspection by Messrs Fleming and Lee

- a) Roll 70 Present 45 Passed 34. Roll included 18 primers
- b) One candidate passed Standard V11
- c) The school was examined at a time when there had been much absence on account of the epidemic

- d) The school is well conducted by the Head Master and with an efficient Pupil Teacher to replace Miss McKenzie was retiring

4<sup>th</sup> May Ordered the Readers required by the children ordered from Napier

7<sup>th</sup> May Miss McKenzie intimated to me that she intended forwarding her resignation to the Board on the 30<sup>th</sup> of this Month

10<sup>th</sup> May School Committee meet this evening, provided several school requisites that I supplied for were willingly provided

14<sup>th</sup> May The water closets should be washed out monthly, one of the ash pans broke in the cause of offensive smell in the girls' closet. I have sprinkled the gases carbolic acid

18<sup>th</sup> May Ernest Thrupp a V11 standard pupil withdrawn from the roll.

21<sup>st</sup> May Committee has provided lock and key with chains for the gate as horses are frequently let in at night and the trees are injured

24<sup>th</sup> May Queen's Birthday a presented holiday. Wrote to Mrs Carroll re the attendance of his children which is very irregular On enquiring I find one of her boys Thomas has been playing the Truant for over a fortnight.

1<sup>st</sup> June By request of Mrs Carroll I severely punished her boys today for truant playing and strongly reprimanded their eldest sister for keeping this offence from their parents

4<sup>th</sup> June Fresh Cups and chains have been supplied at the tanks. I urged the children to use them properly and they would last for years

8<sup>th</sup> June Spelling and Reading lessons have been given for homework this week. On the whole the work is satisfactory. The attendance is exceedingly good.

9<sup>th</sup> June Margaret Dorset a seventh standard girl has left the school to attend the Masterton School where she will have much more attention in scholarship work, than I can possibly give her.

15<sup>th</sup> June Attendance very good. Gave out new drawing books to all standards. The School Committee at the last meeting kindly voted 4 shillings for blackboards

28<sup>th</sup> June School reopened The children seem fond of drawing and I am thoroughly satisfied with their efforts in this branch of instruction

2<sup>nd</sup> July Celia Carroll told me today she would be leaving school before the next examination. This pupil will remain until the Drawing Exam is over to be held sometime in September

9<sup>th</sup> July The V1 And V11 standards are gradually grasping the fundamental principles of model drawing and have worked several copies in their books

The water closets are not kept as I would wish and I brought the matter under the notice of the Committee

13<sup>th</sup> July Several luncheons were stolen today. Enquiries lead me to suspect a little girl, who I presume has to come to school at times without lunch which is pitiable in the extreme, shall bring the matter under the notice of the parents

School Committee met and arranged to have the culvert at the main entrance relaid with totara. Mr Hillas was appointed to carry out the work and I know it will faithfully be executed

20<sup>th</sup> July This is the proper time to plant the trees around the playground where there are gaps I have called the attention of the chairman to this being done and doubtless it will be carried out.

Discipline much better. I have supplied copy books for all upper standards (Exact Writers) by Messrs Whitcombe and Towns

27<sup>th</sup> July This week the ordinary time table will be suspended and the full hours will be devoted to reading, Arithmetic and the four branches of drawing

27<sup>th</sup> July 1897 Mary Mackenzie resigned PP

29<sup>th</sup> July 1897 Catherine Gray (Mauriceville) appointed PP

29<sup>th</sup> July 1897 MAURICEVILLE NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Mauriceville, Monday. Miss M. McKenzie, for several years assistant teacher at Mauriceville East School, has sent her resignation to the Education Board, A letter from her was received by the School Committee at its last meeting making known her resolve, and expressing thanks for many courtesies received. The head teacher (Mr Kay) who attended the meeting referred in most eulogistic terms to the conscientious manner in which Miss McKenzie had always done her duty. Members of the Committee spoke in a similar strain and felt, one and all, that her good work had hardly been fully recognised.

Miss Kitty Gray (a deserving local applicant) was selected PP

30<sup>th</sup> July Although the children are not as quiet in their work as they ought to be there, I am quite satisfied with their general behaviour. Prompt obedience is secured at all times without the use of the stick, but at times they seem to forget the rules of the school and a sharp lecture is necessary. This I find more effective than punishment. The children do not relish a lecture at any time.

2<sup>nd</sup> August Received the drawing examination. Miss Gray commenced duty today having been appointed to succeed Miss McKenzie as pupil teacher

5<sup>th</sup> August 1897 Miss Gray takes up her duties in the Mauriceville East school to-day, vice Miss McKenzie who was heartily cheered on Friday afternoon on leaving PP

5<sup>th</sup> August Miss McKenzie was this afternoon presented with a Dinner Service breakfast cruets and cake dish from the parents of the children attending this school. The presentation was made by the chairman Mr J Hillas and responded by the headmaster on behalf of the recipient

10<sup>th</sup> August The girls' closet has not been supplied with a receptacle although repeatedly brought under the notice of the Committee

13<sup>th</sup> August The behaviour of the children this week was good. Very little corporal punishment given,

17<sup>th</sup> August Miss Gray's management over the pupils is satisfactory. Her voice is not very strong. She is firm and kind with the children I am of the opinion she will develop into an excellent teacher

20<sup>th</sup> August I today commenced the teaching of the exact systems of writing and fully explained to the classes the necessity of complying with the instructions, presented on the back of the copy books

24<sup>th</sup> August I wrote to the Wellington Education Board with reference to Miss Gray's tuition she will sit at her next examination of pupil teachers and will take the papers set for a first year candidate

27<sup>th</sup> August The School Committee meeting lapsed for want of a quorum. I have many requirements to bring to their notice, which must be postponed until the next meeting. It is almost too late now to have young trees planted in the vacant spaces round the school boundary

27<sup>th</sup> August 1897 The marriage of Mr. C. Brooks of Mauriceville to Miss McKenzie (says the Wairarapa Star of the 18th inst.) took place at the residence of the bride's parents at Tinui on Tuesday. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father J. McKenna. The newly married couple started at once for Mauriceville East, where a social in honour of the event was held in Cottiss' Hall in the evening.

There were a large number of guests and a most enjoyable time was spent. The best of refreshments were provided by Mr. Cottiss, and songs were rendered by a number of those present. PP

1<sup>st</sup> September The drawing examination took place today. Mr W gray acted as supervisor. 79 papers were worked. On the whole the work was good and I expect many passes

8<sup>th</sup> September Archibald Campbell was admitted today.

14<sup>th</sup> September I am quite satisfied with Miss Gray's control over the children. The discipline on the whole of her class is good. Many boys are absent doing work which should not be given to lads of their age. Mr Gray kindly put anew catch on the porch window.

19<sup>th</sup> September Celia Caroll a Standard V11 pupil has left he school The books in the library are not used as carefully as they ought to be. I have threatened to close the library for a month unless better care is taken of the books. The monthly meeting of the School Committee has again lapsed for want of a quorum. The weather was rough and stormy, which I presume was the reason that prevented members from turning out at night.

21<sup>st</sup> September I detained pupils in all classes today for neglect of home work. The spelling and reading of late has not been so well prepared as usual.

22<sup>nd</sup> September Owing to sickness I did not give Miss Gray her lesson today

24<sup>th</sup> September Another supply of firewood is required We could well dispense with a full row of desks which would give more working space for the teachers in class teaching. Lectured the children on the foolishness of playing in the wet grass

It is a wonder that more pupils are not laid up with serious colds owing to this foolish practice

27<sup>th</sup> September A cupboard especially for stationery and school records would be very convenient. Also a small table for lessons given each evening to the pupil teacher

28<sup>th</sup> September The attendance is poor. Carrolls and Farmers are absent. Twice for every time they are present. I have written the parents of these children on regular attendance in the future. Today I found the gum bottle broken and the gum spilt. Enquiries failed to find the meddlesome culprit

30<sup>th</sup> September Sent away the monthly returns by this days train which leaves Mauriceville at 3.45 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> October I am well pleased with the improvement in the writing of all standards. The attendance might be much better but the weather is showery and the roads are in a muddy state

5<sup>th</sup> October The attendance is good today in my classes 36/39

Received a stationery parcel from Masterton per favour of WFCa tradesman. I gave the boys permission to make a pitch for the game of cricket in the playground. I hope they become fond of this national game and will assist them as much s lies within my power

11<sup>th</sup> October The School Committee meets this evening A few requisites are needed viz, a small table with drawer and lock, About 4 loads of basic gravel for the boys' cricket pitch and also physiological charts, provided they are not too expensive. Four of the Carroll's are absent today although they are but 1 mile from the school

12<sup>th</sup> October Messrs Hillas and Brooks visited the school for the purpose of laying off space for this undertaking. The girls will take the boys' side and the boys' will take the girls side.

14<sup>th</sup> October I accidentally found out that the boys were not playing cricket because they had no ball. I recommended them to form a club in a proper manner, elect a captain and abide by his decisions at



all practices. I promised that if they subscribed expenses each I would make up the balance to buy a good cricket ball.

18<sup>th</sup> October A cupboard and table are much needed, the Secretary has written the Board requesting that these articles be supplied.

19<sup>th</sup> October The drawing results were received today and are exceptionally high this year which reflects the greatest credit upon the children attending this school

Freehand 13, Scale 24, Geometry 23, Model 1.

Total 61. This result brings the total number of certificates issued (since I took charge) to 114. A record in my opinion without parallel, for any teacher similarly placed in the Board's services.

2<sup>nd</sup> November A sixth standard pupil Mado Broduden informed me at 3.30 this day that he was leaving the school to go grass seeding. He is a bright lad in many respects and would have done excellent work in the Standard examination had he remained at school.

3<sup>rd</sup> November The girl's behaviour at sewing today was much better than usual. I trust the cupboard and table will arrive soon as they are much needed. The girls' playground is being drained by Mr J Mutrie

5<sup>th</sup> November Today is the annual show at Carterton The Committee has not sent any word with reference to the school being closed. I understand all the schools in the Wairarapa are having a holiday until Wednesday morning. Treatment of this kind is unfair to teachers and pupils alike, and my personal opinion shall not be expressed over the matter, the least said is the better.

I dismissed the school half an hour earlier both morning and afternoon as a reward for good work and good behaviour.

8<sup>th</sup> November The attendance this morning is very low. The children are evidently discontented that they have not been given the same holidays as other schools in the Wairarapa. Two boys will be absent until Christmas they are fleece picking at Mr McKenzie's

9<sup>th</sup> November School closed for the Prince of Wales Birthday a prescribed holiday on the regulations of the Board

Owing to Mrs Kay's absence from the house for two days I shall not be able to give Miss Gray her fulltime of tuition, owing to house responsibilities, children etc

I have arranged to give her a half hour each day at dinner time. The loss of time will be made up next week.

10<sup>th</sup> November The cupboard and table have arrived, freight from Masterton is 2/3d I have sent word to the Secretary so that they may be paid. Attendance very poor. The pupils are dilatory in purchasing their copy books, which means loss of time.

15<sup>th</sup> November School opened with a poor attendance, many boys are away at the shearing sheds or have gone grass seeding. I sent Willie Gray's certificate to the technical Department to be exchanged for a full certificate in the four branches (Drawing) School Committee meet this evening Steps should be taken to put the playground in order for the game of cricket

17<sup>th</sup> November Summer appears to have begun in earnest which I trust will favourably affect the attendance. Today we commenced the practice of printing in exercise books as a preliminary to the drawing of maps in the examination

23<sup>rd</sup> November The School Committee meeting lapsed for want of a quorum

24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1897 A grant of £5 was given to the Mauriceville East Committee for drainage PP

27<sup>th</sup> November On this day I interviewed Mr Cockburn, the station master at Masterton with reference to the Junior Boys and Girls of this school accompanying the Masterton Scholars to Wellington on their annual excursion. He promised to make the necessary enquiries and forward them to me.

30<sup>th</sup> November owing to a severe attack of toothache this morning I reluctantly left the school at 12.15 this morning as I could not endure the pain any longer. I returned at 1.20 p m.

Miss Gray was left in charge and the children conducted themselves very well during the short absence.

*NB A list of all the drawing results cut from the newspaper is pasted into the log.*

1<sup>st</sup> December Posted pay chart and Maori return marked Nil.

I dismissed at 12.15 by request from the children who were anxious for this extra time at dinner hour to enable them to bathe. For this they sacrificed their playtime

5<sup>th</sup> December had practice on the modulator today. Taught children a new song “ Massa’s in the Cold Ground”. Upper standards commenced pole and Swedish Drill

8<sup>th</sup> December Had practice on modulator today. Taught another new song entitled “Won’t you Buy my Pretty Flowers” which the children sang with much expression

9<sup>th</sup> December. Two dozen poles arrived today from WFCA. I ordered these without the express sanction of the School Committee, being anxious to obtain efficient pole drill before we break up for the Xmas vacation.

10<sup>th</sup> December Attendance low. Taught a new song in parts, entitled Scots Wha Ha’l, which is a spirited song

13<sup>th</sup> December Weather oppressively hot, House work as usual badly prepared. School Committee meet this evening. Discipline satisfactory

15<sup>th</sup> December By resolution of the School Committee we dismissed for the Xmas vacation and noon today.

## 1898

24<sup>th</sup> January 53 present

25<sup>th</sup> January Attendance better than yesterday. Home work although very light and easy was badly done. Standards were kept in half an hour in consequence

26<sup>th</sup> January Home work is slightly better detained pupils after 3.30 to write out mistakes

1<sup>st</sup> February This afternoon one of the worst storms occurred that I have ever experienced in New Zealand

It became too dark for the children to continue their work. The wind suddenly changed from North East to South West and the school itself trembled violently with the force of the storm.

2<sup>nd</sup> February Owing to urgent business in Masterton I left the school at 3.15 PM

8<sup>th</sup> February Home lessons are poorly prepared despite all the pressure used in the way of detention after school hours and even corporal punishment at times. I am quite convinced that a majority of the children are unfit for mental work by the time they have performed their evening duties, milking, feeding calves etc etc etc

11<sup>th</sup> February The Annual picnic refixed for the 25<sup>th</sup> of February upwards of 50 adults and pupils have sent in their names for the excursion which is to run to Woodville on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. Distributed the circular forwarded by the Railway Department with reference to Woodville Pastoral Show on Wednesday next.

The school still keeps up its numbers despite several who have left to attend Mauriceville West for reasons which the parents have thought it prudent to withhold from me.

From this time Home Lessons will be confined to tables and Weights and Measures as I find all the children in all standards

making mistakes in their starter arithmetic which would not be made did they know their tables thoroughly

16<sup>th</sup> February Received from the Station Master giving particular with reference to Excursion to Woodville. I am deputed by the Railway Department to sell the tickets at Children 1/-, Teachers 1/9 and adults 2/3 (*/- is symbol for shilling there were 12 pence in a shilling and twenty shillings in a pound 1/- equivalent to \$18 in December 2014 terms*))

18<sup>th</sup> February The school was closed today as about half the school went on the excursion to Woodville

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1898 A. school excursion to Woodville by rail was largely patronised this morning by both East and West Mauriceville Schools. A large number of adults also took advantage of the cheap fare PP

22<sup>nd</sup> February Dismissed the school at 3.00. The children had no play time and were detained until 1.45. This allows me to proceed to Masterton to purchase the prizes without having encroached on the school hours

23<sup>rd</sup> February The Masterton Show is held today, several of the children are absent owing to this. I purchased the prizes yesterday

28<sup>th</sup> February Owing to the tilting at Mauriceville was not as good as usual. Mr Gray called Kindly undertook to pay all accounts incurred in connection with the Annual School picnic which was held in Mr Gundersen's paddock. The attendance was the largest since I took charge and all the children appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves

7<sup>th</sup> March Richard Allen started in Standard 3

The children commenced their maps this afternoon, Asia and New Zealand

9<sup>th</sup> March Business of an urgent nature compelled me to leave school at 3.10 pm.

14<sup>th</sup> March School Committee met this evening accounts for the picnic were presented, all of which were paid.

Total amount came to £9-16-3 and the accounts paid totalled £9-15-6 leaving a balance of 9d which was handed to me in consideration of time and expense involved in purchasing prizes.

18<sup>th</sup> March Fitzgerald's circus yesterday and today has slightly affected the attendance

22<sup>nd</sup> March Attendances today is very good. Miss Gray's classes were much more restless than is usual and I find oral teaching very difficult with all the seven standards in one room.

25<sup>th</sup> March Today I received a circular from Wellington for the three candidates chosen for election on the Middle District University. The candidates are Messrs Fleming, Watson and Evans

28<sup>th</sup> March Admitted a new pupil Alice Mutrie

Wednesday being sale day in Masterton weekly I notice that several children now are absent on that day, presumably to mind the house whilst the parents go to Masterton.

31<sup>st</sup> March Yesterday I severely punished a 5<sup>th</sup> Standard girl for copying from her reader during the dictation lesson.

Miss Gray is very persevering in her work The description of her classes shows a slight improvement in her first month's work.

5<sup>th</sup> April Today I was called away to Masterton on urgent business and left the school in charge of Miss Gray from 3.07 until 3.30 I have notified the Secretary of this unavoidable absence, although I do not think the regulations of the Board are intended to be so strict construed. However to conform with the rules it is better to be on the right side.

13<sup>th</sup> April Weather today after Easter is very low indeed. Considering the examination is but a few days off, I am astonished

at the attitude of the parents and scholars alike. The weather is delightful and I have not heard of any case of sickness.

26<sup>th</sup> April Mr Lee examined the school

2<sup>nd</sup> May Classified the standards and began the year's work

6<sup>th</sup> May 6 children have left the school since the examination

24<sup>th</sup> May Strict Average is 55

25<sup>th</sup> May A very stormy day, attendance less than half. Two boys Albert Evans and Joseph Rossiter played truant on Monday afternoon. As the down train passed through Mauriceville they commenced to slug stones at the windows of the carriages. This morning I called them out, and in the presence of the pupils endeavour to bring home to them the gravity of the offence, as well as that of truancy. Both boys received six severe strokes on the hand for their wrong doing, which I trust will prove a warning to others.

27<sup>th</sup> May A sixth standard pupil (Sarah Hillas) brought me word, that a man named Cummings would be at school at 12.30 to take a photo of the school and children. The man Cummings is an amateur photographer, possessing a small camera, quite unsuitable for taking such a photograph. I sent word by the pupil above named, that I was much obliged of his offer, but that when a photo was needed I would make my own arrangements

To my surprise on returning from lunch, I saw this man focussing the children, and this in face of the message I had sent. I quietly marched the children in school, thus frustrating his express-purpose to take a negative against my wishes.

Had he come to me in a proper manner and asked permission I should in all probability given him permission, on a day when the attendance was larger, but defiance of this kind stated above must be treated as the circumstances warrant

30<sup>th</sup> May Weather very rough and stormy, attendance under the half. Work throughout the day was poor and heartless. Thermometer above fireplace 51° F Very cold in school

6<sup>th</sup> June 6 new pupils from Makakati were admitted this morning which brings the roll number to the same as at the annual examination

20<sup>th</sup> June Mr Lee's examination report included

- a) Miss Gray is a newly appointed teacher pupil teacher will probably do much better after she has gained more experience
- b) Very good work is done by Mr Kay
- c) The drawing results are excellent
- d) The pupil in Standard V11 passed
- e) The playground is much improved since my last visit
- f) Roll 70. Presented 49 46 passed. 18 Primers

30<sup>th</sup> June Today the school was closed by permission of the chairman owing to the Head Teacher being summonsed to give evidence in a case at the Municipal Court Masterton

1<sup>st</sup> July I was pleased to see in the Evening Post the Board has voted a supplementary grant of £10 to defray the cost of levelling the playground. Work which was done by day labour. and which would have been executed for almost half the cost had the arrangements been left to a good business man

18<sup>th</sup> July School reopened this morning after the midwinter vacation but owing to a severe attack of Lumbago, I have been confined to my bed since the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. And the school is in charge of Miss Gray. I have hoped that I shall be fit for duty on Wednesday morning

20<sup>th</sup> July This morning I went to school feeling quite well on leaving home, but was quite exhausted with pain on reaching school. I remained for a half hour but was obliged to make my way home. As

to attempt to touch is utterly impossible. The Secretary by request forwarded the quarterly and daily registers

25<sup>th</sup> July I have been absent from school for a whole week. an unusual event in my whole teaching career. Although very much better I shall not be able to work with much vigour as the severe pains have not yet left me.

Miss Gray deserves great praise for the manner she has managed during my absence, and the children are to be commended for submitting to her commands so readily during my illness.

29<sup>th</sup> July The children have been very punctual this week, owing to the adoption of a new method in marking the register. Black dot for lateness and a red dot for being on time.

5<sup>th</sup> August Discipline much more uniform. Children more obedient owing to writing impositions inflicted for talking

16<sup>th</sup> August Children complain of tank water that it tastes, will bring the matter before the School Committee.

18<sup>th</sup> August 1898 Wairarapa North County Council has had a footpath of several chains in length made at East Mauriceville, for the convenience of children going to and from school and for people whose business takes them to the Mauriceville railway station. Some foolish persons have lately been using the footpath as a horse-track: this 'is not excusable as there is a road metalled road the whole distance. PP

23<sup>rd</sup> August The School Committee has decided to provide as school text books the Geographic for New Zealand Standards published by a firm in Dunedin. Mr Lee thinks they are best yet published.

26<sup>th</sup> August Miss Gray works very hard with her pupils and I sincerely trust she secures a favourable report at the next exam

30<sup>th</sup> August Commenced a series of lessons in Analysis and Parsing to standards 4, 5, 6

2<sup>nd</sup> September Attendance very good. Offering cards for a full attendance for the calendar month appears to have the desired effect Discipline not so good as last week, still the children have worked fairly well in all subjects

13<sup>th</sup> September The School Committee held their regular meeting last night. The chairman had the tank drained out today. The projection of the roof over the spouting makes it impossible to clean the latter, so that the tank will have to be cleaned out oftener

16<sup>th</sup> September Attendance excellent. All the pupils present for the whole week. Discipline fair and work barely satisfactory. Must adopt some plan to secure more attention to the reading and spelling lessons given as homework

30<sup>th</sup> September I hear with extreme regret that Mr Gundersen our esteemed Postmaster had a paralytic stroke yesterday and been in an unconscious state for the past 24 hours

Roll 61

3<sup>rd</sup> October Mauriceville and district has sustained a serious loss in the death of Mr Gundersen, the Postmaster. A more obliging and kind hearted man it would be difficult to meet. Fully 600 people from all surrounding districts followed his remains to their last resting place yesterday

Board notified teachers of Mr Parker's special lessons in Music to meet the requirements of the examination to be held at Xmas

6<sup>th</sup> October Received word that the Board will establish cookery classes in this district. A special teacher having been appointed for the purpose. Mr Riley writes that he will call at the school this week.

17<sup>th</sup> October Miss Gray is absent from work owing to a swollen foot. Mr Riley called today and made arrangements re the cooking class which is to be held on Wednesday morning at 10.00

19<sup>th</sup> October. Miss Millington expert in cookery gave her first lesson to a class of eighteen this morning. Five pupils were from Mangamahoe and One from Dreyer's Rock.

22<sup>nd</sup> October 1898 Mr. A. D. Riley, the Director of the Wellington Technical School, completed arrangements for the course of cookery instruction to country pupils at the Education Board Schools. Miss Millington, the Board's teacher of cookery, now conducts classes at Pahiatua (including Scarborough and Makakahi) on Mondays, at Mangatainoka on Tuesdays, Mauriceville East (including Mangamahoe and Dreyer's Rock) on Wednesdays, Hastwell on Thursdays. Eketahuna and Newman on Fridays, and Pahiatua for teachers on Saturday. A six months course of instruction for the schools from Masterton northwards will begin next April, and continue during the winter months PP

25<sup>th</sup> October Received circular stating pupil teachers who attend the cooking classes at Pahiatua will have their expenses refunded.

28<sup>th</sup> October Questions in class and reaching the top by answers is popular with the children

3<sup>rd</sup> November The chairman granted a holiday on Friday on account of the Carterton Show, this is the first time a holiday has been given, but the attendance on this day in past years has been so poor, that I advised a holiday, which will be more satisfactory to all.

4<sup>th</sup> November Home lessons poorly prepared. I fear children receive little encouragements from their parents. 17 pupils were present at cooking class yesterday. Practical work will commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst

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

10<sup>th</sup> November Apparatus for the teaching of cooking arrived last night. Miss Millington will give her first practical lesson in Wednesday next

The Cummings were absent owing to the death of their mother which occurred on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst

15<sup>th</sup> November Specimen attendance certificates from Whitcombe and Tombs arrived today and with which the children were well pleased.

21<sup>st</sup> November Received letters from Secretary saying that the School Committee would be quite justified in providing swings for the girls, but he is doubtful about cricket requisites being paid out of capitation for the boys

25<sup>th</sup> November There has been two or three cases of measles which has not had a good effect upon the attendance

2<sup>nd</sup> December Attendance this week good considering holidays are so near. Home lessons have not been well learnt. Ordered attendance certificates by the authority of the Board

9<sup>th</sup> December Received certificates, which are beautifully got up. There will be about a dozen scholars entitled to them

14<sup>th</sup> December The school dismissed at 3 this afternoon For Xmas Vacation.

The attendance certificates were presented by the chairman, Mr Jorgenson who afterwards addressed the children on the value of education and the importance of regular attendance

## 1899

22<sup>nd</sup> January 1899 First assistant Te Aro Salary 220 pounds Mr John Kay Mauriceville East PP

24<sup>th</sup> January School reopened this morning in accordance with instruction issued by the Board. Only 35 children are present. Settlers have been very unfortunate with their crops and hay and their children will be kept from school until the same are safely stacked. This will severely affect the results at the annual examination

25<sup>th</sup> January Miss Millington resumed her cookery lessons today. There was a full attendance at the class. The chairman authorised me to purchase two drinking mugs, which are to be fixed to chains at the water tank

The Cummings family have left the district which lowers the roll by five

26<sup>th</sup> January Two more children have left. Roll 53

1<sup>st</sup> February Owing to cookery class being held this morning many are present who have since school reopened been very irregular, which is proof they can be spared at home when work that they like is being done.

2<sup>nd</sup> February I am pleased to see in the paper that Richard Dorset an ex pupil of this school has passed his matriculation.

6<sup>th</sup> February A very wet day, attendance very poor, severe flooding-still raining heavily

9<sup>th</sup> February The wet cold weather continues, almost a blizzard. Only 16 being present

This is a great drawback to the work of the school seeing that the annual examination will be held in April... The whole of this month was required to make up for the Xmas Holidays, as children in six weeks forget a great deal that they have been taught

14<sup>th</sup> February I fear children have too much work to do at home after school hours or they are not being encouraged by their parents

23<sup>rd</sup> February Mrs Carroll sent word that her daughter Josephine had left the school. She will attend the convent school in Masterton

22<sup>nd</sup> February The chairman gave a holiday today on account of the Masterton show I recommended that this should be done instead of closing the school for the Carterton show held in November

6<sup>th</sup> March Henry Brenchley returned to the school today. For nine months he has attended the Mauriceville West School. His young brother will also attend this school after the holidays

10<sup>th</sup> March Received an invitation to join the Hastwell School Excursion to Hastwell

17<sup>th</sup> March Send a claim of 14/6 to the Education Board on behalf of Miss Gray being railway expenses in attending the music class being held in Masterton on Saturday.

21<sup>st</sup> March A circular swing and horizontal bar have been erected by the School Committee the former for the girls and the latter for the boys.

24<sup>th</sup> March. Home lessons have been well prepared this week. The Cassells have returned but their irregular attendance through the year will be the cause of their failing at the Standard Examination unless the work is much easier than usual

29<sup>th</sup> March The cookery class and sewing have taken up much of the work in school today

11<sup>th</sup> April Admitted a boy from Mitcheltown (Wellington)

21<sup>st</sup> April The Erickson Boys returned to this school They have for six months been attending the Mauriceville West School.

25<sup>th</sup> April 1899 School Committee Messrs J Jorgensen (Chairman), C Hoffeins, W Dorset, J Goodgame, J Matthews, W Gray and Mrs Brenchley PP

28<sup>th</sup> April Examination Report included



- a) A satisfactory year's work has been done by the teachers of this school
- b) Miss Millington has given cookery lessons for the girls of Standard 4, 5, 7

9<sup>th</sup> May Very wet day. Attendance less than half the roll number. Gave instruction in recitation to pupils who are taking part in the school concert. School Committee met last night and resolved to have certain repairs, which I brought under their notice attended to.

19<sup>th</sup> May School Concert takes place this evening. The upper standards went to the choral Hall for the last rehearsal. All passed off well.

20<sup>th</sup> May The above entertainment will enable me to purchase £4 worth of books for the school library

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1899 MAURICEVILLE NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent). Monday. A very successful entertainment was given in the Hall on Friday evening by the Mauriceville East School children, in aid of their school library. A programme consisting of songs, recitations, Indian club exercises, glees, rounds and

dialogues was very creditably rendered by the young folks under the conductorship of their teacher (Mr Kay) who must have for some time devoted a deal of attention to their training. The nett proceeds, £5, will be spent in the purchase of a number of up-to-date novels, to provide winter night reading for adult residents. Special thanks are due to Mrs Simons, who kindly presided at the piano during the evening. Shortly after midnight on Friday night a sharp shock of earthquake was experienced. It was preceded by a loud rumble which awoke most of those who denied themselves the treat referred

to above and were in the areas of Murphy. Measles are prevalent at Mangamahoe. PP

23<sup>rd</sup> May Mr F H Bakewell visited the school today and examined the registers etc, He made two valuable suggestions in connection with my Time Tables which I propose giving a trial

1<sup>st</sup> June 1899 An application from Miss Dorset, Mauriceville, will be duly considered when a suitable opening occurs. (*For pupil teacher*)PP

6<sup>th</sup> June Absent from school through illness

7<sup>th</sup> June Punished three boys for bad behaviour during my absence

8<sup>th</sup> June Was summonsed to attend the Licensing Court at Masterton

13<sup>th</sup> June Wired the Secretary declining Parkvale School

16<sup>th</sup> June Secretary sent word that the school would be advertised

27<sup>th</sup> June Chairman attended to repairs of door handle

30<sup>th</sup> June Mr Brenchley brought two loads of gravel for the swings

24<sup>th</sup> July Thomas Brenchley has again left and gone to the Mauriceville West School. No reason was given by his parents for his withdrawal

28<sup>th</sup> July Frost and Snow have reduced the attendance this week, especially in the lower standards

10<sup>th</sup> August Not having any pupils ready for the first grade examination in Drawing, I have not applied for any papers this year

16<sup>th</sup> August The school was closed on Monday and Tuesday owing to my being confined to the house with influenza.

Measles appears to be spreading. Four families being kept from school owing to the same.

The School Committee resolved to ask the Board to erect a teacher's residence in the school reserve.

22<sup>nd</sup> August New regulations will come in force on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Freedom of classification etc.

A few yards of Silesia (Twill weave fabric) acquired for covering new library books. Front drains require draining out again, being blocked up with water cress

24<sup>th</sup> August Today I supplied all pupils with a pencil holder and pointed pencil. As the cost will be trifling I am in hopes the School Committee will supply this requirement free to children. School pencils seriously interfere with the progress of pupils in writing

28<sup>th</sup> August Owing to the small attendance this morning the chairman decided to close the school for the day and the School Committee will decide this evening at its regular meeting what steps shall be taken in the interests of the school with reference to the measles epidemic which is now affecting almost every family in the district

29<sup>th</sup> August. School Committee decided to close the school for a fortnight.

11<sup>th</sup> September School reopened this morning. 23 present

Many children are still laid up with measles. The attendance will improve daily and no further good can be accomplished by closing the school. The epidemic will soon work itself out.

Miss Gray has not yet recovered and is absent from duty

13<sup>th</sup> September The attendance is still very low owing to the measles and other sicknesses prevailing. Not more than 28% of the roll number has been present since the school has reopened on Monday One death occurred in the village owing to Measles this may tend to influence the parents in keeping their children at home for a time.

19<sup>th</sup> September Miss Gray resumed her duties yesterday after a three weeks absence. Many children are still detained at home owing to measles

22<sup>nd</sup> September I this day severely punished two boys in the third standard for wilful and repeated disobedience to my orders.

26<sup>th</sup> September Two girls in the fifth standard have been withdrawn from school owing to heavy work at home with dairying.

2<sup>nd</sup> October Thomas Carroll a Standard 4 Boy was withdrawn from the roll this week

13<sup>th</sup> October School Committee have supplied four loads of gravel for the school footpaths and round the swings. Drinking cups are required at the tank for boys and girls

17<sup>th</sup> October Emma Goodgame a V1 pupil left this week. Her mother cannot spare her any longer- owing to increased duties at home.

20<sup>th</sup> October Some pencils and cases for them have now been supplied to all standards.

24<sup>th</sup> October In response to my application the School Committee have supplied new locks and keys to the cupboards of the Teacher's Desks

27<sup>th</sup> October The desks which are specially arranged for the Sunday School have not been put back in their usual places on several occasions lately. I brought this under the notice of the superintendant who promised to attend to it, in the future.

6<sup>th</sup> November Ethel Goodgame a 3<sup>rd</sup> Standard pupil was admitted this week. She has been absent for some eight months owing to cataract in the eye

14<sup>th</sup> November By permission of the chairman I closed the school today at 3.00 to catch the 3.25 train to Masterton

17<sup>th</sup> November The drains leading to the front gate are aging blocked with water cress and thistles have again grown up on each side of the footpath. I brought the matter under the notice of the chairman who will attend to it at the earliest opportunity

21<sup>st</sup> November The children complain that their lunches have frequently been interfered with of late. I have reason to suspect one

or two pupils in the lower standards, though it is well known that the fowls belonging to a settler opposite the school, I shall have a word with him, through his daughter that he should endeavour to keep them out of the school playground.

24<sup>th</sup> November Several boys have gone fleece picking and I have little hope of seeing them until after the Xmas Vacation. This long break entirely spoils their work for the year, but is quite outside my control.

28<sup>th</sup> November The approaching Xmas holiday is already injuring the attendance

5<sup>th</sup> December the school will be closed tomorrow the building is to be used as a polling booth for the general election. This is quite unnecessary as there is a public hall could have been hired by the Government for the purpose. I wired Miss Millington that her services would not be required tomorrow

11<sup>th</sup> December Monthly meeting of the School Committee was held this evening. The school has to be scrubbed out during the holidays as usual.

14<sup>th</sup> December Owing to Miss Gray having to sit for her annual examination in Masterton tomorrow school was closed this day noon for the Xmas Holidays

All the upper standards were allowed to take three volumes from the library today to provide sufficient amount of reading during the holidays

## 1900

23<sup>rd</sup> January School reopened this morning as directed by the Board. The attendance was very poor indeed.

I hear a number of children are still on holiday sent away from the district, so that informing parents would be of no avail in these cases.

24<sup>th</sup> January. Miss Millington gave the usual lesson in cooking today, only 7 were present

She informs that the attendance by her class at Mangatainoka was likewise poor. The annual school picnic is to be held in Larsen's paddock on Friday next. By request of the chairman I went to Masterton and purchased the usual toys and presents for the foot races

26<sup>th</sup> January The annual school picnic was held today in the school premises. The weather was dull and threatening for rain, which debarred the children from holding the picnic in Thrupp's paddock. The children however appeared to enjoy themselves. Races were run in all standards and every child received a present

29<sup>th</sup> January Many boys in upper standards are away grass seeding and will be absent for some time.

Myrtle Cox was this day transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> standard

30<sup>th</sup> January Attendance irregular, some present today, five in number who were absent yesterday and vice versa, five absent this morning who were present yesterday. Grass seeding is the cause

6<sup>th</sup> February There is nothing of interest of report on the work of the school house duties, many children after school hours debar them from giving much time to lessons given

8<sup>th</sup> February Patriotic Fair Masterton School was closed by directions of the chairman.

9<sup>th</sup> February As usual a holiday in the middle of the week spoils the attendance next day

12<sup>th</sup> February School Committee met last night and the following things have been applied for.

- a) Key to Miss Gray's desk
- b) Window blind repaired
- c) A new latch to North Porch windows
- d) Thistles on footpath to be cut down

14<sup>th</sup> February School Committee authorised me to purchase a lock and key for Miss Gray's desk

Also spring for window blind and a latch for porch window

14<sup>th</sup> February On Monday I notified the Truant inspector that three boys in the village were not attending any school. One of them is at school this morning so I presume the matter has received the prompt attention of Mr Varnham

19<sup>th</sup> February Mr J Goodgame fixed the latch on the porch windows

23<sup>rd</sup> February The attendance this week has been very poor. A holiday was given for the Masterton Show and this spoilt the attendance today and yesterday.

Miss Millington gave her weekly lessons in cooking, ten girls attended the class although school was closed for the show.

28<sup>th</sup> February The register had been marked when Telegram arrived stating Cronje's surrender to Hood- Roberts consequently only a half holiday is shown on the books. Miss Millington gave her weekly lesson on cooking today

6<sup>th</sup> March New drinking cups at the tank were supplied today. I notified the chairman, that urgent business compelled me to go to Masterton by the 3-15 train this afternoon.

9<sup>th</sup> March. The discipline may be better, but the changes in the various standards are so frequent throughout the day that excellent discipline is almost impossibility

12<sup>th</sup> March School Committee met, Drains are to be cleaned out

20<sup>th</sup> March School will be closed tomorrow owing to the licensing Elections But Miss Millington will give her weekly lesson in cooking.

23<sup>rd</sup> March Yesterday afternoon I was unable to discharge my duties owing to a serious illness probably caused by drinking water during the continued dry weather we have had for the past 5 weeks

28<sup>th</sup> March Miss Millington examined her pupils in cooking this morning, she has given twenty lessons during the season

Inspection received for 8<sup>th</sup> August 1899

- a) Roll 62
- b) Teachers Miss Gray and Mr Kay
- c) Low attendance due to measles
- d) The exercise books were neat. A slight trend towards a backwards slope was noticeable in some.
- e) The Head Teacher reported favourably on the work of the Pupil Teacher
- f) Her blackboard work was neat, but the lines on the slate should be of even gauge and the children made to write between them
- g) Outside offices were clean
- h) Lunch papers should be collected daily and burnt or placed in a sack or box provided for that purpose.
- i) Gravel is needed on the path to the boy's office.

3<sup>rd</sup> April Annual examination by Mr Fleming

6<sup>th</sup> April The roll number will be decreased considerably now five or six upper standard pupils are leaving.

10<sup>th</sup> April The Standards are rearranged today

26<sup>th</sup> April 1900 Mrs J Carroll. Messrs Ralph Carroll (Chairman), Jens Jorgenson. Chas. Brooks, Richard Brooks, James Goodgame, Wm. Gray (Secretary and Treasurer) PP

1<sup>st</sup> May Opened school earlier, no playtime

Dismissed a quarter of an hour earlier.

11<sup>th</sup> May Ink powder received

18<sup>th</sup> May 5 Families are leaving the district. The roll number is lower than has been since I came

28<sup>th</sup> May Two boys today repaired the school fence and I trust this will prevent either pigs and lambs from entering the school playground

1<sup>st</sup> June School closed Pretoria abandoned by Boers and occupied by Lord Roberts

9<sup>th</sup> June The School Committee elections have been declared informal by the chairman of the Board and new elections are fixed for the 9<sup>th</sup> July

15<sup>th</sup> June Several girls have not yet brought their sewing. This greatly interferes with the work for the year but some parents seem to take pleasure in causing annoyance by their very disregard

19<sup>th</sup> June The weather has not been favourable and a considerable amount of sickness prevails in the village, which causes in many of the older girls to be abusing

21<sup>st</sup> June The attendance in Miss Gray's class has been very low all week.

24<sup>th</sup> June A beautiful morning but only 32 children present. Prospects of holidays account for this. The firewood is nearly finished a supply should be given before school reassembles

27<sup>th</sup> June 35 are present this morning, 10 absent. The roads are in a fearful state. During the last 3 months over twenty children have left the district and there are poor prospects of the roll increasing

28<sup>th</sup> June The School Committee meet this evening. There is a dispute with reference to the plan of the district which has been forwarded by the Wellington Education Board

9<sup>th</sup> July 1900 The Chairman of the Wellington Education Board has declared the recent election of the Mauriceville School Committee, to have been void on the ground that votes were received at the meeting of householders which ought not to have been allowed. The new election has been fixed for the 9<sup>th</sup> July PP

16<sup>th</sup> July The school has been well cleaned during the holiday. Basil Young started from the Parkvale School

17<sup>th</sup> July The School Committee authorised me to purchase rack for maps and procure the necessary stationery for the school

23<sup>rd</sup> July Three boys withdrawn from school this morning. The present Roll is 40

24<sup>th</sup> July Mr Bakewell assistant Inspector He recommended that the boy's urinal should be flushed with a bucket of fresh water daily.

The seating accommodation being in excess of the roll numbers it is probably that about 9 of the dual desks will be required for other schools.

Mr Bakewell heard the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> standard read, he also questioned them on the lesson read. He expressed himself satisfied with the intelligence of the children. Too much time in his opinion still devotes to arithmetic and as Reading is to be the real test in the future, he advised me to allot more time to that subject

13<sup>th</sup> August School Committee meet this evening. It was arranged to have new ropes for swings and the boys were to be supplied with cricket utensils

17<sup>th</sup> August Inspector's Report received

- a) Mr Kay Standard 7- 3 Roll 22 present 20
- b) Miss Gray Standard 2- primers Roll 16 Present 11
- c) Chiefly through the settlers leaving the district as I was informed the roll of the school has decreased from 63 to 38

in three months. This is much to be regretted as the instruction in both the upper and lower school as good

21<sup>st</sup> August The practical geometry class is now showing satisfactory progress

22<sup>nd</sup> Miss Gray resumed duties this morning having been absent with influenza since the 14<sup>th</sup>

Three boys having raised 8/6d by subscription purchased a good sewn cricket ball. They are now well supplied with the requisitions for playing this national game.

4<sup>th</sup> September Window accidentally broken today by cricket ball.

11<sup>th</sup> September By permission of the chairman I shall be absent from duty for the remainder of the week

17<sup>th</sup> September During my absence the work of the school has proceeded in a very satisfactory manner. Miss Gray complained of the behaviour of Ellen Carroll but nothing occurred that would justify me in giving the girl corporal punishment

20<sup>th</sup> September Three girls withdrawn from the roll They have left for Mangahao. Considering the weather and the state of roads the attendance may be considered good.

25<sup>th</sup> September I am sorry to hear that the boy Harris Mallaban in no better. He has to undergo a serious operation in Wellington which if not successful then will be little hope of his recovery.

2<sup>nd</sup> October Received circular on drawing examination for teachers.

5<sup>th</sup> October Withdrawn one girl temporarily. She visits Longburn until the holiday.

9<sup>th</sup> October School closed on order of Board being Labour Day

12<sup>th</sup> October School Committee met. Authorised to purchase map rack.

16<sup>th</sup> October Two people withdrawn roll 36

26<sup>th</sup> October Received notice today that Miss Gray is transferred to Mauriceville West. She commences her duties there on 1<sup>st</sup> November

29<sup>th</sup> October Wrote to inspector re Miss Gray's weekly tuition. I am informed by her that Mr Joplin would prefer me to finish the year's course of lessons

30<sup>th</sup> October A very cold and wet day- only five scholars are present and these have arrived at the school drenched. The chairman directed me to send them home and close the school

2<sup>nd</sup> November Received letter from Mr Fleming stating that there would be no objection to my finishing the year's tuition with Miss Gray all parties concerned were agreeable

16<sup>th</sup> November Attendance this week has been excellent. The attendance certificates (which had been promised to all pupils who do not miss more than four half days) have spurred the children to attend school regularly

Taught the children (Soldiers of the Queen) and "Sons of the Sea"

19<sup>th</sup> October I omitted to enter a visit by the truant Inspector to the school, Mr Varnham. There were only two pupils absent on that day so his services were not much needed as far as this school goes.

21<sup>st</sup> October I informed the chairman with reference to the appointment of a sewing mistress. The matter will be dealt with by the School Committee at the next meeting.

28<sup>th</sup> October Reminded the chairman re calling tenders for the grass in the school playground. A window is broken and should be replaced without further delay. A case of insubordination by a fourth standard boy occurred this afternoon. After punishing the boy I reasoned with him privately in the porch. He appeared to feel his position keenly

3<sup>rd</sup> December A cold wet day which has seriously affected the attendance despite the promise of illuminated certificates for regular attendance. Several boys will probably be now until the Xmas vacation as they are engaged to pick up fleeces in the shearing sheds

5<sup>th</sup> December. Filled in Maori schedule – Nil

6<sup>th</sup> December One of the receptacles in the closets leaks. A new one will be required as the one referred to his rusty

7<sup>th</sup> December The School Committee met on Monday. Mowing the grass in the playground should be let by tender and the school building needs painting. This matter should be brought under the notices of the Board

10<sup>th</sup> December I return to bring before the Committee this evening the desirability of keeping a small stock of school requisites which would increase their income by about a pound a year.

14<sup>th</sup> December received word from the Wellington Education Board notifying that the school must be kept open until the afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst. I wrote two parents re absence of their children

17<sup>th</sup> December Received a letter from Mr F Kummer concerning the boy Bail Young which must be attended to where necessary

Owing to the tyre of my bicycle being punctured I arrived at school ten minutes late this afternoon. The clock was put back to 1.30 p m.

## 1901

28th January School reopened at 9.00, 30 children were present

At 11.30 the telegraphist sent word that the Proclamation of Prince Edward as King would be made at 12.00 at this day noon and that the Cabinet requested that all schools throughout the colony should have a holiday I accordingly with the consent of the chairman dismissed the children for the day

I sincerely trust the immediate break in the school routine will not effect the attendance for the week

1<sup>st</sup> February Mrs Kay received notice that she was appointed sewing mistress at a salary of £5

4<sup>th</sup> February I appointed today four boys to clear the footpaths of weeds

11<sup>th</sup> February Visiting Imperial Troops holiday given by permission of the Chairman of the Board

12<sup>th</sup> February Roll 40

15<sup>th</sup> February Several pupils are absent from school grass seeding and sledging firewood.

20<sup>th</sup> February Masterton Show day

Today was sewing day and as the children are behind with their work, the sewing mistress (Mrs Kay) has Arranged to take them on Friday

26<sup>th</sup> February The Board's carpenter visited the school and I brought under the notice the need of the school being painted

8<sup>th</sup> March The boys have now lost three cricket balls in the drain running along the main road. Unless they choose to find another ball at their own cost the game must not be continued any further

11<sup>th</sup> March School Committee met and fixed Friday for the annual picnic A paddock has been kindly offered by Mr Brenchley

14<sup>th</sup> March A very wet day, less than half being present. The picnic has been postponed until Saturday as the grass will be too wet to hold it tomorrow

16<sup>th</sup> March The annual school Picnic was held today Saturday. The weather was fine, but threatening. The children seemed to enjoy themselves

Races were run for prizes in money, games were indulged in and the Refreshments provided were acceptable for the occasion

22<sup>nd</sup> March Several children in the village who are of school age but under seven do not attend any school. On enquiry I find that attendance is not compulsory under seven years of age

9<sup>th</sup> April After Easter 36/39 present

15<sup>th</sup> April Examination held today by Mr Bakewell, all scholars present except one, who is absent through influenza

16<sup>th</sup> April School closed. Examination Holiday which by resolution of the Board has been declared legal

T R Fleming wrote

- a) Singing satisfactory
- b) Needlework Good
- c) Drill Poles Good
- d) I was quite satisfied as to the quality of instruction
- e) The work being even and the passes strong 24/26
- f) The loss of the pupil teacher through decline in attendance will necessarily throw a great deal of work for the teacher

19<sup>th</sup> April Promoted the scholars to their respective standard and ordered the readers required

26<sup>th</sup> April Mrs Kummer sent word that her children will attend the Mangamahoe School as she prefers them to be under a female teacher

Basil and Mary Young withdrawn from the roll

20<sup>th</sup> May Received a communication from School Committee re patriotic soup being prepared by children on the occasion of hoisting the flag. The School Committee has ordered a flagpole and I understand the Board will provide a flag gratis

24<sup>th</sup> My Upper Standards examined in Reading and Arithmetic and a prize was given to the first in each standard.

31<sup>st</sup> May Received circular re midwinter holiday beginning earlier on account of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York

5<sup>th</sup> June Several members are desirous of Flag being hoisted on arrival of the Royal Visitors Mr Harrop has kindly promised to have the flag staff erected by the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. The Board's flag will not be to hand one will be borrowed from Masterton,

11<sup>th</sup> June Received Telegram from local postmaster re hoisting of flag. School children assembled outside and sang the National Anthem and a member of the School Committee, Mr H Hoffins made a few appropriate remarks after which the children were dismissed by the consent of the committee

14<sup>th</sup> June Wrote Secretary to the effect that there were no boys in this school who had received sufficient military training to take advantage of the Governments offer to take cadets to Christchurch to attend the military review in Hagley Park

14<sup>th</sup> June Decided by the Committee that the flag should remain hoisted during the time the Royal Guests are in New Zealand

5<sup>th</sup> July The school has not been scrubbed as usual during the Mid winter vacation. The chairman informs me that he has made an arrangement to have it cleaned out tomorrow

8<sup>th</sup> July Mr Bakewell paid an Inspection visit today.

9<sup>th</sup> July I this day punished a boy for truancy and falsehood. A second reader will have to be purchased for the standards and out of Committee's capitation as the inspector strongly recommended

The case of a second reader. I shall bring the matter under the notice of the School Committee at their regular meeting tomorrow

12<sup>th</sup> July The chairman informs me that the Board has declared Arbour day a holiday which is to be commemorated on Wednesday next



16<sup>th</sup> July Received a classified list of teachers in the colony

19<sup>th</sup> July Very wet and miserable day- attendance low. Mrs Kay will postpone her sewing lessons on this account until Monday. I have consulted the chairman as to the legality of postponing the Sewing Lesson and he endorsed my action.

23<sup>rd</sup> July The School Committee has voted two pounds to supply standards with a second reader I have not yet decided whether it is a geographical reader or Historical Reader. I have written to Wellington for a sample

26<sup>th</sup> July I had to express my dissatisfaction with the manner in which the rooms have been swept and dusted lately and I have threatened to appoint other pupils to do these dusters unless an improvement is made

9<sup>th</sup> August The rivalry between the girls and boys to obtain 5 minutes extra playtime has had a beneficial effect on the attendance this week. The windows were left open by the girls who sweep the school. This was on Wednesday last. I propose appointing two others at the end of the current month owing to their carelessness. Received circular of technical Classes to be opened in Wellington shortly. The sewing is making good progress and will be finished long before the annual examination

Several gaps in the fence required to be filled up by planting of new trees.

14<sup>th</sup> August The Committee met this evening I have asked that the School Hours should be 9 to 12 and 1 to 3. This arrangement would be more convenient for a majority of families

16<sup>th</sup> August The attendance this week has been very poor owing to influenza every half day it has been under half the roll number.

21<sup>st</sup> August School was closed on Monday and Tuesday owing to my being laid up with influenza

By authority of the School Committee School will now be open at 9.00 and finish at 3.00

Inspectors Report of July 8<sup>th</sup> by F H Bakewell

- a) The buildings have been repainted and the roof and spouting repaired
- b) There are at least a dozen spare desks which at the moment are only in the teacher's way Three of them require repairing.
- c) The log book might receive more attention
- d) The attendance was very poor but the day was cold and wet and eight desks were sent to Mauriceville West yesterday by authority of the Board's Clerk of Works

30<sup>th</sup> August Mr Farmer's family of children have been attending very irregularly of late. I have brought the matter under the notice of the chairman who promised to see into it

Influenza appears to have spent itself in the district. Paper boxes are required for each shelter shed.

6<sup>th</sup> September Fair progress has been made in the standards. V11 to 111 with the Windsor Historical Readers. Nine lessons have been read and explained. The language is rather difficult for the 111 and 1V pupils but I am in hopes that the explanatory remarks will secure an intelligent comprehension of the lesson. The V11 and V1 have this week worked sums in stocks, the V proportion, 1V Practice and easy invoices, and the 111 compound Rules

A box of chalk is required

10<sup>th</sup> September Attendance fair and weather delightful, but for influenza several would be present who are absent. The railway ganger has fired the long grass at the back of the school with my consent

17<sup>th</sup> September Owing to a severe attack of sciatica I could not discharge my duties this afternoon, and therefore placed the Standards in charge of two seventh standards

21<sup>st</sup> September Children today recited poems which they had learnt of their own free will.

One of the lavatory seats has been broken. I have not succeeded in finding out the culprit. A couple of nails will prevent further damage being done. During the gale on Monday and Tuesday last. Two of the trees that border the playground were blown down.

26<sup>th</sup> September Brought under the notice of the chairman that two of the trees have been uprooted by the recent gales.

27<sup>th</sup> September About nine pupils in the various standards gave recitations this afternoon which they had prepared of their own their own accord

The sewing is well advanced for this time of the year.

Many of the girls are knitting stockings in addition to the sewing required by the regulation

The drain which is on the North side of the playground should be covered in, but the cost I fear will be prohibitive

Last year the boys lost full half a dozen cricket balls in the drains. It is also difficult to keep the little boys from paddling in the water, especially in the dinner hour when I am absent

4<sup>th</sup> October Several of the girls have been repeatedly absent on Friday afternoons which interferes with the progress of the sewing

A fourth standard boy broke a window by accident this week He brought recompense to buy a new pane of glass

18<sup>th</sup> October The children have taken greater interest in outdoor games during the present week than they have done for many months past. I am pleased to see this as it freshens them up for mental work when they come into school

25<sup>th</sup> October Mr Harrop a member of the School Committee has kindly presented the school with four rounders bats, nicely made.

Received memo from the Board requiring for the Christian name of the sewing Teacher. The flag provided by the Board has arrived It is the Union Jack with the New Zealand ensign of the Southern Cross. The material is good and the flag well stitched

1<sup>st</sup> November Ann Farrier is now living in Pahiatua the School Committee have therefore no powers over her in reference to her attendance at school.

The standards are now working examples in arithmetic from the Teacher's Aid which is excellent practice owing to the great variety of the sums- given the answers being given, this saves a considerable amount of the teacher's time.

8<sup>th</sup> November No word has been received in reference for a holiday for the King's Birthday. I have mentioned it to the School Committee that the school flag should be hoisted tomorrow but I think the Committee will postpone the hoisting on account of having a little ceremony at the unfurling of the flag.

15<sup>th</sup> November The School Committee authorised me to purchase slates for the infant class, also to get two new window catches and a pane of glass for the North Window

The school clocks requires repairing. I will take it to Masterton.

22<sup>nd</sup> November One or two boys are away fleece picking, the occupation well paid, the boys earn their money for Xmas. I have occasion to punish a girl in the third standard for untruthfulness yesterday. The case was very bad one indeed, and afterwards gave a lesson on Truthfulness to the whole school which I have hopes will be remembered by the children

The house work has been attended to much better this week than usual.

Mrs Kay could not give her weekly sewing lesson this afternoon owing to sickness, she will give two hours this week

26<sup>th</sup> November Received circular notifying that Mr Parkinson of Greytown had requested that his name be withdrawn from the committee's testimonial re Mr Larsen's Testimonial

29<sup>th</sup> November Several repairs are needed which must be brought under the notice of the chairman. Slates are required for the infants The V11 standard have worked problems in the Mature System during the arithmetic hour this week.

Many boys are absent from school for fleece picking

6<sup>th</sup> December The clock has been repaired at a cost of 10/- and now keeps excellent time. This morning a new pane of glass was put in the North Window. On several occasion lately the attendance has been less than half the numbers on the roll

There are only six present this afternoon to receive a sewing lesson The weather has been very hot and oppressive this week. On this account many of the little ones whose attendance is not compulsory have been absent this week.

Three boys are away fleece picking which is a violation of the school attendance

Inventory of School furniture and appliances for the year ending 1901 included

31	Dual Desks	1	Infant Desk
1	Table	2	Teacher's Desks
3	Cupboards	1	Science Chest
3	Cane Chairs	1	Eight Day Clock
1	Map Frame	3	Easels
5	Blackboards	1	School Bell
1	BBD Shapes		Maps
	Historical Cartoons	1	Spherical Globe

1	Fruit Chart	1	Bacon's Drawing Charts
1	Set Tin Models	3	Dozen pole Sticks
56	Earthenware inkwells	20	Pairs Clubs
	Kindergarten Appliances		

13<sup>th</sup> December As the attendance is so low I have allowed the boys and girls to play rounders together during the past weeks which is a privilege they appear to enjoy very much

I cautioned the boys with reference to their conduct and language, and so long as their behaviour is satisfactory the privilege will be allowed. Mr J Goodgame has bought the grass growing in the playground and will harvest it during the holidays

16<sup>th</sup> December A very wet and windy day. The rain is welcome after the long drought. 17 Present

20<sup>th</sup> December School dismissed for the Xmas Vacation

## 1902

27<sup>th</sup> January School opened today Present 38 and roll 41

31<sup>st</sup> January No word has been received from Board re employment of Mrs Kay, she will continue

Mr Harrop has offered a good prize for the highest attendance during the year

7<sup>th</sup> February Attendance quite satisfactory, discipline improved and House Work commendable

Received circular from Board intimating that pending decision of the Government concerning various points raise in the interpretation of the Colonial Scale Act, all salaries in excess of colonial will be adjusted by the end of this month

Grass and the Nettles which have grown during the holidays around the school need cutting

14<sup>th</sup> February Roll 43 The brambles in the school playground must be cut down. The Committee have decided to have the drain cleaned out as many cricket balls have been lost in the drain during the past three weeks.

14<sup>th</sup> February A seventh standard was withdrawn this week. He intends going to the Masterton District High School. The school was closed on Wednesday being show day at Masterton

21<sup>st</sup> February Grass round the school buildings requires cutting. The drain has not yet been cleaned out. The School Committee will decide on what days the N Z ensign flag will be hoisted.

28<sup>th</sup> February Wrote to inspector re assistance in school. Attendance is excellent. The offer of special prizes has so far proved highly successful as fully 60% of the roll number have made full attendance since the school opened

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1902. Catherine Grey, Mauriceville to Featherston Pupil Teacher Colonial Scale PP

7<sup>th</sup> March Withdrawn a V11 standard from the roll. He now attends High School at Masterton

14<sup>th</sup> March The Drain has been cleaned out and the brambles cut down. I was authorised to the requisite stationery for the examinations. Mrs Kay received notice from the Board terminating her engagement as Sewing Mistress as from May 31<sup>st</sup>. The boys have cleaned the grass round the school buildings which is an improvement

21<sup>st</sup> March The attendance is excellent. The strict average 43. Special Time was devoted this week to music, drill, maps and recitations

26<sup>th</sup> March There was one failure at the Annual Examination which was held today Mr Fleming

4<sup>th</sup> April Three girls were withdrawn from the school roll this week. Two of them are going to the District High School. The other has gone to service but has an exemption certificate

14<sup>th</sup> April On arriving at school this morning I found that the notice, inviting the householders to elect a School Committee for the ensuing year had been torn down. There is no sign of the printed notice to be found in the playground, proving that it is the work of larrikins in the village. I have not succeeded in obtaining the Royal Crown Readers yet. There are none in Wellington or Masterton

Examination Report

Standard 7: 2 pupils 2 passed

17<sup>th</sup> April Received two more placards from Board re Annual Meeting of Householders to elect a committee

18<sup>th</sup> April Mrs Kay gave a double lesson in sewing today. Last Friday was wet and several girls were absent the lesson was given today

I am satisfied with the work of the two boys appointed to sweep the schoolroom

12<sup>th</sup> May Received the inspector's Annual Report.

16<sup>th</sup> May For four half days this week less than half the roll which will not affect the average for the quarter.

With all the standards but little time can be given evenly to Blackboard Teaching

The School Committee held its regular meeting on Monday last. As there was no special business I did not attend

23<sup>rd</sup> May The sixth standard have during the week taken decimals, the fifth Vulgar Fractions and the Fourth Practices. Two or three loads of gravel required for the boys shed.

30<sup>th</sup> May Attendance good and much improvement perceptible in the attire and cleanliness of the children, owing to a few remarks I made last week.

26<sup>th</sup> May Peace declared Half holiday given by the chairman

13<sup>th</sup> June Wrote School Committee suggesting that a few dozen trees should be purchased and planted on Arbour day as there are several gaps in the school boundary which required planting

16<sup>th</sup> June Notified that school will break up week earlier, a weeks extra holiday granted to the children on account of the King's Coronation

20<sup>th</sup> June Brought under notice the chairman that the Flagpole will require putting right in order that the flag may be hoisted for the 26<sup>th</sup> the day of the coronation

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July School was closed these two days owing to my illness, Influenza, which is a drawback to the school interests as no substitute is provided and the children of course lose their schooling  
21<sup>st</sup> July Resumed my duties today and trust the risk I am returning will not cause a relapse.

22<sup>nd</sup> July The roll number will be decreased by five shortly, the Station master and his family having been transferred to Mangaohu the present terminal of the North Island main Trunk Railway

31<sup>st</sup> July The holiday for Coronation Day has been left to the School Committee to decide whether it should be observed on the 8<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> August

1<sup>st</sup> August No action has been taken with reference to the repair of the culvert at the entrance to the school playground

9<sup>th</sup> August I hoisted the flag in honour of coronation (8<sup>th</sup> was a school holiday)

11<sup>th</sup> August A very violent gale blew throughout Saturday night, the flag staff was blown down and the flag torn by the ventilator

22<sup>nd</sup> August Two other families are leaving for the Wairere to follow dairying pursuits. I hear that several children from Mauriceville West will attend this school soon

29<sup>th</sup> August As more kilns are to be constructed and more men employed, I hope this will be the means of increasing the roll number which now stands at 36 (*Kilns for lime burning*)

5<sup>th</sup> September The chairman has attended to repairs of culvert leading to school gates. Several loads of metal are needed for the wet weather sheds.

11<sup>th</sup> September Wrote to Secretary of Education Department re material of flag which was torn on Coronation Night during a gale by beating about the ventilator

9<sup>th</sup> September Mr McIvor brought his sons to school and whipped the youngest in the porch for swearing at him.

22<sup>nd</sup> September Sent New Zealand Ensign to Secretary of Education Department for repairs. Wet cold and stormy weather. About 20 feet of 8 x 1 rough boards are required for the boy's wet weather shed. The standards were examined in Reading, dictation, spelling and writing on Friday Morning last.

26<sup>th</sup> September Snow several inches thick. There are several cases of measles amongst the school children has also effected the attendance

1<sup>st</sup> October Received flag, the New Zealand Ensign from Wellington. Repairs to same 3/-

3<sup>rd</sup> October Remitted Postal Note No 097740 Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1902 to Secretary Education Department payable to Mr Enright ?

10<sup>th</sup> October Several cases of measles has lowered the average attendance. The epidemic appears to be of a mild form

14<sup>th</sup> October The School Committee agree to have the tank washed out by two of the boys in the upper standards who are each to

receive a shilling for the work. Received 2/- from Secretary for lead pencils and erasers

17<sup>th</sup> October The Upper Standards will learn Hilton's L'Allegro, Il Penseroso, and Shakespearean On Wolsey's fall and Mark Anthony's Speech for the annual examination. They were already reading these with fair expression and I think they will find no difficulty in committing them to memory

23<sup>rd</sup> October School was not opened this morning till 9-15 owing to an accident I had in cycling to school

The attendance is very low, measles and influenza are prevalent in the village

24<sup>th</sup> October With the consent of the Chairman and Secretary I have engaged Mr Jensen the blacksmith to clean the school spouting. The children state that the tank water has an unpleasant taste and as the spouting has not been cleaned for years

28<sup>th</sup> October The spouting at the back of the school was cleaned today, I have inspected the troughs, but they are far from being clean of debris. Several children are absent owing to measles

7<sup>th</sup> November I this day served Mr P McIvor with a final notice requesting him to send his sons regularly to school forthwith. The notice was delivered by Arnold Goodgame. McIvor was absent from home so the notice was not served.

25<sup>th</sup> November School closed general election, the school was used as a polling booth

Roll 41

12<sup>th</sup> December. The School Committee has authorised me to purchase the attendance prizes which will be presented by the chairman next week on breaking day. The Secretary undertook to write to Mr Harrop re the prize he promised at the beginning of the year

16<sup>th</sup> December A pupil has asked for leave of absence to go fleece picking and as he attended very regularly throughout the year I have consented to him doing so, but I fear this is a violation of the regulations

The attendance is keeping up very well, owing to the offering of illuminated certificates to all pupils who make full attendances during the last month of the year.

19<sup>th</sup> December School dismissed for Xmas Vacation this afternoon. The chairman presented six attendance prizes and 11 attendance certificates.

## 1903

26<sup>th</sup> January School reopened today. The weather was very wet and stormy

30<sup>th</sup> January Much of the work done last year in Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography must be gone over again, as the children appear to have forgotten what they were taught in these subjects

2<sup>nd</sup> February Closed school few minutes earlier to catch 2.51 train to Masterton

5<sup>th</sup> February School closed by order of the School Committee on account of the Band Contest in Masterton

12<sup>th</sup> February Posted return to the Requiring House in reference to Bessie Brown

13<sup>th</sup> February Home lessons are not prepared

Special attention given to music and drill during the week

17<sup>th</sup> February Forwarded information to receiving House concerning Bessie Brown as desired.

20<sup>th</sup> February Lectures the school children on cleanliness and intimated to them that they must pay more attention to the skin in future.

24<sup>th</sup> February Brought to the notice of the chairman the necessity of having the trees round the boundary of the playground trimmed.

27<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Brown returned 6 library books which have been out for months. Scarlet Fever has appeared in Mauriceville The children of the family are prohibited from attending school until all danger of infection is over.

5<sup>th</sup> March Two boys readmitted today. George and Reginald McIvor

6<sup>th</sup> March New pupil in second standard. She has been attending Masterton Infant School

Roll number Now 42

13<sup>th</sup> march Informed Mr Farmer whose children have had the scarlet fever that they would not be allowed to attend school for several weeks yet.

I brought under the notice of the chairman the necessity of having the gate posts at the main entrance placed in proper position so that the children can come through the gate instead of over the fence.

20<sup>th</sup> March The School Committee arranged to have the school scrubbed for Examination Day

27<sup>th</sup> March I closed school half an hour earlier this afternoon owing to my little boy Alexander having a large fishhook embedded in his foot, which demanded surgical skill to extract the hook. I propose taking him to Masterton by the three o'clock train

3<sup>rd</sup> April Inspection by Mr Bakewell., Roll 44 Attended 42

27<sup>th</sup> April received two circulars from the Board asking me to forward names of new committee and also directing teachers to ignore fractions when making up monthly and quarterly returns

1<sup>st</sup> May Taught a new song When the Rosy Morn Appearing. Infants now know their letters pretty well. I have ordered first primer for them

8<sup>th</sup> May Punished a boy severely for biting another boy's leg. Evidently, it was a determined effort to bite out a piece of flesh

15<sup>th</sup> May Withdrawn two pupils. One intends going to the Catholic Day School at Masterton and the other has left the district

22<sup>nd</sup> May The firewood is now almost finished and the two cords ordered must be brought without any further delay. Interviewed the chairman concerning the same.

25<sup>th</sup> May Empire Day. School closed

9<sup>th</sup> May Inspectors Report included

- a) In addition the irregular attendance the teacher has to contend with a shifting population.
- b) More than half the children on the roll have been admitted since the last examination
- c) In the circumstances I consider Mr Kay's results commendable

16<sup>th</sup> June Saw the chairman with reference to the trees being cut and the branches trimmed. He has arranged for Mr C Jensen to do the work

24<sup>th</sup> June School was closed today. I was confined to bed with Sciatica. Mrs Kay wrote the Secretary and Chairman advising them of My Absence

28<sup>th</sup> July The discipline must improve or I cannot give the lessons the standards must have. All deprived of play today for talking and playfulness

31<sup>st</sup> July One pupil withdrawn from the Roll. He has removed to Tauranga

7<sup>th</sup> August Standard V1 commenced roots and prefixes and all classes down to the third standard had three lessons in science this week

11<sup>th</sup> August The boy Wild is forbidden to come to school until he is quite clear of whooping cough

28<sup>th</sup> August The work this week has been good. The children have been diligent and careful in their work.

4<sup>th</sup> September I spoke to the children with reference to cleanliness as several appear in the morning as if they had not washed themselves. I think the more attention to this matter will be sufficient, as I have rarely have occasion to find fault in this direction

10<sup>th</sup> September New pupil enrolled. Girls roll is 19. One girl over 7 living in the village does not attend school, but as the family propose moving to Mangamahoe I have not brought the matter under the notice of the Truant officer for the district

25<sup>th</sup> September Several Children are in the habit of playing in the sale yards during dinner recess, also of getting over the fence at the South West Corner of the playground instead of entering the premises by the gate. I spoke about these and threatened punishment for any further breach of the school rules.

2<sup>nd</sup> September School was closed four days. The teacher bring laid up with Influenza

5<sup>th</sup> October Mr Bakewell visited the school this afternoon and stayed about an hour. He entered particulars with reference to Roll number, number present etc.

9<sup>th</sup> October Attendance this week good. Home work improved

13<sup>th</sup> October Boys were allowed to clear away grass and weeds around the school

16<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Masterton Industrial Exhibition

23<sup>rd</sup> October Two boys withdrawn having moved to Mangatainoka

30<sup>th</sup> October First Primers class were given new books this morning. The Imperial Second Primer

17<sup>th</sup> November Clock requires repair. Fingers are too loose

20<sup>th</sup> November One or two boys are absent fleece picking and others are laid up with bad colds

27<sup>th</sup> November School Committee decided to have a turnstile erected next to the front gate and also to have the iron roping (Which projects over the spouting) cut. This will enable the boys to clean the troughs (Gutter) quickly when the water in the tank becomes oppressive

4<sup>th</sup> December Several girls away planting potatoes. As they have attended very well throughout the year I have not reported the matter

11<sup>th</sup> December Mr Cameron kindly sent 10/- as a subscription to the attendance prize Fund

18<sup>th</sup> December School dismissed this afternoon for the Xmas vacation. The chairman distributed the prizes for regular attendance

## 1904

25<sup>th</sup> January Roll 32. I impressed upon the children the importance of coming to school regularly

29<sup>th</sup> January Owing to several cases of sickness the attendance has not been as good as I would like

The truant officer has notified me that he will visit the School on Tuesday next, and this will very likely increase the attendance

19<sup>th</sup> February The school was closed on Wednesday for the Masterton Agricultural Show

The spouting can now be kept clean as the School Committee have had the roofing cut which projected over the troughing and prevented it from being washed out



26<sup>th</sup> February The second primer were promoted to the first standard this morning and new readers were used for the first time. I fear the class as a standard will scarcely be ready for the inspector this year

4<sup>th</sup> March I am sorry to hear that several children are absent through measles If the epidemic should spread it would be very detrimental to the results at the annual examination

11<sup>th</sup> March Mumps debar four children from attendance at school The number present the whole week has been less than half the number on the roll.

18<sup>th</sup> March School closed yesterday because of St Patricks Day

25<sup>th</sup> March The new turnstile is a great convenience to children in passing in and out of the school premises

31<sup>st</sup> March Children seem very anxious in the Standards to succeed this year

22<sup>nd</sup> April Mr T R Fleming inspector wrote

- a) Mr Kay will ask the School Committee to appoint a sewing teacher
- b) The capitation will be 10/- per head (Average attendance of girls)
- c) One form is sent to the Department who pays the bill
- d) Will discuss the new syllabus with Mr Kay and make suggestions after the examination is finished

25<sup>th</sup> April Examination Holiday. I brought under the notice of the chairman the state of the entrance gate. One of the posts is giving way which prevents the latch from catching. The ground at the back of the school should be drained.

6<sup>th</sup> May Three girls and two boys were withdrawn from school this week The sixth standard boy Brodarsen is above 14 years of age So I cannot compel his attendance at school I much regret his father has decided to put him to work. Until the children are provided with

their new readers, the work for the ensuing year- cannot be proceeded with

13<sup>th</sup> may The attendance this week has been excellent. It is evident that the prospect of receiving attendance certificates in December next is having a stimulating effect upon he children

20<sup>th</sup> May Firewood for the winter months should now be supplied by the School Committee and two new window fasteners are required. There is nothing of interest to record in reference to the general work of the school

27<sup>th</sup> May The school closed on Tuesday for Empire day. Owing to the weather being very wet and miserable the Chairman agreed with me that the singing of the National Anthem and the ceremony of saluting the flag should take place on the Monday Afternoon and as many children come from a good distance it was thought unkind to hem to compel them to walk so far for so a short a time at school

I gave a lesson on Patriotism and also dealt with the triumphs of Victoria's reign

3<sup>rd</sup> June School was closed on Friday being a prescribed holiday. The Prince of Wales Birthday. I hoisted the flag

10<sup>th</sup> June. The gate can now be fastened properly. The chairman informs me that the School Committee on Wednesday evening decided to have a drain made to connect with the one in front of the school. This will be the means of keeping the piles of the school quite dry and in better preservation. I purchased a new cord for the flag. The old one being rotten

T R Flemings Report included

- a) Roll 42
- b) 24 children passed two failed both Standard 1
- c) Science. Physiology satisfactory
- d) Drill exercise Poles good

- e) Since the last examination 20 children about half the troll have been admitted
- f) Taking this into consideration some of the work done was very good
- g) One good feature was the intelligent treatment of all English

Classes (Byron's Prisoner of Chillon) in the Upper Standards

17<sup>th</sup> June I regret to say that one or two families contemplate removing further North which will reduce my roll numbers considerably

24<sup>th</sup> June I again brought under notice of the Chairman the necessity of having the ground behind the school properly drained as all the water runs off under the school which in time will rot the piles.

25<sup>th</sup> July The School Committee have decided to have flower beds in front of the school. The two drains leading down to the main entrance will be covered in and flower beds laid out on each side. I intend allotting a green space to each girl in the Senior Standards and to award a prize for the best garden at the end of the season.

14<sup>th</sup> August Attendance poor. Six inches of snow on the ground. I had arranged for Mr Wallis the Photographer to take a photo of the children today but with two thirds of them absent, postponement is unavoidable

9<sup>th</sup> August Today at 10.23 a m there was a violent earthquake lasting almost a minute. The chimney came down flush with the iron roof. The tank was twisted out of its place and wrenched open at the joints. The children were very much scared and school work was suspended for the morning as many of the children were anxious to learn how their homes had fared during the shake. School was opened at 1 00 in the afternoon.

19<sup>th</sup> August The Secretary advised the Board of the damage done by the earthquake and doubtless repairs will be effected as soon as the Board's Carpenter pays a visit to the district

The clock fingers are loose and it will required to send to Masterton before it can be used again.

12<sup>th</sup> August School was closed on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst as it was impossible for me to walk to school and I was confined to my bedroom for the week

26<sup>th</sup> August A new mug was purchased to be used by the children when they require a drink

1<sup>st</sup> September I much regret having to enter my absence from duty again owing to a chronic complaint from which I have suffered for years. It was absolutely impossible for me to walk to school after diner recess and I had to retire to my bedroom.

9<sup>th</sup> September I notified the children that all unsatisfactory absences would in future be reported at the end of each month to the truant officer. I have little course of complaint as the children mainly make the number of weekly attendances required by the act

16<sup>th</sup> September Mr Brown who has the contract for attending to the out houses is now in hospital and substitute must be found until he is recovered from his illness.

23<sup>rd</sup> September. The chimney has been rebuilt and tank repaired. The work has faithfully been done by a member of the School Committee

30<sup>th</sup> November The receptacles in the girls toilet should be emptied oftener

I reproved several of the upper standards girls for playing in the wet grass and also for climbing the trees bordering the playground

3<sup>rd</sup> October As no girl was willing to take the sweeping I have consented to my own daughter Winnie (*Aged about 11*) sharing the

work with Winnie McKeown. Mr Goodgame, a School Committee member has volunteered to put in box drains in leading down to the gate,

7<sup>th</sup> October Owing to the heavy gale the school was closed two days this week. On Tuesday 5 children arrived at school drenched to the skin. I sent them home at once and wrote to the Board telling them what I done

On Friday no child attended and as the storm was worse than yesterday I returned home.

21<sup>st</sup> October Mr Bakewell paid a surprise visit and gave me a good insight into the requirements of the new syllabus

The Committee met and decided to ask the Board to authorise the expense of having a new bottom put in the water tanks. No amount of soldering will repair it as the galvanised iron is rusted in many places.

27<sup>th</sup> October As required by the board I gave a special lesson on Trafalgar Day and the children afterwards saluted the flag. The board has authorised the expenditure of 22/6d to repair the tank. The weather this week has affected the attendance the weekly average being 34

11<sup>th</sup> November The roll is now 45. But will shortly be reduced as several will be leaving before the Xmas Holidays

The School Committee met last night.

They decided to call tenders for the grass. And the amount received for it must be used for gravelling the footpaths in the playground

11<sup>th</sup> November The school was closed on the 9<sup>th</sup> being the King's Birthday

18<sup>th</sup> November The boys have been told off in squads during the week to fill up the drains.

Several slates are required for the lower standards.

I have arranged with the manager of the Lime Kilns to have all footpaths and weather sheds gravelled.

The ventilators are out of order as during a storm the rain comes through them

25<sup>th</sup> November Boys have been sent out during the week to wheel soil for the flower beds leading to the main entrance.

The tank is now empty through a leak. I will try to patch it up so as to make it answer until the holidays

It has to be then sent to Masterton to have a new bottom soldered on. I intend to have the inside of the closets whitewashed and paths three wide made leading up to them

2<sup>nd</sup> December One pupil was admitted during the week from the Mauriceville West School. He will however be returning in a few weeks time.

The footpaths are now clear of weeds and the drains are filled up with soil.

9<sup>th</sup> December Nine loads of gravel have been spread on the footpaths and in the wet weather sheds.

The water tank will be sent to Masterton in the holidays to be repaired.

The firewood was carried out of the wet weather shed to the dividing fence as the fine weather has now come.

Both boys and girls have occasionally been allowed to rake and spread the gravel on the footpaths.

## 1905

23<sup>rd</sup> January Several of the boys have lost their readers over the holiday and this is inconvenient during reading lessons

The school excursion to Woodville passed off very successfully. The boys made good use of the fine swimming bath which was built in commemoration of the King's accession to the throne

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1905 The children attending the Mauriceville schools made an excursion to Woodville, yesterday, leaving by special train, at seven o'clock, in the morning. About 120 children, and a great number of parents, took part, and arrived at Woodville about ten o'clock, where they held a picnic, and indulged in juvenile sports, prizes being provided by the Mauriceville East School Committee, Mr Kay, the headmaster of the above school, had charge of the excursion, and, with Mrs Kay, was indefatigable in seeing to all the children's comforts, both while in Woodville and in the train on the up and down journey. The children embarked for the return trip at 6.30 p.m., and arrived at the Mauriceville Station at 9.45 p.m., all thoroughly satisfied with their outing, but very tired; in fact, many of the little ones were asleep during the last couple of hours in the train. It would have been much more convenient if the return trip had been made a couple of hours earlier, as it was rather a long day for the little ones, many of them being up at five o'clock, and not getting to bed till eleven o'clock, How- this may be the means of getting this rectified on a future occasion, PP

2<sup>nd</sup> February I find that the holidays have put the children back fully a month and February will be devoted entirely to back work and recapulation

The chairman presented the attendance prizes this afternoon for the past year, three pupils succeeded in making the required number of attendances to receive a good prize

10<sup>th</sup> February I regret to record that five pupils have been withdrawn and sent to another school. On mentioning the matter to the father of the children, he informed me that the Truant Officer had written him

threatening to take proceedings unless his children were sent regularly to school. Evidently he has taken offence over the matter and makes his children walk a mile further to another school so that he may be out of the prescribed distance and escape the binding clauses of the attendance act.

17<sup>th</sup> February The school was closed on Wednesday for the annual agricultural show. Two new pupils are enrolled but their parents are not permanently settled in the district. As soon as the father can find a suitable section of land they will of course be leaving the district

24<sup>th</sup> February Received 19<sup>th</sup> October 1904 Inspector's report.

Included

- a) Roll 40
- b) Mr Kay's long experience as a teacher will enable him to pick the work of the new syllabus with little difficulty
- c) Considerable improvements have been made by the School Committee
- d) The drains on each side of the path are to be boxed in also gravel should be put in and the latrines
- e) The latter would be benefited by a coat of whitewash inside.

24<sup>th</sup> February The weather during the past week has been dry and warm No pole drill was given this week- the rays of the sun being too powerful. One pupil has gone on a visit South and will be absent for five weeks

3<sup>rd</sup> March 5 pupils were withdrawn from school. The family removing to Wellington

The boys attend much better than the girls. The tank has not been repaired yet, although the Board has authorised the expenditure. The out buildings should be whitewashed. Footpaths should be made to these outbuildings, the wet grass in winter weather often causing boys to have colds, toothache

10<sup>th</sup> March two girls One boy were withdrawn during the week. The roll stands at 33.

I attended the regular meeting of the School Committee and brought the requirements of the school under their notice. The sum of 30/- was voted to purchase garden tools and it was resolved to provide a padlock for the front gate.

17<sup>th</sup> March I received word from the Board to take charge at Hamua on the 1<sup>st</sup> Prox. Mrs Kay gave the usual sewing lesson today

The clock was sent to Masterton for repairs necessary. Several desks in the school require attention. The boys are unable to lower their slates into their desks as there are no shelves for the slates to rest upon

24<sup>th</sup> March A padlock for the front gate have been provided. The garden tools have not been purchased. The present roll is 33. 19 Boys and 14 Girls.

3<sup>rd</sup> April Took charge this day. Mr Fuller

F H Bakewell Inspector inspected the school. Included

- a) Owing to Mr Kay having shifted to Hamua I found difficulty in picking up the thread of the work
- b) Mr Fuller who has been in temporary charge since Monday gave me every assistance in his power.
- c) I have recommended Mr Fuller pay especial attention to English and Arithmetic

8<sup>th</sup> May MR H H Dyer Took temporary charge of the school

30<sup>th</sup> June Resign charge of this School

3<sup>rd</sup> July Mr A Buechler took charge. Stationery and school requisites defective- slates, pencils, readers, copies, drawing books Obtained leave from School Committee to go to School Committee meetings

14<sup>th</sup> July Could not finish business in time to commence work on Monday. Work in school fair but children restless. I cannot find examination records.

21<sup>st</sup> July Received a letter from the Board inquiring if a section could be bought and demanding the size of the school ground. Am going to survey ground and make a plan to send to Board

28<sup>th</sup> July Sent plan to Board. Very bad weather and weak attendance, but poor work generally

4<sup>th</sup> August Little improvement in conduct Standards 4-6 being specially troublesome

11<sup>th</sup> August Much attention was given to writing, Mental Arithmetic, Spelling and Composition. In these subjects the weakness of the school is more remarkable than I ever before knew it anywhere. In Standard 5 ordinary addition and multiplication above 5 gave miserable results. Counting on the fingers is a universal system. Of functions even Standard VI had only a limited knowledge

18<sup>th</sup> August A key to a cupboard containing school records has turned up and I looked for the missing examination schedules. As they could not be found I acquainted the Board of the fact and asked for a copy

Discipline and work are generally improving but writing requires very much attention

25<sup>th</sup> August The week showed improvement in every department of work. The tell-tale is fast disappearing, it is now only existent in classes below Standard 3

The boys have commenced making a cricket ground

1<sup>st</sup> September The master reported to the School Committee that the attendance in the last month was 32 and he asked permission of the Chairman of the Committee permission to let the pupils thoroughly clean the school in the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup>

This was granted and the school now looks A School

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1905 The Mauriceville East School closed for a week's holiday from Friday. The children have of late been putting the flower-beds in front of the school in order, and attempting the improvement of the grounds the latter a task rather beyond their best efforts. In its present condition the playground, with its hills, gullies and terraces, is an object lesson in physical geography. The plough, harrow and roller is what is required in the first instance to level it. Perhaps the School Committee will take the hint, and organise a working bee to effect improvements. PP

September Mr Buechler, the teacher, states that the attendance of the children is most satisfactory, averaging about forty. PP

15<sup>th</sup> September During the holidays the School Committee held a meeting at which they confirmed Mrs Buechler's appointment as Sewing Mistress. Today was the first sewing lesson. Resolved to reopen drains and to help boys with their cricket ground

25<sup>th</sup> September 1905 The Mauriceville East School Committee have decided to effect some much-required improvements to the school play-ground, in the direction of draining and levelling. Mr F. O. Brodersen and family take their departure from Mauriceville en route for the Argentine, on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> inst. PP

6<sup>th</sup> October There is a great deal of season sickness among the children, Eczema, boils, vomiting without any apparent reason, headaches, hysteria..... The teacher would like to see our board and School Committee initiating the German System in regard to such slight but troublesome ailments- viz to supply a medicine chest of simple remedies to each school.

In a school like this one where the teacher is not only the teacher but the sympathising friend of the children the expense of relieving their troubles is not slight.

The teacher has begun the training of the pupils for their annual concert at dinner time and after school hours

13<sup>th</sup> October On Tuesday Mr Tennant our new inspector paid a visit to the school. The weather was bad. There was a deal of temporary ailing in the school, notably head-tooth and ear ache

A School Committee meeting postponed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> did not take place.

20<sup>th</sup> October Nelson's centenary was celebrated in a speech by the master, which was listened to with deep attention by the pupils who then hailed the flag with singing "Britannia, the pride of the Ocean" and then gave them three cheers for the memory of the hero and in Loyalty to the Empire

27<sup>th</sup> October There was a fearful storm and rainfall on Wednesday and a less than half day attendance. This was the 78<sup>th</sup> rainy day I have experienced since 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

The truant officer paid a visit on Thursday when 33 pupils were present. He complimented the teacher on the tact with which he had treated the question of occasional absences and the pupils on their regularity of attendance and explained in clear terms the provisions and penalties of the act,

3<sup>rd</sup> November More storms and rain during the week. There is some kind of indisposition among the pupils, resulting headaches.

10<sup>th</sup> November The cold of last week was succeeded by alternate frosts and heat although the attendance was good I found persistent progress impossible.

17<sup>th</sup> November The teacher started preparations for a concert and considering that every effort of every kind was voluntary and additional tax on the individual the pupils did well. 12 songs and as many recitations for the 1<sup>st</sup> part and a whole Kinderspiel for the 2<sup>nd</sup> part was a fair tax on the students energy

25<sup>th</sup> November Mr A Hogg MHR and Wellington Education Board Member paid a visit to the school with some friends all were well pleased with what they saw and heard.

27<sup>th</sup> November 1905 The Mauriceville East school has long been on the decline. Under Mr Buechler it has a good master, and it is pleasing to learn that the average is beginning to improve. It has now an attendance of forty. In the Mauriceville County the schools, unfortunately, are mostly going down. This is due partly to the fact that when the older children pass out, there are no young ones to keep up the numerical strength. But another cause is at work—the settlers are buying one another out, and the aggregation of holdings is diminishing the population. This is seriously injuring the schools and destroying the little townships PP

1<sup>st</sup> December The preparation for the concert is progressing well. Although there is no manual work put on the timetable the manufacture of the necessary paraphernalia is excellent training for the children and all take part in it.

8<sup>th</sup> December The election interferes greatly with the week's work, the excitement of the local option having communicated itself to the children

15<sup>th</sup> December. To get up a concert seems an easy matter, to get it off is not easy. If Mrs Buechler, the Sewing Mistress, had not come to the relief of the teacher, the concert would have failed- her work relieved the master from a really awkward situation. At the same time the strict obedience of the children in the Cantata Dury Dell to the note on the piano shows that the teacher's training is bearing fruit. I want here to record my opinion that emergencies show what results education really has in this case the pecuniary results were below £5, but the educational results were great and both teacher

and children have tested each other as to have the greatest respect for each other

Summary of work and remarks on same July to December written in

## 1906

Standard 6 L Brooks is losing ground through lateness

I Carroll ibid

Standard 5 V Goodgame ibid

E Farmer absent

Standard 4 P Ericksen No progress in reading and spelling

A Goodgame as above

Standard 2 A weak class

Standard 1 All Fair except R Farmer who must be put back

Infants V Hoffenis advanced in reading

Fairly Strong Pupils

Standard 6 L Buechler

Standard 5 H Mallabar

Standard 4 G Thrupp

Standard 3 A Roswell

Standard 2 M Randell

Standard 1 L Dryden, M Brooks and W Fisher

Infants V Hoffenis

Ruby Ericksen and Maurice Randell are to reported to the School Committee for obscene writing

9<sup>th</sup> February In spite of a peculiar ailment called gastric Influenza the week's attendance was good. But in the afternoon a number had to be sent home after severe retching and headaches.

Consequently the work was good in only a few cases.

16<sup>th</sup> February The first three days of the week were stormy and wet. The children were listless, Standard 5, 4 and 1 only doing good work. Received a letter from the Board in reference to the building of a teacher's residence.

23<sup>rd</sup> February The Roigards left during the week and W Hunt was registered. W Hunt started

A picnic was projected by the School Committee and Three lists were sent out.

2<sup>nd</sup> March The children mustered for their picnic. Money collected £5-17-0 To be expended in toys and food £4. Extras 50 cents. The behaviour of the children was exemplary

The inspector is to arrive on March 26<sup>th</sup> on the mail train

30<sup>th</sup> March Mr Bakewell examined the school on the 26<sup>th</sup>

Passed L Buehler Proficiency, L Brook competency

2<sup>nd</sup> April A School Committee meeting was held last night. Present: R Brooks (Chairman), Mr C Brooks Secretary, J Goodgame, W fisher, and the teacher and his wife

Mrs Buechler appointed in the regular manner as sewing mistress

Question Had Mrs Buechler been paid in the past. Decided: That she ought to be paid

Had Mrs Buechler carried out all the work demanded by the Board

No! But she would do so in the future

A matter of prizes was discussed and the teacher was directed to carry out the Committee's Order. That all classes should have at least one prize allocated to them

The library was inspected without comment

The question of the Teacher's residence was discussed and like all topics before the meeting it was passed mem.con

A cord of firewood was ordered.

The inspector expressed himself as shocked re R Erickson and Maurice Randall-- Re their expulsion

12<sup>th</sup> April On Wednesday the Chairman and Secretary presented the prizes, purchased by the teacher. After complimenting the teacher the good value of money invested by him for the purpose, the prizes were allocated. After a few remarks from the Chairman and cheers of the children for the Committee the work of the school resumed. The whole family of Ericksons (3) left this school for Mauriceville West during the week

Classes rearranged as per passes

Standard 7 L Buechler, L Brooks Extra Subjects Algebra and Latin

Inspector's notes included

- a) All slates to be ready ruled double
- b) Spelling to be harder worked
- c) Roll 35
- d) For the first part of the year the school was under temporary management and the work has been sadly neglected.
- e) Mr Buechler reports to me that all classes were in a thoroughly disorganised condition when he took over in September

26<sup>th</sup> April 1906 That application be made to the department for a grant for a residence at Mauriceville PP

27<sup>th</sup> April Arithmetic

Standard 1 The four rules and very simple money sums. Factors 3 and 4 and 5

Standard 2 and 3 As for Standard 1 but by 18, 20, 24, 36, 48

Standard 5 Long multiplication of money

Standard 6 and 7 Problems and revision. L Buechler weak

4<sup>th</sup> May Three days of very bad weather, attendance very small



18<sup>th</sup> May Broke up for holidays Prizes for best work fell to H Mallabar and M Hoffeins

8<sup>th</sup> June The worst weather during the whole week for 2 months. The noise of the wind often prevented our voices being audible.

A Committee meeting appointed for the 4<sup>th</sup> was postponed till the 11<sup>th</sup>.

15<sup>th</sup> June Closing school ordered by Chairman of the Committee: cause, the Right Honourable R Seddon's Death. Subsequently the Board ordered the school to be closed till the 22<sup>nd</sup> when it was reopened

22<sup>nd</sup> June Only 10 children were present at muster, although the weather was fine. The reason given to me was that some of the children had turned back and induced others to do so, under the pretext the school was closed. On inquiry I could not learn with certainty who the culprits were.

6<sup>th</sup> July A very wet week with fierce gales.

On Thursday and Friday only 3 children were present at 10.15 a m

27<sup>th</sup> July School was closed for Arbour day. That was the first fine weather day of the last three weeks.

18<sup>th</sup> August Mr Hogg MHR and Wellington Education Board paid a visit re Teacher's Residence. Selected Mr Fisher's Section

25<sup>th</sup> August The Chairman and Secretary paid a visit to the school and expressed themselves as pleased with the progress and intelligence of the pupils.

30<sup>th</sup> August The teacher received a telegram from Mr Hindmarsh, his lawyer demanding the former's presence in Wellington. The chairman granted Leave of Absence if Mrs Buechler would take charge of the school on Friday

This was agreed upon. Returns for the week were made out by Mrs Buechler and found to be correct

28<sup>th</sup> September Average attendance 25

5<sup>th</sup> October Mr Inspector Tennant paid a visit on Tuesday. He was on the whole pleased with the condition and teaching of the school, but said the children were backward. In copy writing there was an improvement; but no really good writer in the school. In two cases where writing was already set I was to discontinue copy work. Singing and Science to be suspended until the school has worked up. On Monday A School Committee meeting was held. Nothing of interest transpired

19<sup>th</sup> October Very good work in school but bad conduct on playground 28 punishments had to be inflicted.

2<sup>nd</sup> November Scarlet fever has broken out. Boisterous weather gales

7<sup>th</sup> December There were four half days of less than half attendance on account of a furious gale

## 1907

19<sup>th</sup> January 1907 The question of sanitation is one which is constantly occupying the minds of country school committees. At a meeting of the Wairarapa School Committees' Association (reported by the Wairarapa Daily Times) the question of septic tank installations for rural schools was discussed, and on the motion of Mr. W. Jesson (Mauriceville), seconded by Mr. H. Vile (Eketahuna), it was decided, to approach the Health Department in the matter. It was further resolved to approach the Minister at Education upon the same subject. PP

8<sup>th</sup> February The school opened with 31 pupils

15<sup>th</sup> February Some parents expressed a fear that there is whooping cough in the school. That is a mistake

22<sup>nd</sup> February There is now whooping cough in the school among the children We kept Wednesday as show day

On Friday there was a school picnic. The conduct of the pupils was excellent- very different from the picnic of 1906

1<sup>st</sup> March There is much indisposition in Mauriceville. Five pupils suffer from Bowel Complaints, there has been whooping cough

8<sup>th</sup> March The illness among the pupils is increasing. There were 6 less than half attendance days during the week

15<sup>th</sup> March Still much illness in the school

5<sup>th</sup> April The attendance was poor, and several pupils appeared to be sickly and were sent home.

12<sup>th</sup> April Mr Inspector Tennant paid a short visit today and saw the children drill.

The chalk and books ordered for the examination have not yet come to hand

The school is to be washed tomorrow

16<sup>th</sup> April Inspector Bakewell examined the school Present 20 pupils Standard 1 two children put back

Standard 7 to be advanced in English- Bookkeeping included

Standard 5 and 6 to work together

More attention to be paid to oral work in lower classes.

Geography and History to be more general

Drawing to be less difficult

26<sup>th</sup> April Worse weather than ever. Attendance very poor

6<sup>th</sup> May Appointed May Brooks as cleaner of the school. George Thrupp and James Farmer as cleaners of the outhouses

10<sup>th</sup> May Roll 25

17<sup>th</sup> May Much illness reported in local families

The books ordered for the new standards should have been here long ago

24<sup>th</sup> May The weather was stormy. Only 12 children present at the ceremony of the day. The teacher reviewed the extent of the British Empire, drawing contrast between the old and new, with special reference to administration of laws and education. The liberality of British Government was dwelt upon The late queen as a woman and mother. After hoisting and saluting the flag the pupils were dismissed.

29<sup>th</sup> May Matter of a residence postponed until later in the year. Department to Wellington Education Board

The present residence is unfit for occupation

Mauriceville school was built in 1892 of wood and is 690 square feet. Residence not built until 1913

27<sup>th</sup> June 1907 The department also wrote declining applications 'for grants for a building at Normandale, and for teachers' residence at Mauriceville. Messrs. Hogg and Field protested against this action of the department, and Mr. Hogg undertook to see the Minister with regard to the Mauriceville grant. It was quite necessary that Mauriceville should have a residence PP

29<sup>th</sup> June Good weather Good work. The boys cleaned out the tanks and spouts, drains and closets.

Four desks ordered by the board for a new school were sent away

5<sup>th</sup> July A very boisterous week. On Tuesday and Wednesday the pupils came to school at 10.00 The boys opened two drains in the girls' grounds.

12<sup>th</sup> July A child who has been absent for some days from school on account of illness, returned to school with a very dirty head. I communicated the fact to the mother of the child

The new readers cannot be procured. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> week since they were ordered.

I resolved to superintend cleaning and dusting personally. The boys are making good progress in opening the drains on the girl's side.

19<sup>th</sup> July All weeds around the buildings have been cleared away. Firewood split and stacked in boys' shed. Drains near the buildings have been cleaned out and the chimney swept. The girls dusted and cleaned walls and desks

During the week only one child was indisposed.

Spitting on slates is rigorously prevented

We cleaned the chimney and walls, advanced the drains a few feet, mended maps and checked off books in the library

26<sup>th</sup> July On Tuesday Mr Tennant, inspector paid us a visit. The children were slow but willing. Amendment in Standard 6 timetable ordered. Outside work approved of.

On Arbour Day deepened drains, planted 24 lilacs and cleared grass from walls of outhouses

An experiment in sweeping the floor of the school was made. Half a kerosene tin of moist sand was scattered over the floor and after a sweeping we found that there was hardly any coughing. Among us. This had always been most violent after school drill

I therefore concluded that dust rather than colds irritated the lungs and throats of the children. Since the new method of sweeping has been adopted we are all more comfortable.

Today drain A was boxed in. The cover joints are two inches diameter of last, put 8 inches over clay floor or watertable, the covering is in interlaced willow twigs, power of bearing. 150 per square inch

8<sup>th</sup> August Reclassification- The necessary books have not yet come to hand.

16<sup>th</sup> August Bronchitis and Whooping Cough (4 cases)

13<sup>th</sup> September Four poor attendance days. The weather was frightful and the teacher himself had an attack of influenza. Work was very heavy in all classes.

20<sup>th</sup> September Better weather gave the pupils more zest for work and Standard 4 did very well all rounds. The new books have arrived and will be commenced on Monday

The Committee had the boundary trees clipped. This was nearly one whole month too late as the turpentine is beginning to form.

27<sup>th</sup> September Dominion Day was celebrated with a speech by the master. Dr Frenchley paid us a visit today and expressed pleasure at the state of premises and clothes

The readers for Standard 1 and 2 have at last arrived, but Standard 6, 7 have not

4<sup>th</sup> October This is the worst week I ever saw in Mauriceville. The boy's playshed was blown twenty feet to the East

Mr Fisher's Son having broken a window pane by kick of football, the father sent a verbal message that he would repair the damage. So far that has not been done and our children have suffered real discomfort.

28<sup>th</sup> September Someone entered the school on Saturday and wrenched the master's desk open. Three had been about £2 in it, but the thief only got two pennies and half penny stamp

11<sup>th</sup> October A very bad week. Rain and gales every day. The teacher has been appointed to a school further north (Te Kiri, *South Taranaki*), resigned here. Telegram sent to the Board could not be sent as the wires were fused.

18<sup>th</sup> October Board releases the teacher on November the 1<sup>st</sup>. A new timetable tried since the first acts very well.

4<sup>th</sup> November Kate Dempsey Opened school at 9.30 Twenty One children being present

12<sup>th</sup> November School closed yesterday for King's Birthday

15<sup>th</sup> November Leonard Brook and Harris Mallabar have not been to school this month they are helping their parents during shearing time

19<sup>th</sup> December Received notice from the Secretary to close school this afternoon. Have not applied for a grant for hand work as I do not know what is wanted.

As Mr Buechler left us no work book in the school the classes were not easy to examine. I have left the papers and the answers done at the examination.

## 1908

3<sup>rd</sup> February A A Turner commenced. (From Dreyer's Rock)

19<sup>th</sup> February Holiday given of Masterton Show

20<sup>th</sup> February The children were sent home for the morning as a mark of respect to the Mortensen family. Mr Mortensen's house was burned down and he himself burnt to death. His children are attending the school

28<sup>th</sup> February A Mr A C Hall wrote for a Standard 5 certificate which he had gained as back as 1892. He required it to enable him to get a Government appointment

6<sup>th</sup> March. Some work is being done in the school gardens.

14<sup>th</sup> March Mauriceville East School played Mauriceville West School at cricket

First Innings East 48, West 46. Second Innings East 12 West 65

19<sup>th</sup> March Wet day Started fire

15<sup>th</sup> May Mrs C Brooks has been appointed sewing Mistress and commenced duty today.

8<sup>th</sup> June There has just been a fortnight's holiday at the school as the teacher was away at an agricultural class at Greytown. One new girl

admitted. Her proper standard was the third, but as I had no scholars in that class. I grouped her in Standard 4 for reading and spelling

15<sup>th</sup> June I have provided lower classes with books on word building and composition

21<sup>st</sup> July Meteorological Phenomena- temperature, pressure, rainfall etc are now recorded regularly

13<sup>th</sup> August The health officer visited the school and quarantined four children owing to a case of Scarlet Fever

31<sup>st</sup> August Am putting school through an examination. Last entry by A A Turner

Mr A. A. Turner, who has been in charge of the Mauriceville School, has received notice of his appointment to a school in Adelaide and will leave here to take up his new position in about three weeks. PP

14<sup>th</sup> September John Barnett Commenced

Took temporary charge of the school today. Attendance in the morning 27 and in the afternoon 24. Admitted Madge Braggins

16<sup>th</sup> September 1908 Mr A Bond is relieving teacher at Mauriceville East PP

9<sup>th</sup> October Removed J Jensen from the register. Destination Nelson

19<sup>th</sup> October Admitted John, Maggie and Gladys Jelley

20<sup>th</sup> October Received word that the Harris children are leaving the district

30<sup>th</sup> October Removed the names of Florence Billington, Alma and Henry Harris from the register

12<sup>th</sup> November I punished C Parrot today for having wilfully torn the wiring out of R Nation's hat and afterwards filling the same with dirt for finally owning up to this he received two strokes of the strap as punishment

30<sup>th</sup> November W and N Parrot arrived 30 minutes late in the afternoon

4<sup>th</sup> December L Goodgame left playground without permission at 11.00. Detained for one hour after school to make up time lost

7<sup>th</sup> December Admitted Gwendoline Broderson

9<sup>th</sup> December Admitted John McMasters

11<sup>th</sup> November Rita and Clifford Nation left. Destination. Australia

16<sup>th</sup> December Had to destroy English and Arithmetic and Nature Study and Elementary science charts to remove them from the wall

16<sup>th</sup> December It is worthy to note that although it is a very boisterous morning, every child is present at school

## 1909

1<sup>st</sup> February School was opened at 9.30 a.m. The school was not cleaned after the painters and it had to be done this morning. Total attendance 22

There are five absent with sickness 3 out of town

The handle of the school bell was found broken right off and the gong also broken

2<sup>nd</sup> February Admitted Zita Blackmore age 6 years 8 Months

5<sup>th</sup> February Removed the names of George Thrupp and John McMasters

10<sup>th</sup> February Admitted James Jensen from Wakefield.

16<sup>th</sup> February The district Health Office visited the school today. Everything satisfactory

1<sup>st</sup> March Admitted Archibold Francis Cameron from Masterton

17<sup>th</sup> March J Jelley arrived at 10.45 a.m.

7<sup>th</sup> April Funeral of local resident 13 absentees

7<sup>th</sup> May Removed J Jelley from the register

28<sup>th</sup> May Removed the names of Eric and Edward Mortenson also Doris Dowsett from Register

Closed school for term holidays extended to two weeks in order to enable teacher to attend agricultural class Greytown

9<sup>th</sup> July Caned G Braggins for disobedience

16<sup>th</sup> July Removed the name of Madge Braggins from the register as she will not be coming until October

13<sup>th</sup> August Removed the name of James Farmer from register. Reason Kept at home to help his father.

24<sup>th</sup> August Admitted M and G Perry on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Present roll 28

30<sup>th</sup> August Admitted J Jensen who has not attended school since June 14<sup>th</sup>. In the afternoon admitted Thomas Cecil Wooffindin?

9<sup>th</sup> December Closed school on Friday as I had urgent business in Wellington

*John Barnett teacher*

## 1910

31<sup>st</sup> January Reopened school Roll 32

2<sup>nd</sup> February Admitted Jack Grant from Masterton aged 7

7<sup>th</sup> February Percy McKeown aged 5 years. Thelma and Worth Donovan aged 10 and 9 respectively

Inspectors report of 24<sup>th</sup> September received.

- a) The order and general tone of the school is very good
- b) The present visit was paid for the purpose of estimating the general progress of the school as a whole
- c) Individual promotions be made at the end of the year.
- d) Roll 34

10<sup>th</sup> February Sent an absentee note to Mrs Parrott, Result, the note burned.

This is a sample of some parents in the district

4<sup>th</sup> March Held the annual picnic Weather very wet Good attendance of parents. Everything went off well. Total receipts over £9. Prize books to given out on 2 o'clock at Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> March Admitted E Mortensen from Ihuraua School

17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March School in charge of Mrs C Brooks

26<sup>th</sup> April 1910 School Committee R Brooks (Chairman) C Brooks (Secretary) W Fisher, G Dryden, G L Braggins, H Hopley, W Martin PP

10<sup>th</sup> May Closed school today. 1. Proclamation of King George V

20<sup>th</sup> May Closed School Today Funeral of Edward V11

Inspectors Report 14<sup>th</sup> March 1910

Mr T R Fleming I visited the school and found no one present. On enquiring at the house of a member of the School Committee (Mr Jorgensen) I found that Mr Barnett (Sole Teacher) had been called away on Saturday Morning owing to the serious illness of his mother at Petone. He had not had time to report to the Board but the School Committee knew and approved his absence

In company with Mr Jorgenson I visited the school and found everything in good order. The schoolroom was clean and tidy. Mr Jorgensen reported the cleaning generally to be very satisfactory

Another visit will be paid later

T R Fleming 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1910

6<sup>th</sup> June Mr G Braggins member of the School Committee paid a visit today.

15<sup>th</sup> July There have been about 3 weeks very wet weather and the attendance is very poor. The average this week being only 21.0 out of a roll of 30

21<sup>st</sup> July Punished Reuben Farmer with 6 strokes of the strap for direct disobedience

22<sup>nd</sup> July R Farmer has been absent from yesterday

5<sup>th</sup> August I cannot refrain from entering a note about the attendance of the district. Although the roll number is 30 there has only been one week in the present quarter in which the average weekly attendance has reached 25. Today there are two cases with 3 absent in each family with more or less petty aches and ailments. Such as bad feet (chilblains) sickness, sore throats. I intend making a strong suggestion to the school Committee that no annual prize shall be given to bad attenders at the close of the current year. For the cases over 7 years, I intend to leave them to be dealt with by the Board's Truant Officer

19<sup>th</sup> August Removed the names of Madge and Iza Braggins from the register as they have been over 65 consecutive times absent. This family alone to the present date account for 466 non attendances at school

2<sup>nd</sup> September Removed the name of Daisy Goodgame from the register as she had been absent more than 65 consecutive days

15<sup>th</sup> September Mr Direen Truant Officer visited the school today for the purpose of making some enquiries re some prosecutions

26<sup>th</sup> September Assembled children and conducted till 11.00 Addressed the children outside and saluted the flag then dismissed them for the rest of the day

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Mr Fleming paid his annual visit to the school

Note later. Mr Barnett has done good work in the school during the past year

18<sup>th</sup> November P Farmer has missed some attendances this month through deaths in the family. He has not been reported for these

5<sup>th</sup> December At the chairman's request I posted the drawing charts to Mr Buechler formerly master of this school to get copies as he could not purchase the charts.

7<sup>th</sup> December The teacher and members of the School Committee advanced the money to purchase the B S A Shooting outfit  
R Brooks 8/-, W Martin 8/- G Dryden 8/- J Barnett 11/6 W Fisher 8/- G Braggins 8/- C Brooks 8/-  
Boys Cricket Club 12/6

## 1911

30<sup>th</sup> January Roll 33

14<sup>th</sup> February 1911 DISTRICT NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.) MAURICEVILLE EAST. The annual school picnic was held last Thursday, on the Horse Shoe Bend, a fine piece of ground lent for the occasion by Mr Geo. Dryden. Although the sky was overcast all day, no rain fell. Both children and grown-ups enjoyed the day's outing, thanks to an energetic school committee and their lady friends. The picnic was followed by the usual dance in the Hall. During the evening the school prizes were presented by Mr D. Brooks. The two special prizes were won by William Fisher and Violet Jensen PP

7<sup>th</sup> March Admitted Alice and Myrtle Howard

8<sup>th</sup> March Elizabeth Mathews

17<sup>th</sup> March Received word that H Fisher has left school and entered P and T service (Post and Telegraph Service)

Alice and Myrtle Howard Left for Wellington

24<sup>th</sup> March Invited Kopuaranga School Cricket Club tomorrow Saturday. Reuben Farmer was appointed Captain in place of W Fisher who has left school

Received three temperance wall sheets from Education Department

Closed the school this afternoon at the request of the chairman of the School Committee for the annual Sunday School Picnic

27<sup>th</sup> March Received Three books of Robinson Crusoe, 3 of Tom Brown's Schooldays, and 3 of High roads of History

31<sup>st</sup> March Sewing Mistress absent unwell

4<sup>th</sup> April Removed the names of James Jensen and Florence Redcliffe from school register

5<sup>th</sup> April 1911 MAURICEVILLE EAST.

After a continuous drought, extending over a period of five weeks, rain fell here on Monday evening, but not nearly enough to fill the tanks, only 13 points being registered.

The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was held in the schoolroom last evening. Present: Mr R. Brooks (chairman), C. Brooks, E. Braggins, R. Hopley, W. Fisher. G. Dryden, and W. Martin. The usual quarterly accounts were passed for payment, and some minor works were ordered to be carried out during the ensuing month. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the schoolmaster for the trouble he had gone to in acquiring a hazard target and outfit for the school. The chairman very kindly gave a donation of half a guinea to be given for the highest aggregate score of six competitions, firing to be carried out at two ranges. PP

15<sup>th</sup> April Mr Direen paid a visit here today and expressed satisfaction as to the school attendance

25<sup>th</sup> April 1911 MAURICEVILLE EAST. G. Braggins (chairman), W. Farmer, J. Goodgame, Fl. Hopley, C. Jensen, W. Martin, C. Brooks (secretary). During the evening complimentary references were made to the work of Mr J. Barnett, the head teacher. There was a good attendance, notwithstanding the wet weather PP

1<sup>st</sup> May Queenie Mortensen a little scholar of this school was so seriously burned about the body on Saturday that she had to be removed to the Masterton Hospital

12<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Brooks absent from sewing

19<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Brooks absent from sewing. She is suffering from influenza

4<sup>th</sup> August Roll 29

20<sup>th</sup> September Inspectors Report T R Fleming included

- a) Standard 7 Girl Obtained proficiency 1910
- b) Roll 28
- c) Needlework Recommend appointment of ladies (by School Committee to examine the sewing at the end of the year
- d) The management of this school is very good, a good spirit of work prevails
- e) A considerable improvement should be effected in the condition of the grounds by the draining which is now being carried out by the School Committee

## 1912

29<sup>th</sup> January Roll 32. Weather dull

1<sup>st</sup> February Annual School Picnic followed by holiday given by chairman of School Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> February Removed Mary Brook's name from register she having won a Board's Scholarship

12<sup>th</sup> February Received supply of Books from Wellington Education Board consisting of 150 B, 60 A 20 C and 750 sheets of paper

15<sup>th</sup> February Mumps and Chicken Pox are prevalent just now. 8 pupils are accounted for on this account

15<sup>th</sup> February Mr Direen visited the school today and found 24 present out of a roll of 37. The absentees being accounted for, bad weather and sickness.

20<sup>th</sup> February Sent home 3 with mumps

20<sup>th</sup> February Posted 6 dozen B exercises to Whitcombe and Tombs as per instructions from Wellington Education Board Secretary

1<sup>st</sup> March Henry Eagle and Arthur Eagle absented themselves from school this morning on the plea that it was too wet to attend. No rain fell from 9.00 to 11.20 and then only a very fine rain fell

Eric Mortensen put in an appearance at 11.10 a.m. too late to be marked present Reason he had to assist his father with separator

11<sup>th</sup> April Posted 15/- to N Z Times Office Wellington in aid of relief fund for starving children in England

29<sup>th</sup> April Removed the name of the Parrott family (5) from the register. Transferred to Taumaranui School. I regret losing this family as they were my best attendees and were well advanced in their work

13<sup>th</sup> May Gave Hilda Mayr one cut of the strap on the palm of the hand and a tap on the back of the hand for disobedience at drill. 3 p.m. I have adopted the plan of insisting that every pupil must have 10 minutes of drill daily, this is necessary to cope with persistent late comers of whom the pupil in question is the worst offender

20<sup>th</sup> May Cautioned Hilda Mayr for disobedience with respect to note writing in school

20<sup>th</sup> May Permitted R Farmer to leave school 10.20 a.m. to take up brother's duties

H Mayr 25 minutes late

24<sup>th</sup> May Addressed pupils at 9 a m re Empire Day and dismissed pupils at 2.30 for term holidays

3<sup>rd</sup> May Hoisted school flag



19<sup>th</sup> June Beryl Eagle arrived at school 10.20 a.m.

24<sup>th</sup> June Closed school for Prince of Wales Birthday. Great deal of snow on the ground, poor attendance, so took advantage of holiday, after consulting chairman of the School Committee

9<sup>th</sup> May Inspectors Report included

a) Roll 25

b) Term exam concluded. The papers show satisfactory results. The method of instruction are intelligent and the scheme of work seems to be conscientiously carried out

c) A good spirit of work is apparent among the pupils

26<sup>th</sup> June Henry Eagle arrived at 10.20 had to wait till his mother had written some letters

17<sup>th</sup> July Arbor Day. We planted quite a number of trees. The eastern side of the boys' ground was planted with young wattles, the Northern side of the division fence with young oaks.

In addition to these several native trees were planted comprising cabbage of Ti palm, white pine, red pine, flax, variegated flax, pines, blue gum,, toi toi and tarata laurel and one Titoki. Should these trees come to maturity as no doubt the greater number will do, they will lessen the amount of water which lies on the swamp ground

9<sup>th</sup> August Off Duty on Friday through illness

16<sup>th</sup> August With the permission of School Committee chairman, I left the school in charge of Mrs C Brooks, sewing mistress, as I had urgent private business in Eketahuna

19<sup>th</sup> August Mrs Brooks reported the pupils behaved well during my absence

25<sup>th</sup> September 1912 Offer of a residence at Mauriceville was deferred for further consideration PP

17<sup>th</sup> October I closed the school yesterday in order to visit the doctor in Masterton. I had been suffering for a month past with face and head troubles. I had my face lanced and today feel much better

4<sup>th</sup> November School examined by Inspector Charters

## 1913

14<sup>th</sup> March Took the boys up to the Limestone Caves on Mr Gray's Property

11<sup>th</sup> April The children of this school to the number of 22 paid a visit to Wellington to view the battleship H M S New Zealand. They did not arrive home till after midnight so the chairman of the School Committee granted a holiday the following day

23<sup>rd</sup> May The school closes today for the term holidays and at the same time I give over my duties here.

4<sup>th</sup> June School reopened today. I (*Mr/Miss Unknown*) have been sent as relieving teacher for the present month

20<sup>th</sup> June School will be closed on Monday that day being the Prince of Wales birthday.

3<sup>rd</sup> July When opening the windows this morning, one of the boys accidentally broke a pane of glass.

4<sup>th</sup> July I giving up charge of this school today. Mrs Brooks has taken the sewing class every Friday afternoon during my stay.

7<sup>th</sup> July Henry P C Davie commenced duties this morning. 26 present. Generally speaking the tone of the school is good

20<sup>th</sup> July Two girls in Standard 3 attend irregularly (Due to ill health)

1<sup>st</sup> August The smallpox scare has been the cause of irregular attendance during the month Many are still suffering from sore arms

During the month of July the School Committee very graciously granted me 3 day's leave in order that I might attend the competitions in Masterton.

I have omitted to mention that on arbor day we planted about 100 trees in different parts of the school grounds

Teacher to attend agricultural classes in Masterton. School closed for a fortnight

19<sup>th</sup> August application for a new house Four rooms. Timber , iron roof Built about 4 years ago

There is at present no teacher's residence It is proposed to purchase the house described in this application and to add a bathroom, scullery and wash house to the building and an additional room 13' x 12'

Has a shed including a trap shed

The house to be purchased has not been occupied since Mr Brenchley the owner left

Approved by Department 4<sup>th</sup> December 1913

Purchased 5<sup>th</sup> February 1914

2<sup>nd</sup> October Mr Charters visited school today. Annual visit. Present 28. Ground has now been ploughed so will be able to do more outdoor work in agriculture

17<sup>th</sup> December. Closed school for annual vacation

Results of annual examination to hand from Wellington show the following figures

Present 27 Passed 26 Failed 1

I entered 3 candidates for proficiency certificates, all of whom passed.

## 1914

Opened school after summer vacation. Present 27

Notified by board that residence has been purchased also that salary has increased by £10 per annum

School has not been scrubbed nor windows attended to as in last report to School Committee

13<sup>th</sup> February E Braggins left to attend DHS in Masterton

Permission from Secretary School Committee to procure all requisites from Mr Mackay and change address

26<sup>th</sup> February Sent notice on 23<sup>rd</sup> to Mortensen re state of child's head, child since absent.

7<sup>th</sup> May Public meeting Business Election of School Committee. Chairman Mr R Brooks, Mr Geo Braggins (sec), Robert Cameron M O'Brien, J Harris

Called the attention of new School Committee to several matters relating to school property

8<sup>th</sup> May School closes Instruction Camp Masterton and term holidays

Present 30 Passed 29 Failed One in School examination

Notes included In spite of the distraction of work attendance upon changes in staff the quality has been well maintained under Mr Davie whose teaching bears the stamp of earnestness and intelligence

A B Charters

Followed by 15<sup>th</sup> April Report also by Mr Charters

- a) Mr Davie has prepared very suitable schemes of work and the quality of the instruction is very satisfactory
- b) Particular attention is being paid to the writing
- c) I understand that the School Committee is going to remedy some defects in the window sashes

- d) The teacher reports the sweeping satisfactory but scrubbing should be done occasionally
- e) A plot of ground has been prepared for instruction in agriculture

2<sup>nd</sup> June Opened school after 3 weeks vacation (Physical Instruction camp and then holiday.)

19<sup>th</sup> June School Committee has purchased a coke stove for heating the school owing to the difficulty in obtaining wood we have been without a fire for some days

29<sup>th</sup> June Hedge being clipped

3<sup>rd</sup> July Jacobsen family left district

20<sup>th</sup> July Holiday for Arbor day and Prince of Wales Birthday

10<sup>th</sup> August I will probably be leaving on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. Have been notified the Wellington Education Board that I have volunteered for military service abroad

12<sup>th</sup> August Board has granted leave of absence without pay leaving for concentration camp tomorrow

Closed school Wednesday and Tuesday with consent of School Committee

18<sup>th</sup> August Opened school after 1 week vacation. Mr Davie gone to the war. Naomi Beetham Relieving teacher

28<sup>th</sup> September Observed as Dominion day

6<sup>th</sup> October Inspectors Report included

Roll 29 present 26

Owing to changes in the staff the work of the school became somewhat dislocated. Miss Beetham appears however to be quite capable of effecting considerable improvement by the end of the year

Writing is being systematically taught.

Discipline and tone are good.

9<sup>th</sup> December School closed Election Day

9<sup>th</sup> December Received proficiency certificate for Ian Cameron  
Allowed E Braggins to leave early to assist parents

## 1915

2<sup>nd</sup> February Reopened school 36 present. Admitted 6 pupils

5<sup>th</sup> February Sewing mistress absent sick

17<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for Masterton show- School hay cut

22<sup>nd</sup> February Outbreak of chicken pox

23<sup>rd</sup> February School closed Health officer called at several houses.  
Secretary sent word to Wellington Education Board re closing of school

3<sup>rd</sup> March School fumigated by health officer

8<sup>th</sup> March Reopened school Two children absent with chicken pox

Tom Mortensen sent home owing to sores on his legs

19<sup>th</sup> March Bottles of Meeks Ink sent by School Committee

29<sup>th</sup> March 3 children sent home owing to wet weather

31<sup>st</sup> March Mr Cummings called and sowed grass seed.

1<sup>st</sup> April Inspectors report received

a) Roll 39 Present 35

b) On the day of my visit the attendance was affected by an epidemic of chicken pox

c) The work of this school is extremely heavy for one teacher and it would be a great benefit to the pupils if by a special effort a sufficiently high attendance was maintained to entitle the school to an assistant

19<sup>th</sup> April Received Hydroplate (Blackboard) per Express Co.

Asked by School Committee to select books for school prizes

19<sup>th</sup> April Tank mended by School Committee

21<sup>st</sup> April Left school in charge of Mrs Jorgensen sewing mistress in order to get prizes for School Committee (By consent of School Committee)

22<sup>nd</sup> April School closed for annual picnic

23<sup>rd</sup> April School closed for Chairman's holiday

27<sup>th</sup> April Mr Direen called, 40 present

Received letter from Mrs Mascelle re bad conduct of boys- Punished 5 boys Tom Goodgame, Eric Mortensen, Arthur Wilkins, Tom Mortensen and Fred Harris

4<sup>th</sup> May School Committee elections Drew attention of School Committee to state of tank, window sash etc. Hydroplate to be put around room

4<sup>th</sup> May 1915 MAURICEVILLE EAST. —R. Brooks (chairman), R. Cameron, J. Goodgame, W. Baird, G. Braggins (secretary and treasurer) PP

17<sup>th</sup> June Advised by Chairman to send for trees for planting on Arbor Day

2<sup>nd</sup> July Closed school 2 pm also morning of July 5<sup>th</sup> by consent of School Committee in order to fix up business in Wellington

5<sup>th</sup> July Opened school at 1 pm as express train did not arrive till 12 noon

14<sup>th</sup> July Arbor Day We planted trees supplied by the Wellington Education Board and closed school at 11.45 by consent of the chairman

16<sup>th</sup> July Took sewing myself as I received word from the Wellington Education Board that the school was not entitled to a sewing mistress (*Probably because the teacher was a woman*)

28<sup>th</sup> July School outhouse duties taken over by Percy McKeown and Tom Mortensen

30<sup>th</sup> July I give over duties here today. Beetham

Ada Harrison

6<sup>th</sup> August Holiday 4<sup>th</sup> August to commemorate declaration of war. The chairman and Secretary gave patriotic addresses to pupils and after singing God save the King and saluting the flag were dismissed for the day

13<sup>th</sup> August The annual examination took place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> by Inspector Stuckey

27<sup>th</sup> August Average for week 34.8. Mr Cummings visited school on Friday Afternoon and stayed about 10 minutes- did not take any agricultural work

28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1915 Mauriceville School Committee has resigned in a body. The fact was mentioned at the board meeting to-day, but the secretary said that there were confidential reasons for the resignation, which he would explain to the board later PP

30<sup>th</sup> September Mr Cummings visited school and gave outdoor lessons from 11 to 12 noon

4<sup>th</sup> October Received two new pans for out offices

Report of Inspector Stuckey

a) Teacher Ada Harrison

b) Roll 38

c) Needlework the girls will give their sewing time to patriotic work

d) Miss Harrison who has been in charge for three weeks will spare no pains to strengthen those subjects in which work is below requirements

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

6 girls competed for knitting prize in the A and P Show Palmerston North

29<sup>th</sup> October Received 1 bottle sheep dip for cleaning school

5<sup>th</sup> November Doris Harris gained 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for knitted balaclava at A and P Show Palmerston North. W Winnie Wilkie gained “Very Highly Commended”

6<sup>th</sup> November Received from School Committee 1 bottle ink, 1 box chalk, 1 box pencils, 1 box of nibs, blotting paper

16<sup>th</sup> November Percy McKeown and Tom Mortensen pan duties in out offices from 29<sup>th</sup> February Queenie Mortensen took on duties with Ida Mortensen from 1<sup>st</sup> November

12<sup>th</sup> November School washed and disinfected

## 1916

29<sup>th</sup> February First Frost

1<sup>st</sup> March School picnic held in Chairman’s grounds. Chairman granted holiday on day following picnic.

14<sup>th</sup> April Gwen Fitzsimmons dies at Masterton hospital after a few days illness

5<sup>th</sup> April School desks had been scrubbed during term holidays

22<sup>nd</sup> May Received from Wellington Education Board 5 lbs of plasticene

Received 2 coir mats

25<sup>th</sup> May Inspector Stuckey’s Report included

- a) Roll 45 present 37
- b) Though the high roll number makes the organisation and instruction of this school difficult for one teacher, Miss Harrison’s management is quite satisfactory.
- c) The attendance was very good last year (91%) but the average was just too low to secure the appointment of an assistant. A Strong effort should be made this year to ensure the attendance necessary for that object.

d) The programme drawn up by Miss Harrison was satisfactory and the teaching is vigorous and thorough.

e) Provision will be made for instruction in Morals, Health, and Temperance

f) The schoolroom and outbuildings are clean. The present method of warming the room with a coke stove cannot be regarded as satisfactory from the point of view of the pupil’s health. It would be better to revert back to the open fire system.

2<sup>nd</sup> June Gave boys a lesson in military drills.

30<sup>th</sup> June Leaves falling off weeping willows during last 14 days in June. Began to bud last year at the end of August. Almost evergreens. Tree Lucerne, jonquils and violets in bloom.

10<sup>th</sup> July Health Officer from Masterton visited school, sent Jack McKenzie home and ordered the teacher to see the doctor.

13<sup>th</sup> July Mr Just Physical Instructor visited school at 10.30 a m and remained till 12.00

18<sup>th</sup> July Girls and boys celebrated Arbor day in the afternoon. The boys cleared the trees that had been planted the previous year and dug round each, also trimmed the paths. The girls weeded and dug flower beds and planted young plants given by the teacher.

A load of wood was brought to the school on Thursday

Mr Cameron took the clock to Masterton to have it repaired

28<sup>th</sup> July Sergeant Cameron has formed the Upper Class boys into School Scouts and drills them for 1 hour on Friday Afternoons (weather permitting)

31<sup>st</sup> July Forwarded to the Lady Liverpool Fund the following articles

- a) 10 pairs hand knitted socks
- b) 13 excursion bags

- c) 2 balaclavas
- d) 8 Jug covers
- e) 3 operation cloths
- f) 1 pair knitted bed socks
- g) 2 pairs wristlets
- h) 2 face cloths (knitted)
- i) 1 knitted scarf

5<sup>th</sup> August Have been suffering from a dermatitis of face, neck and hands from about May 5<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August. Not well yet.

The chairman sent the health officer from Masterton to see me and I had to obtain a certificate from Dr Simmons to say it was not infectious

11<sup>th</sup> August Weeping willow is just bursting into leaf

18<sup>th</sup> August Lieutenant Jellie from Masterton gave the boy's an hours drill in the in the Drill Hall on Friday afternoon

25<sup>th</sup> August Sergeant Major Cameron gave the boys an hour military drill, including a sham fight!

14<sup>th</sup> September Length of Shadows

12 Noon 2 feet 0 inches

2 p m 3 foot 6 ½ inches

3 p m 5 foot and 0 inches

15<sup>th</sup> September Heavy fall of snow

22<sup>nd</sup> September Mr Cresswell Y M C A Scout Master addressed the boys in Friday Evening on their duties as School Scouts

6<sup>th</sup> October West Mauriceville Boys have consented to join with Mauriceville East as Y M C A Scouts. A first aid class was formed for Friday Evenings

24<sup>th</sup> October Forwarded more knitted garments to Lady Liverpool Fund

27<sup>th</sup> October Church parade for Mauriceville School Scouts on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Rev Halliday of Lansdowne conducted services at public Hall.

All boys present except Tom Mortensen and H and L Frew

8<sup>th</sup> November Miss Blackburn took drill and physical exercises from 9.00 to 10.30

20<sup>th</sup> November Mr Cummings visited school and gave a lesson from 1 p.m. to 2.15

24<sup>th</sup> November Received from School Committee 1 bottle ink, 1 box nibs, 1 box chalk, 2 boxes slate pencils

2<sup>nd</sup> December Mr Powell, Wellington Education Board Buildings officer, called at house 9.30 a.m. Saturday and examined papering done by Mr Curtis

Patriotic Work 96 articles sent to Liverpool

4 pupils gained good attendance certificates Winnie Wilkins, Alfred Eagle, Doris McKeown and Flossie Annan?

Roll 41

## 1917

30<sup>th</sup> January Reopened after Xmas Vacation. Miss Ivy? McKenzie

9<sup>th</sup> February Mr Just Physical Instructor visited school February 15<sup>th</sup> and examined classes at drill until 11 a m

16<sup>th</sup> February Gave first lecture on First Aid to scout boys on Friday Evening at Drill Hall

Boys cleared piece of ground in front of shelter shed for drill and games

Note from Mr Frank, Just Miss McKenzie has had no training.

2<sup>nd</sup> March Mr Cummings Ag instructor visited school on March 1<sup>st</sup> but school was closed for school picnic.

9<sup>th</sup> March Received from School Committee 2 rakes, 2 spades and 3 locks for cupboards

Miss Grimwood assistant began work Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Miss B McKenzie has attended this school on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March to watch the work of the school

20<sup>th</sup> March Robert Annan for gross misbehaviour was sent home with permission to return on making suitable apology and receiving his punishment

30<sup>th</sup> March Copy of paper cutting of Mauriceville Scout group

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March from 1 pm to 2 pm. Mrs Bamberry, teacher of swimming at Girl's District High School Christchurch gave Mauriceville pupils (Boys and Girls) two lessons of one hour each. Jack Mckenzie, Tom Mortensen and Jim Mckenzie did well and Jessie McKenzie did best amongst the girls

20<sup>th</sup> April Infant division took lessons in schoolroom instead of shelter shed. Boys cleared grass of ground in front of girl's shelter sheds for playground for Junior Divisions, also dug up flower bed on left hand side of path

29<sup>th</sup> April Took older boys to see limestone caves on hills behind Mr Dorsett's farm. John Mckenzie won third prize (A field Telescope) for essay on Camp Life competed for by Wairarapa Boy Scouts

25<sup>th</sup> May The Wellington Education Board granted an extra weeks leave on account of sickness. Miss McIntosh to relieve. However I took charge on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June having been absent an extra day.

15<sup>th</sup> June have been appointed Ambulance Examiner of Scouts for Wellington East District

27<sup>th</sup> June Received 12 pairs of bloomers to be made for Navy League Department

Mr Cummings visited school on Thursday morning and took away a bag of red clover seed.

29<sup>th</sup> June The leaves of weeping willow fell

Received from Wellington Education Board 1 Globe, 2 dozen boxes of crayons. 200 sheets of brown foolscap 250 coloured paper 4 inches by 4 inches

Receipt from Belgian Children's Relief Fund receipt for £4

Inspectors Report Typed

2<sup>nd</sup> May

Miss A Harrison teacher, Miss Grierson assistant

Roll 38, Present 37

Time Tables: Senior Division Satisfactory, Junior and Preparatory divisions. The timetable will be reconstructed according to my recommendations, the infants to receive instruction for four hours per day

Programmes The programme of work in Geography and History will be prepared for a period of four years

Physical, Commercial and political geography will be closely correlated. The course of instruction in drawing will be set out in a definite programme and a scheme of lessons in health and temperance will be prepared

1<sup>st</sup> August Forwarded following articles to Miss Waters, Naval Dependant's Fund

- a) 6 pairs women's bloomers
- b) 6 pairs children's bloomers
- c) 2 children's pilchers (*A waterproof cover worn over a baby's nappy*)
- d) 1 baby's bonnet
- e) 2 pinafore
- f) 2 petticoats
- g) 2 crochet petticoats
- h) 2 knitted under shirts

- i) 3 girls dresses
- j) This school has forwarded to date 122 articles for patriotic Societies

Signed A Harrison

Forwarded to J E Munch Esq Secretary Overseas Club Tobacco fund the sum of sixteen shillings for men in the trenches

Also receipt for four pounds 6 shillings for Xmas Puddings for troops.

19<sup>th</sup> September Letter from C Cumming to Miss A Harrison included

- a) I have just had brought to my notice of irritation of the skin caused by various plants
- b) Some of these plants affect some people and some all
- c) If you have any about especially any excluding a white juice be careful not to handle
- d) Etc

Attended spring school in Masterton from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup> for elementary agriculture, Chemistry and botany. Mr Cockayne gave two lectures on weeds and grasses

Miss M E Murray relieved for four days

28<sup>th</sup> September Received extension ladder from Wellington Education Board

19<sup>th</sup> October Received 2 boxes slate pencils

25<sup>th</sup> October Mr Butler Truant Officer visited school

Received foolscap from commissioners (*Had a commissioner taken over from School Committee?*)

9<sup>th</sup> November Isa Braggins passed for proficiency

Percy McKeon passed for competency

9<sup>th</sup> November The infants in shelter sheds

Mr Braggins tacked up scrim

6<sup>th</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup> swimming lesson

15<sup>th</sup> December School concert to raise funds for excursion to Masterton. The pupils sang 22 songs and Miss McIntosh gave various records on the xylophone

20<sup>th</sup> December Took children to Masterton. Visited DHC Museum, carpentry shop, the park and swimming baths

7<sup>th</sup> September Receipt from Overseas tobacco and comforts fund donation of 16/- from Mauriceville School

3<sup>rd</sup> December. Letter from Scouts to Miss A Harrison

Miss Harrison has resigned as Ambulance Examiner and that operations at Mauriceville had been suspended.

If no one can be found to lead the troop it will be disbanded.

1918

1st February School started attendance 34

1<sup>st</sup> March Mr Cumming visited school, Questioned children on work taken from the last month and gave a lesson on soil and ways of improving its productivity viz manures, cultivation, productivity Improving the quality of plants

Received from commissioner 2 boxes white chalk, 2 boxes coloured chalk, 2 boxes slate pencils, 1 bottle Gloy

19<sup>th</sup> March Terrific bush fires occurred at Raetihi, the smoke darkening the sky to such an extent that Mr Braggins, School Commissioner ordered the school to be closed.

22<sup>nd</sup> March Annual picnic held in Mr Brook's paddock

28<sup>th</sup> March Mr Just visited school at 1.30. Examined drill of lower divisions. No time to examine senior division

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day. Children assembled at 9.30. No committee men attended and three women of the general public.

The ceremony began with Recessional sung by all present; next saluting the flag; by names of maps and blackboard illustrations an



account of the landing on Gallipoli was given by the teacher; the pupils read the Dead at Anzac from school journals. The meeting ended with God save the King. All present remained standing in silence at the salute for The Dead at Anzac for half a minute, before dispersing.

2<sup>nd</sup> May The School Committee visited the school in afternoon. Asked Mr Brooks Chairman to fix rollers of window blinds, which he did. Asked for firewood, box of coins, fire shovel, magnifying glass, also suggested new flag pole and an honours board for ex pupils at the front.

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup> Fire Lit

21<sup>st</sup> May Mr Dixon gave a lesson on chemistry subject –air- to Senior pupils and a lesson to junior pupils on plant life and insects. Received on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2/- worth of coloured papers for handwork in Junior division

18<sup>th</sup> May New blind put up in schoolroom, A load of firewood arrived 10<sup>th</sup> May

26<sup>th</sup> June Mr Bligh White Cross Representative addressed the boys on social purity.

29<sup>th</sup> June School and residence painting completed

18<sup>th</sup> July Mr Lawton agricultural teacher gave a lesson on fertilization of flowers

Received 1 packet of Broad Beans, Peas, Lettuce, Onions, parsnip, Carrot, Turnip, leek

28<sup>th</sup> August Arthur Hooper was warned that if I found him smoking again I should inform the police. He obtained cigarettes from Tom Mortensen

9<sup>th</sup> September Took up my duties as relieving teacher

From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Miss Grierson was in charge. Found that the Standard 6 pupils are very backward in the important Proficiency subjects

10<sup>th</sup> September Removed Dorothy Curtis, Earnest Eagle, and Herbert Jacobsen from the roll

13<sup>th</sup> September If the parents desire to keep this school in its present grade they will have to send all pupils regularly and commence any children that are just coming school age.

Violet Mortensen appears to be a very poor child at attending. Attendance is in most cases improved to what it was last few weeks. Some of the junior classes not very satisfactory in arithmetic and spelling

Work progressing very well now that I have become accustomed to a 2 teacher room.

18<sup>th</sup> September Snow commenced to fall thickly so I dismissed school at 2.45 to give pupils a chance to get home dry

20<sup>th</sup> September School closing Monday for Dominion Day

24<sup>th</sup> September Admitted Jean Linsell. Roll now 40

8<sup>th</sup> October School opened today after a holiday yesterday, a special war holiday. The gallery of the school was removed yesterday and so we had to clean up. Work started at 10.15

11<sup>th</sup> October Attendance very poor owing to an epidemic of croupy colds coming amongst the pupils

18<sup>th</sup> October Arthur Hooper left today

One family The Brownies have made very poor attendance, One girl 13 years kept at home while her mother attended the races. Reporting.

23<sup>rd</sup> October Forwarded the circular to Secretary Wellington Education Board Received 2 wires re such. I had not received any

circular and so was unable to send one as was requested in the first one.

29<sup>th</sup> October School closed Labour Day.

1<sup>st</sup> November School closed 1 a.m. on account of Turkey surrendering. Three Eagle children left

4<sup>th</sup> November Entered Ellen Wilkin Log stopped

## 1918

18<sup>th</sup> January 1918 Mrs M J Wilkinson appointed teacher PP

4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1918 Mr. J. E. Thompson, relieving sole teacher, Mauriceville PP

## 1919

11<sup>th</sup> February 1919 Mr. J. E. Thompson, relieving sole teacher, Mauriceville PP

31<sup>st</sup> March D R Bewley Took temporary charge

9<sup>th</sup> April Holiday for Election day

2<sup>nd</sup> June I Gunn took Temporary Charge

7<sup>th</sup> June 1919 Miss F Shand sole teacher Mauriceville PP

1<sup>st</sup> July Florence Shand took charge of school Attendance 32

5<sup>th</sup> July Received packet of tooth cream for distribution among pupils

Removed Kitty Glesson's name from roll

21<sup>st</sup> July Closed for peace celebrations

24<sup>th</sup> July. School examined by me, F G A Stuckey

25<sup>th</sup> July Inspectors Holiday

8<sup>th</sup> August Inspectors report

a) Roll 35 Present 33

b) Miss Shand has been in charge some three weeks, being the fifth teacher in twelve months. The school was closed during my first round of visits.

c) In the circumstances the work in essential subjects was gratifying though the classwork had been somewhat neglected

d) The efficiency of the pupils as a whole is estimated as satisfactory

16<sup>th</sup> September Enrolled Keith Wilkin

18<sup>th</sup> September Maurice Wilkin has to undergo a nasal operation so will be absent some days

13<sup>th</sup> October Inspector Stuckey held proficiency exam. Four candidates sat and all were successful

14<sup>th</sup> October Keith Fulton has returned to his house so I removed his name from the roll

20<sup>th</sup> October Enrolled Arthur Myers as a pupil

31<sup>st</sup> October Bessie Dryden has been absent this week owing to the illness of her sister

17<sup>th</sup> November Enrolled Kathleen, William, Jack and Richard Dorset as pupils

20<sup>th</sup> November Director of Education to Wellington Education Board The fact that a single (women) teacher is in charge of the school the Department does not regard the additional room is necessary

The question of improving the residence by the provision of a wash house etc will receive consideration in connexion with the general question of improving teacher's residences

4<sup>th</sup> December School visited by Mr Laughton Truant Officer

4<sup>th</sup> December received Proficiency Certificates

## 1920

19<sup>th</sup> February Reopened school this morning

Owing to some cases of Mumps the attendance was only 14

Removed names of 11 pupils

23<sup>rd</sup> February Enrolled 5 new pupils. Roll 35 attendance 32

1<sup>st</sup> March Enrolled David Armstrong

8<sup>th</sup> March Hazel Hall enrolled

15<sup>th</sup> March Re-entered Nigel McKeown. Enrolled Doris Brooks

9<sup>th</sup> April received memo re visit of Prince of Wales

12<sup>th</sup> April Enrolled Alfred, Fran, Lily, Daisy, Nellie and Phyllis Sargisson

13<sup>th</sup> April As a case of influenza has broken out in Mr Jacobsen's family I sent the rest of the family home

19<sup>th</sup> April Enrolled Elsie Sargisson as pupil Roll 47

30<sup>th</sup> April 1920 J McGovern (Chairman), H Wainscott, F Wilken, D Wilkin and F Jennings Secretary PP

The Mauriceville School Committee has laid down a new lawn tennis court at the school grounds and the official opening will take place on Saturday.. It is intended to form a tennis club in the district. PP

4<sup>th</sup> May Wheelbarrow received from Mr Dickerson Masterton

1<sup>st</sup> June Reopened school. This morning Roll 41. Read Prince of Wales address to pupils and also distributed memento cards from Masterton

31<sup>st</sup> May Removed names of Ellen and Pearl Harvey, Gwen Gordon and Hazel Hall and Dorothy Brooks from roll, all having left the district

1<sup>st</sup> June Received word that an assistant has been appointed temporarily

7<sup>th</sup> June enrolled Emma Charles and Robert Clarke, Margaret Smith and John Williams as pupils

10<sup>th</sup> June enrolled William Neighbours

On Monday Miss Kissel relieving assistant commenced duties

29<sup>th</sup> June Received circulars re Tooth Brush Drill

3<sup>rd</sup> July Received report from Miss Blackburn, drill instructor.

Roll 47

Satisfactory work

Make work as varied as possible, introduce as many organised games as possible

Give partly informal work and teach elementary starting position

If this school does not keep an assistant I should advise using some of the older children as monitors to take lower division

Received from Whitcombe and Tombs 1 box cardboard coins

3<sup>rd</sup> August Enrolled Gladys Radcliffe, Clifford, Mavis and Evelyn Roigard as pupils

9<sup>th</sup> August Removed David Armstrong from roll

20<sup>th</sup> August Removed Gordon Fitzsimmons name from roll as he is going to Auckland (Did not leave)

7<sup>th</sup> September Sickness is prevalent Removed Christina, Berta Peter and Norman Jensen's name from roll also that of Daisy Ammunson all having gone to Eketahuna

Gordon Fitzsimmons has returned to school

Miss Campbell took charge as assistant this morning. Removed Marjory McIndoes name from roll.

20<sup>th</sup> September George Wainscott met with a very serious accident which necessitated the amputation of his left hand. Consequently he will be absent for some time. Percy Mortenson under Doctors Orders will be absent for three months

17<sup>th</sup> September Remover Percy Mortenson's name from roll, having a certificate of Dr Glanville's regarding the boy's state of health

24<sup>th</sup> September Removed names of Ida, Annie and Alfred Goodgame as they have gone to Hastings

As Mumps and Whooping Cough are prevalent the attendance is poor

1<sup>st</sup> October Miss Campbell Relieving Assistant withdrawn

Re-entered Marjorie McIndoe. Entered Gladys Payne

22<sup>nd</sup> October Removed Alfred, Elsie, Ivan, Lilly, Daisy, Nellie and Phyllis Sargison as they have moved to Konini

Also removed Margaret Smith's name. She does not know her destination

22<sup>nd</sup> October Miss E R Reader appointed assistant. Has had 3 years experience

25<sup>th</sup> October The school was examined by Mr Cowles. Owing to sickness only 27 were present. All students except one in the standards were promoted. The 3 Standard 6 pupils gained proficiency certificates.

2<sup>nd</sup> November Letter from F Jennings Secretary School Committee to Wellington Education Board. The School Committee has decided that the appointment of an assistant is unnecessary as the attendance has dropped considerably and after the Xmas holidays will be even lower.

4<sup>th</sup> November Miss Readers appointment cancelled by Wellington Education Board

15<sup>th</sup> November Removed Gladys Payne's name as she has returned to Taihape.

23<sup>rd</sup> November Dr Patterson examined the pupils

24<sup>th</sup> November Enrolled Alfred Goodgame as a pupil

Inspectors Report included

a) Teacher Miss Shand

b) Roll 34 Present 27

c) The work all through the school is evidence of the fine work done by the teacher

29<sup>th</sup> November Enrolled Annie Goodgame

14<sup>th</sup> December enrolled Ronald McGovern

## 1921

31<sup>st</sup> January Letter to Wellington Education Board re transfer of Miss Shand. The reason for the transfer was that the school had been raised a grade and therefore Miss Shand being uncertificated is ineligible for the position. We wish to point out the school will open with 34 pupils with no indication of new pupils

We would be greatly obliged if the Board would reconsider the decision re Miss Shand as she liked being here and moreover is popular with pupils and parents besides having worked exceedingly hard and got the children on very well with their lessons. We understand also that a married man is to be appointed here and we would wish to point out that the long promised improvements to the residence have not been carried out

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 32 present 28

One family is suffering from measles. Removed the following from the roll Doris McKeown, Lionel Wainscott, William Dorset (Proficiency Certificates) Jack and Dick Dorset and Gladys Radcliffe.

As the school has been raised a grade I have been informed that I must give up charge

15<sup>th</sup> February Received from Chairman School Committee a thermometer

Enrolled Alice Neighbours

16<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Masterton Show

18<sup>th</sup> February Reply from Wellington Education Board a note to say under the circumstances Miss Shand may stay for the year as school is likely to drop a grade if the Department agree. But her salary would stay as at present and not be regraded £ 220 to £270

25<sup>th</sup> February Received notice I am to remain in charge of school

31<sup>st</sup> May Received parcel from Whitcombe and Tombs containing Strawboards, cardboard, Pastel and Blackboard set squares

10<sup>th</sup> June Received from Whitcombe and Tombs 9 copies of Ivanhoe and 10 The Wild Swans

9<sup>th</sup> August Admitted Richard Roigard as pupil to his school.

11<sup>th</sup> August Inspectors Report included

a) Teacher Miss Shand

b) Roll 31. Present 26

c) The work of the school is in good condition. The pupils are responsive and keen to learn

19<sup>th</sup> August There is a deal of sickness in the district and quite a number of pupils are away on that account

6<sup>th</sup> September One pupil is under treatment at home and one in Masterton Hospital

26<sup>th</sup> September Closed for Dominion Day

27<sup>th</sup> September Len Hunt enrolled

21<sup>st</sup> October Trafalgar Day, hoisted flag and addressed children. Closed for Labour day

1<sup>st</sup> November Enrolled Walter Smith as pupil

3<sup>rd</sup> November Standard 6 pupils examined for proficiency certificate by Mr Burns. Both pupils passed

Received seeds from Mr Brockett, Agricultural Inspector

7<sup>th</sup> November Received from medical officer for distribution among the pupils

1) Defects nose and throat

2) Care of Hair

3) Care of teeth

4) Common skin diseases

5) Suggestion to parents

11<sup>th</sup> November School visited by Mr Williams, chairman School Committee who made a short address to the children Two minutes silence was observed.

22<sup>nd</sup> November Enrolled Elizabeth Goodgame

3<sup>rd</sup> December Received Memo re occupation of pupils of Standard 6 1920

## 1922

7<sup>th</sup> February Roll Number 30. Miss I Braggins commenced duty as probationer

Enrolled Florence Wainscott

Removed Elsie Wainscot who is away from home at present, Ida Goodgame, also Charles Clarke and Alice Wilkin as they gained proficiency

28<sup>th</sup> January Miss Isa N Braggins appointed as Probationer

16<sup>th</sup> February Removed Mavis Roigard from roll

6<sup>th</sup> March Jean Jacobsen enrolled.

Miss Braggins Probationer has been dismissed owing to unsatisfactory medical report

3<sup>rd</sup> April John Brett enrolled

19<sup>th</sup> April Removed Gordon Fitzsimmons from roll

Removed Annie Goodgame

26<sup>th</sup> April Removed Evelyn Roigard's name from roll

30<sup>th</sup> May Re-opened school Removed Walter Smiths name.

Enrolled as pupils Elsie Wainscott, Annie Goodgame, Mavis Roigard, Eileen Gladys and Richard Knowles, Elizabeth and Colin Burling and Douglas Larsen making a roll number of 38

1<sup>st</sup> June Received case of empty chocolate boxes for distribution according pupils of Mauriceville West, Dreyers Rock, Ihuraua and this school

26<sup>th</sup> June Herbert Jacobsen has scarlet fever, the family are not able to come to school

Removed names of Lyndall Clay, Annie Goodgame, Mavis Roigard and Douglas Larsen from register

24<sup>th</sup> July Miss Braggins reinstated as probationer

21<sup>st</sup> July Miss Braggins reappointed to probationer position and will report for duty on 24<sup>th</sup> July

28<sup>th</sup> July Received disinfection certificate for Jacobsen Family from Health officer

12<sup>th</sup> September Enrolled Mavis Roigard and Norman Myers

25<sup>th</sup> September School closed for Dominion Day

29<sup>th</sup> September Removed Margaret McIndoe's name from the roll

2<sup>nd</sup> October Removed Grace, Mavis, Herbert and Jean Jacobsen from roll as they have left the district

Inspectors report of 25<sup>th</sup> August Included

a) Teacher Miss F J Shand

b) I Braggins taught 12 infants

c) Instruction of Probationer. Owing to an adverse medical report, Miss Braggins who was appointed in February left the school on March 6<sup>th</sup> but was reinstated on July 24<sup>th</sup>

d) Up to the present she has received practically no instruction, but a beginning will be made immediately after the term holiday

e) The school building is in a satisfactory condition, the grounds could be improved by a suitable drill area.

f) The results of the inspection show that the teacher has been systematic and conscientious. Standard 5 is a class that will require concentrated attention.

g) Throughout the classes greater freedom of oral expression should be strived for.

h) In primer classes number work is satisfactory. Reading very fair, lacking in fluency

i) Other subjects satisfactory

j) W G Blackie Inspector

1<sup>st</sup> November Enrolled Donald and Archie Stevenson

2<sup>nd</sup> November Proficiency Exam by Mr Blackie William Neighbours and John Williams gained their proficiency Certificate. Emma Clarke gained competency

27<sup>th</sup> November John Williams removed from roll

7<sup>th</sup> December. School closed for election

## 1923

13<sup>th</sup> January Director of Education approves changes to residence

1<sup>st</sup> February 4 Jacobsen children return. Darcy and Lena Freeman. Alice Stevenson, Annie Goodgame, Evelyn Roigard. Roll no 37

13<sup>th</sup> February Received cheque book from Wellington Education Board

19<sup>th</sup> February Jean McGovern enrolled

5<sup>th</sup> March Removed Lena freeman's name from the roll

12<sup>th</sup> March Miss Braggins left having been transferred to Miramar Wellington

19<sup>th</sup> March Enrolled Jan. Tomlin

27<sup>th</sup> March Marjorie Wells enrolled.

4<sup>th</sup> April Roy Knowles enrolled. Roll 40

10<sup>th</sup> April Removed Darcy Freeman's name from roll

25<sup>th</sup> April School closed for Anzac day. Took children to Masterton to services there.

7<sup>th</sup> May Removed the names of Eileen, Gladys, Richard and Roy Knowles from roll

29<sup>th</sup> May Removed Geoffrey Wainscot's name from roll, absent on sick leave.

30<sup>th</sup> May John A Stewart began as relieving teacher

Found everything in order

2<sup>nd</sup> July Resumed teaching this morning

18<sup>th</sup> July Window broken. Wrote to chairman about getting it repaired

23<sup>rd</sup> July Marjory Well's name from roll

8<sup>th</sup> August Removed names of Milly and Colin Burling from roll

Was informed that Ida Goodgame is suffering with influenza so sent the other members of the family home.

13<sup>th</sup> August Sickness in several families. Attendance 17

19<sup>th</sup> August Window mended. Very rough weather. Sickness in several families. Attendance 14

21<sup>st</sup> August No wood for school. Supply has been inadequate for some weeks

11<sup>th</sup> September Enrolled Mavis Roigard. Removed Ida Goodgame

17<sup>th</sup> September Enrolled Ellen McKay

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

22<sup>nd</sup> October Removed Mavis, Evelyn and Richard Roigard from school roll

24<sup>th</sup> October Received 10 packets of flower seeds and 10 packets of vegetable seeds

19<sup>th</sup> October Inspector's report.

- a) Roll 30 Attendance 28
- b) This school is under efficient management. Order tone and discipline very satisfactory
- c) Building etc in satisfactory condition except boys latrines, seriously reported on
- d) A Cowles

29<sup>th</sup> October Proficiency exam held by Mr Cowles Four candidates presented Two gained their proficiency certificates, one gained competency

26<sup>th</sup> November Admitted Maud Bailey

5<sup>th</sup> December Removed Ellen McKay

20<sup>th</sup> December Received lock for door from Wellington Education Board

## 1924

5<sup>th</sup> February Removed names of Ian Tomlin, Fred wainscot, Donald Archie and Alice Stevenson from roll

Entered Richard Roigard, Gwendoline Wainscott and Albert Clifford

6<sup>th</sup> February Enrolled Reginald, Joseph and Emily Clifford.

Removed Nellie Goodgame's name as she is going to Kopuaranga



19<sup>th</sup> March Removed Richard Roigard's name from the roll

25<sup>th</sup> March Removed Grace Jacobsen's name from the roll

17<sup>th</sup> September Letter from M P Wilking to Wellington Education Board

- a) My eldest child will be of school age on 29<sup>th</sup> September
- b) The school is over 2 miles away and no other children from here attend
- c) I have decided to board her at Mauriceville
- d) What allowance is available

Wellington Education Board replied with a form and material on the back of it

Form by Mr Wilkin

- a) One child in district boards in Masterton
  - b) Dangerous Country roads
  - c) Mobs of station cattle pass annually
  - d) Motorists speed up on country roads
  - e) Tramps are plentiful
  - f) Boarding with Frank Wilkin, 2 miles 2 chains from home
- Distance to Mangamahoe School 2 miles 25 chains

Mauriceville 2 miles 10 chains

7<sup>th</sup> November Received from Wellington Education Board Copies of Little Tin Soldier, Dick Whittington, Rip Van Winkle, Round the World in Eighty Days

13<sup>th</sup> November received notice re cruelty to birds from Department

12<sup>th</sup> November School visited by Nurse Wills

Inspectors report of 24<sup>th</sup> October included

- a) Roll 28
- b) F J Shand Teacher Grading 156

c) The work of the pupils shows the effect of energetic teaching

d) The spouting at the back of the school needs repairing.

## 1925

9<sup>th</sup> March Miss Braggins has been transferred to Miramar South School

28<sup>th</sup> May Mr Stewart Relieving teacher proceeding from Wellington tomorrow Tuesday Morning

## 1925

15<sup>th</sup> April Roll 35

Enrolled Phyllis, Katie, Jack and Halcie Heaven

Douglas and Rona Larsen, Sheila Tomlin, Leslie Clarke, Edna Jacobsen

23<sup>rd</sup> April Removed Douglas and Rona Larsen from the roll

14<sup>th</sup> May School closed out of respect for the late Prime Minister

25<sup>th</sup> May Enrolled Mavis Williams. The boys received a football from the Rugby Union

8<sup>th</sup> June School Committee purchased an axe handle and hearth brush also two roller towels

19<sup>th</sup> June Removed names of Alice, Arthur, Ronald and Jean McGovern from school. A pane broken in a window

31<sup>st</sup> June Sent in my resignation as a teacher here

6<sup>th</sup> July Enrolled, Ellen, Sheila, Douglas and Gordon McKay

July received 1 rake, 1/ dozen test tubes, glass tubing, 4 ounces of nitric acid 2 Ounces each of Fehling's Solutions (A and B), 1 crucible, corks

31<sup>st</sup> July. Gave up charge of school today



5<sup>th</sup> August Miss N Fitzpatrick started as Teacher on Supply

7<sup>th</sup> August One child is away from home and two others have been sick

31<sup>st</sup> August Reopened after holidays. A timetable has been on trial during the week.

20<sup>th</sup> September Mr Wilkin Chairman of the School Committee and Mr Heaven Secretary of the School Committee visited the school today. Miss Fitzpatrick Relieving Teacher terminated service in this school today.

1<sup>st</sup> August Please wire if accommodation available for Miss Fitzpatrick relieving teacher proceeding Tuesday

1<sup>st</sup> August Collect telegram to Wellington Education Board  
Accommodation available T Wilkin

20<sup>th</sup> August Appointment of Mrs C M Childs D Certificate 10 1/4 years service. Present Position Unemployed. Graded 198

28<sup>th</sup> August Letter from Secretary School Committee Stating that though the appointment has been made the School Committee wanted a married male teacher if available would be better for the school and the district. Our chairman had a long talk with our late teacher and she informed him that the discipline and morals of the children were not all that could be desired and agreed that a male teacher was what we required to get more efficiency

1<sup>st</sup> September Reply from Wellington Education Board. Pointing out that Mrs Childs is higher graded than any of the male applicants, she is well recommended. Finishing with The Board trusts that your School Committee will give Mrs Childs a hearty welcome to the Mauriceville District

1<sup>st</sup> October Mrs C N Childs took charge today. Roll 34

6<sup>th</sup> October Attended School Committee meeting Am endeavouring to have some improvements made in the playground

7<sup>th</sup> October Children removed grass etc from around the school building and cleaned up sheds

21<sup>st</sup> October. Special lesson for Trafalgar Day

22<sup>nd</sup> Received photo of Mr Massey Children are desirous of bringing contribution towards a frame

29<sup>th</sup> October Proficiency Exam by Mr Irwin. Four pupils (2 boys and 2 girls entered for proficiency and one girl entered for competency  
Sheila Tomlin, Sheila McKay, Robert Clarke have gained their proficiency certificates

Clifford Tomlin failed in English for his proficiency

Mavis Jacobsen gained her competency certificate

30<sup>th</sup> October Mavis Jacobsen who has reached the age of 14 today is leaving school

11<sup>th</sup> November Hoisted flag, observed armistice day

25<sup>th</sup> November Dr Barclay visited the school today for the purpose of ascertaining weight and height measurements of the children

14<sup>th</sup> December Mavis Jacobsen receives a competency as she took Standard 5 arithmetic. Received the proficiency certificates

## 1926

4<sup>th</sup> February received the following from Wellington Education Board

250 Sheets	Plain Paper
10	Gum brushes
8	Brown Brushwork Books
2 lbs	Plasticene 4 plain 2 Coloured

72 Sheets	Cardboard Plain
72 Sheets	Cardboard Coloured
2 pair	Modelling Tools
3	Knives
2 packets	6 inch Paper
2 packets	4 Inch paper
Secotine	2 Tubes
8 Boxes	Crayons
1	Gluak
2 Boxes	Chalk White
1 Box	Chalk Coloured
1	Tape Adhesive
500	Sticks Assorted

Inspectors Report for Visit of 29<sup>th</sup> October

- a) Roll 36 Present
- b) Mrs Childs has only been in charge for the past two months but there is pleasing evidence that she is teaching on sound educational lines with good results. This is especially noticeable for the primer classes where the pupils have been rather backward
- c) The grounds might be improved by the cutting of the grass and the fencing off of the garden plot.

15<sup>th</sup> February Letter from Mrs C N Childs asking for Masterton Show Holiday

1<sup>st</sup> April Received 8 desks all new

23<sup>rd</sup> April Mr P Wilken Chairman of School Committee addressed a gathering at the school this afternoon (Anzac Day) C Childs and P Heaven recited suitable verses

3<sup>rd</sup> May Received 14 ink wells from Wellington Education Board. Four children suffering from sores on their hands and arms have been sent home

Mavis Williams is in Masterton hospital

4<sup>th</sup> May Weather has been very poor. Attendance in the girls is poor

14<sup>th</sup> May Received one rain gauge, 1 measuring jar, 1 barometer and 1 tube mercury

31<sup>st</sup> May E J Billing took temporary charge today

3<sup>rd</sup> June King;s Birthday. Public Holiday- Children sung songs and National Anthem before being dismissed

11<sup>th</sup> June Services as relieiving teacher terminated today. Mr McKay, chairman accompanied by Mr Jennings of the School Committee addressed the scholars who responded with three hearty cheers.

14<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Childs returned to school. 5 new blinds ordered for school

17<sup>th</sup> June The medical officer visited school, paying a passing call. Two pupils suffering from sores were sent home

3<sup>rd</sup> July A meeting on the centralisation of Schools was held at the school today. Mr Moss member of the Wellington Education Board and the School Committees in the district attended

6<sup>th</sup> July A hockey match with Hastwell School has been arranged for Saturday

9<sup>th</sup> July The match has been postponed

23<sup>rd</sup> July Removed the names of Fred and Maud Bailey from the roll

2<sup>nd</sup> August Attended School Committee meeting. The barrow requires repairing, and lock to front door requires attention.

8<sup>th</sup> September Reopened school this morning. Mr Brockett instructor in Agriculture visited the school today. An interesting lesson on the construction of a barometer.

Received one packet of Mangle seeds with instructions for planting out

20<sup>th</sup> September This morning we had a short visit from Mr Bird Senior Inspector and Mr Powell Architect of Wellington Education Board The spouting and repairs to roof were authorised.

25<sup>th</sup> September Received 5 new blinds.

Also 1 packet each of pansy, aster, columbine phlox seed for flower gardens

4<sup>th</sup> October A start was made today to the ploughing of the girl's playground. Some fine gravel has also arrived for filling in the holes in the path

6<sup>th</sup> October. Ploughing was finished today. Three new boys were admitted Roll 37

18<sup>th</sup> October Mr Brockett Instructor in Agriculture visited the school this morning. A lesson on the position of the atmosphere was given

21<sup>st</sup> October The school was visited by a medical officer this afternoon. Primers to Standard 2 were examined and Standard 3 to 6 had eyesight tested and throat and mouth examined.

29<sup>th</sup> October Mr Burns Inspector of schools examined 3 candidates for proficiency Certificates today. The work of the lower school was also examined

2<sup>nd</sup> November Miss Blackburn Physical Drill Instructor visited the school today. The infants were given a course of simple drill and games. Seniors Drill

5<sup>th</sup> November Received book "Course of Physical Exercises and Games suitable for infants. Issued by Department

25<sup>th</sup> November One pupil aged 11years 4 months is away sitting for Junior National Scholarship Examinations

10<sup>th</sup> December Received One certificate for Poficiency for Clare Childs and 2 certificates endorsed competency for Ellen Wilkin and Ellen McKay.

7<sup>th</sup> December The children have been granted a holiday so that some of the children can compete in the Masterton School Sports

30<sup>th</sup> November Received the course of work in Nature Study, including Elementary Agriculture Forestry and General Science for Sole Charge Schools

Inspectors Report included

- a) Roll 38 Present 33
- b) Classification – A few pupils not equal to the work of their classes should not be promoted
- c) The attendance has been adversely affected by epidemics.
- d) Mrs Childs has done good work and the progress of the pupils in the circumstances has been very satisfactory
- e) Improvements to the grounds are in progress. Funds of a substantial amount having been raised locally
- f) The school room is neat and clean

During the holiday the inside of the school will be painted

22<sup>nd</sup> December Minister of Education notified that Mangamahoe School has consolidated onto Mauriceville East School

## 1927

13<sup>th</sup> January Letter from Secretary of School Committee Mr Jennings to Wellington Education Board. Roll now 40 asking for an assistant . Reply asking Mrs Childs to send numbers immediately on school opening

1<sup>st</sup> February 10 new pupils admitted. Roll is 46. Present on opening day 42

2<sup>nd</sup> February A pupil Clare Childs entered for the Junior national Scholarship has qualified for a free place

2<sup>nd</sup> February Letter from Mrs Childs Roll Number 46, 26 boys, 20 girls. The attendance today is 42

3<sup>rd</sup> February Letter from Wellington Education Board to Director of Education asking for a roll rise appointment of a reliever

4<sup>th</sup> February Approves of an assistant to be reviewed at 30<sup>th</sup> June Appointment of Miss E L M Jones as relieving assistant

7<sup>th</sup> February Miss Jones Relieving assistant commenced her duties today. She is teaching Primers to Standard 1

11<sup>th</sup> February Miss Wills School Nurse visited the school today. 2 children showing signs of ringworm have been excluded from attendance. The school was visited today by Mr McKay, Chairman and Mr P Wilkins Committeeman

13<sup>th</sup> February Letter from Mrs Childs to Wellington Education Board My daughter Clare Childs gained a free place in the Junior National Scholarship Examination and is now attending the Wellington East Girls College. Is she entitled to receive the Boarding allowance of 5/- weekly? Her age is 11 years 8 months  
Reply That boarding allowance is only paid to those attending Primary Schools

1<sup>st</sup> March. Received a chair for the Assistant

8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> March The school was closed today in commemoration of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York

14<sup>th</sup> March two children absent with whooping cough and one with ringworm. Am sending a child with a bad cold home today

16<sup>th</sup> March The children held a stall at the Sports on Saturday, for the sale of sweets, produce and sewing. The sum of £10 was cleared. This is to be devoted to the purchase of tennis racquets and nets, and a ball for basketball (Netball). Last year by the same means we were able to purchase a dozen hockey sticks for the school team

21<sup>st</sup> March Today a gale is raging. Only 3/19 girls are present and 16/25 boys

25<sup>th</sup> March. A large curtain to divide the room has arrived from the Wellington Education Board

31<sup>st</sup> March On the 1<sup>st</sup> march after a talk with Miss Jones it was decided she would also teach Standard 2

13<sup>th</sup> April School closing today for Easter. Two extra days being given in commemoration of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York

26<sup>th</sup> April The school was closed yesterday for Anzac day. At 9.00 the children assembled at the school where they were addressed by Major Fletcher a member of the RSA Masterton. Mr Allan and Mr Hebendon also of the RSA Masterton and several of the School Committee and parents were present. The pupils saluted the flag and sang God Save the King

28<sup>th</sup> April The set of Books "Children's Treasure House" 12 volumes, was received today. At a concert given by the pupils at the end of the year £10 was cleared. It was decided to purchase these volumes and to devote the rest of the money towards the piano fund  
The Navy League has presented the school with the volume "2 ships" written by Keeble Chatterton

6<sup>th</sup> May School closing for winter term holidays. The pupils held a short concert this afternoon commencing at 2.30, the items for same having been prepared by two of the senior scholars, during their

lunch hour. A large number of parents and friends were present, and afternoon tea was provided by the parents

15<sup>th</sup> June Mr Brockett visited the school and gave a lesson on 'Elements and Compounds'

30<sup>th</sup> June Received a number of Junior books in large Type

15<sup>th</sup> July A piano has arrived. Money towards same has been contributed by pupils concert, Fancy Dress dance etc.

14<sup>th</sup> July At present there are 21 children away with mumps

15<sup>th</sup> July Roll number is 50, Attendance has been poor owing to an epidemic of mumps. This week we have had two excepted days

25<sup>th</sup> July Letter from C N Childs Several parents have asked if they could send their children back to school before the required 3 weeks absence was completed only 3 families have so far been immune

Mr Brockett visited. Instruction was given in pruning and transplanting

27<sup>th</sup> July Reply the children affected are allowed to return but the three families unaffected are advised to stay away

26<sup>th</sup> August Miss Jones who has been relieving assistant here since 7<sup>th</sup> February left this afternoon. Parents afternoon was held at school. Mr Wilkin of the School Committee attended and delivered a farewell address to Miss Jones

17<sup>th</sup> August Miss M G Rowse appointed as infant Mistress. Graded 201, 6 1/2 years Present position Sole Teacher Ihuraua

6<sup>th</sup> September 1927 Mauriceville, Miss M. G. Rowse, infant mistress PP

7<sup>th</sup> September Miss I Maxwell appointed relieving assistant  
Miss Maxwell relieving assistant arrived at school today

26<sup>th</sup> September Mr Brockett visited the school and gave lessons in thinning carrots and onions and a talk on the composition and use of manures.

30<sup>th</sup> September Miss Maxwell who has been relieving assistant for the past three weeks completed her duties here today

3<sup>rd</sup> October Miss G Rowse who has been appointed assistant teacher arrived today

24<sup>th</sup> October The school was closed for Labour Day

26<sup>th</sup> October Mr Cowles visited the school today. Mavis Tildesley, Arthur Myers, Arthur McGovern, Rees Watkins sat for proficiency. They all passed

6<sup>th</sup> November A grass court was opened at the school today for lawn tennis. The court is to be available for the public to play after school hours and on Saturday.

The School Committee are to be congratulated on the excellent work they have put in to make the court and accomplished fact. Mr Sykes M P for Masterton performed the opening ceremony, while Mr Moss a member of the Wellington Education Board was also present.

21<sup>st</sup> October The school was visited by Mr Moss and Mr Powell (Architect). It was decided to asphalt the entrance to the school and also to make a new doorstep. It will be a great improvement, when the work is effected.

19<sup>th</sup> November Holiday granted by School Committee as some of the Children are attending The Wairarapa School Sports in Masterton

30<sup>th</sup> Nov 1927 The Mauriceville School Committee has laid down a new lawn tennis court at the school grounds and the official opening will take place on Saturday.. It is intended to form a tennis club in the district. PP

6<sup>th</sup> December Letter from C M Childs to Wellington Education Board A Standard 5 pupil has been in hospital all this term. Should his name be removed from the register. He will return after Christmas Holiday. Board said to remove name.

16<sup>th</sup> December A school concert was given by the pupils on Thursday Evening. The concert was very successful. The proceeds are to be expended on the library.

## 1928

15<sup>th</sup> February The school was closed for the Masterton Show

19<sup>th</sup> March Mr Brockett visited and the Boys who have joined the Boy's Agricultural Club inspected the mangold plots in the afternoon

22<sup>nd</sup> march Much necessary work in draining is being done at present in the playground

The area in front of the porch and shed is also to be asphalted. It is hoped that the draining will remove the great quantity of surplus water that lies about in winter

3<sup>rd</sup> March. The school relay team Cedric Clarke, Bert Kerr, Cliff Watkins won the district schools championships at the sports on Saturday. The boys each received a medal and a cup is to be presented to the school. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in succession the school has won the cup,

26<sup>th</sup> March Received 7 blinds for windows at the residence.

Conducted a fifth Standard examination for Maurice Wilkin a young man who desired a 5<sup>th</sup> Standard certificate for his further work. He succeeded in passing

The School Children held a Fancy Dress Dance in the Mauriceville Hall on the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. The dance was a great

success and the sum of £5.10 has been forwarded to the Masterton dental Clinic from the school.

24<sup>th</sup> April The Householders held a meeting in the school last night, for the purpose of electing a school committee. About 40 householders were present. The following were elected Mr I D Cameron (Chairman) M Gleeson (Secretary) P Wilkin, J McGovern, G Watkins

4<sup>th</sup> May This morning the School Committee accompanied by Mr Sykes M P visited the school. Mr Sykes addressed the children

21<sup>st</sup> May Received Kerosene Heater

30<sup>th</sup> May Mr Cameron and Mr Watkins members of the School Committee visited the school today. They effected several repairs to the Girl's Shed. It was decided they would procure a cupboard for holding the cocoa cups etc also that a large enamel jug be purchased for making the cocoa

It was decided that a cup of cocoa be supplied to each pupil at playtime

1<sup>st</sup> June Today I wrote to the Board re proposal Memorial Stone to be laid in the school grounds

8<sup>th</sup> June Standard 2 to 6 going to Winter Show Palmerston North, school to be closed for day

Wellington Education Board: Approved subject to this being the only holiday of this nature by your school this year.

22<sup>nd</sup> June On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June the Senior Scholars accompanied by Teachers, Mrs Childs and Miss Rowse and School Committee men Mr Cameron, Wilkins and McGovern paid a visit to the Palmerston North Show. An instructive and informative day was spent

23<sup>rd</sup> June The fireplace was built up by Mr Cameron so as to enable the heat to be thrown forward

12<sup>th</sup> July Some proceeds from a dance in aid of school funds were handed over to the teachers. It has been decided to spend the amount £2-3-0 on gramophone records

17<sup>th</sup> July Mr Brockett Visited. The boys were taken out to weigh the various mangold plots. Of the 5 plots weighed the top weight was that of Ronald McGovern whose crops 102 tons 4 cwt, this being a record for the Wairarapa

20<sup>th</sup> July The school was presented with the challenge Sport's Club won by the pupils at the District (School) sports in 1927 and 1928

In the schools writing competition Jean Kerr and Evelyn Roigard won prizes

24<sup>th</sup> July The funds of the school benefit to the extent of £3-15 from the picture benefit given in the local hall

4<sup>th</sup> September A start is to be made with cutting the hedge surrounding the playground. The work of building the memorial to the fallen soldiers is also to be started

14<sup>th</sup> September Lieutenant Corporal Frickleson V C was present at the school today. He gave a most interesting talk to the children on Patriotism. Mr Cameron Chairman of School Committee accompanied Mr Frickleson

17<sup>th</sup> September The ladies of the district are holding a Shop Day in Masterton on Wednesday. The proceeds are in aid of the improvements to school grounds

20<sup>th</sup> September A war memorial to the memory of the fallen soldiers who came from the district was unveiled today. The memorial takes the form of a monument of limestone with a large urn at the top and marble slab inserted at the front

The memorial was unveiled by Hon Young, Minister of Health. Mr Ian Cameron presided. Addresses were also given by Mr Sykes M P. Mr Harris M P and Rev Davie. The firing party were drawn from the 9<sup>th</sup> battalion and the Last Post was sounded. Wreaths were laid by two of the pupils about 350 people were present

9<sup>th</sup> October Mr Boden inspector of school visited the school today. Owing to the severity of the gale which blew the iron from the boys shed only 27/41 students were at school.

4 were presented for proficiency. Ronald McGovern being absent. The 4 were successful in passing and Ronald was accredited with a pass.

26<sup>th</sup> October Received word that Ronald McGovern had been successful in winning the championship in the Mangold growing competition. Boy's and Girl's Agriculture club

9 boys have entered for the 1929 competition

21<sup>st</sup> October ordered books for the school library to arrive in February or March 1929. The cost will be £2-8-10 to the committee £1-4-5 plus subsidy

29<sup>th</sup> November Noah Rankin, a new pupil wishes to sit for his proficiency examination So I have made arrangements for him to sit the exam at Masterton West School

10<sup>th</sup> December Received word that the navy League is presenting the school with a Union Jack Flag as the school has 100% membership

18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1928 MAURICEVILLE EAST SCHOOL.

At the annual breaking-up concert of the Mauriceville East School a Navy League flag was presented to the school by the secretary of the league (Mr. H. Darroch) in consequence of the enrolment of the whole of the school's 40 pupils in the league. Mrs. O. Bunny, president of the Wairarapa branch, Mr. Stroud, a vice president of the Wellington branch, and members of the Wairarapa branch were

also present. There was a large attendance of children with their parents, and the utmost enthusiasm for the navy and the Navy League prevailed. The headmistress, Mrs. Child, accepted the flag on behalf of the school. Mr. Ian Cameron, chairman of the School Committee, and Mr. Donald, representing the Education Board, warmly supported the Navy League objects as outlined by Mr. Darroch. Mr. C. C. Jackson, president of the Wairarapa Farmers' Union, presented trophies to several of the pupils who had been successful in agricultural competitions conducted throughout the Wairarapa district.. PP

18<sup>th</sup> December The annual school concert in aid of the Library and School funds was held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December and was a great success

All the items were given by the school children. Members of the Navy League including Mr Stroud, president and Mr Darroch Secretary were present. The Union Jack was presented to the school. Captain Chudley of Wellington also presented a very fine picture H M S New Zealand in action

Mr Stroud has very kindly offered to have picture framed in Oak

Mr C C Jackson President of the Farmers Union and the Secretary Mr Williams, were also present and delivered speeches. A very fine silver cup donated by W F C A Masterton was presented to the school, the winner of the agricultural competition being a pupil of this school.

Money prizes were also presented to the 2<sup>nd</sup> boy (Arthur McGovern) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Hillas Myers. The weight of the winning crop was 102 tons to the acre, this being an increase of 30 tons on the previous competition

Copy of Inspection Report of 9<sup>th</sup> October

a) Roll 41, present 27

b) C M Childs Graded 158 Taught Standard 3-6

c) M G Rowse I M Standard 2, 1 and Primers

d) Attendance is affected by an epidemic

e) The shelter shed has been damaged by the recent storm

f) The erection of the Soldier's memorial and the clearing of the playground reflect great credit upon all concerned

g) The school is capably managed and the pupils are making good progress

## 1929

4<sup>th</sup> February Roll 40

The boys playground is being ploughed and levelled

12<sup>th</sup> February The annual school picnic was held on Saturday. The chairman Mr I D Cameron donated all the school prizes, each pupil receiving a prize. The school championship was won by Clifford Watkins, who received a medal, and has his name engraved on the Dallas Cup, which is to held by the school for competition by the pupils

25<sup>th</sup> February Mr Brockett and Mr Freeman were at the school today the boys belonging to the agricultural club, and several other pupils who are entering for the 1929 competition were taken on an inspection visit to the plots. I also accompanied them

1<sup>st</sup> March Instruction has been given regularly to pupils, in swimming, since school opened, this year. Several pupils have learned to swim

The school is entering a team for the relay Race at the district sports tomorrow. We hope to retain the sports' cup

5<sup>th</sup> March Miss Bellamy of the Country Schools Dental Clinic, was at the school this afternoon



17<sup>th</sup> April That the committee pass a motion regretting the unfortunate accident that happened to the daughter of Mr and Mrs J Williams

22<sup>nd</sup> April Householders meeting. There were 41 Householders present

24<sup>th</sup> April That the children's fancy dress ball be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. That we engage an orchestra and bus to convey them at a cost not to exceed 5 guineas (1 Guinea was 21 shillings)

Mrs Childs to obtain judges for fancy dress competitions . Prizes for most unusual boy and girl under 7 and most original boy and girl over 7

Dance to be free to all children with fancy dress

That there be two insertions in both papers

That the ladies be allowed £3-0-0 for catering for the ball. That the decorating of the hall in the hands of Mr McGovern. Mr Bishop offering the use of his lorry if required.

That the Secretary write to the Tennis Club thanking them for the way they kept the tennis court

That the committee pass a vote of appreciation to the teacher Mrs Childs for her assistance during the last year. Carried with acclamation

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Service was held at the school Major Fletcher and Major Hawkins of the R S A were present. Major Fletcher delivered an address. A large number of adults were present. Hymns O God Our Help in Ages past and "Kipling's Children's Hymns were sung. Appropriate recitations by J and K Heaven. At the conclusion of the address several wreaths were laid at the foot of the memorial, in memorial of the departed soldiers.

6<sup>th</sup> May Received another further addition of geographical and historical books for the School Library

7<sup>th</sup> May That the scrubbing of the school be left in the hands of Mr McGovern and Secretary to arrange

That the ladies committee be extended a further amount for the fancy dress ball

10<sup>th</sup> May During the holidays the school is to be scrubbed

10<sup>th</sup> June The Girls' shed is to be moved further back, thus making a great improvement in the grounds

11<sup>th</sup> June That the chairman be empowered to procure a suitable man for 3 days work at School

19<sup>th</sup> June Telegram to Wellington Education Board Mrs Childs Absent with Influenza. Today assistant teacher carrying only 18 pupils. Present consider assistant capable if so desire. Cameron Chairman Mauriceville School

8<sup>th</sup> July Repairs have been made to some of the windows

8<sup>th</sup> July That the children be taken to the Wellington Winter Show and that dates and times be left in the hands of the chairman and teacher

That we have a working bee after lunch on Saturday at the school

That the Secretary write to Mr McGovern thanking him for his assistance in taking Judges and Children around the mangle plots

That the Secretary write to Master Myers congratulating him on having the best mangles in the local school plots

That we write to Mrs Childs, Teacher showing their sympathy in her recent illness

A wizard radiator has been forwarded but is not proving very satisfactory.

23<sup>rd</sup> August The school children cleaned the windows etc preparatory to closing for holidays

27<sup>th</sup> August That the heating of the school be left in the hands of the chairman

10<sup>th</sup> September In the mangold competition just closed, we were unfortunate to lose the Agricultural Cup, gaining third place only this year, being 2 ½ points behind the winner

17<sup>th</sup> September During the holidays the large drain was piped and concreted in. A great improvement.

The stumps of the old trees are now being removed

23<sup>rd</sup> September. Mrs Childs present at meeting of School Committee That heating be left in the hands of the chairman for further information.

22<sup>nd</sup> November The sixth standard proficiency examination was held today. 6 pupils entering The remainder of the school was given a holiday

9<sup>th</sup> December The school concert in aid of library funds was held last night The concert was given by the school children and the gross amount taken was £15

10<sup>th</sup> December That Mr A Wilkins be given permission to remove hay for the sum of £1. The whole of the grass to be taken.

That a silver medal to the value of 12/6 be procured for presentation to Master S Clark for attendance record

That the children be taken to Masterton on Friday 20th inst to go through the Woollen Mills, Waingawa Freezing Works and C E Daniells Timber Mill

The teacher presented the Inspectors Report for the year which was very good

That the School Committee pass a vote of appreciation to the teachers for their good work for the year

20<sup>th</sup> December Today the pupils of Standard 2-6 were taken by the School Committee to visit places of interest in the district The following visits were made.

Waingawa Freezing Works. Soap Works, Hosiery Mills, Timber Mill and Whatman School

The children had a most enjoyable day. The Chairman, Mr McGovern and Myself accompanied the children

## 1930

7<sup>th</sup> January That Mr Goodgame be offered the grass in the school grounds

3<sup>rd</sup> February Roll 36. Six Standard 6 pupils left for secondary schools

Mr Brockett visited. The forestry block is to be resown. The grass and hedges round school and grounds have been cut

4<sup>th</sup> February That Mr Watkins and Mr McGovern be visiting committee for ensuing month.

That a working bee held on Saturday afternoon.

That Mr Bishop be empowered to purchase a cricket bat for school

11<sup>th</sup> February That the school picnic be held in Mr Clarke's paddock on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

That the subscription list be left in the hands of Mr McGovern also that the list close on Tuesday night.

That the purchase of prizes be left in the hands of Mrs Childs.

That we hold a dance on Saturday after the picnic and that the charge be 2/6d for gents 1/6d ladies. All contributions on the subscription list of over 5/- be admitted without further charge

That the chairman action be endorsed in giving Mr Wilkin 3 days work at 14/- per day

That the building of a wood shed be left in the mean time

That the music for the dance be left in the hands of Mr Bishop

19<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Masterton A and P Show

24<sup>th</sup> February The annual picnic was held on Saturday. Every child received a book. Trophies were given for sports. Cedric Clarke won the school championship and Leslie Blake the medal for ¼ mile walk

26<sup>th</sup> February. A special meeting was called. The Secretary presented the balance sheet of the Picnic and dance which disclosed a credit balance of 1/2d with 10/- outstanding

That the medal be engraved and balance of money be handed to the teacher Mrs Childs to purchase something for Master Jacobsen

The Secretary was instructed to write the following thanking them for donations to our picnic. Mr P J Softly, Manager F C D C. Manager Para Rubber Mr J Bradbury and Mr Clark for offering use of ground for picnic

Mr Watkins gave a very clear detailed report on behalf of the visiting committee (*School Committee members who visit the school and look at the class work*)

3<sup>rd</sup> March The district school's championship was again won by this school, making the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in succession

8<sup>th</sup> March Application by Mr C S Algie for transport of children from Dreyers Rock Road to Mauriceville

Joan 10.2 and Beth 6.4

There is no public conveyance in the district to suit school hours

The road is dangerous for young children being narrow with much traffic

Reply That allowance of 6d per return trip is allowed for

12<sup>th</sup> March That a straw broom be purchased

18<sup>th</sup> March All the pupils from Standard 2-Standard 7 had the opportunity to hear Commander Byrd's speech over the wireless today. Arrangements were made for them to leave school at 2 p.m. and listen in at several homes where wireless is installed

19<sup>th</sup> March Received lupin seed and manure. Also tools

28<sup>th</sup> March Miss Rowse Infant Mistress today received a message that she was urgently required at home and left this morning for Wellington.

31<sup>st</sup> March Miss Gallagher appointed as relieving infant mistress. Mrs Childs still Head teacher

31<sup>st</sup> March 10 a. m. Telegram from Mrs Childs. Cannot arrange accommodation so far. Wire you later. Childs

10.20 Have arranged suitable accommodation since last wire. Childs

1<sup>st</sup> April Miss Gallagher relieving teacher instructed to precede this Mornings Train

1<sup>st</sup> April Miss Gallagher who has been appointed relieving Infant Mistress commenced duties this afternoon

2<sup>nd</sup> April That the Secretary write to RSA for a speaker for Anzac day

28<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Services was held at school on Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9.00. Most of the school children and a number of adults were present. The address was given by Major Irwin. The school children sang Kipling's Recessional and laid two wreaths on the memorial in remembrance

28<sup>th</sup> April Householders meeting. 18 present That the outgoing School Committee be re-elected. carried

10<sup>th</sup> May Miss I Mahood (Robin Carlyon's Aunty) appointed as Infant Mistress

Grade 196 Certificate c Service 5 1/4 years. Present Position Relieving

13<sup>th</sup> May That Mr Bishops resignation be accepted with regret

That Mr Colin Algie be appointed in his place

That the scrubbing/cleaning of the school be left in Mr McGruddy's hands

That the meetings in the future be held at 7.30 sharp.

27<sup>th</sup> May 1930 Miss I Mahood Mauriceville Infant mistress PP (*Irene Mahood was the daughter of the Martinborough police officer. She later married my Father's brother "Denny" and had 2 cousins of mine John and Ann who were raised in Eltham*)

1<sup>st</sup> June Letter to I Mahood Grade 1 salary

2<sup>nd</sup> June Miss Mahood commenced her duties this morning. Miss Gallagher leaving on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

4<sup>th</sup> June I have applied to the School Committee for adequate heating the temperature of the room was ranging from 40° to 43° F 4.3 to 6.1 Celcius) at 9.00

There is no heating in the lower room

10<sup>th</sup> June. A special meeting called re the heating of the school

After the chairman explaining the electric heater and costs it was moved that the Power Board be authorised to go with the installation The cost a flat rate of £9.00 The education board pays the installation cost and heater rent. The School Committee to find the £9 running expenses or 2d per unit.

12<sup>th</sup> June that a very hearty vote of thanks be passed to the Cameron's for making seats and tables for school

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the chairman for the trouble he went to re heating of the school

It was decided to hold the children's Fancy Dress Dance on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements to be left in the hands of Mrs Childs and Secretary

19<sup>th</sup> June Electric Heaters have been installed and are giving every satisfaction

24<sup>th</sup> June The Judges (Mr Freeman of the Ag Department and Mr Brockett judged the mangold plots today. Jean McGovern has weighed in the total numbers of competitors the weight of her crop being 99 tons 13 cwt

8<sup>th</sup> July The Secretary apologised for the absence of Mr McGovern

That letter from Wellington Education Board re manual class be left in the hands of the teacher

That the Secretary write to Mr McGovern expressing regret at the illness of Mrs McGovern

10<sup>th</sup> July School was closed today for the death of Sir Joseph Ward

25<sup>th</sup> July Jean McGovern has been adjudged winner of the agricultural Competition thus the school wins for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the agricultural cup

26<sup>th</sup> August That Piano Tuning be left in the hands of Mr Cameron

That the school scrubbing be left in the hands of Mr McGovern

That Mr Palmer be engaged to attend to ventilation also field tiles for drain

That Mr McGovern purchase 30 4 inch tiles for drain

That Secretary interview Mr Bishop re cleaning of school and report to next meeting

That the Secretary write the Tennis Club re the state the room was left in after the last meeting

That the School Committee pass a vote of appreciation to Mrs Childs and Mr McGovern for the interest they took in the Mangel Competition

3<sup>rd</sup> October School was visited by the school medical officer accompanied by a nurse. A clean bill of health was given to the school

7<sup>th</sup> October That the School Committee wish to again put on record their appreciation of the excellent report received from the Wellington Education Board and also congratulate both teachers

That the school be let to the tennis club for annual meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September

3<sup>rd</sup> November That the Secretary write to Wellington Education Board for a 600 gallon squat tank and range for Teacher's residence. That we concrete the sides of the paths leading to the school and that Mr Palmer be engaged to do the work

11<sup>th</sup> December Special Meeting. That the Secretary write to the tennis club stating that owing to the attitude taken up by their Secretary that the school will not be available for any further meetings

9<sup>th</sup> December Several of the children, winners in the agricultural competition were taken to Masterton to receive their prizes from the Governor General. Jean McGovern was awarded the Championship Cup for highest points.

15<sup>th</sup> December Our annual concert was held on Friday night and proved a great success. Three proficiency certificates (Jean Jacobsen, Jack Heaven and Ronald Bishop) were awarded. 10 attendance certificates were also awarded.

17<sup>th</sup> December Mr Sykes M P visited the school this morning and gave a most interesting address on legislation. The Mauriceville West children in charge of their teacher were also present

18<sup>th</sup> December Improvements to the school lately are further draining in both grounds. Concrete border to the girl's garden, cleaning and repairing of drains. Spouting and down pipes.

Extra furniture supplied by the School Committee this year include, two folding tables and 3 forms. These have been most serviceable.

Am taking holiday awarded by Governor General tomorrow (December 19<sup>th</sup>)

## 1931

3<sup>rd</sup> February A severe earthquake occurred but pupils were drilling in the grounds

That window repairs be left in the hands of the Chairman

That Mr McGovern be given sanitary work @ 1/6d per week

That the school picnic be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> and that the Secretary take around list for subscriptions

That picnic be held at Mr Clark's paddock

10<sup>th</sup> February Admitted 3 pupils from earthquake area Napier and Hastings

17<sup>th</sup> February A special meeting was held That the school picnic be not held this year

That teacher procure book from library to extent of £5.00 also things necessary for first aid outfit

14<sup>th</sup> April Received from the tennis club ground rent of £1.5.0

That we hold Anzac service at the school memorial on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> at 2.30

The arrangement left for a speaker in the hands of the chairman

That Mrs Childs be empowered to procure material for woodwork class

That Mr McGovern burn rubbish and Mr Cameron cut Blackberries

27<sup>th</sup> April The previous School Committee be re-elected

12<sup>th</sup> May Letter from Thomas Edge to Wellington Education Board



I am under the impression that you have obtained the services of the Pongaroa Masterton Service car for the purpose of carry children to and from various schools

My daughter Adlea is living 6 miles from the nearest Public School. Up to the present date she has had instruction at home'

Reply The Board has no agreement with the Service car Company

26<sup>th</sup> June Approval of an allowance to use Service Car

Then in December Mr Field applies for subsidy to use the Service car

2<sup>nd</sup> June That the teacher be empowered to buy 1 dozen pads, blotting paper, and 5 dozen pencils

That the window be repaired and left in the hands of the chairman

That the Wellington Education Board for a sanitary pan

That we procure an electric kettle and an enamel bowl.

9<sup>th</sup> June The pupil's mangold plots were judged this afternoon.

There were 7 competitors. The school average weight was 69 tons to the acre, this being 21 tons higher than the average weight for the whole competition

11<sup>th</sup> June School closed this afternoon to enable teachers to attend a class for physical instruction in Masterton

7<sup>th</sup> July That Secretary write to Master Norman Myers congratulating him on winning the Mangle competition

That the Secretary be empowered to provide a manifold work book

That the Secretary's resignation be not received

9<sup>th</sup> July Norman Myers has gained the championship cup with the Agricultural Competition Quinton McGovern also of the school being placed second. This makes the third time this school has had the honour of winning the Cup

Our thanks are due to Mr McGovern, a member of the School Committee, for the interest he has shown in supervising the plots, and conveying pupils during the judging periods

22<sup>nd</sup> July Mr Darroch. Hon Secretary of the Navy League addressed the school children this morning. He took as his subject Buy Only British Goods. The school was only presented with a statuette of Lord Nelson as a gift from the Wellington branch of the Navy League

22<sup>nd</sup> July The school tanks have been cleaned out and new spouting been placed along the western roof

4<sup>th</sup> August Moved a hearty thanks to Mrs Childs and Mr McGovern for the interest which they took in the recent Tug of War contest at Eketahuna

17<sup>th</sup> December A special meeting was held at the breaking up of the school and it was moved that Mr H Neilson be appointed to fill the vacancy on the School Committee

19<sup>th</sup> December A parent's afternoon tea held at school. Pupils presented song of dancing and songs

## 1932

3<sup>rd</sup> February That we hold a picnic at a date to arranged

Picnic to be held on Friday Week Subscription list to close on Tuesday Next and a meeting be called for Tuesday at 8 O'clock

That the chairman's action in renting the piano be endorsed.

That the rent for the piano be 12/10

That the Teacher apply to the Wellington Education Board for picnic and show holiday

17<sup>th</sup> February Holiday granted for Masterton Show. 2 pupils entering calves in the Children's calf club competition. Quenton McGovern

received 1<sup>st</sup> prize best conditioned calf (class D) and Jean McGovern 2<sup>nd</sup> prize

2<sup>nd</sup> March That distance of School Championship Race be arranged on the day of the race. All pupils be allowed to run provided they all start off the same mark.

That turnstile repairs be left in the hands of chairman

4<sup>th</sup> March Received notice that Elsen sanitary pans were to be installed

12<sup>th</sup> April That Miss Mahood's resignation be received with regret

That we tender Miss Mahood an afternoon at the school on May 5<sup>th</sup>

That Mr McGovern be appointed to collect from parents with children at school for a present for Miss Mahood

19<sup>th</sup> April An election for members of the School Committee was held last night. There were about 20 present

Messrs Gleeson (Chairman) Goodgame (Secretary), Wilkin, McGovern and Neilsen elected

I must place on record my appreciation of the services of Mr I Cameron during the four years he was chairman. The working of the School Committee has been most harmonious throughout the period, due to his constant endeavour to make conditions as good as possible for teachers and scholars. We are also indebted to him for the donations at the end of each year of special prizes. And also for the donation of all the school prizes given at the annual picnic throughout his term of office

22<sup>nd</sup> April Special meeting Books etc were handed over by the late Secretary

3<sup>rd</sup> May That the Wellington Education Board be approached in connection with the erection of a woodshed

That Mr Wilkin's Offer be accepted for mowing school ground accepted with pleasure

That chairman get wheelbarrow repaired

6<sup>th</sup> May Miss Mahood Infant Mistress who has been appointed to a position at the Martinborough School was tendered a farewell at the school this afternoon. A large gathering of friends was present and Miss Mahood was presented with a dressing set

20<sup>th</sup> April Miss I Maxwell appointed.

Grade 191 Service 11 1/2 years Sole Teacher at Tablelands School

24<sup>th</sup> April Letter from Mrs Childs to Wellington Education Board The address I mentioned over the phone where board would be procurable is Mr H Neilsen, Mauriceville

Re the present School Committee I regret to say the "Red Fed" element predominates- The present chairman being the man who as Secretary gave us a great deal of trouble- before over the accounts- perhaps you will remember.

I was very sorry to lose the Services of Mr Cameron and those who associated with him, they have been very loyal to the school but under the circumstances they refused nomination

As I am rather worried about the drift of things here. I am hoping to call in at the office during the May Holidays and have a talk to you

18<sup>th</sup> May Appointment of Miss L Jackson instead of Miss Maxwell who is now not available

Grade 194 6 3/4 years Relieving

23<sup>rd</sup> May Miss C Weston relieving assistant has commenced her duties today.

27<sup>th</sup> May The school was closed to enable Miss Weston and myself to be present at the drill demonstration course in Masterton

27<sup>th</sup> May Letter from Wellington Education Board to Teacher As Heather Macdonald is shown now to be attending school by horseback she no longer is entitled to conveyance allowance

21<sup>st</sup> July John Meredith only comes to school 3 days per week as the service car only operates on three days

30<sup>th</sup> May Appointment of Miss C Weston to replace I Mahood

23<sup>rd</sup> June The mangold plots were judged today. We had four entries. The highest weight was Jean Rossiter's Crop averaging 78 tons to the acre. This is the greatest weight obtained for 1932 in the whole completion

29<sup>th</sup> June letter from Wellington Education Board Miss Jackson has declined to take up position. Job will be readvertised

[5<sup>th</sup> July That metal be procured for paths etc](#)

11<sup>th</sup> July Received word that agricultural cup had been won by this school for the third time in succession and 4/5 times the cup has been the cup has been in existence. Jean McGovern's 244 points was the successful competitor

12<sup>th</sup> July Mr Darroch Hon Secretary for the Navy League visited the school today and addressed the pupils on Empire Day

21<sup>st</sup> July Mr Foster visiting teacher, visited the school today

17<sup>th</sup> August Miss S Breen

Grade 191 4 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years relieving

19<sup>th</sup> August This afternoon in the presence of a large number of parents and friends the Agriculture Cup was presented to the winner Jean Rossiter by Mr Sykes M P, Mr Freeman of the Agriculture Department and Mr Brockett Instructor in agriculture were present and also addressed the gathering. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies and an enjoyable entertainment was given by the pupils. Mr McGovern represented the School Committee

19<sup>th</sup> August Miss Weston relinquished her duties as relieving Infant Mistress today

5<sup>th</sup> September Miss Breen who has been appointed to the permanent position of Infant Mistress commenced today

Some of the hedge trees have been badly broken as a result of severe gales experienced in the holidays. The netting and supports of the tennis court have also been badly damaged.

Roll 42

[13<sup>th</sup> September That trees around tennis court be cleared](#)

23<sup>rd</sup> September The school was visited by Dr Anderson, Medical Officer and the school nurse

22<sup>nd</sup> September As the School Committee have not attended to remove broken trees etc I had to set the older children at work on these. But this was considered rather dangerous work for the pupils, so have had to leave the branches hanging

28<sup>th</sup> October Grounds badly in need of attention- fence down and branches still hanging. Water in tanks unfit to drink So I had them emptied today.

1<sup>st</sup> December. School was closed today on account of the proficiency examinations being held. Leslie Clarke and Douglas Bishop sat the examination here

[4<sup>th</sup> December The Secretary write to Mr Williams \(\*Last Secretary\*\) to furnish the last householders report](#)

[That tenders be called for hay on the school grounds. Tenders to close with Mr McGovern 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12 noon](#)

[That the School Committee meet to decide tenders for hay 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 8 p.m.](#)

[That meetings be held every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 8 p.m.](#)



16<sup>th</sup> December School closed today for the term holidays Books pictures etc were taken down as the school is to be repainted inside during the holidays

## 1933

31<sup>st</sup> January telegram from Wellington Education Board to Gleeson Regret impossible for Assistant Teacher Return unless accommodation available reply immediately

Reply Sorry No accommodation Available assistant teacher

Letter to Mr M Gleeson. As no accommodation is available Miss Breen is being sent to another school

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 41 Miss Breen was not present as she has difficulty about finding suitable board in Mauriceville. The school has not been cleaned out after the painting etc So I had to dismiss the junior pupils and with the help of the senior pupils put the room into order.

4<sup>th</sup> February Thomas Goodgame Secretary

5<sup>th</sup> February Letter from Mr Alex Donald Member of Wellington Education Board to Wellington Education Board included

- a) Miss Breen has not returned because of lack of accommodation
- b) The people she stayed with before absolutely refuse to have her again and no others in the district are prepared to take her on
- c) However one or two of the others including the lady that boarded Miss Breen are prepared to take in a teacher if appointed

d) So that in the opinion of the district the lady at question must be at fault

e) What is the position!

f) The school is entitled to two teachers

7<sup>th</sup> February Letter from Mrs Childs to Wellington Education Board Mr McGovern a member of School Committee has been endeavouring to arrange board for Miss Breen but without success As the train service between Mauriceville and Eketahuna is suitable for school hours he has asked me to write with the following information

Train from Eketahuna daily arrives Mauriceville 8.45

Departs 3.30

Monthly Ticket £1-71

3 Monthly £3-10-5

6 Monthly £6-6-0

8<sup>th</sup> February letter from Wellington Education Board asking why Miss Breen has been refused accommodation A full confidential statement will be appreciated

11<sup>th</sup> February Letter from Chairman of School Committee Mr Gleeson Nobody in Mauriceville wants a lady boarder but after explaining the situation to a householder, Mr Smith said he would undertake to board Miss Breen

I understand that Mrs Child had an urgent letter from the Board she had to leave her daughter in charge of the school on Friday afternoon to allow her to be in the Board's Office on Saturday Morning

It is no easy matter to obtain board in Mauriceville

13<sup>th</sup> February Miss Breen recommenced school here this morning, board having been arranged in the meanwhile

14<sup>th</sup> February Letter from Wellington Education Board to Mr Gleeson included

- a) Mr Eckford Station Master will Board Miss Breen
- b) I had an interview with Miss Breen and instructed her to return to Mauriceville in time for duty yesterday morning
- c) I also informed her it was her duty to show a greater interest in her work and make an earnest endeavour to get on with the people of the district
- d) I sincerely hope the talk I had with Miss Breen will have good effect
- e) No doubt Miss Breen has been used to city conditions and has found country life somewhat strange

18<sup>th</sup> February Mr McGovern explained he had secured board and lodging for Miss Breen which was approved by the committee. The Secretary to write to Mr Butcher thanking him for his offer

13<sup>th</sup> March Miss Breen is absent owing to sickness

16<sup>th</sup> March Miss Breen returned to school today

25<sup>th</sup> March That letters be written to Messrs Smith, Echold and Butcher thanking them for their offer re board for Miss Breen

That Mr Stroud be written to thanking him for his generous donation (School Tap)

Special Meeting Held Re school picnic

Present School Committee members and 4 ladies

That the picnic be held 6<sup>th</sup> April

That Mr Clarke be asked for permission for use of paddock for school picnic

That Mr McGovern purchase school prizes. Prize money of about £4.10

Cakes etc was left in the hands of Mr McGovern

School prizes for running be paid out in cash

Picnic to commence round about 11.00

31<sup>st</sup> March Jean McGovern has been awarded a special prize by the agricultural club for record keeping

Ewen Cameron has been awarded a prize in the writing competition- also Herbert Milner

In the same competition Patricia Childs won the Mount Cook prize which is a free trip to the Hermitage for 1 week

20<sup>th</sup> April That the cash book etc was received from the Audit Department showing everything was correct

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac service was held at the school. Suitable hymns were sung by those present and wreathes were laid at the memorial

22<sup>nd</sup> May Householders meeting

- a) 7 present
- b) Nominated Mrs F W Scherf, F W Scherf, J McGovern, H Neilson, S Jermy elected

That committee meetings be on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30

6<sup>th</sup> June *Mrs Childs back attending meeting. Had not been going for a while* It was decided that the whole committee visit the school at an early date and confer with the teachers regarding any improvements or work that may be necessary

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June Was absent from school on account of neuritis

19<sup>th</sup> June A football and a basketball have been purchased for the school

4<sup>th</sup> July The chairman then welcomed the members of the School Committee and trusted that we would all pull together and then we would all have a pleasant time in office

Mrs Childs on behalf of the teachers S Jermy and Secretary replied thanking the chairman for his warm welcome and all trusted that everyone would pull together and work for the good of the school and benefit of the children

That one cord of Matai firewood in stove lengths be brought from Mr Clarke

That the Wellington Education Board be written to asking them to supply a wheelbarrow, sufficient timber for a woodshed and that the trees on the South Side of the teacher's residence be cut down

The whole committee had visited the school and a general discussion then followed regarding the work to be done and it was decided to arrange a working bee for Saturday. 8<sup>th</sup> at 1.00

25<sup>th</sup> July The chairman reported that he had attended a meeting in Masterton in connection with the calf rearing competition but nothing definite had been arrived at

That prices be obtained for falling and clearing trees and laying drainpipes on the South Side of the teachers Residence

28<sup>th</sup> July. The Board have authorised wash hand basins in both corridors, rehanging of door, woodshed and toolshed built. Trees at boundary to be topped

14<sup>th</sup> August A new iron barrow has been received

4<sup>th</sup> September During the holidays the toolshed was built and wash hand basins were installed in the porches

9<sup>th</sup> September The school hockey team played the visiting Wairarapa High School Senior A team. They lost the match 6-1

12<sup>th</sup> September Mr Sykes MP visited the school this afternoon and addressed the children on Citizenship

14<sup>th</sup> September The Secretary to write to Wellington Education Board re insurance on the piano and to forward the letter from the Insurance Company

It was decided to apply to the Lime company for a donation of lime for the school gardens

2<sup>nd</sup> October School closed to visit Australian Warships in Wellington

4<sup>th</sup> October That the Piano be insured with State Fire Insurance in Masterton

That the matter of attending the Dental Clinic meeting in n be left in the hands of Mr McGovern

That the Board be written to re the non payment of the capitation grant

That the chairman be authorised to have a trial hole dug in connection with the drainage from the school residence

It was decided to write to Mauriceville Lime thanking them for their donation of lime for the school gardens

Mr McGovern spoke (*Mrs Childs had apologised*) gave a brief description of the visit to Wellington to view the Australian warships. Thanks to those who looked after the children and those who took cars to and from Masterton

Mrs Cameron Senior thanked for the use of her car and Mrs Kempton for offering the use of theirs.

3<sup>rd</sup> November Miss Breen has been granted leave of absence for a fortnight on account of ill health

7<sup>th</sup> November Miss M Lowis appointed Relieving assistant Vice Miss Breen

7<sup>th</sup> November That Power Board be written to accepting the terms for light and heating. Light charges reduced to a minimum of £6.00

per year 1st April to 30<sup>th</sup> September Minimum charge be £2.5.0, 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March Minimum charge 15/- per quarter  
Plus a charge for each disconnection and reconnection made.

That Mrs Childs be authorised to obtain samples of wool from the woollen Company

Mrs Childs also reported that Miss Breen was off duty for a fortnight due to illness.

That Mr Darroch of the Navy League attended the school and presented long service badges to Jean and Clinton McGovern

That the Mauriceville Country Council be asked to have the drain cleaned out between the school gates and the county offices

That Mrs Dagg of the Women's Division be written to asking for help with a shop day in Masterton in aid of the Dental Clinic Funds.

8<sup>th</sup> November Miss M Lowis relieving assistant commenced here today

5<sup>th</sup> December That the cutting of the hay and cleaning up of grounds be left in the hands of the chairman

A general discussion then followed on the arrangements to be made for the School Concert and Dance to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. The duties were divided up among the members of the School Committee

17<sup>th</sup> November Miss Lowis completed her term as relieving assistant

18<sup>th</sup> December The school dance showed a profit £6.0.0 the total takings being £10-3-0

That Mrs Childs and Miss Breen be thanked for the way they had trained the children and the great success of the concert

Mrs Childs thanked the School Committee for their kind remarks

A vote of thanks to all the ladies who assisted with the supper and helped wherever possible was carried by acclamation

20<sup>th</sup> December Closed school. Members of School Committee were present in the morning and certificates for attendance and proficiency were presented

## 1934

5<sup>th</sup> February Roll Boys 22 Girls 15

12<sup>th</sup> February The cake donated by Mrs Gilmour and raffled in aid of the Dental Clinic funds realised the sum of £2-8-3. This sum was passed to the dental committee

That two cords of wood be ordered from Mr Clarke and delivered to the school and that we also buy a school lawn mower for the school tennis court.

6<sup>th</sup> March There was a severe earthquake last night. The chimney in the school came down, cupboards were upset and generally things were very knocked about. School was closed today in consequence

14<sup>th</sup> March it was decided to hold the picnic on Mr Clarkes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

23<sup>rd</sup> March Owing to the outbreak of measles the attendance at school has been below half all the week

The school picnic, which was to have been held today, has been postponed on account of measles in the children

23<sup>rd</sup> April For the picnic It was decided to order 4 bottles of soft drink essence, 10/- worth of pies. £2.00 worth of cakes and 6 large loaves of bread for sandwiches.

Mr McGovern to supply wood, milk and use of his lorry.

Mr S Jermy , sugar for the tea, Mrs Scherf Tea and sugar for the soft drinks. Mr H Neilsen to arrange transport for the cakes from Masterton

All children to bring their own cups and saucers from Mauriceville

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac service was held at the school today at 9.30 a.m. All the children Miss Breen and Myself were present. Members of the School Committee, parents and friend also attended. Major Evenden of MASTERTON conducted the service. Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph by the pupils. Mauriceville West children also attended the service

27<sup>th</sup> April School was closed for Picnic

30<sup>th</sup> April The Secretary was asked to write to the following thanking them for services rendered

- a) Mr Evernden for address at Anzac Service
- b) Mr C M Stroud for donation of a book
- c) Mr Echolds for boarding the assistant teacher Miss Breen and to Miss Breen who is leaving the school

Householders meeting

Only 9 present After much discussion the following remits were passed to be sent to Wellington Education Board and School Committee federation

- a) That this meeting strongly objects to a relieving teacher being appointed to this school and that a permanent assistant be appointed before our present assistant is allowed to take up her new appointment
- b) That this meeting of householders strongly protests against the appointment of teachers on transfer or from one school to another during the school year
- c) That the old committee be re elected

4<sup>th</sup> May The term examination was held this week. The attendance is nearly back to normal practically all pupils have had measles of mumps.

Miss Breen has been accepted on transfer to Otaki. The Masterton West children were present this afternoon at our break up.

.1<sup>st</sup> May letter from Mr Sherf Secretary of School Committee. Objects to appointment of a relieving teacher and that a permanent teacher be appointed before our current relieving teacher is allowed to take up another position

7<sup>th</sup> May That we write again to the board asking them to hurry as long as much as possible the appointment of an assistant teacher and also advise them that we have not yet received notice of Miss Breen's transfer to Otaki

That we notify the board that nothing has yet been done regarding the building of the chimney and to hurry that along too.

That we write to Mr Clarke thanking him for the use of his grounds for the picnic.

A general discussion then followed regarding the cleaning of the school, present rates being sweeping 3/6d per week. Scrubbing once per term £1.00 and sanitary work 6d per pan per week

It was decided to allow Mr McGovern to carry on with the present arrangements but to go into the matter and see if sweeping could not be done for 3/- per week and report to the next meeting

9<sup>th</sup> May Miss Breen has now left the district though no advice of her removal has been received from the board. Letter to Wellington Education Board. reply: It is the teachers responsibility to advise board

2<sup>nd</sup> May Letter asking that Miss Lowis relieving teacher be appointed permanent teacher

14<sup>th</sup> May Miss B Wingfield appointed reliever

21<sup>st</sup> May Miss B Wingfield has been appointed relieving assistant During the holidays the school chimney which was shattered in the recent earthquake was pulled down and a stove installed in its place



11<sup>th</sup> June That Mr McGovern's offer for cleaning at £4.00 per term be accepted subject to us obtaining the usual grant of £12.6.8 per term from the Wellington Education Board

Visiting committee reported everything in order

That the book "Three Mile Bush" be brought for the library

9<sup>th</sup> July Visiting committee reported that hedge and willow trees required cutting back and it was decided to arrange a working bee for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 p.m.

A general discussion was held on holding a dance and it was decided to obtain further particulars and to report to a meeting to be held on Thursday Night 12<sup>th</sup>

20<sup>th</sup> July Four pupils left the school today on account of removal from the village. Roll 32

24<sup>th</sup> July Mr Brockett called the school this morning and presented two prizes and also £1.14/- in cash, which had been awarded in the recent agricultural competition

25<sup>th</sup> July The attendance for last week was very poor each day being an excepted half day. Influenza prevalent in the district

14<sup>th</sup> August 2 Form 3 pupils are listening in to a replay "The Merchant of Venice from 3YA

15<sup>th</sup> August The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board asking for exemption of the term just closed that it not be included in the school average

30<sup>th</sup> August Letter from Wellington Education Board I regret to have to inform you that in view of the fact that the Board has insufficient teachers it has been necessary to withdraw Miss Wingfield from your school for the time being

3<sup>rd</sup> September Received notice from the Wellington Education Board that owing to the shortage of teachers Miss Wingfield relieving assistant had been withdrawn. Roll 33

10<sup>th</sup> September That the chairman be given power to engage a man to do the cleaning of about the school ground and any other job that may be necessary

The chairman was instructed to purchase ½ cord of matai firewood in stove lengths

That Mr Darroch of the Navy League would visit the school late in September or early in October

1<sup>st</sup> October The district was visited by a severe cyclone during the night and early part of the morning. The school shed was blown down and damage done to trees and outbuildings

9<sup>th</sup> October Members from Wellington Education Board and the School Committee met to look at damage done to trees and outbuildings

16<sup>th</sup> November Roll is expected to be 38 next year

19<sup>th</sup> November The school was visited by Dr Anderson and school nurse this afternoon. All pupils examined. Two parents Mesdames Eckhold and Christopherson in attendance

31<sup>st</sup> October The first part of the Proficiency examination in History, Geography, and Science was held today

12<sup>th</sup> November It was decided to approach the tennis club for a new net

30<sup>th</sup> November The Proficiency examination in remaining subjects was held today. Only 3 pupils (Standard 6) were present, the remainder being given a holiday for the day

3<sup>rd</sup> December It was decided that the cutting of the hay in the school grounds be left in the hands of the Secretary

After some discussion on enlarging the horse paddock it was decided to hold the matter over for further consideration

The Committee decided that with the help of the parents to give the children a tea as a breaking up ceremony on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. when the school is closed for the Christmas Holidays

9<sup>th</sup> December The breaking up ceremony this year took the form of a Xmas Tea party in the hall. Mr Sykes M P was present and presented proficiency and good attendance certificates, also a prize for an essay in the Hugo Memorial ( S P C A) won by Judith Childs.

Proficiency was obtained by Nola Rossiter, Keith Field, Fred Schef

10<sup>th</sup> December The calf judging competition, Group 3 in connection with the boys and girls Agricultural Club was held at Solway Show Grounds today. I accompanied the pupils from the school. There were 36 entries. Clifford Rossiter and Norman McGovern of this school securing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed for calf (Dairy Condition)

## 1935

4<sup>th</sup> February Appointment of Miss E Twentyman as relieving assistant

4<sup>th</sup> February That the enlarging of the horse paddock be left in the hands of the chairman to deal with.

4 new blinds had been fitted and arrangements needed to be made re cleaning of windows.

That the Board be written to asking that a permanent teacher be appointed as soon as possible

Mrs Childs reported that roll was now 44 an increase of 15 on last year.

She also reported that some new tools were required for woodwork and that the saws etc needed sharpening

It was decided to hold our school picnic on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and subscription lists be issued immediately and to be returned to Secretary on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> when a special meeting would be held to make final

6<sup>th</sup> February Roll 44. letter from School Committee asking for a permanent appointment

8<sup>th</sup> February Miss Twentyman relieving assistant commenced duty today. The chairman of the School Committee called at school today re the half day closing re hot weather. Decided to take pupils swimming in the afternoon

9<sup>th</sup> February Fifteen new pupils have been admitted. 5 left at end of year. Roll Boys 25, Girls 19. Total 44

14<sup>th</sup> February Department approves of a permanent appointment

22<sup>nd</sup> February Annual picnic held in hall on account of wet weather

25<sup>th</sup> February Commenced fulltime school

4<sup>th</sup> March That dental clinic pamphlets be sent to Head teacher and to be given to the children who attended the dental clinic last year

20<sup>th</sup> March Miss E E Shamy

Grade 190 6 1/2 years relieving appointed

29<sup>th</sup> March The school was visited by Colonel Macdonald, Mr Donald and Mr Powell from Wellington Education Board to report on the reconstruction of the school shed.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at the school when Colonel MacDonald presented the special prizes won in the calf club competition

Cliff Rossiter 2<sup>nd</sup>, Norman McGovern 3<sup>rd</sup> in Dairy Condition

Bill Cheetham 1<sup>st</sup> in Best Kept Records and 1<sup>st</sup> in the judging competition at the Masterton Show

Judith Childs Standard 4 was awarded first prize for essay. Kindness to Animals. John Meredith Standard 2 1<sup>st</sup> prize in his class

29<sup>th</sup> March Miss Twentyman left today

30<sup>th</sup> March Miss Shamy not available Miss R Goddard appointed Grade 192 8 years relieving

2<sup>nd</sup> April Miss Goddard arrived to take at her duties

4<sup>th</sup> April That Messrs Meredith and Cameron be written to and thanked for donations of posts and wired and assistance in erecting the horse paddock fence

To the board agreeing to the appointment of Miss Goddard as assistant teacher

To Mrs Neilson for boarding the teacher and thanking the tennis club for the tennis net

A contract drawn up for cleaning the school

20<sup>th</sup> May That we make application to the Board for funds granted for the "King's Silver Jubilee"

27<sup>th</sup> May Roll 45

28<sup>th</sup> May Woodwork and drawings which had been displayed at Wellington Winter Show were returned by Mr Brockett

A commencement has been made with boys shed which has been down since the storm on 1<sup>st</sup> October

14<sup>th</sup> June The boy's shed has been completed and a tool shed added,

19<sup>th</sup> June All the pupils in the upper division Standard 3 – 6 were taken through to the Palmerston North Show.

26<sup>th</sup> June To Director of education that a hot water service be installed at the teacher's residence

Bathroom wash house and scullery added 1923

12<sup>th</sup> June That we apply to the Wellington Education Board and ask them to close up the present doorway in the girl's shed and that we

also make application to have the school remodelled as present conditions are most unsuitable for a two teacher school

Take as many children as possible to the Palmerston North Winter Show

The Secretary was instructed to order three bags of coke for school stove.

12<sup>th</sup> July That the Secretary inform the power board that some of the electric heaters had fused

1<sup>st</sup> August The School Committee asked Wellington Education Board to provide another room.

The school nurse visited the school this afternoon. The upsight of pupils from Standard 1 to Form 2 was tested.

12<sup>th</sup> August Mr James McGovern was appointed as our delegate to the calf club with full power to act and it was also decided that the entrance be 6d per calf and the committee to make up the difference to 10/-

That the filling up of the school gardens be left in the hands of Mr McGovern

9<sup>th</sup> September Roll 48

9<sup>th</sup> September Metal or lime for the paths The chairman to decide

16<sup>th</sup> September Many pupils absent owing to whooping cough in the district

24<sup>th</sup> September The Board Architect Mr Powell visited and discussed the erection of another room

14<sup>th</sup> October The school pupils were medically examined today by Dr Anderson. Whooping Cough is prevalent

11<sup>th</sup> November Letter to Mr S Jermy whose resignation was received with regret, thanking him for his services while a member of the School Committee



2<sup>nd</sup> December That Mr Cheetham be appointed to the School Committee in place of Mr Jermy

That 2 cords of wood be purchased and cut into stove lengths

School Concert. Final arrangements were made for the concert to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 8.p m. And that price for admission be 2/- for adults and 9d for children outside of our school

Mrs Scherf to be in charge of the supper and Mr H Neilson to be stage manager. Mr McGovern to be doorkeeper and Mr C Cheetham M C for the dance. Secretary to be in Ticket Box. Complimentary Tickets to be issued to Mr and Mrs Alec Donald (Wellington Education Board) Mr Sykes and Mr and Mrs Robertson (MPs)

It was decided to offer a cash prize of 1/- to the child selling the most tickets and 6d to the runner up

19<sup>th</sup> December The school concert was held in the public hall, Mauriceville, all items being supplied by the pupils. The concert was a financial success, the sum of £15 being taken, which will mean that about £8 can be spent on the purchase of books for the library and pictures and materials.

The average roll attendance was 47

## 1936

3<sup>rd</sup> February Roll 49

The terrific storm experienced on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February has caused some destruction of trees. The maize crop in the school garden has been practically ruined.

5<sup>th</sup> February Mr McGovern chairman of the School Committee came to school and discussed the accommodation.

11<sup>th</sup> February Roll now 53

17<sup>th</sup> February Dental Clinic it was decided that the account be held over and that accounts be sent to the parents of the children requesting payment

That School piano be insured for £55.0.0 with one of the local agents and the receipt be sent to the Wellington Education Board

That the matter of cleaning up the grounds be left in the hands of the chairman

It was decided to hold the picnic at Mr Clarke's on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and if wet in the hall.

9<sup>th</sup> March The Mauriceville School was successful in regaining the District Sport's Championship Cup; this being the fifth time the school has held the cup.

26<sup>th</sup> March Telegram School closing Friday Bush Sports. McGovern Chairman

2<sup>nd</sup> April The Mauriceville School was granted a holiday to compete at the Bush School's Sports. The roll number is 51

20<sup>th</sup> April That accounts had been sent to all parents whose children had attended dental clinic last year

That Mr I D Cameron and Mr H Rossiter thanking them for taking the children through to Mangatainoka for the Primary School Sports

8<sup>th</sup> June It was resolved that after Mrs Childs had revised the list of books required for the school library that Secretary forward same to Wellington Education Board for approval

Mrs Childs reported the donation of a match football by the Wairarapa rugby union

It was decided to write to those parents who had not paid their dental clinic levy

That the Committee bring under the notice of the Wellington Education Board the overcrowded state of this school, the

inadequate facilities and suggest that a new school be erected as early as possible

That the existing arrangements regarding caretaking at the school be extended for a further period of 12 months

20<sup>th</sup> July Letter from School Committee to Wellington Education Board included

- a) Roll now 50
- b) 27 pupils in the junior division
- c) The ventilation system is decidedly unsuitable
- d) It is impossible to have any modern equipment such as wallboard
- e) The 2 lobbies are insufficient for hanging coats and bags
- f) The village has a General Store, a Butcher, dairy factory, lime kiln, railway station, post office and saddler bootmaker.

3<sup>rd</sup> August A fall of snow over weekend. Have arranged for gardens to be altered as they are constantly under water.

5<sup>th</sup> August Received Map of Ceylon from Wellington Education Board

10<sup>th</sup> August The Secretary reported that Miss McGruddy and Mr Mortenson has not yet paid Dental Clinic Fees. It was agreed to write Miss McGruddy asking for her contribution and advise Mr Mortenson that we would accept half fees.

14<sup>th</sup> August That Mr Robertson MP be invited to pay a visit to Mauriceville to see for himself the need for improvements to school and that he be informed that a petition is circulating in the district being signed by parents and citizens which petition will be forwarded to the Minister

That immediately petition is received from the Public that it will be forwarded by Registered Post to the Minister of Education with a covering letter

It was resolved to have lawn marker fixed up, purchase grass seed, first aid equipment and that Mrs Childs be allowed to spend £1 on leather etc

17<sup>th</sup> August Received packets of carrot seeds. The pupils of the Senior Division have had to spend a considerable time preparing the ground for the carrot crop. Soil had to be conveyed in order to build up the garden as it was very stony

18<sup>th</sup> August it was decided to dig out the big clump of flax grown on sides of the path and plant it out in the swampy portions of the ground. This has to be done by the senior boys

15<sup>th</sup> September There are five entries in the calf club competition and six entries in the mangle growing competition run by the boys and Girls Agricultural Club

22<sup>nd</sup> September Letter from Director of Education to Mr Savage Minister of Education

- a) That a petition of over 100 names has requested that Mauriceville school not be consolidated onto Kopuaranga
- b) The Mauriceville East School consists of one room which is overcrowded there being between 50 and 60 children with two teachers
- c) Grant for improvements issued to Mr Carter Secretary of Mauriceville that the school be remodelled 19<sup>th</sup> September 1936

12<sup>th</sup> October That a letter of thanks be sent to the minister of Education in acknowledging the approval of the remodelling of the school

That the order placed some months ago for books by Mrs Childs be approved

That we join the Wellington School Committee Educational Federation that the appointment of a delegate be left to the Secretary  
It was left in the hands of Mrs Childs and Mr Milne to bring down a report as to the requirements for the remodelling of the school

That a letter be sent to Mr A Donald (Wellington Education Board member) for his efforts in securing the remodelling of the school

16<sup>th</sup> November That we apply to the Wellington Education Board (circular 28/1936) for £4-19-9 which has been allocated to us for improvement to grounds to be applied in repairing and extending asphalt paths and playing areas at school

That the Education Department be advised that the New Zealand Railways water supply comes to approximately 12 chains of the school building and ask whether they will be willing to erect suitable sanitary arrangements when the school is remodelled

20<sup>th</sup> November letter from Mrs Childs to Wellington Education Board Can you inform me if riding allowance is now paid. A pupil here rides 4 ½ miles to school (9 Miles daily)

The upkeep for shoeing etc. is fairly expensive

2 other pupils who travel sometimes by service car (allowance for this is granted) quite often ride 6 ½ miles each way in fine weather and their parents have requested to find out if riding allowance would be paid for days when they ride

Reply Riding allowance is available where there are no roads for wheel traffic or where they are impassable or dangerous even for adult drivers

As the service car travels on the road the allowance does not apply

2<sup>nd</sup> December Mr Robertson M P for Masterton paid a visit to the school

8<sup>th</sup> December Chairman welcomed Mr Wilkin as a member of School Committee

14<sup>th</sup> December Birthday of King George VI

15<sup>th</sup> December As a precautionary measure owing to outbreak of Infantile Paralysis schools are to be closed from this morning. The school concert has been postponed indefinitely. It was to be held this evening

## 1937

22<sup>nd</sup> February The opening of schools has been postponed owing to infantile paralysis until March 1<sup>st</sup>. Miss Goddard assistant teacher and I myself are present at school this week. During the latter part of the holidays the school was visited by Mr Donald member of the Wellington Education Board and Mr Powell Board Architect in connection with the proposed changes to the school. They were met by several members of the School Committee who were not favourable to the proposals that a partition should be made on the present building.

1<sup>st</sup> March School reopened this morning. There was an attendance of 23 boys and 19 girls. 12 names were removed from the register.

8<sup>th</sup> March The team of 3 runners from the Mauriceville school were successful in retaining the cup at the district school sports.

9<sup>th</sup> March 60 foot of timber and a parcel of school supplies were received today from the Wellington Education Board

15<sup>th</sup> March Letter from Director of Education pleading to the Minister Peter Fraser for the remodelling of the school

19<sup>th</sup> March The Departmental Nurse Miss Hodges was at school this afternoon. I had asked her to come as several of the children had sores on their legs and arms

22<sup>nd</sup> March The dental nurse accompanied by Mr Nicholl member of the Wellington Education Board visited the school this afternoon and examined the teeth of children attending the clinic

23<sup>rd</sup> March A meeting was held at school this afternoon to consider the question of consolidation of schools in the district. There were present Colonel Macdonald, Mr Donald, Members of the Wellington Education Board Mr Robertson MP, Mr Powell architect to Wellington Education Board, members of the School Committee, members of the Mauriceville Sports Club and several parents. No decision was made at the meeting

24<sup>th</sup> March That Picnic be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March that about £5.00 be spent for prizes (books) by Mrs Childs and Mr McGovern

That £1.5.0 be allowed for cakes and bread and that parents be asked to bake

It was resolved that ordering of food etc and running the catering be left in the hands of Mesdames Carter, Christopherson, R Wilkins, Milner and Miss McGovern

Handicapper and starter: Mr Milner

Treasurer: Mr Carter. Clerk: Miss Goddard

That cash prizes be paid immediately race is run, adult races. Married Ladies, Single Ladies, Ladies 3 legged race, Committee race,

Ground Seats, Copper, water, milk to be arranged by Mr McGovern

That a meeting of parents be called on Wednesday night 7.30 and that full particulars be placed before them regarding amalgamation of schools

That a letter be sent to the Wellington Education Board requesting them to submit plans to the School Committee as prepared by them some weeks back for the remodelling of the school

25<sup>th</sup> March At a school committee meeting held last night; it was decided to call a meeting for March 31<sup>st</sup> of parents and householders to go into the question of amalgamation of schools. It was decided to hold the school picnic on April 3<sup>rd</sup>

31<sup>st</sup> March 30 householders present at a meeting

That this meeting of householders urge the members of the Education Board to push forward the plans to remodel the school

That this meeting is not in favour of amalgamation carried, 1 against Mr Alex Donald (Member of Board) was then admitted and gave an outline what was done so far. Mr Donald thanked for his efforts to have the school remodelled

1<sup>st</sup> April The meeting of parents held last evening passed a resolution: "That this meeting is not in favour of amalgamation of schools in this district" and also a request that the remodelling of the school be proceeded with immediately

5<sup>th</sup> April The school picnic was held on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The school championship was won by Holly Rossiter

6<sup>th</sup> April That we approve the plan for the alterations to school dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1937 and that we recommend the N Z Railways water supplies

That education department be asked for prices of radios for school installation and what make they recommend

That owing to Government ban on school attendance because of infantile paralysis and further thought of concert before the end of the year be not entertained and that money be refunded to those who purchased tickets on presentation of such tickets. Any unclaimed

money to be donated towards the cost of purchase of a radio for school

That dental Clinic be asked that in view of the cost of transport to try to arrange appointments so that each parent children be attended to and finished the day of the appointment

11<sup>th</sup> April A school table has been forwarded by the Wellington Education Board

19<sup>th</sup> April Received word this afternoon that the school was to be closed on account of Infantile paralysis epidemic. Arrangements were made to forward work to the children by correspondence.

11<sup>th</sup> May Miss Goddard and I have been in attendance at school daily, in order to mark work sent in by pupils. All pupils have sent in school work- in varying quantities and most of it has been fairly carefully done.

We are now closing school for the term holiday 12<sup>th</sup> May to 24<sup>th</sup> May.

9<sup>th</sup> June School closed for the official birthday of the King

24<sup>th</sup> June Mr Brockett and Mr Dwyer, Instructors in agriculture were present at the school today. They are judging the 5 mangel crops entered in the competition.

Mr Brown Instructor in Manual Training was present at the school this afternoon

Most of the boys were absent with Messrs Brockett and Dwyer but he talked to the others on care and sharpening of tools. The tools were checked over and found to be correct

5<sup>th</sup> July On Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> I attended a meeting in the local hall, called by the president of Mauriceville W D F U (Wairarapa Dairy Farmers Union) to discuss the question of holding the Arts and Crafts Exhibition. It was decided that the exhibition would be held in September and the schedules was accordingly arranged

16<sup>th</sup> July Closing school for one week. The new fellowship education conference is to held in Wellington during the week

27<sup>th</sup> July The attendance has been affected by a heavy fall of snow

31<sup>st</sup> July A team of boys was taken to town (Masterton) to compete in the Primary School's Rugby Tournament

3<sup>rd</sup> August Received results of Mangel Competition. Mauriceville Schools 5 entrants gained, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place in their group. They also received special commendation for their excellent records. I should like to place on record the great assistance given by Mr McGovern, the chairman of the School Committee. We regret that we now lose the agricultural cup which we have held since 1928. The highest weight obtained here was 77 tons against the winner's 100 tons per acre.

12<sup>th</sup> August The pupils have been very busy the last 2 days planting trees, digging the holes, cutting out old willow and barberry. Eighty trees were planted including Kowhai, Ngaio, Korimiko, Konini, Totara, Tarata, matipo, Lacebark. A dozen deciduous trees, copper birch and silver birch

17<sup>th</sup> August That the Committee approves the transfer of portion of land to the Public Works Department of small area of land Approximately 6 perches provided there is no cost to School Committee

That Mrs Childs and Mr McGovern be congratulated on the very fine results achieved by the children in the Mangel Competition

That a 5 valve radio be installed at a cost not exceeding £15

20<sup>th</sup> August The pupils had a paper chase over the hills this afternoon over a course 3 ½ to four miles. The fastest time was made by Ralf Cheetham (34 Minutes), Holly Rossiter (34 ½) Ralph Cheetham was the last man away. First home Brian Freeman

24<sup>th</sup> September School was closed today as the pupils were in attendance at the Arts and Crafts Competition for local district schools

3<sup>rd</sup> October That the question of the radio be left over to the next meeting

Mr Carter who is leaving the district resigned.

Mrs Childs spoke in terms of appreciation of Mr Carter's services as honorary Secretary

11<sup>th</sup> October That Mr Clements be appointed to School Committee

That Mr McGovern purchase a box of lifebouy soap from the Dairy Factory

A letter to Wellington Education Board asking when the Department is to proceed with buildings

That Mr Milner purchase two cricket bats one size 5 and size 3 and a leather ball for school cricket

That Mrs Childs spend £4.00 including subsidy in additional books for the school library

That the matter of arranging for cleaning the drain at the boy's tank and the cutting of the Hemlock be left to Mr Wilkin to arrange

That Mr McGovern purchase or procure ½ cwt basic slag and ¼ cwt whiting from WFCA

1<sup>st</sup> November Mr McGovern reported he would shortly purchase the Lifebuoy soap for the school

Mr Milner had not been to Wellington and therefore had not purchased cricket bats He deputed the selection to Mrs Childs. Mrs Childs reported that she had not yet made a selection of library books

That a letter be forwarded to the Wellington Education Board stating the extreme dissatisfaction of the School Committee at the constant postponement of the remodelling of the school, a copy of the letter

to be forwarded to the Minister, to the member and to the ward member.

That Mrs Childs be granted ½ a day off to procure books.

That installing a radio be left over till end of year

10<sup>th</sup> November The boy Desmond Freeman was told to stay at home for a day for scribbling rude words

12<sup>th</sup> November The Boy Desmond Freeman today left of his own accord during the morning interval

17<sup>th</sup> November Mr Brown instructor in light woodwork visited this afternoon

27<sup>th</sup> November Special Meeting The letter received from the Board re school removal or school consolidation was read

After being freely discussed by the Committee it was resolved that the following telegram be forwarded to Board

Householders meeting already held.

Great disappointment Board not fulfilling promises. Committee meet Board Tuesday. Wire definite time of arrival

Signed Mauriceville School Committee

29<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Childs reported she had brought the library books also the sports equipment

Mr McGovern reported he had bought soap for the school

Mr McGovern reported that Mr Donald had rung him re the visit of Board Members

That the School Committee meets the members of the Board at 6.30 on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

School concert to be on 11<sup>th</sup> December

It was decided to present all children present with balloons and ice creams



30<sup>th</sup> November An informal meeting was held at the school this evening. Present Mr McGovern, Mr Wilkin, Mr Clements, Mr Milner and the teacher

Mr McGovern had received a telephone message from Mr Donald saying that the Board's chairman Mr Dyer and others would arrive at the school in the morning and they would also meet the School Committee in the evening as arranged

He heard from the meeting in the morning that the Delegation understood what was required in the remodelling of the school and that there was no need for a meeting in the evening

The School Committee expressed its dissatisfaction (At the Attitude) at not meeting the members and discussing the matter of the new building as there were various aspects they had decided to place before the board

It was therefore decided that a letter be forwarded to the Board and that the Committee in this letter state plainly their views about the remodelling

Mr Milner agreed to draft out the letter

14<sup>th</sup> February 1938

That the statement of the above discussion be approved of by the committee

17<sup>th</sup> December School closed for the summer holidays. Miss Goddard who has been infant mistress here has been appointed to a position in Auckland.

There were 9 pupils in Form 2 who are leaving this term

## 1938

26<sup>th</sup> January Appointment of Miss M Burton to replace Mrs Goddard

2<sup>nd</sup> February Miss Burton commenced her duties here as relieving assistant

14<sup>th</sup> February That a letter of appreciation for boarding the assistant teachers be sent to Mrs Neilson and Mrs Freeman

And that Mr McGovern be thanked for his efforts to get suitable board for the teacher

Credit balance for concert £16-14-6

That a £ for £ subsidy be applied for library books

That a sum of 7/6d be paid to Mr R McGovern for cutting hay

Mr Milner pointed out that as water would be available from Railway Supply for the new buildings it might be possible to have larger pipes laid which could be utilised to carry water for school baths. The proposal was discussed at length and it was resolved to visit Hansells to see the baths erected on his property.

The school picnic to be held in the school grounds on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Mr Wilkins agreed to arrange the loan of a copper

It was decided to hold a dance in the evening.

It was agreed to leave all catering arrangements in the hands of the ladies

16<sup>th</sup> February Mrs C M Childs is still Head Teacher

26<sup>th</sup> February The school picnic was held in the school grounds

14<sup>th</sup> March Swimming has been taken on any suitable afternoon, the pupils going to the creek on Mr McGovern's property

That committee write to the Board that it is not in a position to gather further information re baths – until such time as the board forwards further information re new school

20<sup>th</sup> April Received today the elementary Life Saving Certificates and Learner's certificates from the Wellington Swimming

Association. Several of the children underwent these swimming tasks at the Masterton baths recently

2<sup>nd</sup> May Householders meeting 11 present. That there was a credit balance £38-8-8 in the general account and 2/6d in the general account

That this meeting forward a resolution to the board re the new school

That a deputation personally carry this resolution of indignation to the Minister of Education and also to the Wellington Education Board

That parents be circularised regarding the Bible in Schools

24<sup>th</sup> May That a copy of the resolution passed at the householder's meeting be sent to the Minister of Education

That a deputation be appointed to carry such resolution

That the dental clinic fees be collected from parents for the year 1937 and that the Secretary forward accounts to parents

That a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Freeman for her kindness in providing board for assistant teacher

That a pencil sharpener and 3 dozen pencils for juniors, 1 box of nibs and blotting paper be procured

It was decided to arrange for pupils to attend Palmerston North Show and that pupils be charged 2/6 fares and that School Committee subsidise this 9d per head to meet cost of hot lunch

That Board be asked when the delayed souvenir framed photograph of King and Queen is to arrive

31<sup>st</sup> May Miss Ruth Goddard is employed by Auckland Board

14<sup>th</sup> June A party of school children visited the Manawatu A and P Show

20<sup>th</sup> June The Head Teacher reported that Honourable Mr Savage had granted school pupils a holiday to be taken on June 24<sup>th</sup>

That the basketball (*Netball 9 aside*) posts required repairing

That a box for lunch papers was required at school

That a supply of milk be obtained for children's cocoa

That writing prizes to the value of £1-1-6 had been won by pupils

Tararua Power Board £1-15-0 charged

21<sup>st</sup> June Miss Lowrie, Infant Room Organiser spent the morning at this school

22<sup>nd</sup> June The Prime Minister visited Mauriceville and Granted a holiday

4<sup>th</sup> July Mr Wilkin reported that so far he had not arranged milk for the cocoa but he would do so urgently Price to be paid market value

That County would let school have drum for waste paper

That horse paddock be removed to small paddock next to Mrs Child's house

That we buy 3 lavatory paper holders and 5/- worth of sanitary paper. Mrs Childs to kindly arrange for same to be placed regularly in place when required.

8<sup>th</sup> July Received advice that Miss Burton is to remain at Hukanui until 25<sup>th</sup> July

22<sup>nd</sup> July Mrs Child writes to Wellington Education Board The roll is now only 30 and I can manage on my own

25<sup>th</sup> July Miss Burton has resumed duty her.

5<sup>th</sup> September Received word that owing to the drop in roll numbers Miss Burton will not be returning.

8<sup>th</sup> September That 10 cords of wood be reserved for school That rate for wood be £1 for school committee and public 22/6. That Head Teacher be given a cord of wood free.

That 100 silver matipos be purchased for planting in accordance with arbor day



That Mr Robertson MP be requested to arrange a deputation to the minister at the earliest possible moment and that all committeemen endeavour to be present at the deputation

Roll dropped to 29

That the school heater needed repairing

That the teacher was authorised to procure 12 sheets medium and coarse sandpaper

2 tins of black stove enamel

2 paint brushes Varnish as required.

12<sup>th</sup> September Mr Milner reported on deputation consisting of Messrs McGovern, Wilkins, Milner, Keys to Mr Robertson MP

The furtherance of the new school was laid before Mr Robertson with a request he see the Minister

Trees were purchased

That Wellington Education Board be asked for rate of caretaking at school

That the estimated quantity of toilet paper required be forwarded to the Wellington Education Board

That those parents who have not paid dental fees for 1937 be notified that the committee takes no responsibility of treatment at the dental clinic. This School Committee cannot undertake to pay the dues for parents

That a reply paid wire be forwarded to Board asking what progress has been made with the erection and remodelling of the school

At this stage of the meeting a message was brought stating that the Board's architect Mr Drummond would meet members of the School Committee on the grounds the following morning

13<sup>th</sup> September Mr Drummond architect for the Wellington Education Board was visiting the school today in connection with the preparation work in remodelling the school

5<sup>th</sup> October That a letter be sent to the dental clinic notifying them that the School Committee is unable to take any further responsibility in collecting fees.

A telegram was forwarded to Minister Of Education Re new school.

Please advise date removal school- Information necessary

7<sup>th</sup> November That letter sent to Hall Committee inquiring whether hall is available for children in the event of being required during school removal operations and also what rental would be charged

That flame thrower be engaged to remove hemlock and other weeds

That letters be written to Messrs Carter and Christopherson pointing out the dental fees for 1937 are unpaid

In future dental cards be retained by the teacher until dental fees are paid

7<sup>th</sup> December That thanks be sent to tennis club for allowing children use of tennis court

That Mr Milner get in touch with Mr Robertson MP with reference to expediting the work of removal of school

Mr Wilkin undertook to take down the goalposts and attend to cutting the grass during the holidays

The head teacher reported that as one of the pupils Selby Jermy had frequently left school without permission and asked for the support of the committee in dealing with the boy, should this occur again.

The committee assured the teacher of their support

## 1939

1st February Roll is now 33. There is no assistant in the school

13<sup>th</sup> February That Mr Milner write to Board re delay in calling for tenders and point out danger to children of doors etc in their present condition

That the County Council be approached with a view to having speed limit declared on school road

That school picnic be held on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> in the school grounds

21<sup>st</sup> February I took the pupils to Eketahuna Baths by train

23<sup>rd</sup> February Two pupils have gained their certificates of proficiency (220 yards) in swimming Eketahuna

6<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils are going regularly for swimming

14<sup>th</sup> March This afternoon was spent at Hall where Mr Stringer Traffic Instructor for Schools delivered an address to the pupils.

15<sup>th</sup> March Took all the pupils to the swimming pool this afternoon.

16<sup>th</sup> March Pupils to Eketahuna baths, distance swimming

Ron Bray	220 yards	
Varde Nicolaison	220	
Richard Meredith	220	
Alison Cameron	220	Certificates of Proficiency
Heather MacDonald		Elementary Life saving
Doug Scherf	50 yards	
Des Freeman	50	
Gwen Spiers	25 yards	
Charlie Wilkin	25 yard	

20<sup>th</sup> March In connection with dental clinic matters this committee pay £2.50 we have hand for 1937 treatment. And this committee regrets it is unable to accept any further responsibility collecting outstanding fees or tendering further accounts as finds the position an impossible one

Letter of appreciation be sent to Eketahuna Borough Council and caretaker of swimming baths

18<sup>th</sup> April Instructor in Agriculture brought 200 flax plants for planting out

1<sup>st</sup> May That a letter be written to the board re remodelling of school and also enquiring re appointment of assistant

That a deputation of Messrs Wilkin, Baine wait on the minister of Education if possible on May 16<sup>th</sup>

Head Teacher applying to the rugby union for a football

5<sup>th</sup> May Roll 35

29<sup>th</sup> May That Mr McGovern's resignation be held over in the meantime- The committee granting him 3 months leave of absence and relieving him of all responsibility in the meantime

That the necessary arrangements be made for shifting school equipment be made

The fixing of the flagpole for King's Birthday be left in Mr Wilkin's hands

23<sup>rd</sup> June Have been very busy all week packing etc preparatory to moving to temporary buildings. Carpenters have been working on grounds preparing foundations on new site. School is to be removed to new site. School is to be removed and remodelled

Mr Drummond, architect Mr Milner (School Committee) and I looked at various buildings and finally selected county offices as being most suitable.

26<sup>th</sup> June School periods very broken with carpenters working on school

27<sup>th</sup> June Shifted School today to County Offices, very cramped but well ventilated

17<sup>th</sup> July The weather has been very bad there have been several falls of snow and the attendance has suffered in consequence

27<sup>th</sup> July The snow averaged 1 foot this morning. Only 8 pupils were present. We had lessons for a while and then went back to the old school grounds where we had snowballing. Went home at 12 noon

28<sup>th</sup> July. The chairman of the School Committee Mr James McGovern died this morning after an illness of some months. Mr McGovern had served on the School Committee for the long period of 21 years and had been chairman for the past 8 years

He was the school representative on the Boys and Girls Agricultural Club in which work he took a very great personal interest. His loss will be felt by the school very much. School was closed this afternoon as a mark of respect

31<sup>st</sup> July There is a further fall of snow this morning. This makes for 11 falls of snow for July

31<sup>st</sup> July The meeting stood to the memory of late chairman Mr McGovern

That a letter be written to Power Board asking for information re the cost and conditions of the electric heating installed at new school

27<sup>th</sup> July Miss Lowrie adviser to Infant Department couldn't come because of snow

4<sup>th</sup> August Sent pupils work in handcraft etc to the Primary Schools Exhibition Masterton

10<sup>th</sup> August Several examples of pewter work, wool work and book binding have been selected for the exhibition

That new school be opened 7<sup>th</sup> October

27<sup>th</sup> September We have had school in the County Office for 14 weeks

6<sup>th</sup> October A fancy dress ball was held in the Mauriceville Hall on the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> October. This was the pupil's celebration of new school

7<sup>th</sup> October The opening ceremony of the New Mauriceville School was performed this afternoon by Colonel Macdonald in the absence of Mr Robertson M P Speakers included Mr Donald, member of the Wellington Education Board, Mr Chatham, chairman of Mauriceville County Council. Mr P Wilkins and Mr I Cameron (Ex Chairman of School Committee). Mr Milner, chairman presided.

The school is not yet completed so we will still continue to have school in the County Offices

13<sup>th</sup> October Have now been in County Office for 16 weeks. School work is very difficult with a roll number of 36, no assistant and cramped quarters

18<sup>th</sup> October Miss C E Mills appointed presently Assistant Tokomaru School

Letter from Mrs C M Child As we will be moving to the new school shortly I would like an assistant as the roll has been 35 all year

23<sup>rd</sup> October We are still having school on the County Office. We are now starting on our 17<sup>th</sup> week now.

27<sup>th</sup> October School accommodated in local hall

Changed over to a remodelled school. The board would like approval of appointment of a relieving teacher at an early date

8<sup>th</sup> November Commenced school in the remodelled school today. The new building is of Open Air construction and is very easy to teach in.

17<sup>th</sup> November Miss H Pettit appointed as relieving teacher

20<sup>th</sup> November Miss Pettit has arrived to take up the position of relieving assistant and has taken charge of the junior room.

23<sup>rd</sup> November We are very busy getting grounds etc in order. Have dug between the paths to plant potatoes to prepare the soil for next year's garden Getting beds in front of school prepared

13<sup>th</sup> December 1939 and the remodelling of the Mauriceville School completed.PP

## 1940

6<sup>th</sup> February Miss Pettit has returned as relieving assistant Miss J M McLean who has been appointed to the position of Permanent assistant is absent owing to illness.

6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1940 Mauriceville School Miss J. M. McLean (Auckland) to assistant mistress, PP

1<sup>st</sup> March Miss Pettit relieving assistant has received word that she is to remain at school until 11<sup>th</sup> March and Miss J McLean permanent assistant will not be able to commence until 11<sup>th</sup> March

11<sup>th</sup> March Miss Pettit commenced duties

14<sup>th</sup> March Today the pupils went to Masterton to see the Centennial Parade which was a very fine display- earliest farm implements, first wagons or buggy, motor cars- bullock team's penny farthing bicycle etc

28<sup>th</sup> March Owing to the death of the Prime Minister the Right Honourable Michael Savage, school has been closed from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> March

4<sup>th</sup> April Mr Peter Fraser has been elected Prime Minister. The honourable Peter Fraser is Minister of Education

5<sup>th</sup> April As some of the children were suffering from sores, requested the district nurse Miss Hodges to visit the school. Miss Hodges thought it best for one family to remain at home until the sores were better

9<sup>th</sup> April Miss Palmer, Educational Nurse, Eketahuna visited the school today and tested eyes, examined throats etc, preparatory to visit of School Medical Officer

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Service was held in the school this morning at 9.00. Mr E Cheetham being the speaker. About 40 adults and 30 of the pupils were present. The pupils recited 2 verses of "For the Fallen" and wreaths were laid at the memorial. Hymns were sung "O God Our Help in Ages past, The recession and Abide with me

1<sup>st</sup> July The first fall of snow for 1940

5<sup>th</sup> July Making a fernery on east side of the school. Planted out 25 Lawsoniana shrubs to form hedge south side. Have now underway in grounds 100 flax- 35 matipo and have ground particularly prepared for further planting of native shrubs

7<sup>th</sup> August Arbor Day- planted out shrubs on East Side of school. Flax and matipo planted at boundary fence is now showing signs of growth.

16<sup>th</sup> August More shrubs planted. The grounds need draining as water is lying everywhere and most of the trees planted are standing in lakes of water. Held a "speech" afternoon at the school All the pupils from standard 2 to Form 2 each making a prepared speech. Some parents and friends present

3<sup>rd</sup> September Reopened School 2 more children have left. Roll 30

30<sup>th</sup> September Miss McLean has left today. As the roll has dropped to 31 the school will be without the services of an assistant. Miss McLean has resigned due to her approaching marriage

12 entries have been received in the Stock Calf and Lamb competition

18<sup>th</sup> October Mr Robertson M P visited the school this afternoon

3<sup>rd</sup> December The judging of calves and lambs in the competition took place at Solway Showgrounds Today. Entered from this school;

6 calves, 5 lambs. Alison Cameron Form 2 came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the written records and received in the root growing competition full marks for her written records

## 1941

3<sup>rd</sup> February Roll 31

18<sup>th</sup> February Took pupils to Eketahuna baths for swimming

22<sup>nd</sup> February 22 pupils to Eketahuna Baths

25<sup>th</sup> February Took pupils again to Eketahuna baths. Mr Brockett came to school as we were leaving for the baths

4<sup>th</sup> March Senior Pupils (10) went to Eketahuna baths. In between trips to baths am taking children to creek for swimming. 8 pupils have now learned to take a few strokes.

8<sup>th</sup> March Took 22 pupils to Eketahuna Baths. Further certificates Ian Baine 25 yards. Liam O'Neill 25 yards- Rex McCarley 12 yards

20<sup>th</sup> March 50 yards B Blaine, C Wilkin

25 yards Valerie Baine, Ian Baine, Liam O'Neill

12 yards Nancy Cheetham, Rex McCarley, Norma Parker, Althea Bray, Daphne Wilkin, Audrey Meredith 50 yards

Dawn Milson 25 yards

4<sup>th</sup> April Have had several visitors at the school this week, asking to be shown through the school

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day A service was held at the school this morning at 10.30. About 65 members of the Home Guard paraded and there were representatives of the Mauriceville West, Ihuraua, and Hastwell Schools. Captain Parry delivered the address. Hymns were sung. Nancy Cheetham read the lesson. Ephesians VI Verses 10-18. School Children laid wreaths at the Cenotaph and recited "For the Fallen" about 150 were present.

7<sup>th</sup> May Mr Brockett judged mangel (2) and Carrot (1) crops today.

9<sup>th</sup> May This day were awarded 8 home garden certificates, 6 calf club certificates, 6 lamb rearing certificates, 3 agricultural certificates.

28<sup>th</sup> May Mr Phillips of the Dominion Museum accompanied by Mr Latty visited school today. They were very interested in our collection of moa bones.

6<sup>th</sup> June First snowfall. Weather bitterly cold

17<sup>th</sup> June Snow fell and everything white this morning.

18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> June Further falls of snow and bitterly cold weather

20<sup>th</sup> June The supply of free apples which commenced on 14<sup>th</sup> April has now been discontinued

18<sup>th</sup> August The following pupils were successful in the root growing competitions.

Group 1 Nancy Cheetham 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Wilkin 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the whole competition- district extended from Pahiatua to Martinborough Nancy Cheetham gained third place crop and also obtained highest marks for written records

15<sup>th</sup> September Closing date for agricultural competitions Root Crops 4, Calf Comp 9 ,Lamb Comp 8, Home gardens 13 total Entries 34

13<sup>th</sup> October The pupils of this school who are providing the entertainment at the forthcoming district victory fair are practising

23<sup>rd</sup> October Mr Robertson M P for Masterton visited the school this morning

24<sup>th</sup> October A letter has been received from the Lady Galway Guild, thanking the school children for the 12 woollen quilts which were forwarded

7<sup>th</sup> November Miss Dorset District Nurse, visited the school this morning

12<sup>th</sup> November Miss Dorset District Nurse Eketahuna spent the morning at school, examining pupils and testing eyesight

6<sup>th</sup> December 9 calves and 6 lambs were taken by competitors to the group judging at Solway Showgrounds on Saturday

## 1942

2<sup>nd</sup> February Roll 35

20<sup>th</sup> February Pupils have been taken daily to the creek for swimming instruction and good progress has been made.

Results to date.

500 yards Liam O'Neill

Elementary Life saving Audrey Meredith, Ian Baine

50 yards Charlie Wilkin, Daphne Wilkin, Nancy Cheetham, Audrey Meredith, Dawn Wilson

25 Yards Rex McCarley, Althea Bray

9<sup>th</sup> March Nancy Cheetham, Charles Wilkin, Bill Baine, Liam O'Neill have qualified for elementary life saving. Have also taken land drillm(*Lifesaving*)

Charlie Wilkin, Audrey Meredith Bill Baine have swum 220 yards

14<sup>th</sup> April Several visitors (Parents and Friends) at school this afternoon

20<sup>th</sup> April Mrs Pain commenced duties as relieving assistant

24<sup>th</sup> April Anzac day held at school

25<sup>th</sup> May Mrs. Pain Relieving assistant has been withdrawn as roll has dropped to 35

Miss Horner country school's dental nurse- made an examination of the teeth of some of those attending the Masterton clinic this morning.

25<sup>th</sup> May Mr Brown supervisor of manual training spent the afternoon at school

15<sup>th</sup> June The pupils are making paper Mache splints for the Red Cross for use in hospitals.

25<sup>th</sup> June A very severe earthquake occurred at 11.18 p m. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, Most houses in the district were badly shaken and several are untenable. The double chimney at school residence crashed and window panes were broken. At the school 3 window panes are cracked and the concrete foundation is cracked in two places. No pupils came to school this morning this morning. The school radio fell onto the floor and is broken. 3 heaters electric were flung to the floor, chemicals and glassware in the storeroom were also broken

26<sup>th</sup> June Ten pupils arrived. Had morning school only. Earth Tremors are still being felt. Seismograph records 350 shakes since the big shake on 24<sup>th</sup> June. The centre was thought to be 4 miles north of Masterton

13<sup>th</sup> July Torrential downpour caused slips and floods. No pupils came to school

15<sup>th</sup> July Railway communication is still blocked and some roads are still passable

16<sup>th</sup> July Only 8 pupils at school

21<sup>st</sup> July Mr Brockett visited the school. He reported that Nancy Cheetham had won the agricultural club Champs for Mangel growing and had also come first in records. Rex McCarley was first in Group 1 schools for carrot growing and 2<sup>nd</sup> for best kept records.

7<sup>th</sup> September Roll 37

15<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Pain relieving assistant commenced today

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. On sick leave.

30<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Pain absence owing to sickness.



28<sup>th</sup> November Calf and lamb judging competition. 9 calves and 8 lambs entered. Mr Myers Judge Calves. Mr B Bennett judge lambs  
The whole competition was organised and run very creditably by school children, who had previously elected their own committee, and officers

Adults assisting by awarding prizes and making donations.

The school children themselves raised £3-15 to be used for assisting various agricultural projects including home gardens and root crops.

18<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for summer holidays. Mrs Pain completed her appointment as relieving assistant

## 1943

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 34 and 2 pupils taking Form 3 A Correspondence

12<sup>th</sup> February Dr Mulholland visited the school

5<sup>th</sup> March Closed school and attended drill demonstration in Masterton

4<sup>th</sup> June A St John's Red Cross Instructor demonstrated bandaging in the afternoon

7<sup>th</sup> August Held successful school concert in Mauriceville Hall in aid of Red Cross Funds

10<sup>th</sup> September School closed Italian Surrender

18<sup>th</sup> October All children presented for the first aid examination passed. Several very good results and Audrey Meredith obtained honours. Mauriceville West School Pupils who have been attending this school every Friday afternoon for first aid lessons also were present at the exam conducted by Lieutenant Stewart and all succeeded in passing

11<sup>th</sup> December The school picnic Calf and Lamb Judging competitions were held

## 1944

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 31, 2 pupils taking correspondence course Form 3 and Form 4

17<sup>th</sup> April 76% of the Standard pupils hold distance certificates for swimming.

Mile 1

5<sup>th</sup> May I have forwarded my resignation to the Wellington Education Board as I am leaving to take up the position of Headmistress of St Stephen's School Marton

Signed C M Childs

## 1947

12<sup>th</sup> February alteration agreed to house £191

## 1951

The grounds were so wet that the children could not play on them in winter

It is propose to fill the site, lay field drains and sow a grass cover and to enlarge the current concrete area

The cost be £ 550

31<sup>st</sup> January the grant was approved because of the commendable local contribution especially by the Lime Works

## 1954

Miss Bruning Head Teacher

9<sup>th</sup> February It was moved that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Wairarapa College parents association congratulating them on the handling of the arrangements for the royal visit

That arrangements be made for the children to see the picture The Royal Visit to NZ

13<sup>th</sup> April School roll 36 the number required for a second teacher

A letter was received from the board authorising the expenditure of £5.00 for spraying of noxious weeds As it was too late for spraying it was decided to ask Board if cutting would Meet the bill

11<sup>th</sup> May It was decided to write to the Mauriceville County Council arranging a meeting to discuss disposal of surface water from school grounds

It was decided that the memorial gate project be abandoned and a memorial be erected

9<sup>th</sup> November Mr Taylor has made enquiries about swimming at Opaki School Baths and a time could be made available. It was decided to ask the Board

The question of a fence to divide playground was discussed and it was decided to approach Wellington Education Board for financial assistance

22<sup>nd</sup> November Special Meeting Business Conditions prevailing at school and staffing position

The position was discussed at some length and it was now decided to approach local Board members and discuss the position with them

23<sup>rd</sup> November Special Meeting The present conditions prevailing at the school were discussed at some length as was the staffing position. After various aspects of the matter were discussed it was decided that a report be sent to the Chairman of the board and that Messrs Masters and Nicol should take the matter up with the Board individually

15<sup>th</sup> December It was decided that the Power Board account was too large and it was decided to refer it back to the board for investigation

The staffing position at the school was discussed and it was decided that the meeting await further information from the Board

## 1955

1<sup>st</sup> February Miss J Hawken relieving

F Bruning Head Teacher *Probable Freda Fanny Bruning died 1968 in Masterton born 1907*

8<sup>th</sup> February that we ask the Board if there was a subsidy for petrol to take children to swimming.

8<sup>th</sup> March It was decided to write to the Board for clarification on the position regarding payment of Teacher's Telephone

12<sup>th</sup> April It was decided to write to the school teacher drawing her attention to the fact that bicycles are being left outside the front gate

2<sup>nd</sup> May Information Re bicycles obtained from Mr Nicol by Mr S Taylor was discussed and it was decided the Secretary should write to Miss Bruning informing her of the position and instructing her that the ban on bicycles was to be removed

It was decided to defer the discussion of telephone account to next meeting

10<sup>th</sup> May It was decided that the question of the Telephone account be deferred till further discussion with the school teacher

16<sup>th</sup> June Miss Bruning present. It was moved that School Committee pay half the cost of the telephone installed in the teacher's residence

That the Secretary order 6 inch pipes for drain on boundary and 100 4 inch pipes for drain in school



It was decided to write to the Board re replacement of Blackout curtains, alterations to porch- workers compensation as far as A Stewart is concerned

12<sup>th</sup> July Storm water drain blocked with tree roots- require relifting and relaying further from trees

- a) Verandah altered and entrance put on East end away from prevailing wind
- b) Black out curtains replaced
- c) Sash Cords replaced
- d) Shed roof to be renewed

9<sup>th</sup> August Head Teacher Miss Bruning present

15<sup>th</sup> August As Miss Bruning had erected a fowlhouse on school grounds all were asked for their views. Miss Bruning explained that as she had previously had a fowlhouse in very nearly the same position she had not thought it necessary to get the prior consent of the committee

Moved That the fowlhouse should not be on school grounds. This lapsed for a seconder

That the Board be written to pointing out that a fowlhouse had been erected on school grounds. The School Committee questions the right of it being there and asks whether the Board could help in the matter by erecting a fowlhouse on a suitable place on the school house property.

13<sup>th</sup> September A letter of resignation was received from Miss J Hawken

Board for the teacher to replace Miss Hawken was discussed and left to Messrs Mason and Hislop

8<sup>th</sup> November It was decided to write to Miss Hill thanking her for taking over the school during Miss Bruning's absence on sick leave

It was decided to forward to the Board a letter from Parents and Friends Association also a copy to Mr Nicol (Wellington Education Board member)

12<sup>th</sup> December Miss Bruning Present

In discussion on the question of board for the new assistant teacher it was felt that the parents and Friends Ass be asked to assist in preparing a roster of parents prepared to take the teacher indicating period suitable in each case

In view of the excellent state of the school rooms the Secretary was asked to convey to Mrs Benton the committee's compliments on the manner in which she had carried out the duties as school cleaner

15<sup>th</sup> December Appointment of Miss J J Scott. 3 years Service. Taranaki Probationary Assistant

## 1956

19<sup>th</sup> January That the resignation of the Secretary Mr J Hislop be received

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 35

Miss J J Scott reported for duty

Form for Claudia Gray to travel on railcar

14<sup>th</sup> February Miss Bruning Present

Matters concerning a 15 year old wanting to attend in Form II for second year. Secretary asked to write to Wellington Education Board for decision

The date for the Picnic was set for 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Clarke Memorial Grounds

The Secretary was asked to write to Board to see if they could make arrangements for boys in Form 1 and 2, approximately 6 to have instruction in woodwork, either locally or in Masterton

If instruction could be given locally this was the preference and what would the board do in the way of supplying tools, timber and instruction

The Secretary was instructed to write to Board re capitation grants because of rising Power Prices etc

6<sup>th</sup> February Admitted Warren and Rodney Quinell ex Maymorn

Angelina, Pauline and Geneva Kahu ex Poroporo

13<sup>th</sup> February Window broken in woodwork room

15<sup>th</sup> February Miss Scott shopping afternoon

29<sup>th</sup> February Sent Milk Return

March Miss Bruning's resignation accepted.

A letter to Hastwell School thanking them for the use of their swimming pool and also to ask friends for a donation to Hastwell of £3

The Secretary to write to Board Re Blackout Curtains and other improvements that needed looking into.

8<sup>th</sup> March Parents and Friends Evening Dutch Films lent by Mr Pape

19<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> F Bruning in service training week in Masterton

10<sup>th</sup> April The School Committee agreed that rather than lose the phone when Miss Bruning leaves it would be best if it was changed to the Mauriceville School Committee until a teacher was appointed

17<sup>th</sup> April Asked for Miss Scott's scheme and work book- both at home

17<sup>th</sup> April Mr J Corkill appointed Head Teacher 9 1/4 years experience Taranaki Grade 60

Mr Cartwright Grade 60. School Committee to pick

Mr Corkill was appointed. Mr Cartwright withdrew his application

4<sup>th</sup> May Appointment of Mr B A Milburn s both candidates have withdrawn 6 1/2 years Wellington Board

24<sup>th</sup> April Asked for Medical card for Barry Mitchell- away 2 weeks- cut leg- been playing on road and also been at Sunday School

Miss Scott and F Bruning both xrayed yesterday. School closed. P.M.

30<sup>th</sup> April Meeting was called to deal with appointment of Head Teacher who was transferred. The committee had a list of names and it was decided to select Mr Corkill subject to Board's approval. Meeting closed 10.30

2<sup>nd</sup> May No form for free railcar passes received wrote board

Request from National Library for 100 books from last year. These books not received by the school- wrote

4<sup>th</sup> May My Duties as head teacher terminate F Bruning

8<sup>th</sup> May The School Committee after inspecting Roto Scythe at Dairy Factory decided to purchase same and the Secretary to apply for subsidy on same

That chairman to make arrangements for relieving teacher for the week required while waiting arrival of Head Teacher

Secretary instructed to write to Board regarding glassing in of porch and to stress urgent nature of this

28<sup>th</sup> May Mr B Milburn Arrived Sunday Night took over residence. Commenced duties at school Monday Morning. Miss Scott still assistant

30<sup>th</sup> May Returned films unshown, as I have not had time to study operation of projector

1<sup>st</sup> June B Milburn Head Teacher

Teacher's report. *Where previously teachers report was just received this meeting minuted actions*

That balance of picnic money be used to transport children to sport

Arrangements for Springbox game in Masterton on 31<sup>st</sup> July be left in H T hands

There were some items from Head Teacher's list that were to be sent to Friends to approve and decide on their order of merit

- a) 1 set of percussion band instruments
- b) 1 set of chime bars
- c) 1 jungle gym
- d) 1 filmstrip projector with 500 watt bulb
- e) 1 Wendy House

14<sup>th</sup> August The Secretary was asked to write for a subsidy for Chime Bars and Percussion Band Instruments

A discussion was held re the turning down of the Drainage Scheme. The Secretary was asked to write to the board stating that this School Committee is not satisfied with their decision on shelving the drainage scheme as we feel that work is of a (sic) urgent nature

That Board members be asked to come and inspect the ground

The balance of wages not paid to Mrs Benton be refunded to Board as per request

11<sup>th</sup> September The committee discussed the problem of a playing area for children. This was left in Mr Milburn's hands to find further information on the use of school grounds

The question of drawing up a roster for using lawn mower. The matter was left over as the older boys of the school could do the work in meantime

13<sup>th</sup> September Football Team played 9 aside match at Rangitumau. Lost 1-0. Basketball Team visited Mauriceville Drew 1:1

24<sup>th</sup> September Music Festival Rehearsal at Knox Church. 12 children went, 2 children reported to Mauriceville West school for polio injections

9<sup>th</sup> October The playing field came under discussion again The meeting voiced their protest at the way the Board again turned down the project. This being the main topic for the meeting took all available time and meeting closed at 10 p.m.

25<sup>th</sup> October Received consignment of books from National Library Received Filmstrip Three Promises from U N A

10<sup>th</sup> November Agricultural Club Group day in Masterton Senior Class went to Masterton by railcar

29<sup>th</sup> November Softball game with Rangitumau at Rangitumau Visit of Phys Education Specialist over Holger Neilson Method

11<sup>th</sup> December Letter stating that works to be carried out accepted

21<sup>st</sup> December Received from Wellington Education Board. Revised syllabus

- a) Health Education
- b) Arithmetic
- c) Needlework
- d) Social Studies
- e) Nature Study
- f) Oral Expression
- g) Handcrafts in wood and metal

## 1957

4<sup>th</sup> February Roll 42

6<sup>th</sup> February Began swimming lessons at Hastwell

School travelling daily 1.00 – 2.30. Five cars necessary

20<sup>th</sup> February Sports afternoon at Rangitumau with Upper Valley Schools. Transported both classes

26<sup>th</sup> February The Secretary was asked to write to Board for subsidy on Globe and Taranaki Frame (*Monkey Bars*)

28<sup>th</sup> February Film Evening at School Kotuku (Wildlife Division), An Air Journey (Agricultural Department), Fiordland Expedition (Wildlife Division), Holger Neilson Filmstrip and Demonstration

14<sup>th</sup> May It was decided to invite the Head teacher to be present at School Committee meetings to present his personal report and then to retire from meeting

The grazing of the grounds was left in the hands of Mr Myer who generously offered to graze a flock of sheep on the area was concerned

The mowing of the lawns was also given considerable discussion and it was decided to approach someone willing to do the mowing on a yearly basis failing which to compiling of a roster system was suggested

21<sup>st</sup> May Received from D Thomas bottle dealer cheque for £2-8-0 making a total of £10-18-0 for bottles

11<sup>th</sup> June First typewritten report to School Committee . That chairman would see Rangitumau School Committee and enquire about their school baths

24<sup>th</sup> June Mr G Holmes Ihuraua spent morning with Miss Scott Observing

1<sup>st</sup> July Hastwell School closed on Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>, pupils 4 boys were enrolled here today Roll 51

3<sup>rd</sup> July School closed for country school's sports at Masterton Rained in morning and day cancelled at Noon. Three inches of snow fell later in school grounds

4<sup>th</sup> July Mr Milburn's class trip to Seatoun be approved subject to satisfactory board being arranged

Miss Scott's class also to visit Zoo in November

10<sup>th</sup> July Mr Jenkins and Miss Benge, Art Specialists, conducted evening refresher course in the school. 9 teachers present and also Mr Burgess Organising teacher

13<sup>th</sup> April Householders meeting Mr Boswell asked for his name withdrawn from nominations as Two Railway men could not attend meetings, this request was not granted and in the ballot that followed Mr Boswell was voted out

14<sup>th</sup> May It was decided to invite the Head Teacher to be present at Committee Meetings to present his personal report and then retire from the meeting

The grazing of the school grounds was left in the hands of Mr H Myer who generously offered to graze a flock of sheep over the whole area

It was decided to approach someone willing to the mowing on a yearly bases, failing which to compile a roster

Draining of road frontage was also under discussion Mr McGovern has been in touch with a contractor to get the excavating work done. Local volunteers could lay the tiles and the County Council Grader would be suitable for filling in

11<sup>th</sup> June Head Teachers report included we have received a New Zealand flag and 60 foot of plastic cord. The price of these is £3 17s 6d and 10 shillings

4<sup>th</sup> July Approval given for Teachers Meeting at School

The chairman outlined a proposal regards swimming baths at school The Secretary was asked to arrange a public meeting for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

15<sup>th</sup> July Basketball 3.00 Mothers defeated girls 10:3

9<sup>th</sup> July 26 people present The cost of the baths was estimated at £900 the residents to raise £450 and under special considerations could be raised to £50

The list to be two sided. One for donations, one for labour with £300 to be raised

Mr Hosie would donate free cartage for carting metal

Mr Mason would loan the Lime Company's men and machines for digging hole for baths

That the baths proceed and the committee is satisfied with results to go ahead

1<sup>st</sup> August Music festival practice in Masterton

3<sup>rd</sup> August. Film evening at school

16<sup>th</sup> August Application for subsidy for swimming pool

Arbor day ceremony Planted scarlet Oak tree

10<sup>th</sup> September The meeting then adjourned to receive representatives of the Parents and Friends

The following matters were discussed

- a) Certificates for Picnic Sports
- b) That canvas for picnic funds and usual arrangements to run picnic stand
- c) The P and F asked for donation to Run Navy League Bus (To a meeting in Masterton)
- d) This concluded the P and F discussion

Subsidy for baths received

25<sup>th</sup> September Miss Scott absent attending Physical Education course at Lansdowne School

26<sup>th</sup> September Music festival practice at Knox Church. 11 pupils attended.

4<sup>th</sup> October First mention of grading return Average 51.6

2<sup>nd</sup> October Music festival matinee at Town Hall 12 choir and remainder of children in the audience, except 4 left with Mrs James at school

3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> October Evening performance of Music festival

15<sup>th</sup> October The meeting complimented Mr Milburn on his very good work with children at Music Festival

That Secretary contact Board re insurance for carrying children in private cars and state functions attended.

23<sup>rd</sup> October 1957 Mr Young Masterton School Savings visited school Left posters, pass book envelopes and pencil for teacher

29<sup>th</sup> October Mr and Mrs K J Holyoake M P visited school, chatted with children in both rooms

11<sup>th</sup> November Seatoun Children (30) with Mr K (Kerry?) Cunningham and Mrs Duncan arrived at Railway station at 3.34 p.m. Greeted and taken to billets

12<sup>th</sup> November

9.30 Limeworks visit. Mr Mason escorted children around quarry and demonstrated machinery

12.00 After an early lunch all walked to the natural limestone bridge on Mr Cameron's property

1.30 p m Mr H Meyers demonstrated use of milking machinery the organisation behind the cow shed and pig stys

4.00 P M Some Seatoun children returned to Meyers Bros to see the evening milking

13<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 All Seatoun children and those Mauriceville children who had not seen, were taken through the dairy Factory by Mr Petch

9.30 a.m. Concurrently groups of children visited the Railway Station and had the traffic control system demonstrated to them by Mr Boswell

1.15 Calf and Lamb Judging. Mr Cunningham was judge

2.30 Shearing demonstration and visit through woolshed by Mr H Meyers

14<sup>th</sup> November 9.00 Mauriceville Children left for Waingawa on railcar. Seatoun children left by car, stopping at Mr Cameron's woolshed to see a shearing gang working

10.00 All assembled around Waignawa Freezing works in groups, boys and girls by Mr Finlayson and Mr Cunningham. Visit arranged by writing to the manager Mr Greer

12.30 Seatoun Children left by Railcar for Wellington

Mauriceville children left by car for Mauriceville.

18<sup>th</sup> November 22 Mauriceville children left with Mr Milburn on railcar for Wellington where they were met by Seatoun children and taken to billets

19<sup>th</sup> November After assembling at Seatoun School pupils left for either Central Fire Station and "Rangitane" (Ship) or Todd Motors vehicle assembly plant in Petone. Afterwards all met at Dominion Museum for tour around the Maori and Transport sections

20<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 Scenic tour by Council Bus around Wellington

1.0 Afternoon was wet and a programme of educational films was shown by Mr McPherson

21<sup>st</sup> November 9.30 All left by special bus to Wellington Zoo

1.20 Left Wellington railway Station for Mauriceville arriving at 3.35

4<sup>th</sup> December [Members told to consult their own insurance companies re insurance](#)

[£5 be paid to head teacher for petty cash](#)

9<sup>th</sup> December Miss Scott took junior room children on visit to the Wellington zoo

17<sup>th</sup> December School concert held in Mauriceville Hall Approximately 100 parents attended

19<sup>th</sup> December Parents and Friends conducted Christmas Tree Party for School Children in Mauriceville Hall

20<sup>th</sup> December School swimming bath used for the first time 1.20 p.m. in slight rain

Baths only half full as they will take 3-4 days to fill on Lime water Supply

Roll 54

## 1958

3<sup>rd</sup> February Roll 40

Last Years roll 54

Less 4 to Hastwell School

3 to College

8 Transferred from district

3<sup>rd</sup> February Commenced swimming lessons in School Baths

7<sup>th</sup> February School closed for visit of Queen Mother

[11<sup>th</sup> February Mr Milburn was asked to order the encyclopaedia now the subsidy had been received](#)

[Considerable discussion on new baths and water supplies](#)

14<sup>th</sup> February Carpenters repaired bicycle shed, repaired roof on woodwork shed and fitted exterior door stops.

5<sup>th</sup> March Oxford Junior Encyclopedia set arrived

Public Health inspector tested baths water for residual chlorine, before and after class used them. Satisfactory with 4 ounces of chloride lime each morning. Suggested using H D H tablets obtainable in Wellington

7<sup>th</sup> March Head Teacher in Auckland on Leave of Absence

11<sup>th</sup> March Inservice training in Masterton Both teachers attended. School closed.



13<sup>th</sup> March Mr Milburn pointed out the disadvantage of using loose chlorate of lime in the baths and recommended purchasing tablets which are available for chlorinating water

Baths water supply. Health inspector wrote reporting on tests taken

Water supply for Baths It was decided to inspect the proposed pipe line at 8 a.m. 15<sup>th</sup> March and when exact length known the necessary alkathene be obtained and fittings

14<sup>th</sup> April Polio Injections All those for first injection (13) went to Kopuaranga School at 1.00

That the school projector be made available to the Women's Institute for an evening on the condition it be operated by Mr Milburn and the responsibility for any damage be accepted by the institute

The Secretary to write to the Board re use of floor oil and ignition properties if any

Miss Scott wrote tendering her resignation from 25<sup>th</sup> May

New Zealand Railways wrote agreeing to permit laying of water pipe to school baths under the railway line subject to acceptance of New Zealand Railways conditions.

Mauriceville Dairy Factory and Council wrote agreeing to committee laying pipe on their lands

17<sup>th</sup> April Annual meeting of parents and friends. Decision to purchase £5 worth of filmstrips, basketball goal posts and first aid kit.

18<sup>th</sup> April Poppy day 96 poppies sold. £4- 18-0 handed to R S A Masterton

19<sup>th</sup> April Film Projector operated in hall for C W I (Country Women's Institute) Father's Night

9<sup>th</sup> May Roll 42

13<sup>th</sup> May Mr Milburn was asked to thank Mrs Milburn for her kind offer to accommodate the student teacher early next term

The chairman thanked Mr Milburn for repairing the school doors.

26<sup>th</sup> May Miss M K Mutter relieving assistant reported for duty

29<sup>th</sup> May Child Welfare Officer called over 58/1 (*Admission number*)

30<sup>th</sup> May Withdrew £1-17-6 from Bonus Account to pay Football Association for new soccer ball

31<sup>st</sup> May Took 5 boys to Palmerston for soccer tournament (Saturday)

9<sup>th</sup> June Miss Pemberton Physical Education Specialist, visited school re large ball handling and folk dances

District Nurse and Health Department Officials administered Polio Vaccine to children of this school and Mauriceville West

10<sup>th</sup> June The chairman congratulated Mr Milburn and the members of the school soccer team for their achievements in the Soccer Competition

It was decided to hold a working bee to dig a drain for the water pipe on Saturday

Mr McGovern asked if school was still active in Navy League and wondered why children did not go to Navy League Film. Further enquiries to be made.

14<sup>th</sup> June School Committee working party of 15 morning and 12 afternoon dug channel for baths pipe intake from railway crossing

30<sup>th</sup> June received 100 National library service books from Palmerston North. Returned 99 books from last issue in return. One book lost by Pauline Kahu

9<sup>th</sup> July A letter was received from the parents and Friends Ass concerning charges for boarding the teacher. To write to the Board and ask their views

21<sup>st</sup> July Sent home with General two absent notices to solicit reasons for her absence 9<sup>th</sup> July to 17<sup>th</sup> July and Angelina's absence for two days during week

23<sup>rd</sup> July Absence notices sent to Mr W Kahu not returned

6<sup>th</sup> August Time clock for heater circuit returned and installed by Wairarapa Power Board electrician. Master switch put in circuit

12<sup>th</sup> August Received 1958 Art equipment plus 1957 Tapestry Wool assignment

12<sup>th</sup> August Mr Taylor expressed the appreciation the committee held for the interest and work done by Mr Milburn during his appointment to Mauriceville and wished him well in his new job Mr Milburn reported at this stage he could not formally give his resignation

14<sup>th</sup> August Received notification of Scale 3 appointment in Auckland

15<sup>th</sup> August Railed light woodwork tools to board.

16<sup>th</sup> August Mr B A Milburn resigns. There is a school bus serving this area which arrives outside school at 8 and leaves at 4. This service would be available to a teacher living in Masterton

16<sup>th</sup> September Mr R D Paterson appointed

18<sup>th</sup> August 13 children in Festival Choir attended massed practice in Knox Hall.

19<sup>th</sup> August Farewell by children in school to Mrs Milburn, Grant and myself.

21<sup>st</sup> August Farewell to teacher in school in evening

23<sup>rd</sup> August Handed over keys to school and residence to Secretary also school records

8<sup>th</sup> September G Bain (George Bain?) took up duties as relieving Head teacher Roll 45

9<sup>th</sup> September Mr Bain present relieving head teacher. Mr Bain pointed out there was no school clock and that one was necessary Me Milburn wrote tendering his resignation

That the telephone be transferred in the name of the School Committee

10<sup>th</sup> September Wrote to Board requesting woodwork tools

17<sup>th</sup> September 13/58 and 58/1 punished

3<sup>rd</sup> October Music festival in Town Hall Masterton at 7.45

14<sup>th</sup> October Visit from Police Lecturers

14<sup>th</sup> October The council be instructed to spray the Hemlock on the School Property the cost of the work to be charged to the Wellington Education Board

The baths required painting

The loss of the soccer ball was reported and the Committee felt further effort should be made to find it. This fact to be made known to the Head teacher

T S Taylor to obtain a 3 foot rule if possible when purchasing paint from Percival's

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board re-stating the availability of a daily bus for a teacher living in Masterton who may be interested in the appointment as permanent infant teacher

23<sup>rd</sup> October Sent for film catalogue (13/-)

31<sup>st</sup> October G Bain finished Phone 4015

25<sup>th</sup> October. A relieving assistant notified Wellington Education Board of bus service from Masterton

13<sup>th</sup> November Application by Wellington Education Board to extend classrooms the school is overcrowded and there is no indication that the roll will drop. The overcrowding has been



relieved to some extent by glassing in the front verandah but further relief is needed

It is proposed to add to the school to make the classrooms as near as possible to standard size

3<sup>rd</sup> November R D Patterson commenced duties

11<sup>th</sup> November Mills Bros arrived to fit new basins in cloak rooms

11<sup>th</sup> November The chairman extended a welcome to Mr R D Patterson

Mr Patterson reported the following things needed doing at the school residence

- a) Verandah repairs
- b) Coal Stove Burnt Out
- c) Hinges on Electric stove burnt out
- d) No power point in wash house

Mr Bain's report stated the transport Department officers suggested that the Council should be asked to provide foot path to the railway Station

17<sup>th</sup> November Some children attended Kopuaranga School to receive final polio injection

1<sup>st</sup> December Attended meeting of parents and Friends to discuss Xmas party

9<sup>th</sup> December Miss E M Forde appointed permanent assistant teacher

13<sup>th</sup> December A very successful Xmas party was held in the hall commencing at 7.00

17<sup>th</sup> December A farewell function was held at school during the afternoon in honour of Miss Mutter Relieving assistant

## 1959

2 rooms 677 sq foot erected 1892 with additions in 1939

Proposed extension to 440 sq feet

It is intended to add staff lavatories, cloakroom and a store

2<sup>nd</sup> February Miss E Forde commenced duties as permanent assistant

17<sup>th</sup> February School visited by district health Inspector who inspected baths and found them satisfactory

23<sup>rd</sup> February Painters arrived at 9.00 to paint senior room. All children in infant room

4<sup>th</sup> February Cuisenaire material arrived from Reeds. *Cuisenaire was a mathematics system using a system of graded blocks. It was used to replace rote learning in arithmetic.*

10<sup>th</sup> March The meeting was held in two stages

Stage 1 in school buildings

Stage 2 at Mr McGovern's residence

19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> March Attended refresher course in Masterton. Topics under discussion Social Studies and Arithmetic.

21<sup>st</sup> March A successful picnic and sports day was held on local sports ground.

24<sup>th</sup> March Received 2 copies of sewing syllabus

7<sup>th</sup> April received 3 bulletins The Sheep farm

13<sup>th</sup> April There were goal posts to be collected from Douglas Park The soccer association would supply soccer balls at half price i.e. £2-0-0

Miss Forde required a new basketball bladder for the girls

It was decided the P and F Society should be given opportunity to pay for the new soccer ball and basket ball bladder

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Service held at the school Service conducted by the Rev Murray. Speaker was Major Selby

27<sup>th</sup> April Mr Doyle Traffic Officer visited the school to discuss footpath project and lecture children

28<sup>th</sup> April Annual meeting of parents and Friends held at the school. It was decided to purchase a duplicator at the earliest opportunity

29<sup>th</sup> April School was visited by constable Pat Shanahan regarding railway station and thefts from dairy factory.

12<sup>th</sup> May That the School Committee would make up any deficiency in funds to the P and F Ass for a new duplicator.

The Secretary was instructed to call in all keys

That we enter two teams in the competition supplemented with boys from Mauriceville West and Hastwell

4<sup>th</sup> June School shop day held in hall £18-6-0 raised towards cost of duplicator.

5<sup>th</sup> June Miss Forde absent to attend brother's wedding

9<sup>th</sup> June School visited by Mr Shanahan from Police Force to discuss rumours. *Pat Shanahan was a Masterton police officer as a long time country police officer. Also heavily involved in Wairarapa rugby*

9<sup>th</sup> June That Miss Forde wanted a sheet of pinex attached to the wall for papers

The parents and friends Ass had raised the money necessary for a duplicator

The P and F would purchase the football jerseys and requested the School Committee purchase shorts

The glass in the entrance doors were both shattered and Wellington Education Board be informed

A notice of the Annual Meeting of the Girls and Boys Agricultural club. The Secretary was instructed to write to the club stating this school was not able to partake in their activities and wished to resign

10<sup>th</sup> June Miss Freeman Public health Nurse examined New Entrants Standard 2 and Form 2

21<sup>st</sup> June A well attended soccer match in aid of school funds took place at the local sports ground raising £3-3-9

"Factory" beat "Frothblowers" 3-2

25<sup>th</sup> June Miss Freeman Public Health nurse and Doctor Roberts (Mrs) school doctor visited the school and examined pupils

26<sup>th</sup> June R D Patterson absent Mother seriously ill.

30<sup>th</sup> June 3 each of tables and chairs arrived for the infant room

5<sup>th</sup> July. A mixed basketball tournament was held at school. It was highly successful in spite of the weather. "Factory Butternuts" beat "Frothblowers" 3-2 in final

Approximately £1-10-0 was collected

7<sup>th</sup> July Miss Freeman health Nurse visited the school to examine pupils and give polio boosters

15<sup>th</sup> July School closed 24 children participated in winter sports tournament in Masterton Miss Forde and self assisted in organisation

16<sup>th</sup> July Mr Bob Stothart and Miss Newick visited the school to give instruction in Rhythmic Exercises

21<sup>st</sup> July A most successful Film Evening and school concert was held in the school before a record crowd. It was followed by supper

29<sup>th</sup> July The school was inspected by Board Inspectors Messers Deacon and Melser

3<sup>rd</sup> August Miss Forde requested a box for storing blocks in in and possible to have castors under it to make it easier for infants to move it

13<sup>th</sup> August Banda Duplicator arrived at school (*Banda duplicator used methylated spirits and children always smelt the paper when receiving notices*)

12<sup>th</sup> September Mr Barker visited the school and residence re maintenance budget.

17<sup>th</sup> September Robyn Frater fell from the monkey bars and broke her arm. Mr V Mason took her and her mother to Masterton Hospital

23<sup>rd</sup> October Lawrence Cheetham fell and cut his head at 12.20 p m His father took him home

5<sup>th</sup> November A most successful Pet's day and parent's afternoon was held at the school in beautiful weather.

4<sup>th</sup> November Contractor Mr O'Hara arrived to commence operations on concrete area. Is interested in main building alterations

9<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Bowland liaison officer for Dr Barnado Homes visited the school to speak to children

27<sup>th</sup> November Mr McDonald organising teacher visited the school

2<sup>nd</sup> December Mr Stothart visited the school to give instruction in Holgar Neilson Life saving method

2<sup>nd</sup> December Infant room visited wharf and S S Monowai in Wellington

15<sup>th</sup> December A very enjoyable Xmas Tree and school concert was held in the school hall

## 1960

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 43

9<sup>th</sup> February Mr D Patterson away with attack of Jaundice

15<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic Payton's Bush Masterton

7<sup>th</sup> March School participated successfully in interschool swimming sports held in Masterton.

Miss O'Donnell terminated relieving duties

8<sup>th</sup> March R D Patterson returned from sick leave

16<sup>th</sup> March Miss Anderson from Speech Clinic visited school

16<sup>th</sup> March Miss Thornton tested hearing of Standard 2 and 3 pupils. All were satisfactory.

11<sup>th</sup> April Miss Holyoake from school dental clinic visited the school

25<sup>th</sup> April A well attended Anzac Day Service was held at school at 9.00. Mr Cooksley M P. Was speaker

14<sup>th</sup> March resignation of E Forde

4<sup>th</sup> May A very successful and well attended School Concert and Farewell to Miss Forde was held in the school

23<sup>rd</sup> May School was reopened. No assistant mistress.

24<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Patterson commenced duties as uncertificated assistant mistress

25<sup>th</sup> May School as visited by Mr John McDonald organising teacher

3<sup>rd</sup> June Mrs Patterson terminated duties as relieving assistant

5<sup>th</sup> June Roll 44 On rail and daily bus from Masterton. good Board available

6<sup>th</sup> June Roma Patterson worked as unqualified assistant

School alterations. School was taken in an empty Lime works house

7<sup>th</sup> June Miss O'Donnell commenced duties as relieving assistant

14<sup>th</sup> June Mr H Barker (Wellington Education Board) delivered 2 kerosene heaters to the school

30<sup>th</sup> June Miss D O'Donnell terminated duties as relieving assistant

1<sup>st</sup> July Mrs Patterson took up duties as relieving teacher

13<sup>th</sup> July School participated in basketball and soccer tournaments in Masterton. Both teams won their sections

27<sup>th</sup> July Mr Faulkner conductor for Music festival visited school

4<sup>th</sup> August Mr Bussell assistant architect visited the school to prepare colour schemes  
 16<sup>th</sup> August School choir participated in matinee performance at Festival  
 17<sup>th</sup> August Evening performance of Festival the school choir gave a popular item  
 19<sup>th</sup> August Mrs Patterson terminated duties as relieving assistant  
 5<sup>th</sup> September Miss J McLean commenced duties  
 8<sup>th</sup> September Electrician installed an outside light at residence  
 26<sup>th</sup> September Pupils of senior room visited Mr Clarke and spent an interesting afternoon learning something about early Mauriceville  
 6<sup>th</sup> October Mr I D Cameron visited the school and gave an interesting talk on the early history of Mauriceville  
 18<sup>th</sup> October Mr and Mrs H Myers senior gave the children some of their impressions of early Mauriceville  
 28<sup>th</sup> November Received notice of Miss A Scanlon's appointment to the school as assistant mistress

## 1961

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 40 Miss A Scanlon started as permanent assistant  
 9<sup>th</sup> February A most enjoyable picnic was held at Payton's Place  
 21<sup>st</sup> February School closed while staff attended an inservice training day in Masterton. Guest Speaker, Dr Arvidson. Spelling list designer  
 23<sup>rd</sup> February Mr Hedley maintenance officer visited the school regarding new furniture which has arrived  
 3<sup>rd</sup> march A selection of the older children participated with some success in the interschool swimming sports in Masterton

22<sup>nd</sup> March Mr Hedley maintenance officer delivered new curtains to the school  
 6<sup>th</sup> April School visited by Miss Y Hitchings who gave the children instruction in rhythmic musical work  
 4<sup>th</sup> May A successful fancy dress ball was held in the school  
 19<sup>th</sup> July The plumber installed the new bath and open fireplace in the school residence  
 4<sup>th</sup> September School reopened for term Enrolled 11 new pupils, 8 from Kopuaranga  
 19<sup>th</sup> September Singer sewing machine representative checked school machine  
 3<sup>rd</sup> November Collected radiogram from Steele and Bull  
 7<sup>th</sup> November Mrs L Connor commenced duties as relieving assistant mistress

## 1962

13<sup>th</sup> February Mr Bill Hedley came from Wellington Education Board . Discussed Volley Board  
 19<sup>th</sup> February Picnic at Payton's Bush Cup Winners Senior: Judith Myers. Junior: Jenny Myers  
 6<sup>th</sup> March Miss A Scanlon absent on sick leave for approximately one month  
 8<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Foster reported for duty  
 12<sup>th</sup> March Mrs M H Foster of Mikimiki is relieving while Miss A Scanlon is in hospital  
 14<sup>th</sup> March Mrs P C Thornton tested the hearing of the children  
 14<sup>th</sup> March Mr and Mrs I D Cameron visited the school and delivered an interesting address on the development of the Panama Home and meals in wheels in Masterton

15<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Finlayson dental nurse examined the children and spoke to the children on the training and duties of a dental nurse

19<sup>th</sup> March The school attended a performance of Peter and Wolf in Masterton

20<sup>th</sup> March Pauline Woolly fell from the monkey bars and suffered a simple fracture of a bone in her arm. Mr V Mason conveyed her to hospital

9<sup>th</sup> April Combined School Committee addressed by Mr Charles and Me Golding on aspects of consolidation

17<sup>th</sup> April Polio vaccine given orally to pupils and preschool children

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac day service held at school Speaker Major Studholme

24<sup>th</sup> May Mr W Hedley from Wellington Education Board to discuss fire precautions

22<sup>nd</sup> June Forwarded CORSO collection to Masterton £4-5-3

5<sup>th</sup> July School shop day held in the afternoon Approximately £11

17<sup>th</sup> July A successful film evening held at the school. Approximately £6-0-0 was made

9<sup>th</sup> May The school choir participated in an enjoyable night performance of the school's music festival

3<sup>rd</sup> September Rolls 43. Teacher changes writing to Italic Style

7<sup>th</sup> September Mr porter fitted name plates on toilet doors Repaired wall of residence garage, and installed the revolving clothesline

24<sup>th</sup> September Mr Jack Cox organising teacher paid a brief visit to the school

9<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Griffiths district Nurse tested new entrants for TB reaction

10<sup>th</sup> October Mr Golding Senior Inspector and Mr Campbell visited the school to hear the children sing

11<sup>th</sup> October Miss Scanlon and self attended refresher course in Pahiatua

18<sup>th</sup> October Film Evening held in aid of school funds. Well attended

22<sup>nd</sup> November Inaugural meeting of school jubilee held

27<sup>th</sup> November Willows adjacent to school residence sprayed. Garden affected.

28<sup>th</sup> November H T Absent in morning Teaching Diploma examination

30<sup>th</sup> November As above

4<sup>th</sup> December Mrs Newton and Mr Clarke child welfare officers paid a brief visit to the school

11<sup>th</sup> December Senior Room visited Ihuraua School for an enjoyable afternoon of sport

18<sup>th</sup> December Major Ojala of the Salvation Army spoke to the children on the work of his people

Roll 46

## 1963

4<sup>th</sup> February Miss Scanlon and self attended school

5<sup>th</sup> February School opened for term Roll 46

5<sup>th</sup> March Mr T Ellis Head teacher Te Whiti spent the day at school

7<sup>th</sup> March Miss J Biggs of Konini visited the school to observe the infant room

13<sup>th</sup> March Mr L Jones of Taueru School visited the school to observe the daily programme

26<sup>th</sup> March HT visited Te Whiti School to observe

Mr J Cox managed senior room

27<sup>th</sup> March HT visited Taueru School Jack Cox supervised

Points to note. Diorama, Spelling activities, Current events, Songs of Sea Burl Ives

4<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Newman Welfare officer visited the school

18<sup>th</sup> June Shop Day held at hall in aid of school funds

X ray unit operated in school grounds

23<sup>rd</sup> July Work commenced on paths at schoolhouse

25<sup>th</sup> July School closed early as Miss Scanlon and I attended a reading course in Pahiatua

29<sup>th</sup> July Senior Room visited Masterton and called in at Milk Station, Hospital, Plastalon, Police Station and Trout Hatchery

30<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Gordon Speech Therapist visited the school and examined children who may need help

1<sup>st</sup> August Mr G Brice Field Officer Marine Department visited the school and showed slides on trout breeding in the senior room

11<sup>th</sup> August Girls of the Senior Room travelled to Masterton to see ballet Nutcracker Suite.

20<sup>th</sup> August Girls took part in basketball (Netball) tournament in Masterton

22<sup>nd</sup> August Mr M Kidd Land Purchase Officer called to examine Dairy Factory House

22<sup>nd</sup> August The residence is due for replacement in 3 or 4 years.

The Mauriceville dairy company has gone into liquidation and has called tenders for the sale of 4 of its houses. Only 2 sold One of the houses is next to the school and if we are we are quick we could obtain if cheaply say £1500

Purchased factory house for £1900

17<sup>th</sup> September Land valuation Officer came to school and examined the building

25<sup>th</sup> September Mr Henderson Organising teacher paid a visit

16<sup>th</sup> October Mr A Myers Noxious Weed Inspector paid a visit to the school to show Hemlock and Thistle specimens

18<sup>th</sup> November H T absent in afternoon to attend diploma examination

20<sup>th</sup> November as above

21<sup>st</sup> November Mrs Johnson and Mrs Williams gave a demonstration to senior pupils of mouth to nose resuscitation using a manikin

22<sup>nd</sup> November two new cricket bats purchased

19<sup>th</sup> December roll 49

## 1964

3<sup>rd</sup> February Teacher Only Day During the afternoon a country teachers meeting was held at Opaki

4<sup>th</sup> February Roll 48

5<sup>th</sup> February Mr H Myers worked on the baths water supply and improved flow considerably.

The Health Inspector called and took a sample of drinking water

12<sup>th</sup> February School picnic was held at Queen Elizabeth Park followed by a swim in the town baths

28<sup>th</sup> February R D Patterson terminated duties as Head Teacher

2<sup>nd</sup> March I B Simpson relieving

17<sup>th</sup> April Mr H Barker Wellington Education Board inspected new home purchased by Board. Also notified us that water supply was condemned

4<sup>th</sup> May Today I made a ruling that no local pupils are to congregate on the railway station and play with train pupils after school

8<sup>th</sup> May Completed relieving duties today

31<sup>st</sup> May Mr Bevan A Choat First Newsletter by Banda Hand written

Matters arising School Banking, No children before 8.30 or after 3.30 in grounds

Sports, Handwriting Had no experience of Italic writing and was going to teach cursive writing

Exercise books only two books to be used. One for English and One for Arithmetic

26<sup>th</sup> May Spent half an hour discussing with Miss Scanlon Social Studies Programme

6<sup>th</sup> June Children went to Masterton for Country School Sports. Bus chartered for 4/- per head Girls played basketball at Central School Boys played rugby at Memorial Park

19<sup>th</sup> June Letter to Wellington Education Board re travelling allowance for Thompson Children

11<sup>th</sup> June Attended Country Teacher group meeting at Fernridge. Rather disappointing group after the active and highly organised study group and Head teachers Association at Cambridge and districts

15<sup>th</sup> June I listened to some Standard 1 and Primer 4 children during late morning

16<sup>th</sup> June School Committee ,meeting. Gave my report since having taken up duties

Other matters discussed. The recent Jubilee, Purchase of Rugby Posts. ,new school residence, school starting time in connection with railcar arrivals and departures. 11 children travel by railcar and telephone in school

17<sup>th</sup> June Mauriceville West Children came during last hour. Primers joined in programme in Junior School under Miss Scanlon. Mrs Choat conducted basketball coaching, Mr Shaw conducted rugby forwards. I took the backs

22<sup>nd</sup> June Child Welfare Lady called to check up on attendance and cleanliness of Wooley family

Mr Clark a local 83 year old resident called to talk about Mauriceville as part of the Social Studies topic.

2<sup>nd</sup> July. Mr Hedley Wellington Education Board supervisor called this morning with carpenter. Went over the newly purchased school house to be done prior to painting

Mr Hedley stated we should be able to take up residence in the house during September or October

14<sup>th</sup> July School Committee. Matters raised. Railcar arrival times, telephone in staffroom, leaking of water through roof, oiling of floors, erecting of rugby goalposts recently purchased and repairs to movie projector. Meeting handicapped somewhat as only three committee members present

17<sup>th</sup> July Police Constable called in connection with some damage to property in the village. Refused him talking the matter over with children and also refused him speaking to an individual child on grounds that I felt it would be of harm to the child concerned and also the fact that parents must be present before any child can be interviewed by the police. I also considered he was acting on an assumption which could be quite wrong. Carpenter began alterations already

21<sup>st</sup> July Both Miss Scanlon and self attended Teachers Group meeting of Bush Area at Hastwell School A very active group. Interesting meeting

28<sup>th</sup> July School Committee working bee erected rugby posts and placed grounds pegs ready to be marked out.

30<sup>th</sup> July Emergency drill held at 10.50

11<sup>th</sup> August School Committee Meeting Re School house and if nothing is done to replace two six hundred gallon water tanks with



something far more sustainable I am going to refuse to take up residence in the house. Should there be nothing done about this I would take further action which I felt necessary

8<sup>th</sup> September East and West combined. Entered two rugby teams and basketball (7 aside)

12<sup>th</sup> September Took up residence in New School House (purchased by board from Dairy Co across railway. Board informed of inadequate water supply, there being only 2 tanks. No action to replace with larger tanks.

23<sup>rd</sup> September Visited by Mr W Farland the newly appointed organising teacher called.

24<sup>th</sup> September Combined afternoon of sports against Kaipororo, Hastwell, Rongokako. Rugby and Basketball played until thunderstorm washed out play after which our children presented musical (band) items and talked about our room. Afternoon Tea followed

29<sup>th</sup> September tank water at new residence has fallen noticeably Still no action taken by Board This is serious in view of the fact that Mrs Choat and family have been away and only myself present Further a total of 2.64 inches of rain has fallen! What will the situation be like in summer. Pupil Joy Mason broke arm

9<sup>th</sup> October Water situation again becoming serious at New Residence this morning, level in tanks fallen below half way The Local Board Member Mr Wallis knows this but no action has as yet been taken by the board

Extension telephone installed in staff room working on a relay system from main phone at residence

12<sup>th</sup> October Water level in tanks down to ¼ full representing approximately 300 gallons of water. Board notified by mail School inspected for E12/1 by Mr Hamish Henderson

13<sup>th</sup> October School Fund for Save the Children campaign collected Total contributions amounted to £3 representing an average 1/8d per pupil

22<sup>nd</sup> October North Wairarapa Country School's Sports held at Solway Showgrounds. Rain washed out all activities just before lunch

10<sup>th</sup> November School Committee meeting Only Chairman Secretary and one other present This resulted in a very short meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November Agricultural Club Day held. Children raised £8.0.8 with stall and games

23<sup>rd</sup> November Children from Standard 1 to Form 2 attended show by the Southern Comedy Players. The Magic of Makebelieve in the Masterton Town Hall.

Began end of year surveys

No water at school residence Wairarapa Transport delivered 800 gallons. Rainfall over last fortnight 0.53 inches

1<sup>st</sup> December Swimming begun in school baths

17<sup>th</sup> December Roll 22 Boys and 27 girls

5 pupils left primary school

## 1965

1<sup>st</sup> February Teachers only day Both Miss Scanlon and self attended school during the morning and Group Meeting at NZEI rooms (*Old West Side School in Victoria Street*)

Miss Scanlon addressed this gathering on the new Infant Number Scheme and Self addressed the gathering on classroom activities

2<sup>nd</sup> February Roll 44

4<sup>th</sup> February School Committee meeting in evening at which the main topic discussed was the school picnic. I also asked for grant to



purchase new Infant Number equipment and showed committee sets of equipment I had already made during holidays

11<sup>th</sup> February School picnics Queen Elizabeth Park A full programme of athletic sports in the morning. Swimming at Memorial Baths

10<sup>th</sup> March Children transported to Masterton Memorial Baths by private cars At the memorial baths distance swimming for certificate seals took place

A new 5200 gallon tank installed at residence

17<sup>th</sup> March Children from senior room visited the Dominion Museum at Wellington in connection with a Social Studies Survey on early NZ .Transport undertaken by Maxwell Motors of Masterton

23<sup>rd</sup> March We wrote to the Department re the changeover of the telephone from the old residence to the new The Department has not yet replied

25<sup>th</sup> March Volumes 1 to V of the Knowledge Encyclopaedias purchased from Gordon and Gotch

30<sup>th</sup> March A three gallon zip water heater was installed in the staffroom

8<sup>th</sup> April A preliminary meeting re proposed educational visit to Karapiro. Meeting was well attended but response to it seems surprisingly doubtful in view of the great value educationally and the fact that I have had experience with three highly successful tours supported by the board, Inspectorate and almost 100% of the parents

15<sup>th</sup> April School visited by District Health Nurse who administered B C G (Anti Tuberculosis) vaccine to new entrants and new children at school

28<sup>th</sup> April Biennial meeting of Householders

- a) A McGovern H Myers and S Taylor resigned from School Committee after many years service

- b) New Committee. R Cheetham (Chairman), Secretary Treasurer Mr E Cameron, Mr S Palmer, Mr T McGruddy, and Mr C Howell

- c) The chairman recommended that a new movie projector and filtration plant for the school

- d) The Jubilee Committee gave £62-11-0 to go to the projector fund

The following meeting of the School Committee voted to spend £25 towards the projector. Parents and Friends Ass to be asked to raise a further £75

24<sup>th</sup> May Roll 50

1<sup>st</sup> June Education Day. School closed. Teachers attended Inservice course

28<sup>th</sup> June A severe snowstorm during Sunday Night and Monday Morning has blocked some back roads in the district

6 inches fell at school

School closed shortly after midday

18<sup>th</sup> July Shrubs planted at school house

19<sup>th</sup> July Circular sent to all parents of district re proposed meeting at which Board Officer was to outline High School Bus Route

16<sup>th</sup> August At 5.45 children from senior room of Karapiro School arrived by Motor Coach to stay for week to carry out a Social Studies Survey of the Southern Part of the North Island.

17<sup>th</sup> August Children from Senior Room plus self accompanied Karapiro party on a tour of Hansells during the morning and the Mauriceville Limeworks

18<sup>th</sup> August Form 1 and 2 children from Senior room plus Mr K Shaw (Mauriceville West School) accompanied Karapiro to Wellington Visits included T E V Hinemoa, Sightseeing, Wellington Airport and the cable car

19<sup>th</sup> August Visit to Mount Bruce Game Reserve

Because of the state of the grounds No rugby and basketball played. However a few musical items and minor games were held at Mauriceville Hall

9<sup>th</sup> September Mr Erickson an early pupil of the school (Attended first in 1894) called at the school to present trophies for swimming. He had earlier donated these trophies. Winner Girls Annabelle Cheetham and Boys Gary Shackleton. This was the first presentation  
15<sup>th</sup> September Mr O Keane from Ihuraua visited school with some pupils for a run through of Cultural Festival.

24<sup>th</sup> September The cultural festival was held at the St John's hall Masterton 10 country schools took part

4<sup>th</sup> October Maxwell's Motor Service Coach departed school at 7.00

- a) 23 children Standard 2 to Form 2, Myself
- b) 6 children from Mauriceville West Mr Shaw Teacher
- c) 3 travelling parents Mrs N Tildesley, Mrs Edmonds and Mrs D Mason
- d) Children were issued with a Work Book Programme
- e) Some children living North of the school were picked up on the way
- f) Arrived Karapiro 6.00 after stopping at Hunterville, Waioru Taupo and Huka Falls
- g) Visited Karapiro Hydro and Kinleith Kraft Mill in afternoon
- h) Rotorua Whakarewa thermal area and model pa and buried village
- i) Hamilton in Morning Waharoa in afternoon (2<sup>nd</sup> largest dairy factory in NZ)

11<sup>th</sup> October Vaulting Stool arrived purchased for Physical Education

26<sup>th</sup> October Attended standard athletic meeting at Memorial Park

19<sup>th</sup> November The Mauriceville Automatic Telephone Exchange was officially opened at the local hall with a ceremony attended by local M P and Prime Minister Mr K J Holyoake. Later Mr Holyoake made the initial call and following the ceremony drove down to the exchange where he unveiled the plaque

2<sup>nd</sup> December Emergency drill held at school during morning. Buildings cleared in 15 seconds

16<sup>th</sup> December 41 roll

## 1966

1<sup>st</sup> February Teacher Only Day Miss Scanlon still at school

2<sup>nd</sup> February Roll 38 lowest roll for a number of years

8<sup>th</sup> February Top dressing plane crashed in Mauriceville near Mr S Taylor's property Pilot severely injured

4<sup>th</sup> April New Television transmitter on Wharite Peak came into operation today. Even though it is operating on half power (50 KW) at the moment residents in and around Mauriceville report 100% reception

30<sup>th</sup> July Saturday. Children from senior room and families attended a social evening for the children held at Ihuraua School. Alfredton School Children attended the evening included folk dances

Lady Goes round the Lady, Red River Valley, Galopeds and Waltzes, Fox Trots as well as the Gay Gordons all of which they had been taught at school

The evening also included items from each school and finished at 9.30 with supper.

A most successful and enjoyable evening was marred somewhat by the fact that flood waters across the valley road necessitating parents taking the alternative route home. Parents travelling back to

Alfredton were confronted with a huge slip completely blocking the road two miles from Alfredton and had thus to return to Ihuraua and thence home through Eketahuna some twenty to thirty miles extra. The school bus petrol supply at Ihuraua proved more than a help to some of the cars!!

2<sup>nd</sup> August Half Holiday to see Wairarapa Bush combined plays a rugby fixture against the touring British Lions

13<sup>th</sup> September Children from Ihuraua School, Mauriceville West and Kopuaranga Schools joined our senior room for a rehearsal of the community songs for the forthcoming Cultural Festival for the country schools in the Masterton North Group

23<sup>rd</sup> September The cultural festival held in the St John's Hall Masterton

17<sup>th</sup> October Decimal Currency Handbook for teachers was received. This is a guide to use of children's books which are to be introduced next year.

2<sup>nd</sup> November A working bee painted the school baths

10<sup>th</sup> November Two School Committee members and self attended a consolidation meeting at Hastwell School. The move to consolidate on Mauriceville East School had been made earlier by the Hastwell School Committee but as result of Householder's meeting the voting went 15 12 against consolidation

26<sup>th</sup> November School used for Election Day

29<sup>th</sup> November Form 2 children going to Wairarapa College next year attended the college for the day. Given a general look around their future school plus tests in English, Arithmetic and High Otis (I Q Tests)

5<sup>th</sup> December Afternoon sewing for girls craft for boys began for entire week

10<sup>th</sup> December Miss H Darnell the newly appointed assistant paid a visit to the school

16<sup>th</sup> December Miss A C Scanlon (*Annie Cecilia*) completed duties after having served 6 years as assistant mistress at the school. A presentation from the parent's children and School Committee was made

Roll 36

## 1967

1<sup>st</sup> February Miss H M Darnell commenced duties as assistant mistress

2<sup>nd</sup> February Starting Roll 34

9<sup>th</sup> February Combined seashore excursion to the rocky seashore at Mataikona and School Picnic to Castlepoint. Winner of the Senior Cup Neville Hamlyn and Junior Elizabeth McGruddy

17<sup>th</sup> February Officer in charge of school banking POSB (*Post office Saving Bank*) visited school. Talked to children of both rooms regarding regular saving. Showed two films

20<sup>th</sup> February Mr Bill Farland adviser to rural schools visited.

21<sup>st</sup> February Speech Therapist visited school on my request. Both teachers attended course on Infant Reading at NZEI Rooms 4.00 to 9.30

8<sup>th</sup> March Miss H Darnell absent. Arrangements made for her to observe during day in Infant Room in town. Junior room taken by self

15<sup>th</sup> March Senior room children went to Masterton baths during morning to swim for distance certificates.

29<sup>th</sup> March Three pupils from Hastwell enrolled at this school. Hastwell School was officially closed by the Wellington Education Board last Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1967. Before the Easter break

6<sup>th</sup> April Mr Chatfield Board Transport Officer called. Discussed proposed new bus run project. As this is unofficial details may follow if and when scheme becomes effective

10<sup>th</sup> April Parents and Friends Ass meeting. Films "As the twig is bent" and Mathematics at your fingertips were screened.

11<sup>th</sup> April Board approval received for taking over of Dreke Tape Recorder, Singer electric sewing machine and some books from the now closed Hastwell Schools

12<sup>th</sup> April District Nurse Mrs B Griffiths administered T B tests to new pupils

17<sup>th</sup> April E Cameron (Chairman) T M McGruddy (Secretary Treasurer), H Palmer, K Shackelton, and J Osbourne. Messrs R Cheetham and V Mason did not seek re-election

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Service held in the school room at 9.00. A total of 46 persons attended. Address delivered by Major L Laing

22<sup>nd</sup> May School closed for Education Day in Masterton as usual

23<sup>rd</sup> May Roll 39

During the holidays the school radio was repaired. The newly acquired tape recorder is still in the store. Being repaired

A heavy snowfall of four inches was recorded on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

A new bus run begins today with the closure of the Hastwell School a teacher bus driver has been stationed in the school residence at Hastwell and begins the bus run from there at 8.05 picking up 17 primary children en route and setting them down here at 8.20 a.m. He then continues the run to Wairarapa College picking up secondary children from the village. On the return run children are picked up from the gates at 4.05 p.m.

This now means that apart from cars bringing children to school from points south of Mauriceville. No other parents are transporting their children to school and the railcar is no longer being used as a form of school transport.

Feelings on the initiation of this service have generally been very favourable but in two cases disappointment has been expressed.

29<sup>th</sup> May Two Pupils Kay and Maunsell Edmonds re enrolled for the third time, this time after a period of 8 months on correspondence School inspectors Messrs H Henderson and R Bruce arrived at 9.05 to spend day at school until 4.00 for purpose of school inspection and personal inspection of self

19<sup>th</sup> June Miss Darnell spent day observing at Solway School. Seniors attended Calamity Jane at the Regent Theatre during afternoon. MATS performance

20<sup>th</sup> June Ihurua School Children from 11.00 for rehearsal of combined items for music festival. Joined in afternoon by Mauriceville West School Children when winter sports skills were coached in preparation for seven aside tournament

23<sup>rd</sup> June Traffic Inspector Yule visited school to give traffic rule instruction to children

Expressed my concern at the need of for school bus signs along the road between Mauriceville and Hastwell

26<sup>th</sup> June Inspector Yule followed the school bus in the patrol car on the homeward run tonight to ascertain the need for signs. He recommended that signs be installed at Dryers Rock Road corner, Bowen road Corner and on the hill near T W McGruddy's place

27<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> Miss Darnell absent; attending course in Masterton. Mrs J Cameron acted in her place as relieving Assistant

10<sup>th</sup> July NZ changed over to Decimal Currency today. Children banked with the School Savings Bank using new currency deposit slips. The first 100% response to banking for many months!!

After posting mail, the school petty cash contains two types of currency

18<sup>th</sup> July Sport held in Masterton for Masterton North Country Schools to select teams for Country Schools 7 aside tournament next week. Rugby held at Memorial Park and St Brides held basketball

22<sup>nd</sup> July Further ½ dozen shrubs planted in grounds of school residence

During Evening Mr Godfrey Bowen (*Shearing Guru*) gave an address in the local hall on Russia, past Present and in the Future. He also screened 150 colour slides depicting Russian life during his 14000 mile instructional tour of that country

7<sup>th</sup> August School bus service did not operate today, first time since its inauguration as all Masterton Public Schools had a holiday in honour of a visit last week by Sir Bernard Fergusson

Children transported to school by parents cars

10<sup>th</sup> August Self absent on account of illness. Mrs J Cameron acted in a relieving capacity for the day

16<sup>th</sup> August 6<sup>th</sup> case of measles within the school parents notified of this and of early symptoms of measles.

Bottles collected for bottle drive 188 dozen

11<sup>th</sup> September Self absent in hospital Mrs J E Cameron taking over as relieving Head Teacher

22<sup>nd</sup> September Self resumed duties at midday

23<sup>rd</sup> September (Sat) School used as polling booth for licensing and term of parliament referendum. A total of 93 ordinary and 7 special votes cast their votes

Results: 6 pm 32- later 61 Special 7

Term of parliament 3years 62, 4 years 30 special 6

4<sup>th</sup> October Inspector Yule called to advise school bus signs will be placed at convenient places along road north of the school ASAP

18<sup>th</sup> October Combined practice for Athletic sports at Opaki School

25<sup>th</sup> October Masterton Country School athletic sports held at Memorial Park

24 country schools took part

27<sup>th</sup> November Both Miss Darnell and self attended course on Standard 1 and 2 mathematics at Lansdowne from 3.15 to 5 today, Tuesday and Wednesday. Bus duties carried out by parents on each of these days

4<sup>th</sup> December 30 children attended ballet Peter and the Wolf

15<sup>th</sup> December Roll 44

## 1968

6<sup>th</sup> February Roll 42

During holidays Masterton Metal Company removed tree stumps along entire eastern or Railway Boundary

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February in atrocious weather conditions with NW gale and an inch and a half of rain the School Committee plus Messrs B Colville, C Evans, R Bruce and self layed a field tile drain along the boundary

The previous week a drain digger had dug a channel with the assistance and guidance of Mr E A Cameron and Mr S Palmer

8<sup>th</sup> February After a further contact with the Transport Department The AA have at last placed school bus route signs at dangerous sections along the North Road

12<sup>th</sup> February The Masterton Metal Co moved heavy machinery into the school grounds together with railway gangers commenced

levelling eastern boundary right up to the Railway Track This included the removal of a large poplar and two further pine trees

15<sup>th</sup> February Annual School Picnic held at Mt Holdsworth lodge. 103 school children, preschoolers parents and friends attended.

19<sup>th</sup> February Mr A D McGovern and Mr D McGovern began harrowing newly levelled ground along the eastern and Northern boundary

20<sup>th</sup> February Harrowing of ground completed and grass seed sown

Meeting of parents held in evening to discuss proposed combined school camp to the Akatarawa Valley from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March

Ihuraua parents present as there is no permanent teacher there at the moment and children from that school will be attending the camp

2<sup>nd</sup> March Saturday Camp out in school grounds during night and short hike carrying full pack for Form 1 and Form 2 children in preparation for forthcoming camp at Akatarawa

Earlier in day children had a gala day raising \$13.85 towards funds for forthcoming camp at Akatarawa

6<sup>th</sup> March Eight training college students spent day observing multi class teaching in the school

10<sup>th</sup> March 18 children from senior room (Std 2 to Form 2, self plus two parents (Mrs J Cameron and Mrs M Evans)

105 children 8 parents 8 teachers 2 specialist teachers and 5 training college students

The camp included Social Study excursions recreation, art, craft and written follow up as well as Bushcraft Skills and camp out for seniors (Form 1 and 2) plus hikes. A successful week ended on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> march; Journeys from camp included those to General Motors, Wellington City, Airport and Wharves

20<sup>th</sup> March Children taken to Masterton baths to swim for seals (*On certificates*)

21<sup>st</sup> March Hay barn and woolshed fire at Mauriceville West.. Mauriceville Lime works 80 years old

26<sup>th</sup> March School visited by Gordon Tarrant Art and Craft adviser (*Gordon had taught at Birchfield school north of Westport among others*)

2<sup>nd</sup> April District Nurse visited school to administer T B Heaf tests

10<sup>th</sup> April A severe tropical cyclone passes southwards just off the Wairarapa coast this morning. Hurricane force winds during a violent storm between 6.00 and 11.00 a.m. caused widespread and severe damage. In this district many trees were uprooted, buildings damaged, power and telephone poles and wires brought down and rail communications effected.

In Wellington winds of up to 150 mph caused the disastrous sinking of the Wahine interisland ferry with 52 lives being lost and 107 persons being injured

Mauriceville recorded over 5 inches of rain from 10 pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> to 11.00 a.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup>

22<sup>nd</sup> April Mr Potter from the cancer society spoke to the children of the senior room about the danger of smoking and lung cancer. Films shown and cigarette machine demonstrated.

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Service held in school as usual About 60 adults and children attended. Speaker Mr D Stratton

30<sup>th</sup> April Children from both rooms attended display of follow up work by children of 10 country schools who recently camped at Akatarawa. Display in NZEI rooms in Masterton Ten cars assisted with transport

21<sup>st</sup> May Timing device on heaters not working, power board contacted. Device taken away for repair. Heaters now operating by manual control

24<sup>th</sup> May Parents Association conducted shop day in Masterton raising \$143 with cheque to come from Borthwicks

30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> May Self attended Form 1 and 2 Science Course in Masterton. Mrs J E Cameron acted as reliever

5<sup>th</sup> June Timing device returned and repaired. Heaters now operating automatically again

10<sup>th</sup> June Children from senior room visited Masterton Post Office during afternoon as part of their Social Studies topic Masterton Today

11<sup>th</sup> June School Committee decided to accept the Renall Bros (Carterton) contract to install a filtermaster filtration plant with PVC fittings into the school baths

13<sup>th</sup> June Senior Room visited radio station 2ZD for Social Studies

18<sup>th</sup> June Audiometrist Miss Hooper visited school to check hearing of New Entrants and vision of Form 2 and new entrants

20<sup>th</sup> June Daniell's Timber Mill visited

1<sup>st</sup> July A rock estimated to weigh more than sixty tons fell onto the road some 50 yards North of the Dreyer's Rock Road Corner during the night blocking the road. The school bus had to detour over the North Hill. It was necessary for blasting equipment from the limeworks to destroy the rock before machinery could move it.

2<sup>nd</sup> July Children from Standard 1 to Form 2 attended a coaching session for rugby and netball at Ihuraua

22<sup>nd</sup> July Children from Standard 1 to Form 2 accompanied by Miss Darnell and five parents attended Sound of Music at Regent Theatre. Amateur Theatrical

24<sup>th</sup> July Attended Manual Training Centre to check on work of children from Form 1 and 2

1<sup>st</sup> August Masterton North Country Teachers Association Monthly Meeting at Mauriceville West School. Self addresses group on Mathematics Course at Ardmore (Training College)

10<sup>th</sup> August Delightful, enjoyable and most moving farewell function in local hall.

16<sup>th</sup> August Terminated my duties as Head Teacher of Mauriceville School after a most enjoyable 4 years and 1 term

2<sup>nd</sup> September Kerry Crossman commenced duties. 6<sup>th</sup> September Mr Farland Organising teacher visited

9<sup>th</sup> September Standard 1 to Form 2 pupils visited Masterton to attend performance of Earth and Sky a local school's production dealing with the creation as seen by the Maori

3<sup>rd</sup> October The first edition of the Mauriceville Times Age. Articles were received from the Junior Room as well. 16 copies printed. Editors are Carolyn Colville and Sharon McGruddy. Printers Steven Thompson and Evan Lehmstedt

The senior pupils began training today for the Athletic Sports

They are also training and testing themselves for the Wellington Education Board fitness programme which is a series of exercises and events designed to improve youngsters all round physical fitness and well being.

Betty Smiler enrolled. Roll 43

19<sup>th</sup> October (Saturday) Steven Thompson and Evan Lehmstedt came with me to Evan's farm to cut manuka for a proposed whare in the school grounds

30<sup>th</sup> October Swapped pupils with Paul Puna at Kopuaranga Miss Ihainee from Thailand showed slides. Drove her into town to meet other students and the Mayor at 5 p.m. Caught railcar at 5.50 p.m.

31<sup>st</sup> October Senior room climbed Limeworks hill to collect scrub for Maori Whare in school grounds

11<sup>th</sup> November Hangi at school to round off Maori Study Fire going at 8.00. Food in by 9.45

Mr Baker's (Eric?) Standard 1 class from Lansdowne were present all day. Children saw filmstrips and entertained each other. Flax eating mats were made. 90 guests for meal

22<sup>nd</sup> November Form 2 pupils testing for Secondary School at Lansdowne Primary School

26<sup>th</sup> November Commenced end of years survey

19<sup>th</sup> December The filtration plant for the school swimming pool has been installed in the school swimming pool. Has been installed over some delay over plumbing. They have been working on odd days since there beginning of the month

## 1969

4<sup>th</sup> February 8 new children, 4 in a newly arrived family (Jetson) 4 new entrants

13<sup>th</sup> February Enjoyable picnic at Castlepoint Beach Over 100 parents, children and friends present. Everybody visited the lighthouse and was shown over it by the keeper on duty.

11<sup>th</sup> March Pupils of senior room visited Butcher, chemist and Fire and Police station in Masterton and swam for NZASA seals at Memorial Pool from 11 to 12

25<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Newton a child welfare officer, called to discuss the Jetson family who live in the village

31<sup>st</sup> March Kerry Crossman had 4 wedding leave days (Before Easter). Mrs Cameron relieved

9<sup>th</sup> April Last day of swimming after a two month period of excellent weather Most pupils swam at least twice daily. Filtration

plant works well and enhances the beauty of the pool and surroundings

15<sup>th</sup> April School Committee meeting at 8 pm

24<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Service held at school 1.30 to 2.00 Mr Laing and RSA member and Former Teacher and Public Relations Officer spoke to the pupils There has been a service at the school every year since 1928

9<sup>th</sup> May Miss Helen Darnell terminated her duties as assistant mistress. A position she has filled very capably since Feb 1967

26<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Annette Barnes relieving

29<sup>th</sup> May Rural school adviser visited to try out different types of screens for film and filmstrips

10<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> June Head teacher away on Maths Course at Masterton Intermediate School Mrs Cameron relieved.

14<sup>th</sup> June Saturday. Working Bee at school Mr Shackelton, Mr T McGruddy, Mr and Mrs Mason and self laid limestones for rock garden and replaced turf on school grounds

17<sup>th</sup> June Junior School visited Masterton to Aquarium, Aviary and Mr Lusty's Zoo

30<sup>th</sup> June 3 Standard 4 boys to North Wairarapa Rugby Trials in Masterton. Brian Thompson selected

1<sup>st</sup> July Brian Thompson to Carterton for rugby trial. Selected for Wairarapa primary schools Standard 3 and 4 team

All seniors to Ihuraua for combined schools sports practice

3<sup>rd</sup> July The Country Teachers Group Meeting at school

11<sup>th</sup> July The Governor General of N Z visited the school today at 11.45 and left at 12.05 A large gathering of parents were here to welcome him together with children and residents of Mauriceville West

Sir Arthur and lady Porritt spoke to all residents and pupils.



This was the first visit to the school by a Governor General since school began

25<sup>th</sup> July Mr Crossman absent journeying to Napier for rugby. Mrs Cameron relieved

30<sup>th</sup> July Miss Bryce from BP oil company visited with display unit and film on oil

4<sup>th</sup> August School Closed Governor Generals Holiday

6<sup>th</sup> August School went to Oliver in Masterton. Attended country school sports at Wairarapa College

6<sup>th</sup> August The book glistening waters went on sale in Masterton on Monday. Mauriceville East children have five pieces of work published

Poems by Helen Evans, Sharon McGruddy, Melany Palmer

Art: Rhys Evans

A mural on the Akatarawa Camp by Form 1 and 2 1968 covers the 2 centre pages

8<sup>th</sup> August Received notice that Miss J MacFarlane will be assistant mistress next year.

14<sup>th</sup> April Curtains for Operetta and future plays made by screen printing by the pupils

18<sup>th</sup> August Pupils from Mauriceville West watched Operetta Negro Slaves from 1.00 to 2.00

19<sup>th</sup> August Operetta at school at night Junior performed folk dances and senior Operetta on days of slavery in the USA as a finale for their Social Studies

8<sup>th</sup> September Roll 52

2<sup>nd</sup> October 25 Senior pupils visited Kopuaranga school for Hawaiian day. Display of Pacific Basin Study material

22<sup>nd</sup> October and 23<sup>rd</sup> October Mr Gange district reading advisor visited for 2 days to advise both teachers on individual and group reading programmes

5<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes night held at Clarke Memorial Ground. Most enjoyable night Parents V Children cooked food on open fires then we had a bonfire and fireworks. This was the first one organised for several years

7<sup>th</sup> November Swimming Lido Schema 6 swimmers swam 2 lengths each of the town baths to help raise \$3 for the extension to the existing facilities available. One tired teacher also swam

10<sup>th</sup> November Swimming Baths have been repaired by the firm who fitted the filtration plant. They are being filled and will be used as soon as possible

11<sup>th</sup> November

Left by Blue Bus 8.30 plus Mr Slater and 4 pupils from Mauriceville West

Arrived Wellington 11.00 Visited Mount Victoria, Cuba Street Mall, Museum for Cook Display, Maori and early Wellington

Freyberg for lunch and swim

Vogel building, Ministry of Works data processing computer room and Motorway

4 parents also came on bus

Arrived home at 7 p.m.

28<sup>th</sup> November Ballet 9 girls went to the NZ ballet company performance of Petronuchka

11<sup>th</sup> December Senior Pupils Form 1 and 2 to Rotary dinner at Masterton YMCA and visited around Masterton 11.45-3 pm

16<sup>th</sup> December Senior Room visited Mr Cameron's farm to watch a very good shearing gang in action for ½ an hour

18<sup>th</sup> December School break up at 2.00

Xmas party at school 7.15 p m

Mrs Annette Barnes finished She was thanked for good work was expressed.

## 1970

2<sup>nd</sup> February Miss Judith McFarlane started

3<sup>rd</sup> February Roll 53. 33 seniors and 20 juniors

12<sup>th</sup> February Group Teachers meeting 8.pm Matahiwi

19<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic Eketahuna. All families present. Sports at Domain and Picnic at River and Camp Ground

24<sup>th</sup> February Country Teachers Meeting at Te Ore Ore. Riversdale 1970

26<sup>th</sup> February Swimming Sports Memorial Pool Masterton 1-3 p.m. An enjoyable day. Mauriceville East gained 6 1sts, 5 2nds, 15 3rds.

12 pupils will enter the championships on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

3<sup>rd</sup> March Nurse Duckworth visited for TB tests of New Entrants

4<sup>th</sup> March Golden Shears 1970 Senior Room visited Golden Shears 10.30 to 12.00

Nuku Smiler an 11 year old boy from Gisborne is a temporary pupil at this school. He entered in the junior section of the Golden Shears and we were able to watch his heat.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Riversdale Camp

- a) 27 children attended a camp at Riversdale YMCA for 4 days
- b) 130 pupils and 20 teachers and parents from North Country Schools involved
- c) The Programme consisted of the following studies
  - Rock Pool Study
  - Birds study and follow up
  - Sand Dune Ecology

- Films, Music and Singing,
- Sand Sculpture
- Swimming
- Fishing (hand Line, Sail Line, surf casting, crayfish pots, cray diving)
- Adventure playground
- Rescue breathing
- Surfing, surfboard riding

d) Miss Macfarlane was in charge at school of the 5 Mauriceville West children and 5 Senior Room Pupils

13<sup>th</sup> March Queen visited NZ pupils given a holiday in order to visit Wellington- School closed

25<sup>th</sup> April Saturday Anzac Day ceremony at school 9.00 a.m. Guest Speaker Wing Commander Sinclair spoke to a gathering of 80 place including children

1<sup>st</sup> May The Vicar of Eketahuna Mr Tony Stockdale took religious Instruction in the senior room for the first time this morning. He will be speaking weekly then every two or three weeks

6<sup>th</sup> May Social Evening Folk and Modern dancing at Mauriceville East with Ihuraua and Mauriceville West 7.30

25<sup>th</sup> May Carpet worth \$180 has been laid in the Junior Room over the holidays. This should add great warmth and comfort in room and less noise in moving around

10<sup>th</sup> July Miss MacFarlane absent representing Wairarapa at Indoor Basketball. Mrs Barnes Relieved

30<sup>th</sup> July Miss Macfarlane and five gymnastics girls to West School to practice

3<sup>rd</sup> August Rubella ( German Measles) Injections for all pupils below Form 1. All pupils except one vaccinated  
Mr Rait Psychologist visited school to test 3 pupils

7<sup>th</sup> August Central Zone Championship Masterton

Team of 5 girls entered for 1<sup>st</sup> Time

3<sup>rd</sup> in Team events

E McGruddy did well (27.4) to be selected for the zone team for the Wairarapa Gym Championships

17<sup>th</sup> August Shop Day held at school by pupils for IHC opportunity workshop \$6.55 was raised

\$30 balance beam and \$8.00 beat board delivered to school

15<sup>th</sup> September Mr Slater and Mauriceville West School combined for sports coaching

- a) Padder Tennis
- b) Volley Ball
- c) Non Stop Cricket
- d) Softball
- e) Small ball handling
- f) Rounders
- g) To be taken on a weekly bases

21<sup>st</sup> September Gymnastic Equipment Recently purchased includes, balance beam, beat board, box horse. Combined with padder tennis (10) bats and balls. And Volley Balls total cost is in excess of \$100 Cubby Holes Lockers Fitted in to cloak room Friday 31 Lockers for bogs, suitcases, shoes etc.

9<sup>th</sup> November Mr Bob Hopkirk Rural School Adviser in school for the day. Maths in senior room

Finished log at this date, though Wairarapa Archives has records to 1976

## 1985

23<sup>rd</sup> March Letter to Wellington Education Board complaining at non appearance of principal job in two gazettes

29<sup>th</sup> April Reply by John Lelliot Wellington Education Board Secretary He is disappointed also and gave excuses'

9<sup>th</sup> October Mr Peter McNeur Head Teacher, William Bruce Taylor Teacher and Marion Sims Teacher Aide

Inspection report

- a) Peter had only been at school for 4 weeks

Inspection by Bob Hopkirk, at one stage Head teacher at Opaki, then Rural Advisor

1887	48	Mauriceville Railway	Willis	James	Master	£140
1888	35	Mauriceville Railway	Willis	James	Master	£135
1888	35	Mauriceville Railway	McKenzie	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1889	35	Mauriceville East	Willis	James	Master	£135
1889	35	Mauriceville East	Mackenzie	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£30
1890	23	Mauriceville East	Worboys	Joseph H	Master	£175
1891	52	Mauriceville East	Worboys	Joseph H	Headmaster	£205
1891	52	Mauriceville East	McKenzie	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£30
1892	54	Mauriceville East	Worboys	Joseph H	Headmaster	£215
1892	54	Mauriceville East	McKenzie	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40
1893	55	Mauriceville East	Worboys	Joseph H	Headmaster	£225
1893	55	Mauriceville East	McKenzie	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£50
1894	50	Mauriceville East	Worboys	Joseph H	Headmaster	£225
1894	50	Mauriceville East	McKenzie	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£60
1895	60	Mauriceville East	Kay	John	Headmaster	£225
1895	60	Mauriceville East	McKenzie	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£60
1896	50	Mauriceville East	Kay	John	Headmaster	£225
1896	50	Mauriceville East	McKenzie	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£60
1897	49	Mauriceville East	Kay	John	Headmaster	£225
1897	49	Mauriceville East	Gray	Caroline	Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1898	48	Mauriceville East	Kay	John	Headmaster	£225
1898	48	Mauriceville East	Gray	Caroline	Female Pupil Teacher	£25
1899	44	Mauriceville East	Kay	John	Headmaster	£235
1899	44	Mauriceville East	Gray	Catherine	Female Pupil Teacher	£32
1900	31	Mauriceville East	Kay	John	Headmaster	£225
1901	36	Mauriceville East	Kay	John	Headmaster	£175
1901	36	Mauriceville East	Kay	Elizabeth L	Sewing	£5
1902	37	Mauriceville East	Kay	John	Master	£175

1903	38	Mauriceville East	Kay	John		Master	£175
1904	38	Mauriceville East	Kay	John		Master	£151
1905	31	Mauriceville East	Buechler	Arthur	C2	Master	£156
1906	29	Mauriceville East	Buechler	Arthur	C2	Master	£156
1907	24	Mauriceville East	Dempsey	Kate	E2	Female	£144
1908	26	Mauriceville East	Barnett	John		Master	£117
1909	27	Mauriceville East	Barnett	John		Master	£139
1910	27	Mauriceville East	Barnett	John		Master	£144
1911	28	Mauriceville East	Barnett	John	D3	Master	£165
1912	26	Mauriceville East	Barnett	John	D3	Master	£170
1913	25	Mauriceville East	Davie	Henry P C	C4	Master	£150
1914	27	Mauriceville East	Beetham	Naomi		Substitute	£160
1914	27	Mauriceville East	Davie	Henry P C	C4	World War 1	
1915	34	Mauriceville East	Harrison	Ada	E1	Female	£140
1917	36	Mauriceville East	Harrison	Ada	Head	E-72	£200
1919	32	Mauriceville East	Shand	Florence J	Sole	Licensed	£180
1921	30	Mauriceville East	Shand	Florence J	Sole	Licensed	£250
1923	33	Mauriceville East	Shand	Florence J	Sole		£248