

Mikimiki: 1897-2004 I have found no evidence that Mikimiki School was ever on a different site. Children from here before 1897 went to Opaki School which was further North than it is now. Mikimiki school was monotonous to record. 16 Kilometres North of Masterton on State Highway 2 on the Kiriwhakapapa Road Corner with State Highway 2



Mikimiki

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The children of some of the early settlers received their school in a private school on what is now Laurie Keats Farm there were no roads at all.

The Wyeth's McLeod's and Chamberlain's enjoyed a private tutor in a school room which stood near the Wyeth Homestead.

In January 1875 the Settlers of Opaki write to Education Board asking for the building of a school

1875 The Board's minutes of February 17th 1875 state Tenders for school to be called, Residence depending on whether funds are available.

The settlers committee confirmed by the Board A McLeod, D McPhee, J Dorset, H Campbell and R Welch

1878 January 30th The Board resolved to open a school at Opaki (in a room provided by the settlers under the management of Miss Matthews,

Some months later Mr I Petherick's tender of 285 pounds was accepted for the building of the school on a site owned by Mr J Welch site which is just South of the Mikimiki cairn site,

The children walked a long distance to the school and were accompanied by their teacher Miss Matthews who lived with her family on a farm just opposite the Mount Bruce Hall in 2012.

27th November The Wellington Education Board received an application from W Cook for an aided school at Upper Opaki

27th May 1896 Messer's Harris and McLeod attended a deputation to the Wellington Education Board for a school at Upper Opaki. The Board considered a good claim but the present Opaki School would be effected. It was decided to see if the present school buildings could be removed.

28th January 1897 the successful tender was awarded to C Daniell at a price of 228 pounds.

Opaki School was moved to its present site by rollers and traction engine to its present site in 1897. The journey was not without event especially going down Harding's Cutting. (The Kopuaranga Turnoff) The house was also moved to Opaki but the shelter sheds were taken to the new school at Mikimiki

31st March. The original site was returned to Mt J R Welch the land The first land offered was land on the Kiriwhakapapa Road but the settlers should have their school on the main road. Mr C Pharazyn donated the site.

For a period in the late 1920's the present school was also known as Mount Bruce School.

1883

23rd February 1883 Land in various parts of the Wellington Land District has been permanently reserved by proclamation under the hand of his Excellency the Governor for purposes of primary education. Mikimiki, Aohanga, and Kopuaranga districts. 23rd Feb 1883 PP

1891

27th May 1891 It was resolved to vote £50 towards the cost of erecting an aided school at Mikimiki PP

1897

1897 Building 320 square feet House was built 1913 5 rooms on 2 acres of land. 27th January 1897 Mikimiki School C. E. Daniell, £114

24th February Mr. Fleming was requested to report on the question of a teacher's residence at Mikimiki PP

28th February 1897 Mr Feist to take temporary charge of Mikimiki School PP

14th April The Mikimiki School was opened by me on the 14th April 1897. Mr A M Feist
20 Children present

Robert Harris, Roy Tankersley, Rose Campbell 14 years old, Jessie Remington, Eva Harris, Blanche Harris, Eva Tankersley, Hugh Remington, Arthur Thourmine, Edith Petersen, Genevieve Cook, Alec Campbell, Norman Campbell, Henry Christensen, Annie Smith, Lilian Remington, Clifford Remington, John Smith, Flora Smith and Thomas Harris

21st April Admitted Alice Wyeth, Alex Wyeth, Norman Wyeth, May Chamberlain

Of the children from First Roll 13 came from Opaki School. One from Judgeford and 4 from no school.

26th April Great Inconvenience still, owing to lack of desks.

27th April A meeting of householders was held in the school on the 26th. Messrs Thourmine, Tankersley, Smith, Remington and P Campbell were elected as a committee. It was decided to give the children a picnic.

29th April Received a clock from Wellington Education Board

5th May Wrote to the Board re desks.

6th May 27 present

10th May Received a reply from Mr Dorset re desks. A mistake had been made

17th May A picnic was held on Friday. In the evening a dance was held in the school room.

18th May A hurricane blowing, wind and rain comes through the unlined wall

19th May The girls water closet was blown over yesterday. Eighteen Children present

25th May Eleven desks, 1 easel, 2 blackboards, 1 chair, 1 cupboard and 1 table were received from Wellington Education Board

1st June There are four desks for this school at the Opaki Station

4th June T R Fleming Inspector report Included

Passing Standard 5 May Chamberlain, Roy Tankersley

Passing Standard 4 Eva Harris, Eva Tankersley, Arthur Thourmine, all of whom are somewhat weak in arithmetic

Passing Standard 3 Alice Wyeth, Catherine Wyeth, Norman Wyeth (These three were very good in reading and spelling but weak in arithmetic). Genevieve Cook (arithmetic weak)

Passing Standard 2 Alexander Campbell, Thomas Wyeth

Passing Standard 1 Norman Campbell, Henry Christensen

Alexander Wyeth, Lilian Remington and Annie Smith are to be prepared for Standard 1 at next examination probably about March or April

Mr Feist understands about grouping standards for class subjects etc. He has been taking the upper classes and Standard 4 in Standard 6 reading book. Far too difficult for younger ones

8th June I wish to make a correction to the inspector's entry of the 4th June where it states that Standard 3 were reading in Standard 6 reading book. Only those who were preparing for Standard 4 and upwards were doing so. Some of these had never passed any standard
A holiday was given yesterday.

10th June The school children are invited to join in the procession at Masterton on June 22nd

14th Admitted Bertram Duffy

18th June The school was closed for the winter vacation and the diamond jubilee of the Queen.

The Mikimiki School was opened after the winter holidays by Annie Walker Kean. There were 16 children present

15th July Very wet and stormy. Only 8 present

23rd July Received report of inspector Fleming

Standard	Presented	Present	Passed	
5	5	5	2	
4	5	5	3	
3	5	5	5	
2	2	2	2	
1	2	2	2	
Primers	9			
	28	19	14	

The school building should be lined, but no ceiling is required.

30th July Received from Wellington Education Board a map of British Isles and one of Europe.

23rd August Gravel put round school door on Saturday last

14th September Admitted Ida Daniell

29th September Received sum of £3 from Secretary of Quadrille Assembly towards the school library.

5th October Bought 50 new books and added them to school library.

20th October Admitted Margaret Duckett.

22nd October Received drawing returns 13 presented 6 passed. Four for Geometry and 2 for modelling.

3rd December Received Notice of Xmas Holidays and two full drawing certificates.

17th December The school closed after Mr R Campbell gave out a few books to the children for the summer holidays.

1898

25th January Admitted Kemble Welch and Ada Boys

17th 34 Present The chairman Mr Tankersley visited the school today and saw to the water which has been unfit for use for a few days.

23rd February The school was closed for the Masterton Show

25th February Received hand brush and fire shovel from School Committee.

2nd March Received regulations from the Wellington Education Board

11th March A picnic was held in the school grounds today but owing to weather was not as enjoyable as might have been. There was also a dance in the school room in the evening.

16th March Alterations were made to the well which has been undermined by the rabbits

17th March A Stile erected at the extreme end of the boy's playground.

22nd March 1898 MIKIMIKI. Bounded on the north-east by the Kaipororo and Dreyerton School Districts ; on the south by a line commencing on the southern corner of Section 28, Block XII., Mikimiki Survey District, and running in a south- westerly direction through Section 33 and along a line dividing Section 35 to the Waipoua River, thence along the eastern and southern boundary of N.R. and southern boundaries of Sections 24. 65, 66, 67, 72a, 73, 74, and a prolongation of said boundary to Waingawa River ; bounded on the west by the Taratahi, Manukau, Ohau, and Kereru School Districts.

23rd March. The well has been cleaned out and the water is again fit to drink

9th April Though the well has been cleaned the water is again unfit to use

21st April The school was inspected today by Mr Lee, 33 present 32 passed.

Inspector's holiday tomorrow when the school will be closed.

Received an inkstand for the school

18th May Copy of Mr Lee's report included

a) The work and condition of the Mikimiki School is very creditable to Miss Kean who has worked earnestly and successfully

30th May Very wet only 5 present. Closed school at 12 O'clock

31st May Teacher absent on account of illness.

1st June. Received a set of Bacon's Drawing Cards for all standards.

30th June I sent Robert Foote home today for disobedience. reported the matter to the chairman

20th July Mr McDougall (*Wellington Education Board Clerk of works*) visited the school today to see about fence between our grounds

10th August. Received a sample box of maize from Wellington Education Board

30th August Received sticks and beads from Wellington Education Board

19th September. The drawing exam was held today under the supervision of the chairman

14 candidates presented

13th September. Timber for fence arrived today

20th Robert Foote returned to school this morning but as he would not promise to be obedient I sent him home again. Born 18/1/1885

7th October Only 17 present owing to windy weather

17th October. Carpenters started to build the dividing fence between the grounds.

K Welch absent this week attending the scholarship examination at Masterton to be on 19th and 20th October

8th November Received results of last drawing examination.

Freehand 7 presented 7 passed

Geometry 5 present 3 passed

Scale 1 present 1 passed

Model 1 passed 0

10th November Holiday yesterday for Prince of Wales Birthday

17th November . The committee gave me a holiday yesterday in order to attend Palmerston Show

1899

24th January 22 present

Well cleaned out last week

31st January Very wet and stormy only 11 present

15th March received a complete set of drawing models

7th April The School Committee are to meet tonight to arrange for school picnic.

14th April School Committee met to arrange about picnic.

20th April A Picnic to be held in the school grounds tomorrow.

Inspector's Report for 24th March included

- a) Standard 7 candidate passed well considering the shortness of the year.
- b) The work is very satisfactory but the arithmetic needs special attention
- c) The school is well conducted by Miss Kean
- d) She invites the assistance of the Drill Instructor

17th May Received some chemicals and science apparatus from the office.

13th June Inspector's report included The library now has 130 volumes

17th July Reopened school after mid winter holidays

Received through School Committee an easel

27th July Received map of Africa from Wellington Education Board.

11th August A fence erected to protect the trees

6th November. Received two maps of Transvaal

27th November Mr Hood gave political lecture in school last evening

6th December Half-holiday for elections

1900

23rd January School opened Very wet morning and the attendance only 13

10th February Holiday for fair held in Masterton in aid of patriotic fund

22nd February School closed for Masterton Show

2nd March School picnic was held today and a dance in the evening at the school

22nd March Received two dozen drill poles from School Committee.

9th April Very stormy only 10 present. Closed school early

5th April report from Inspectors

Standard 7 2 on roll

Standard	Presented	Passed
7	2	2
6	6	6
5	1	1

4	3	2
3	5	4
2	5	5
1	2	2
Primers	10	

The work generally is satisfactory and shows earnest and conscientious teaching

I recommend more grouping in class subjects and teaching of two subjects only in drawing (Freehand and another)

7th May Received number 1 and 2 Bacon's Physiology Charts

The chairman gave permission for school to be used for a fortnightly dance during the year

4th June. School closed for taking of Pretoria

7th August Meeting of School Committee to see about a tank

10th August. Received 14/- from dancing class towards the school library

25th July Inspectors Report

- a) Satisfactory
- b) Copy writing should always be a formal and carefully supervised lesson.
- c) Good with the exception of window of porch which should be repaired.

10th October School closed for Labour Day

22nd October. Received results of Drawing Examinations 13 present 13 passed

26th November Service is to be conducted on Sunday 2nd December in this school from the Rev R Wood of Masterton

Also a lantern lecture on November 30th

17th December Received word that school closes for summer holiday on 21st December

1901

28th January reopened school

31st January 1901 Mikimiki A Kean salary 100 Pound a 10pound rise Suggested PP

12th March 1901 LAND ! LAND ! LAND ! NOTICE . ' VALUABLE LEASES OF EDUCATIONAL RESERVES, Comprising Town, Suburban, and Rural Sections, will be offered at Auction at the under- mentioned places during the month of APBIL. 1901 : — To be offered by LOWES & IOBNS, at Masterton, on SATURDAY, 13th April, 1901. A. R. p. Wairarapa South, Waipawa District, Section 6, Block V 420 0 0 Wairarapa South, Wainuioru District, Section 276, Block XI 478 1 2l> Masterton, Mikimiki District, Section 1, Blocks VI. and VII 060 0 0 Mauriceville, Mikimiki District, Section 8, Block IV. 815 2 0 Mauriceville, Mangaone District, Section 43, Block XIV 4 3 5 To be offered 12th March 1901 21st March 1901 Mikimiki — (Roll 26), sole teacher, £120 (£10 rise). 3rd February A memorial service held in the school be Rev R Wood re our Late Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria

11th February School closed in order to allow children to see Imperial Troops.

1st March Mr McDougal visited school to arrange tank

12th March Gravel put round door and sheds also at gates.

New garden in front of school. New blinds

22nd March New gate being erected in front of school buildings

15th April Tank erected

9th May Ladies meeting to arrange with School Committee for refreshments and Xmas trees

17th May School picnic held on Inspector's holiday

3rd June Received £1 from dancing class towards the school library.

14th June Received medals Wellington Education Board which were distributed to children in honour of visit of Duke and Duchess of Cornwall

17th July Holiday for Arbor Day.

Inspectors report

Included in report from Robert Lee included

- a) Kindergarten satisfactory
- b) Needlework satisfactory
- c) Children speak in too low a voice
- d) School well conducted, well kept and well taught

29th July Brought 13 new books for library which now contains 161 books

20th November First grade drawing results lost by Department

20th December. School closed for summer holiday for five weeks

27th November Report of T R Fleming

Miss A Kean still teaching

- a) All children were actively employed and work was proceeding very satisfactorily
- b) Order and Discipline very good
- c) Cleanliness etc Very satisfactory

1902

27th January School was opened today

18th February Received teacher's gallery from Wellington Education Board Received new mugs, hammers, map rack and clock from School Committee

7th March Very Wet Only 6 present

14th March School closed for yearly picnic which took place in Mr Wyeth's bush: Xmas tree in school in evening.

Flagstaff erected and flag unfurled on the day of the picnic.

14th April Rearranged classes for new year.

Inspectors Report T R Fleming included

- a) Reading wanting expression
- b) Geography (Political) very good
- c) Drill (Polls) very good
- d) Instruction of Standard 7 and Primers Good

23rd April Very wet Only 5 present

2nd June. Telegram arrived at 3 pm dictating a holiday on account of end of South African War but way too late

3rd June. Holiday for Prince of Wales Birthday

17th June Stormy and wet, only two present. Being wet went home early

School closes on 20th June this year being a week earlier than usual in honour of the coronation of the King

20th June. Souvenir Cards of Coronation are being presented to children

16th July Arbor Day but as there was no planting school went on as usual.

8th August School to be closed on account of the Coronation which takes place tomorrow.

18th August L Tornquist very ill. K Welch takes the cleaning for present

26th August. Mr A Riley Technical inspector visited school today-made arrangements re paper mounting and design

8th September Mr Hugo physiognomist (a person supposedly able to judge character or, formerly, to predict the future) from facial characteristics) gave lecture in school

Children collected some ferns and we had them framed for school

22nd September Very bad attendance owing to weather and dreadful colds among the children.

30th September. Quarterly Examination today.

7th October. Kathleen Welch absent at the scholarship examination

20th October. Very bad attendance owing to the prevalence of whooping cough during the last month

25th November School closed for election (Mr Hogg and Mr Cooper held meeting in the school the week before)

28th November Sports meeting held in school

9th December The above postponed and held on this date

1903

27th January. Reopened School Today.. I was unable to get back in time as my boat was delayed in dock and did not reach Wellington until Sunday

4th February The Board has granted a holiday tomorrow to this school on the occasion of the (Masterton) Band Concert at Masterton

6th April Posted schedules and examination papers. Started work in New Year

15th April Norman Campbell and Thomas Wyeth taken off roll

27th April Election of School Committee this evening. Mr McLeod, Mr T Wyeth, Mr Tankersley, Mr S Tankersley, Mr J Cotter, Mr Paulsen and Mr G Welch Chairman

28th April Bricks for fireplace

29th April Fireplace rebricked- school dismissed at 2 O'clock by Mr Tankersley

30th April 1903 THE TRUANCY QUESTION.

The resolution of the School Committees' Association urging that in view of the alarming falling off in the attendance at schools the Truant Officer should be reappointed, came before the Education Board at its meeting yesterday. Similar representations were made by the Teachers Institute and the headmaster of the Thorndon School. Mr. Young enquired whether the Board had power to vote money for the purpose under the new regulations. The Chairman asked that the matter should stand over until the next meeting, and he would have enquiry made. Mr. Kebbell asked how it was the Truant Officer was done away with. Mr. Young said his service were required in the office, and on the heels of that came the new regulations, and he was not quite clear whether the Board would be justified in appointing another inspector, though he recognised the value of having one. Mr. Robertson said that while the former appointment had the effect of bringing in a number of truants, it also increases the number of "half-timer*." Directly a parent was summoned, the Magistrate imparted the information that children had only to make a certain number of attendances to comply with the law. The consequence was that numbers of children were only making half attendances.

Mr. Hogg--They merely keep within the limit of the law.

Mr. Fleming, School inspector, said that at Scarborough and Mikimiki two dairying districts, the headmasters made it their business to go round and see that the children attended. It was due to the influence of the masters that the attendance was so good at these schools. Several members thought the plan a good one. It was wholly

to the interest of headmasters to see that children attended school .
Further discussion was deferred until the next meeting. PP

11th May Wind and rain- only 6 present

24th May. Empire Day

25th May 10 children present to salute the flag.

28th May. Storm. Came to school but no attendance so went home.

29th May. New Broom, 6 poles and a chain from W F C A

19th June Woodshed being erected today at the back of the boy's
playshed.

22nd June. Gale only 7 present

23rd, 24th 25th June Came to school no attendance

A terrible storm of wind and rain

1st July Lime box arrived. Fresh supply of wood.

8th August. First of course of lectures by Mr Riley in Masterton on
paper mounting, brush work etc.

1st September Started paper mounting in connection with the drawing

8th September Weather bad no attendance

14th September John Smith in Masterton Hospital with Rheumatism

21st September G and B Campbell returned after illness

13th October Masterton Exhibition School closed by permission of
Mr Tankersley

12th November I was unable to get back to school until today as we
were weather bound and had an accident in the Haka..... Creek which
kept me from getting back

Inspectors report at October 14th by T H Bakewell

Included

- a) Earth should be put in the pits at regular intervals
- b) Miss Kean's proposed method of dealing with the land around
the school is commended

1904

25th January 21 present One family away on account of scarlet fever

4th March Storm no attendance

21st 22nd March. Teacher ill school closed

28th March Teacher ill no school

25th April Mr G Welch (Chairman), Mr McLeod, Mr T Wyeth, Mr P
Paulsen, Mr S. Tankersley Mr E Payton. School Committee

24th May Empire day

14th June Only 22 present Absence owing to prevalence of mumps

19th July Admitted Elsie Christensen and Mary Stevenson

20th July Margaret Wyeth took cleaning of school.

3rd August. Punished Willis Stevenson for being absent from school
without parent's permission.

4th August. Snow Storm

5th August Only two present went home

9th August. Severe earthquake No damage done

23rd August The truant officer called today

The School Committee presented the children with 2 sets of quoits
for school use.

7th October. Brought thermometer and new door mat

18th October Inspectors report included. New tennis table under
construction

Windows need repairing and skirting at corners of main building. PA
system used for latrines, otherwise everything clean and in good
order.

14th November A storm only 1 child present sent him home

13th December Mikimiki Notes

(From Our Own Correspondent). On breaking up school for the
Christmas holidays, on Friday last, the Mikimiki children were

treated to a very enjoyable afternoon's sport by their .parents. On arrival at Mr Wyeth's quoits ground they partook of lunch. The children then presented Miss Kean with a very nice fountain pen. They then gave three hearty cheers for their schoolmistress, which showed the good feeling that existed between teacher and scholars. Miss Kean suitably acknowledged the gift. The children then commenced competitions at rope quoits, and really deserve credit for the skilful manner in which they play. Each child having won a prize, afternoon tea was served, after which all turned homeward in quite exuberant spirits after their afternoon's performances. PP

16th December School closed for summer holidays. Children to get out early to have a quoit match and tea.

1905

17th March. School closed St Patrick's Sports in Masterton

13th April Inspectors report included

- a) Average age in Standard 6 13.8 months
- b) Reading Satisfactory Children somewhat depressed in delivery.
- c) Arithmetic Standard 6 and 7 Fair to satisfactory, others satisfactory to good.
- d) Standard 7. One candidate passed A very fair examination.
- e) Efficiency of school good
- f) 25th April Election of school committee to take place. No one but Mr MacLeod present so there was no election.
- g) 12th June 2nd School Committee election. Mr Payton Chairman

10th July. Mr Mullay to give lecture in eh school tomorrow- A trip through America

11th July Mr Mullay's lecture- well attended £1-9-0 towards school library.

19th July Started brush work- Materials came yesterday.

31st July Gravel put around door

20th October Flag saluted- school closed for day. In honour of battle of Trafalgar.

23rd November Terrible storm of wind and rain. No attendance

6th December Election day. School used as polling booth

15th December School closed. Children have the afternoon off to attend a picnic

1906

16th February Bag of lime, new axe and chain seal from W F C A.

13th March. School closed for election of licensing committee.

27th April Received rain gauge for school

30th April Only 11 present a gale blowing.

7th June Side of school repaired and spouting fixed to draining off the water from door.

12th June Fine day 27 present

15th June School closed for four days on account of the Premier's death

22nd Reopened school today

9th July Teacher fell into creek so left Eva Petersen in charge while she went home and changed. 23 present

25th July Arbor Day. We assembled at school and spent the morning planting some trees and shrubs

2nd August Mr Fleming visited the school yesterday on a surprise visit- gave me advice regarding English Books.

17th September roll 32

31st October The school building has not been painted since built.

1907

16th April Received copper shield for school from “Victoria” Stall at Christchurch Exhibition

1st May Inspector Fleming visited school today but owing to flood and stormy weather only 8 children present Mr Fleming is to return and complete the examination in a fortnight’s time.

9th May Brought new set of readers for school and started them for New Year.

15th May Inspectors report included.

Average Age of Standard 6, 14 years 9 months (2 children)

3rd August. Painting of school commenced.

19th August School closed to allow of it being painted inside so as to dry for Monday

12th August. Painting inside almost finished.

28th August Painting still going on Hydrolpate (Blackboard)

9th September. Reopened school after holidays. Painting finished.

26th September Dominion Day

16th December Examining school for quarter and also for promotion.

All children present but 2 who are away on account of chicken pox.

1908

3rd February 31 present School fence being painted.

Rearranged classes and started work for the new year.

11th February New can and dip to disinfect school when sweeping.

6th March Annual School Picnic.

24th March Teacher absent and school closed by permission of the School Committee.

22nd may Saluted flag in honour Empire Day. Closed school for week’s holiday

1st June. Inspectors report included

a) Miss A Kean still teaching

b) Roll 39

8th June. 6 desks ordered from Belvedere.

13th June. New straw and rough broom, also clay brush, towels and dusters

22nd June Arbor Day. Committee spent day planting trees and putting up fence.

30th July Quarterly Examination. Children planting bulbs along fence

25th September Dominion medals distributed to children

26th September. Dominion Day

20th October School closed for afternoon by permission of the School Committee

30th October. Miss Kean left. Miss Chamberlain took charge by order of the Board

2nd November I now take over the school as relieving teacher until the permanent teacher is appointed

18th November School closed on Monday 9th for King’s birthday.

10th December School closed yesterday by permission of School Committee. Received schedules of the December exam. Standard 6 to remain another year in this class as they are all too young to be promoted.

1909

3rd March School Committee meeting held in the school to arrange about the picnic which is to be 12th of the month

9th March School in use last evening for an address by Mr Mclean on his trip through America

17th March School used evening 16th for an address given by Mr McLeod on his trip through Europe

16th April Received plasticene boards and brushes from the Wellington Education Board

27th April Meeting of Householders to elect a new School Committee Received the Education Act 1908 from the Board

10th May Inspector's (T R Fleming) Report included

- a) Miss May Chamberlain
- b) Roll 35
- c) Average attendance for March Quarter 33
- d) The pits are becoming full. I recommend the use of lime and suggest the School Committee consider the question of digging fresh pits.
- e) Miss Chamberlain took charge after Miss Kean's resignation. On the School Committee's recommendation she was appointed on condition that she completed her certificate. This she has done at the earliest opportunity. On the day of my visit Miss Chamberlain was holding a quarterly examination.
- f) The Order, discipline and tone was good and judging from the written work the children appear to making satisfactory progress.

g) Although this is Miss Chamberlain's first experience of sole charge, she gives every promise of managing a school of this class successfully.

h) Two scholars in Standard 6 were awarded certificates of proficiency.

14th June The school closed for 4 ½ days from midday 7th June, for disinfecting. Disinfected by Mr Hicks on Wednesday 9th June

Inspectors report of 7th October

Included

a) Though elementary agriculture has not been taken as a subject the children have employed their time, out of school hours, very profitably in making flower gardens.

15th December The School Committee purchase a Roderick Map of the world for the school.

1910

29th March Inspectors report

The outside offices are inadequate and getting dilapidated

11th May School closed on account of Death of King Edward

23rd School closed on Friday 20th on account of funeral of his late majesty King Edward 7th

6th June Received a new clock from the School Committee

30th June Having resigned my position as sole teacher of this school I leave today

4th July L Jenks? Relieving teacher

5th July Window pane broken by boys playing football.

13th July Punished Lester Stephenson, Frank Searle and James Searle for telling lies.

28th July Punished Leonard Campbell for misbehaviour
 29th July Gave notice to Wellington Education Board that I am leaving this school at end of the month to take up other work.
 8th August. L Smith started as relieving teacher
 30th August Four children absent with whooping cough.
 2nd September As Miss Bright takes charge on Monday 9th I finish my duties today
 12th September Aimee Dora Bright Took Charge of school. Found children attentive and obedient.
 16th September Week's work shows school to be in satisfactory condition. Scholars quite biddable with good manners. Reading appears to me to be very weak. Drawing especially good. Must consult inspector as to whether 3 hours weekly is necessary for it..
 Composition weak. Arithmetic unequal but chiefly weak
 21st September Very wet day, Creeks swollen. Attendance poor.
 5th October Inspectors report

- a) There have been four teachers in succession in charge of this school within four months. And it speaks for the condition in which Miss Chamberlain left her classes that such satisfactory work should have been done in Standard 5, Standard 6, Standard 3 and Standard 2. Miss Bright who took charge a month ago is quite alive to the special requirements of the case and will give attention to the reading, Mental Arithmetic and work generally
- b) T H Bakewell

13th October Very wet day. 9 present
 9th November Full school assembled. Since I was unaware of there being a holiday until 5 o'clock last evening no notice had been given of it. I consequently took school as usual but in recognition of the

wishes of the children dismissed at 12 O'clock. There are now three holidays and a half that have not been taken- Dominion Day, Labour Day, Inspector's holiday. And 9th November (½ Day)
 21st November. Holiday by order of School Committee in place of Dominion Day.

1911

15th February Holiday for P and A Show.
 10th March School Picnic
 21st March Inspectors Report. Outside offices still consist in pits. Otherwise buildings and grounds are good.
 2nd June Teacher absent Ill
 10th July Very wet day, Unceasing rain. No attendance
 26th July No attendance. Rain Exceptional. No lull in 8 hours
 9th August 4 Of the Nicholson's came late (9.20)
 17th August. Carpenters @ 10.20 pm to enlarge desks. Since it was raining and they could not work outside I took children into porch and gave them the schoolroom. A broken day. Girls sewed chiefly and boys planted hedge
 18th August Desks a very great improvement. Am much pleased with them
 20th September Only 3 present. Yesterday 13
 19th October 4 children present. Chimney smoking. Am sending them home at midday
 27th October We are taking today as Labour Day as the Inspector's holiday is on Monday. This arrangement to suit the Teacher who is called to town on business.

13th November. New chair received from Wellington Education Board

15th November A fortnight of stormy weather appears to be progressing further into the month. Have never experienced such winds as have prevailed here since Monday October 30th.

Inspector's Note

All written work was of good quality throughout the school. Miss Bright has succeeded admirably in her efforts to improve the subjects which were weak last year. The discipline and tone generally of all classes are specially commended.

1st December, 4th December No school Teacher absent through illness.

5th December Reassembled- 22 present. The children furtherest away had no means of knowing my movements

6th December Violent storm Only 2 pupils arrived. Very wet both of them as also the teacher. Sent them home

13th December School to close today for 2nd ballot (By order of board)

1912

29th January Archie Wyeth and Florence Kingston Home duties.

14th March Found Stationery in Porch. Advised of it being sent from Whitcombe and Tombs on March 2nd. Advised from Railway Office on March 9th Received here evening March 13th. In good order. History books not yet mentioned.

30th May Received letter from Wellington Education Board authorising change of date for holidays (To begin 31st May instead of 26th May)

Find all the horse chestnuts (6) presented by Mr Payton, have taken root.

10th June. Reassemble. Roll 32 . Only 15 present Wet day. Causes of poor attendance

- a) Bad weather
- b) One family, the Wyeth's have diphtheria in the house
- c) The Errol Johansens at Palmerston
- d) Miss Fred Johansen in Doctor's hands and the trap the children drive in Masterton for repairs.
- e) This accounts for 9 absentees

21st June Lesson on winter solstice- supported by observations. Cloudy at noon. So shadow could not be taken but another taken with afternoon sun

24th June Poor attendance after 24 hours of sleet. Snow still standing in playground when school opened.

12th July Mumps prevalent

16th July No attendance. Rivers in flood. Teacher unable to leave house. Road closed by land slip

9th October Mikimiki (near Masterton)— Sole Teacher; £150 to £180, and £20 housing allowance. 9th Oct 1912

29th October 1912 Application is to be made for a residence at Mikimiki

15th October. Inspectors report included

The retirement of Miss Bright will be a decided loss to the profession. Her intelligent methods of teaching tend to cultivate the thinking powers of the children and in the development of character her influence is far reaching. Under her charge the Mikimiki School has shown a marked improvement in many ways, more particularly perhaps in such subjects as English (including reading and recitation)

Arithmetic, History and geography. Order, discipline and tone of the school- excellent. T R Fleming.

Note from A D Bright

I am grateful to the inspector for their ready appreciation. But I am ashamed to think how much has been neglected that may have been overlooked

Notes for Amiee Amy Dora Bright

- a) See Papers Past for Books meetings etc held by Her
- b) Mother Samuel Mother Elizabeth Martha. AD born in England Both parents on pension 1903. Mother Died 1908
- c) Left England in 1864

83Y

1944/28226 Bright

Amy Dora

- d) London 1901 In London Aimee D Bright aged 39 Single. Listed as Journalist Author. Listed as born Birminham. Living in house with Mary Judson (22 born in New Zealand) Fanny Judson (17) Edgar F Judson (23)
- e) 28-12 1944 Died aged 83
- f) Born 1857 or 1861 Age 53 when came to Mikimiki October 1861 in Shropshire
- g) 1905/06 Parents in New North road
- h) With Selina Elizabeth born in NZ in 1868. Selina married George Izod Ellis 1904 Brother of Albert fuller Ellis. The Nauru Island Phosphate man She died in 1962 @ 94 years.
- i) Also Edith Jane born 1869 died unmarried 1953

27th November The 2 Readers (children) away in Masterton for scholarship examination. Will be off the roll for 3 days

21st November Application for a residence made
Outbuildings Washhouse, copper and tubs and WC

Inspector's notes. A residence is necessary for ~~Matahiwi~~ Mikimiki School—Miss Bright the present teacher lives some considerable distance from the school and the accommodation has not been satisfactory. The teachers before her Miss Chamberlain and Miss Kean lived with relatives who are no longer in the district. Signed T R Fleming

School established 1897, Roll 1910 32 1911 30 1912 25

No House allowance paid Amount asked for £455.10

21st November Note to Minister The Miss Bright mentioned in the application has given notice of her retirement from the Education Service on Superannuation from the end of this year.

2nd December 9.25 a.m. Ten children the Nicholson's, the Johnson's, The Kingston's and Cora Bannister came late Unfortunately we have had ten days of wet weather and when the latecomers are not reproved. It becomes a habit. Warned that playtime will be lost will extend end of school period if this happens again. I fear my successor find laxity about punctuality. I have been unprepared myself.

6th December. I was called to town and School Committee gave permission to take a holiday.

16th December Received from Frank Searle "Kingsley's Heroes in place of "Stories of Crusader" accidently destroyed . Same edition and price. Placed in library.

18th December Am closing school today

1913

Miss F Thomson Teacher

31st March Average for quarter 21. 13 Boys and 8 Girls

21st April Holiday excursion to visit H M S New Zealand

24th April Received ink wells and Brush drawing cards from Wellington Education Board

28th April Teachers residence begun

30th April Inspector's Visit F G A Stuckley included

- a) Roll 24
- b) Standard 7-1
- c) I was pleased with the work conducted by Miss Thomson during my visit.
- d) There are no blinds to the windows. I recommend that 2 blinds with rollers be supplied for the windows that face eastwards. Repairs are necessary to the fireplace and the front steps. The boys latrines should be replaced by a new building.

9th May Received Scheme of Works books from Wellington Education Board

13th May. Received a box of coins from Wellington Education Board

4th June. Opened school after holiday. Doorstep, fireplace and lock on door all repaired over holiday

SAD FATALITY.

17th June 1913 DEATH OF A MT BRUCE LAD. . : . A sad fatality occurred at Mt Bruce about noon yesterday, when a lad named Sydney Bertram Johansen, aged twelve years, met his death by falling, over a cliff into the Ruamahunga river. It appears that he and his brother, who is thirteen years of age, left their home to go out on the farm at about 11 a.m., their way taking them along the Ruamahunga river. They were proceeding along the bank, when, they came to a deep precipice, along which lay some dead timber.

Apparently, younger the of the two boys ventured rather near the edge of the cliff, and, stepping on a piece of decayed wood, was precipitated over the bank down an almost sheer drop of one hundred feet. 'Before he reached the bottom, however, he struck a ledge with his head and rebounded from there into the river, the water at that spot being some eight feet deep. His brother rushed off to give the alarm, and a search was at once made for the body, which was recovered at four o'clock about one hundred yards down the river by Messrs R. Burrell and Mr Johansen. The base of the skull was completely fractured, probably from the impact with the ledge. Deceased is the son of Mr and Mrs J. F. Johansen, of Mt Bruce, to whom the sincerest sympathy will be extended in their sudden bereavement. The inquest is being held by the Coroner, Mr Hornsby, at Mount Bruce this afternoon. Our Mount Bruce correspondent sends the following:— The death of Mr Fred Johansen's second boy Bert, who unfortunately fell over a cliff into the Ruamahunga river yesterday morning has caused quite a gloom on the district. The cliff over which the boy fell was perpendicular for about 100 ft and it was at once concluded by Mr Johansen on arrival at the spot that death must have been instantaneous as the ledge of rock at the bottom was protruding in such a way that the unfortunate boy must have struck it before reaching the water. The body was found a few chains below the scene of the accident and it was only after constructing a raft that access could be gained to the river as the water runs through a gorge at a depth of 10 or 12 feet. Bert Johansen was a bright energetic boy and a favourite in the Mild Miki School. The accident happened on the first day of the school holidays and the day previous he took a prominent part in the singing at the School when the Coronation concert was being held.; Much sympathy is being, expressed with Mr and Mrs-Johansen' in their .sad bereavement

24th July Iris Reader has scarlet fever. Family away from school on account.

1st August. Removed Ronald and David Nicholson also Dorothy and Violet Johanson All four children are leaving the district. Average for week 14. Colds Prevalent

7th August. Margie Reader has developed scarlet fever.

27th August Duken children away. Tommy ill with measles.

10th September Northerly gale. Attendance 3 boys, no girls

27th November Vera Reader, James Riddell and Leslie Nicholson away attending scholarship examination in Masterton

4th December School examination reports sent to Wellington Education Board as required.

18th December Results of examination back *List of successes in log*.
Closed school at 1.00 for summer vacation

1914

10th February All scholarship children removed from roll.

2th February. Desks to be scrubbed quarterly by children. Letter from School Committee

18th February No journals received for this month. Notified editor. Supply may have gone to Mikimiki Valley school (*First mention*)

23rd February Applied for week's leave of absence to undergo operation

2nd March Leave granted. Miss Evans to take charge on Monday 9th.

March 23rd Teacher' leave extended extra week. Miss Evans remaining in Charge. Today Miss Thomson returned to resume duties.

8th April Dismissed 2.45. Teacher to visit Doctor.

17th April Inspection Report

- a) Teacher Miss Thomson

- b) Roll 19

- c) Miss Thomson has prepared very good schemes of work and the instruction throughout was on intelligent lines

8th May. Closed school, teachers drill camp and 1st winter vacation.

15th June School closed to allow teacher to go to Wellington on business.

21st August. Half-holiday given by School Committee to enable football match to be played against Opaki School at Opaki. Win for our boys (18 to 10)

24th August Received 13 packets of seeds from Coopers

16th September Inspector's report included A B Charters

- a) The arithmetic is a strong point in the school. The general work of which is of a very satisfactory nature. Miss Thomson is an earnest teacher and a very capable manager

- b) A beginning has been taken with elementary agriculture

17th September Received permission from Board to let Residence

21st September. Miss Heritage visited school this morning and examined drill

17th December Received money for school cleanings from Mr Payton and paid caretaker

Received receipt from Wellington Education Board for 3 guineas (One guinea is one pound one shilling) forwarded for ambulance fund

1915

27th January Resignation Miss FM Thompson

2nd February James Riddell who gained national scholarship leaves school to attend Boy's College Wellington.

11th February Entered Leslie Payton.

26th February Holiday for school picnic. My last day in charge of school

1st March Mrs R Woodley Took charge this morning. Found everything in perfect order.

9th March 1915 Appointed Mrs R Woodley Sole Teacher

1875/3552	Birnie	Rosanna Biggerstaff	Elizabeth	Alexander
1901/1640	Rosanna	Birnie	John Henry	Woodley
1901/14654	Woodley	Mavis Beard	Rosanna Biggerstaff	John Henry
				John Henry
1910/25626	Woodley	Leila Jean	Rosanna	
1940/15167	Woodley		Rosanna	63Y
1963/36440	Woodley		John Henry	84Y

2nd March Nola and Gladys Morgan left, parents removed to Opaki

8th March I find both geography and English in all classes much below the average.

14th June. Entered Louis and Leonard Mohekey? from Lower Mikimiki . Both very backward. Leonard aged 7 does not know alphabet.

15th June Hoisted flag today for Waterloo Centenary

5th July Ian and Stuart McLachlan likely to be away some time. Mother ill in Masterton.

21st July Dreadful Day- Water over the road in several places. 10 present.

Flood water rising. Dismissed children at 2.15

14th September. Reopened school. Attendance 22

My Payton presented the boys with a football and girls with a bat and ball.

15th September Sydney Kingston taken to hospital with appendicitis

29th September. Ida Reader and May Johansen granted proficiency certificate on today's work. (No other test will be necessary).

Mr Stackley's Report included The pupils were bright and responsive. There is every confidence of a good years work.

13th October Entered Eric Cottle. Roll 31

12th November School visited by Mr Cumming, agriculture instructor. Addressed children

Children presented to Hospital Ship One pair sheets, 6 pillow cases, one dozen handkerchiefs, and one dozen face cloths. 18 operation cloths, 12 diet cloths for wounded soldiers 1 ½ dozen diet cloths and one dozen operation cloths.

16th December School closed today instead of on 16th as teacher was subpoenaed to attend as witness in court case on the morning of the 16th Finished School

1916

1st February Reopened School attendance 30

21st Entered Dick Ray Roll 21 Boys 12 Girls 9

12th May Very wet Attendance 16. First really bad day this year.

29th May Roll 35

Inspectors report Suggestions were made and notes left for programmes in instruction in Nature Study, Drawing, Civics, Handwork Health and Temperance.

Temperance will be based on the wall sheets issued and on the articles in the school journal. The pupils knowledge in the subject will be tested in the annual inspection visit,

The Latrines require attention

14th July £2-7-6 collected amongst children for relief of Belgium. Amount forwarded to Wellington Education Board

20th July School visited by drill inspector.

3rd August Snow, hail and rain today, 8 present

8th August. Lance Riddell returned today away ill since April 7th

28th August Sent parcel of patriotic sewing away today. It contained 4 pairs socks, 2 pairs booties, 4 balaclavas 4 face washers, 20 eye bandages, 1 dozen handkerchiefs

29th August Entered Vincent Jackson. As he is suffering from creeping paralysis. He will only be here on fine days

15th September. Heavy fall of snow, 16 present

18th September Randell Riddell away ill likely to be away some weeks

19th October Inspectors Report Mr F Stuckley

a) Roll 31

b) I was well pleased with the pupil's progress

30th November Lance Riddell away attending National Scholarship

1917

30th January. Opened School. Attendance 25

1st February Closed for military carnival

2nd February Roll 19 Boys Girls 9

26th February Forwarded patriotic sewing today. Parcel contained 3 pair socks, 2 balaclavas 1 ½ eye bandages ½ Dozen handkerchiefs 14 face washers 1 cot cover.

9th March Closed today for annual picnic. The chairman made an appeal for funds to carry on the patriotic work of the school with the result that £11.10 was collected.

5th March Mr Just, drill inspector visited school

25th April Anzac Day. School closed in the afternoon,

7th May The teacher and pupils attend to the cleaning of the school

4th July. Forwarded £1-17-0 for London Children's Relief Fund.

18th July School closed today for Arbor Day in error.

10th August Sent in to Patriotic Shop today ½ dozen pillow cases, 1 dozen tea towels and 8 Doilies Forwarded £1-5-0 for soldier's puddings

2nd November Inspectors Report. Mr. Stuckley

a) Roll 26

19th November Lent 3 desks and a number of continuous readers to the Opaki School

1918

5th February Margie Reader and Pearl Daken left to attend High School in Masterton. Lance Riddell gone to Wellington Roll 21

19th March No attendance today. Smoke from bush fires in the Northern Districts prevented children getting here.

22nd April New School Committee Payton (Chairman), Tankersley, McLachlan, Daken and Riddell.

3rd June Closed for King's Birthday and Empire Day

21st June Teacher Ill- No School
10th July Mr Norris National League Organiser visited
22nd July Violent Snow Storm No attendance
23rd July Storm still raging- No attendance
7th October Special Holiday of rejoicing- Success of the Allied Armies on all fronts
1st November Closed this afternoon to celebrate the surrender of Turkey
7th November Violent wind storm. No attendance
8th November Peace declared. Closed for afternoon. Report of signing of armistice- Not Correct
12th November. School closed for influenza

1919

4th February Reopened School this Morning.
10th April Closed for special licensing Poll. School used as booth.
21st July. Closed for peace celebrations
26th September. Closed this afternoon for children to attend lecture in Masterton by Mr Charters "War on the Western Front"

1920

14th July Teacher taken suddenly ill this morning . No school this afternoon.
16th July Teacher operated on. School closed till August 3rd when Miss Quinton came from Wellington to relieve. Nine children away with whooping cough.
1st September Resumed duty this morning (R Woodley)

7th September 2nd Quarterly examination held Standard 5 work was disappointing throughout.

23rd November 15 children away ill 14 measles cases.

1921

20th July. Closed for South African Wairarapa match

1922

7th February Reopened school this morning.
24th February School closed to let teacher away to buy prizes.
23rd February Teacher away buying prizes.
7th March Recommend that the library be reorganised. Some books should be destroyed. Note that hedges are being trimmed. Shelves and a map rack might be provided. A Cowles Inspector
16th July A Diphtheria case was taken from school on Friday. Closed today for health inspector to disinfect
26th July. Forwarded nine pairs of bloomers made by the girls to the Secretary Navy League
19th September Closed for Lord Jellicoe's Visit and New South Wales match
28th September At the teacher's request Mr A Holmes spoke to the children on his trip to the British Isles going via Canada and back by way of the Cape.
1st December Closed school for opening of bridge at Kaipororo,
7th December Election day Holiday

1923

27th June. Mr Brockett agriculture inspector. Visited today. Brought 2 spades, 2 rakes, 2 hoes, 2 small forks and a pair of hedge clippers.

1924

9th September With £3 over from last picnic and the Board's £ for £ subsidy. 43 library books have been bought

28th October Roll 24

1925

5th May School Committee elected. L Welch (Secretary and Treasurer), N Wyeth, H West, H Daken, C Aitken

1926

5th February Received 5 new desks

8th December Closed for combined school sports in Masterton

1927

7th and 8th March Closed for visit of Duke and Duchess of York

21st April 11 new desks received.

27th July Mr Darroch visited us today and addressed children on Navy League matters,

26th August 12 away with mumps

19th October C Gibson. Began work as relieving teacher today

14th November Resumed duty today R Woodley

1928

2nd October Received 2 Dozen Leaf Maples from Rotorua

23rd October Mr Brockett has taken the trees as we are not in need of any more hedges

1929

22nd February Received Gramophone Record

26th March Teacher away ill

3rd April H Clarke commenced duties today

10th April. Received 1 drag hoe, 2 push hoes, 1 pick from Wellington Education Board

17th May Harold Clarke finished today

4th June Resumed duties this morning R Woodley

1930

18th March All spent the afternoon at Mr Wests listening to Admiral Byrd's address

12th June.. Completed and forwarded 9 pairs bloomers to Secretary Navy League

8th July Sir Joseph Ward's death. School closed in afternoon

10th July Closed all day. Sir Joseph Ward's funeral

22nd August. My 15 years work at this school ends today. R Woodley

8th September. A W Sweeny Took charge,. 25 present

30th September. Inspector's report, G H Stubbs included

- a) The teacher has made an effective beginning during the short time he has been in charge.
- b) A splendid tone exists together with a pleasing spirit of work.

- c) Generally the fundamentals have been well taught and the standard of work is good.
- d) Gardening operations are in progress; more remains to be done to make the grounds attractive.

4th 6th November School closed on these two afternoons to enable teacher to sit examinations in Masterton.

24th November Standard 6 did proficiency papers. Posted papers to inspector.

10th December 1930 Mrs. Rosanna Woodley, Miss . Ethel Williams, and Miss Enid Williams, re. tiring teachers, .were farewelled by members of the Wellington' Education.' Board this morning) - Mr. T Forsyth i (chairman), Mr. G. L. 'Stewart (secretary), Dr. J. McIlwraith (senior inspector), and several .members of the board, paying tribute to their faithful, service "There are not very many who have stuck to the country districts, and for that alone. Mrs. Woodley deserves our best thanks," said Mr, Forsyth in commenting; on Mrs. Woodley's 23years' service in Pahiatua, . Mangahao and Mikimiki schools PP

19th December School closed today for Christmas holidays. Short ceremony held in hall.

1931

8th April School reopened after Easter Holidays. Paid Mayor of Masterton 13/- being money handed in by children for Earthquake Relief Fund.

4th Sent away to Wellington Education Board 7/6 as further donation to Earthquake Relief Funds making a total of £1-0-6 from this school

22nd June Received word that box of tools for light woodwork had been forwarded to the school

Mr AW McWilliams Sole T 24 Jun 1930

23rd June Keys for box of tools arrived today.

24th June Mr AW McWilliams Sole T PP

9th July. Received barometer tube, iodine and methylated spirits from G Wilton. So far the tools for light woodwork have not arrived. Wrote to Wellington Education Board re this matter

16th July Received box of tools from Wellington Education Board today

21st September One pupil removed from register as parents have arranged to have child taught by correspondence

2nd December School closed on account of general election

15th December received word today that Nora Welch gained Proficiency Certificate

18th December School closed this afternoon for Christmas Holidays. Concert and Break up held in hall

1932

2nd February Wrote to Wellington Education Board re damage done to house during the holidays and asking that it be repaired.

5th February Received word that the repairs to windows in house and locks to be carried out

10th February Removed Doris and Lawrence Bak from roll as arrangements are to be made to have them taught by correspondence

21st April Received prizes to be presented to Don Keats, a pupil of the school and won by him in the calf rearing competition held last summer.

23rd May Received word from Wellington Education Board that owing to decision of cabinet no sewing mistress is appointed for the teaching of sewing. Sent return re number of lessons taken by sewing mistress during first term to the Board.

27th May School closed today to enable teacher to attend refresher course in drill in Masterton

5th September Received cup won by the boy's football team this year.

30th September School visited by school medical officer who examined all the children

7th November Forwarded Postal Note for nine shillings to Wellington Education Board for Children's Health Camp at Otaki

12th December Received word today that Rita Campbell had gained a competency certificate

1933

1st February Roll number now only 20

9th February Wrote to Wellington Education Board notifying them that the roll number of the school had fallen to 20 which reduces the attendance below the minimum required to be a grade two school

21st November Painters began painting school residence today

1934

5th February During the holiday concrete paths were put down round the school making a big improvement in the appearance of the grounds. A porch has also been erected at the rear of the house as well as a fence between the house and the playground

27th February Received word today that Phyllis Hunt and Gladys Mount have measles. With the other members of these families absent and the McLachlan's and McLeod's the attendance is only 13 today. Chairman wrote to Wellington Education Board re closing school

18th February Only 6 children present today

1st March. Only 2 children present

5th March No children present this morning as all the pupils are either suffering from measles or are in direct contact with cases of measles

6th March Though the chairman of the School Committee wrote 27/1/34 re closing the school for a period until measles epidemic is over no word has been received. I communicated with Mr Donald (Member Wellington Education Board) who instructed me to send a "collect" wire to the Board explaining the position and asking for instructions

7th March This afternoon the chairman received a telegram as follows. "Approve closing May vacation now"

19th March. Reopened school today . Attendance 23

21st May. 5 children absent with chicken pox

29th May The chip heater to replace the open fire place was installed today

1st October Very rough day, heavy rain and wind. Only 14 children present in morning 12 in afternoon

19th October. Received map of the world

31st October Standard 6 did proficiency papers in History, Geography and Science. Drawing to be done on 1st November

6th December The judging of the calves in the Calf Rearing Competition was carried out at the school this afternoon.

1. Dairy Type Murray Keats 1, Phyllis Hunt 2 Don Keats 3

2. Condition Don Keats 1. Murray Keats 2, Ena McLean 3
3. Special Prizes for best handled calf results in Don Keats, Phyllis Hunt and Murray Keats

1935

5th February Roll 13

10th May School closed today for term holidays As I am being transferred to Carluke (Rai Valley) this is my last day in this school

27th May 1935 Mrs C E Flynn Sole PP

28th May Duties taken up by C E Flynn

30th May School visited by Mr Powell Architect. Drew attention to tank which is empty- holes in the bottom.

23rd August, Reliever C Flynn left

9th September J Dwyer Commenced. Roll 13

25th September. Influenza in district. Only 8 present

4th October. All excepted (½ day) during week owing to whooping cough and influenza

18th October All days of current week excepted. Half days owing to whooping cough etc.

29th October Inspectors Report

- a) Mr J Dwyer
- b) Roll 13 Number present 2
- c) Almost from the beginning of this term the attendance has been affected by epidemic sickness, every day for the last 5 weeks has been “excepted”
- d) Under these circumstances it is scarcely possible to form a just estimate of the work of the school

18th November Entered Elwyn Welch

27th November School closed. Used as a polling booth

1936

23rd March School opened at 9.20 am Called away on Friday Urgent business. No earlier connection. School Committee consulted on Friday.

7th September. During holidays Interior of School has been painted.

7th Department Inspection Report

- a) Roll 15, 15 present
- b) Mr J Dwyer
- c) The children are very well behaved and happy in their school
- d) Mr Dwyer is giving sufficient time to primer classes (4)
- e) As the neighbour's pig was in school grounds today a fence will be required if the children's gardens are to be of any use.

24th September. Mr Brockett called and left seeds and manure for mangle competition

11th November 2 Minutes silence taken

15th December. School closed early by Board. (Infantile paralysis epidemic feared)

1937

22nd February Recommenced duties today. Pupils still excluded-reopening date 1st March. The schools have been closed as a precautionary measure owing to a threatened epidemic of paralysis

13th March School Picnic held in Mr McLeod's property after school

23rd March. School dentist visited school to examine pupil's teeth.

25th March. 5 children withdraw today roll will be 9

Posted progress cards to Central school for 5 boys who left
 19th April School closed on account of Infantile paralysis epidemic.
 Correspondence work commenced
 12th May Coronation Day Owing to Infantile Paralysis Epidemic
 school closed. No celebrations being held
 Correspondence work concludes for term
 27th May Inspectors Report. Roll 8

- a) A pleasant tone prevails in this little school, pupils being industrious and attentive
- b) The equality of the instruction is distinctly good

28th May Roll 8
 4th June Roll 7
 22nd June Mr Brockett and Mr Dwyer visited the school re Mangle competition
 6th September School reopened only 4 present. Roll 7
 16th September Arts and Craft competition at the Rangitumau Hall
 6th October Wellington Education Board members, Messrs Dyer (Chairman), Donald, Colonel McDonald and Mr Deavoll Secretary visited school today to discuss future of school. Roll 8. Meeting to be called to discuss consolidation
 29th October Received notice of impending transfer on account of school falling in grade.
 10th November Three desks forwarded to Mangatainoka School
 15th November Heard with deep regret of death of George Welch a pupil of this school
 16th November School closed funeral of George Welch. Rang chairman of Board, Mr Dwyer who concurred with this action
 23rd November Received Notification of transfer to the Belvedere School (Later cancelled owing to consolidation)

25th, 26th November School closed Teacher indisposed.

1938

1st February School reopened Only 2 present
 2nd February Mr Donald, Colonel McDonald and Mr Powell called today
 4th February Only 3 pupils attended during week. Nancy Mathews withdrawn. Roll 6. All excepted days
 25th February School closed as all pupils attended Primary School Athletic Meeting in Masterton. Teacher on duty there
 4th March. School closed Picnic at Eastbourne. Ford Car Assembly Factory inspected by pupils and parents
 19th March Received word of pending appointment to Hastwell School
 29th March Received instruction to commence duties at Hastwell on 1st April 1938
 31st March J Dwyer finished today
 1st April Elwyn Welch withdrawn today. L Wingate Commenced duty. Roll 5
 23rd May Attendance of 4
 16th September Inspectors report

- a) Miss L A Wingate
- b) Roll 6
- c) This little school is functioning smoothly and efficiently.
- d) The interior environment of the school has been greatly improved and is now quite attractive.
- e) The school is in good heart

1939

1st February 8 students present.

3rd March. School's annual picnic held at Mr McLeod's Property.

13th March Afternoon spent at Traffic Instruction Lecture held in Mauriceville Hall.

20th March Inspectors report

- a) Miss L A Wingate
- b) Roll 10
- c) Mention must be made of the reference books recently obtained for the use of pupils,
- d) The assessment is rated as good

25th April School closed for Anzac Day

20th to 22nd September School closed for three days owing to teacher be indisposed

11th October A neatly hand written report to Wellington Education Board included

- a) One classroom obsolete type, matchlined throughout probably 50 years old; Orientation wrong; ventilation fairly good; oblique air current; light good; Orion stove heater; floor worn, open joints in lining, broken window pane, lining fairly sound
- b) Colours drab; roof water supply; washbasins outside; built on wood blocks some decay; roof painted, repainting due,
- c) Shelter Sheds unlined, wood floor shabby, broken; Fuel shed attached;
- d) W.C's Pits, Girls wood floor lattice panelled front wall, concrete floor urinal, iron stall and screen

- e) Grounds about 2 acres inclusive of residence, level, mostly rough grass
- f) The residence has five rooms open verandah, verandah floor decayed, built on wood blocks.
- g) Outside neglected and untidy. Unable to inspect inside

1940

6th February School reopened. Roll 8

14th March Afternoon spent at the Masterton centennial Celebrations held at the showgrounds

28th March. School closed for 2 days following death of the Prime Minister

3rd May School picnic held in Mr J Campbell's paddock and the Mount Bruce Hall.

16th August School closed today for school holiday As I have resigned from my position here this is my last day. L A Wingate

3rd September New Teacher Margaret Oxley . School reopened.

Kelvin Naysmith from Masterton West Side School admitted.

16th September. Admitted Ngaira Naysmith from Makuri School

27th September As I have been appointed to Mimi School (Taranaki)

This is my last day here

2nd October Margaret Wallace Relieving, Finished 25th October

4th November N Musgrove Relieving Roll 5 boys 3 girls

6th November Received word that Ngairi and Maureen McLachlan had been awarded prizes for writing in Colonial Industries Competition

15th November Finished Today N E Musgrove

18th November N Wheeler. Relieving Teacher Commenced duty

7th December Inspectors Report included. G H Stubbs

- a) Roll 8
- b) In spite of many changes during the year a really good standard of work has been maintained and in all classes. The pupils should merit promotion at the end of the year.
- c) A very pleasant tone exists, the pupils being well behaved, courteous and communicative.
- d) They are definitely interested in their various tasks and they apply genuine effort

19th December Sent off 8/6 to the Hawkes Bay Education Board for Health Camp

20th Nancy M Wheeler finished

1941

3rd February L V Banks Commenced

Roll Girls 5, Boys 3

14th February Received notification re provision of mailbox

21st February Mrs J F Banks appointed sewing mistress for 1941

7th March The school picnic was held in Mr McLeod's property today

10th March Received timber for covering Cesspit today

26th May Received requisition Form for science equipment

2	Evaporating Basins
6	Test Tubes
2	Glass Filter funnels
1	Thistle Headed Funnel
1 foot	Rubber Tubing
12	Assorted Corks
4 ounces	H C L

4 “ “	Ammonia
2 “ “	Iodine
4 “ “	Fehling Sol No 1
4 “ “	No 2
1 quart	Methylated Spirits
1	Rain Gauge

3rd June. Admitted Gordon Campbell to school today

6th June Attendance irregular owing to severe weather conditions

3rd July Science equipment arrived

7th August Lynn and Howard Nichol away suffering from scabies

25th September. Accompanied children to Masterton for Governor's Visit

26th September. Holiday granted by Governor

26th September Received from Board 3 boxes chalk, Making NZ (*Making New Zealand were a series of Magazines on a variety of subjects and were well read by the author, sometimes bound into 3 volumes. Published for 100 years from signing the Treaty of Wairangi*)) and artificial respiration

3rd October. Purchased today a spinning wheel with funds raised by Women's Institute.

26th November Received word today that 5 awards have been made to school for writing competition. Maureen McLaughlin, 2 prizes. Ngaire Campbell, Margaret Campbell and Marion Wyeth 1 Prize each

1942

2nd February Roll, 7 Girls, 3 Boys

During holidays the schoolhouse has had the hot water systems overhauled and two new four hundred gallon tanks installed

6th March School Closed for Annual Picnic

9th March Received letter granting permission to close for picnic

14th April Inspectors report

- a) D V Banks
- b) Roll 11
- c) The teaching is quite well organised to keep the various classes usefully occupied.
- d) The general level of classwork is uneven The senior pupils are making good progress and so are the primers But the junior classes are backward and will demand an amount of attention.
- e) It is to be hoped that some apparatus will be secured for use in connexion with physical education
- f) The grounds are tidy and gardening has been attempted.

25th May Received word that two blackboards for teachers end of school have been allotted. First Fall snow on the mountains

27th May Received Notice that I have been appointed Head Teacher of Rangiahua School

22nd June Two pupils attending only in mornings owing to food problems. 4 lunches to cut

23rd June Dry spell broken, 16 Frosts on end now southerly weather again

25th June School Closed on account of extremely severe earthquake. The house chimneys are all destroyed and some settlers are forced to cook meals out of doors. State of near panic exists

29th June Earthquake shocks continue. Severity diminishing but still frequent

30th June This is my last day at this school Mr Banks

1st July Mr E Claris. Visited by Mr Deavoll Secretary of Wellington Education Board Mr Donald, Board Member and Mr Drummond who came to examine school and residence for damage done by earthquake. School in good order. Chimneys of house shaken down

13th July Very wet weather- attendance poor. Only two children present when school opened, few arrived later

31st July Letter to Mr D V Banks Rangiahua Native School Frasertown Hawkes Bay from Wellington Education Board

Included

- a) On the 1st July a ward member, Secretary and Architect arrived just as the contractors were about to depart with your effects.
- b) The men directed attention to the condition of the residence and as this was an earthquake inspection a thorough inspection was made.
- c) I can only express regret that we did not see you personally and point out first hand your serious neglect of the Board's property and importance of your position as a teacher
- d) The place was left in filthy condition. Cobwebs and dead flies were found in every room mostly in the window frames but also in the corners at ceiling level.
- e) Cupboards were dirty and discarded articles left within.
- f) The bathroom was dirty and used razor blades and empty toothpaste tubes were left lying about.
- g) Tea leaves had been thrown out at the back door and paint on the walls was stained

- h) The sump beneath the tank stand was cased with grease and excreta had been emptied on the ground near the backdoor and left uncovered.
- i) The place had not been scrubbed out.
- j) I have been directed to seek an explanation from you.
- k) It was also decided to call upon you to bear the cost of cleaning the premises in order that your successor- a woman- shall not be burdened with the expense when she takes up duty.
- l) In attention that we will draw the attention to the Department to ensure that that there is no repetition as to the Department's property.
- m) So that the Native School Inspectors will be able to satisfy themselves that you are paying proper attention to school hygiene
- n) In conclusion you might know that the kitten you left behind at the residence was handed to one girl pupil who promised to take it to her home and care for it.

5th August Reply from D>V Banks included

- a) I have no excuse to offer regarding the cobwebs and dead flies
- b) I was under the impression that the contractors cleaned the house after they had packed.
- c) As this was obviously a mistake I am willing to pay for the cleaning.

- d) I think your remarks and interpretation that this reflects on my dignity is rather harsh. I am certain you could find no fault in the condition the school was left in.
- e) The state of the sump was definitely an oversight on my part and can only blame the upset caused by the earthquake and shifting for this.
- f) When I assumed office the house was in an equally bad state. The lavatory had not been attended to, bird excreta covered the floors in every room
- g) When replying to these letters will you please enclose my social security levy book

Below was a letter from Jean Banks including

- a) I wish to apologise for the state of the house and take full blame
- b) My baby was not well (One of Four)
- c) My three year old son was suffering from diarrhoea and the excreta must have been from this.
- d) I wish to state emphatically that I scrubbed three rooms, cleaned the bathroom, scrubbing the walls of the bathroom but failed to remove all the dirt that has accumulated for years.
- e) I could not secure any help prior to leaving so had to manage all myself.
- f) I have excellent help here

- g) The kitten could not be found when we left but I had told Mrs Sharman the neighbour and she was going to take it home when she returned from Masterton I am not in the habit of leaving an animal to starve.
- h) Hoping that upon receiving this you will more lenient in your criticism of my Husband

A handwritten note was underneath saying Mr Fleming had visited the new school and the place was quite clean and tidy

4th August. School opened half an hour late. Teacher indisposed. Margaret and Ian Campbell absent- Measles in their home.

7th September New Teacher

10th September A wet cold day- school late in starting as we had to wait for children to arrive, 3 absent

20th October A very wet day. Poor attendance owing to distance.

1943

26th February Mrs Gillum notified me Stanley had meningitis

5th March Phys Ed meeting in Masterton

12th July. As the concrete in the Boy's convenience has set the board was removed

12th July A load of metal was put in the mud hole

4th October. Small attendance owing to pupils in quarantine for measles.

17th November. 3 children present- Colds Order of dates as per log

28th September. Wire netting fence round the vegetable garden was completed.

25th October Tumbling mat was completed

1944

1st February Miss E I Howes Started School

4th March Milk supplies have started

12th April 2nd case of apples have arrived

5th May Miss Howes finished

22nd May Commenced School Today M E Steeds

Lila and Trevor Gillum and Maurice Reed left this week for Tuhitarata Roll 8

4th September Miss E Halliwell 6 on roll Inspectors report

- a) The teacher shows much keenness in her new position has already begun to improve the school environment.
- b) The school room is clean and tidy and a few suitable pictures have been hung.
- c) A good beginning has been made with some pupil directed activities.
- d) To give the pupils a greater scope for general reading and project work' it is hoped that the committee will be able to supply some suitable reading material

1945

19th March Shirley and Ron Trass starts Roll 12

20th December Miss Halliwell's Last Day

1946

4th February Ruth A Clark Teacher Roll 7

22nd February School closed to allow teacher to attend NZEI meeting in Masterton

7th March Police inspector called re vandalism to school property. Children not involved, apparently outside youths.

30th April School Committee Meeting held I wish to express my appreciation of the cooperation given me at all times by the retiring chairman

10th May This is my last day of a very pleasant term of relieving duty in this school Ruth A Clarke

27th May Opened school today L(?) M Price. No scheme of work or admission and withdrawal register

7th June A letter from Mr Daniells wanting to use the unoccupied schoolhouse as a bushman's residence. The house is unoccupied because a single girl is in charge

Turned down

1st July Mr Maloney came and gave an interesting lesson on the Puropero's home in the manuka wood. A fine specimen was shown.

3rd July The plumber arrived today to replace the school tank which was holed by vandals during school holidays

12th July Last night a school committee meeting was held- First since my arrival. Mr H F Cottle, chairman presided. Motion passed to remove the pine tree between the school and playshed,

19th July Members of the School Committee came to school today to fell the tree behind the school

14th August Received a set of weights for school balance. Turned on a lathe in wood, weighted in lead.

20th August Today took 5 elder children into town for the Rotary Club's conducted tours of various factories and buildings. Juniors were given the half day off.

2nd August New Boy. Denis Bolsted- admitted. Roll now stands at 6 boys 4 girls

23rd August. Closed the school for the term holidays. School was scrubbed- evidently the first time for years.

7th November Received Teacher O Price Roll 12

O M Price (Relieving War Appointment)

Report Inspectors G H Stubbs

- a) Both tone and behaviour are very good and a splendid spirit of work has been fostered.
- b) It is pleasing to note that the country library service is appreciated.
- c) A usefully attractive environment is provided

19th November A meeting is to be held tonight at the Opaki School for the arrangements concerning fancy dress dance and Xmas tree- the children of this school participating

1947

3rd February Opened with an attendance of 6 (2 Bolsteds turned up later)

6th February Took the two boys and 6 girls for a swim in the Waipore (Waipoua?) river. Left at 12.30 Took stages 1,2,3 of "Teaching of Swimming" No 18

12th February Received 5 awards for the Dominion Industries Journal Ian Campbell 7/6d Marian Wyeth 3/- Margaret Campbell Certificate, Shirley Trass 3/9 Gordon Morgan 2/6d

24th February Jim Campbell pre-school age arrived at school today

28th February A School Committee meeting was held in the Mikimiki Hall last night

17th March Mr Warham (Physical Education) visited today. Very little could be done in this school on account of low roll numbers. Ball handling and catching needs practice

21st March Combined school sports were held in Central Park Masterton Three children from this school present.(S and R Trass, Gordon Campbell)

31st March Received one box of Cox's Orange apples for the school on Saturday

12th and 13th April Golden Jubilee Held
The first permanent teacher Miss Kean was present

14th April The plumbers arrived today to repair the leaky spouting and down pipes at the school residence.

18th April The two Morgan Children have now been withdrawn. They will attend Masterton Central. Roll now stands at 6 (Four boys, two girls)

1st May The sum of 10/7 ½d was donated by the six pupils of this school to the Otaki Health Camp Fund. The sum of 10/7 has now been sent to Wellington Education Board

9th May Closed the school for first term holidays. Received Notification that this school no longer requires my services

26th 27th May. School closed no teacher

28th May School closed. Used as a polling booth. (Licence Restoration)

29th May S T Jenkins relieving. Roll 6. No scheme of work

30th June Enrolled Vincent and Merle Keats Roll now 7

21st July. Stirrup Pump arrived Fire extinguisher arrived

18th August. 6 children and teacher spent day at Lansdowne School.

Children attended dental clinic as required. The rest spent time in their respective classrooms watching filmstrips or reading in the library.

A children's encyclopaedia was purchased for the school. This should be better for the children than the adults one in the school at present

21st August F J Bidwell Teacher, Some children from this school attended the Fancy Dress Ball at Rangitumau Hall. The ball was a district one,

7th September Upon inspection of the school records I have discovered there is no scheme of work

28th November School closed under health department decree. This was occasioned by a severe outbreak of poliomyelitis.

1948

2nd February Schools are no to reopen till at least after the Easter Vacation. In the meantime pupils will continue to work at home.

6th February All pupils have been visited and assignments of work set for them

9th February A meeting of teachers held at Central School to discuss problems arising from Correspondence work.

17th February Notified by Board that teachers must not visit pupils in their homes

21st March It has been announced that all schools will reopen on Monday March 1st

9th April School Picnic held at Mikimiki hall

10th July Boys combined with boys from Opaki School to enter a team in the 7 aside rugby tournament in Masterton

4th August Arbor Day observed. A Totara tree planted and ground prepared to hedge

5th August Abelia hedge planted in school by children

6th September Mr O'Conner's employees have almost completed the removal of the inner row of pines round the school grounds. Work has been commenced on the erection of fence between the residence and the school.

30th November Inspector Phillips visited and advocates replacement of worm eaten cupboard and timber inside and painting of interior.

1949

7th February A new boy admitted- He is totally deaf

29th February 7 pupils have been satisfactorily swum distances for certificates.

15th June 100 Lawsoniana Tree were ordered for planting of shelter belt inside pines round playground

21st July A new cupboard was received and installed beneath the main blackboards

4th August School visited by District Nurse who showed to the children a filmstrip entitled We Drink Our Milk

19th August Roll 15, 4 Girls, 11 Boys

27th September Pupils visited Masterton to see film Scott of the Antarctic

21st November. Commenced examinations for end of year survey.

12th December Fancy Dress Ball held in Mount Bruce Hall, Kopuaranga, Rangitumau and Opaki Schools invited. There was a very large attention

16th December. Repair work at school now well underway.

1950

New Teacher

30th January The repair work at the school has now been completed and the interior painted. A very pleasing result

1st February Roll 14. (4 girls)

6th February Five children are absent owing to their families being out of the district for a fortnight

15th February A second drill bench arrived for the school

28th February As a result of swimming activities all swimmers have improved their distances 100%

Two swam 440 yards. 2 juniors have learnt to swim and all have acquired confidence in the water,.

The Wellington Education Board has approved the purchase of a filmstrip projector for the school

At this stage there are 4 children of school age attending

29th March Combined Country School Sports held in Masterton All pupils here took part and in the finals gained 3 firsts, 3 seconds, and 3 thirds.

5th April Another teacher?

5th May Film strip projector ordered for the school

12th June Work very upset at present owing to numbers of absences due to the incidence of influenza

28th June. At a meeting the previous night the School Committee decided to raise funds for the purchase of a sound projector

6th July School visited by pupils of Rangitumau Opaki schools Basketball (Netball) Football (Rugby) and Soccer were played

4th October An "Ampro" sound projector has now been purchased for the school

18th October, School visited the Industrial Exhibition in Wellington
21st October A film evening was held for the purpose of thanking those who so generously subscribed towards the purchase for a Sound Projector and to demonstrate the machine to the parents. Films were supplied by Chas Begg Ltd (Suppliers of the projector)
27th October First films received from the National Film Library
30th October. Two children admitted- One from the Child Welfare Office. Roll 18
7th November School closed- Teacher absent in Wellington- requested by War Pensions Department.
30th November Pupils took part in Combined Schools Fancy Dress Ball at Kopuaranga
11th December Entertained Opaki School at a sports gathering. Films were shown to the Opaki School

1951

31st January Have received a request to commence new term at Hopelands School in Hawkes Bay Area and am resigning from this position
F J Bidwell
13th February Commenced Duty as relieving teacher, School Closed to this date as no reliever available. J E Sellar
Roll 15 All present
21st February Swimming period in afternoon conducted with assistance of Mrs Campbell. Doubtful morning prevented some children from bringing costumes
.22nd February Fine and Warm 13 children (5 beginners) entered water. Some progress being shown

1st March No communication from Wellington Education Board re relieving teacher for March received by School Committee. Having urgent business in Wellington on 2nd March and ensuing week am concluding period of relieving employment this afternoon. J E Sellar
8th March No offer relieving teacher being available have been engaged by Board for further period till March 22nd. Hot Day. J E Sellar.
14th March Weather continually cold. Ron Trass in hospital with pneumonia
19th March Weather much more like autumn though improved. Swimming discontinued for season.
22nd march Concluding 2nd period of relieving today.
1st April 4th May Mrs Eleanor O'Kane relieving
21st May. W E Farland (*Bill*) commenced,. 16 on roll
23rd May No scheme of work in school
25th June Visit paid by Red Cross representative who discussed with children the formation of a red cross group. 1 Cord Mairie sawn by Messrs Weddell and L Trass
18th July Mr Tredray called- observed boys with Shangais but not from this school
25th July Visit paid by Opaki (Mr W Taylor) and Rangitumau (Mr K Hexhall) schools for organised games. An attendance of parents
31st July Received 13 Native Trees. Plots prepared for Arbor Day ceremony.
3rd August Arbor Day celebrated. 13 native trees planted by Children after brief address
16th August Film evening held in schoolroom for parents. School Committee meeting followed at which it was decided to purchase cleaning equipment.

21st – 22nd August. School thoroughly scrubbed and walls and windows cleaned.

1st September. School used as polling both for general election.

3rd September Received 3 tables and chairs (Type C) from Wellington Education Board. The school is now equipped with suitable tables and chairs for all pupils.

12th September Visit paid by Mr Harbutt Post Office Savings Bank Official re commencement of school savings scheme.

18th September Visit by Mr Harbutt who initiated school savings and took first deposits. Showed Film, Thrift

9th September. Visit of Board's Overseer re return of spare desks

16th September School desks despatched to Board's workshop per Mr D Hunt

17th September. Ron, Colin and Douglas Trass excluded from school on account of measles in family (14 day period) Assignments of work posted this day

31st October Attended meeting of teachers concerned with Fancy Dress Ball. Programme arranged. Practices to be held in Rangitumau (8th November) and Mikimiki (15th November) Opaki school to be hosts but Ball to be held in Mt Bruce Hall owing to Cooper's Barn (Opaki) being unavailable

1st November High winds have flattened board fence between school and house. Several tree tops broken and these constitute a danger and must be removed.

27th November Planted experimental Maize Crop

4th December. Dr Beeby (*Secretary of Education Department*) accompanied by Mr H C Dent (Editor of the London Times educational supplement) Mr J Bostock (N Z representative of the

British Council and Mr G Parkyn (N Z Council of Educational Research)

5th December. Punished 4 boys for bad language

1952

26th January Working Bee. Grass cut, sandpit built and filled. Sees saw erected.

4th February School reopened Roll 15

Notification received that school colours have been registered as Read and Black

7th February Death of King George, VI School closed

11th February Proclamation of accession of Queen Elizabeth II marked by school ceremony

15th February Funeral of King. Flag Salute

25th February School Committee meeting. Decision to purchase radio made. Application for hard surfaced area to be made

15th April Application made for septic system at school, house after a committee discussion with Board Member

25th April School closed for Anzac Day Observance. Flag salute and appropriate address held on previous day.

27th May. Children taken to Masterton to view film the Royal Tour of Canada

5th June. Received box of woodwork tools and dressed timber

16th June There is no paved area for the children so put in an application for 100' x 50' area for physical education

18th June. Application for a septic tank system in the school and residence costing £830. Roll about 20. Declined

Then on 2nd September The building code allows a maximum apron width of 18 feet and we would apply for this to be paved

The scheme involves putting down a bore for water with pressure pump outfit, alterations' to buildings etc.,

Apart from £5 or 6 pounds for electrical work there has been no grant for this school since the house was erected in 1913

30th June. From Director deferring septic tank installation

30th June. School Committee meeting. It was decided to erect a bike shed. Renew the shelter belts and prepare the school frontage for a spring sowing of grass,

4th July Radio installed in classroom

24th July School garden plots received load of manure per kind favour of Mr D Christensen

31st July Received two pairs of scissors from Wellington Education Board

19th August. Film evening held in hall this evening for parents and friends of the school.

21st August A drinking fountain is to be procured

16th September Received Blackboard easel. Projector lamp burned out

27th September. Alan Rayner received cut above eye while playing longball. Wellington Education Board notified

24th November Pupils attended calf and lamb day at Matahiwi School

1953

2nd February Roll 15

31st March. Fire drill carried out.. Visit by Mrs Clare and Miss Nichol (Speech Defect Survey)

27th March W Weddell scythed grass.

29th May Coronation Ceremony held at school.

3rd June. Fire drill held.

15th June. New blinds installed in school £12

1st July School attended screening of coronation film in Masterton

16th July Rev Clements conducted first lesson of services of Bible Stories

This arrangement brought about by cooperation of School Committee, Masterton Minsters and School Teacher. Half hour lessons twice monthly

21st September Well Borer commenced operations

19th October Well borer stopped at 190 feet

7th December Parent's evening held in schoolroom. Special lessons held on swimming safety- Water Wisdom

15th December End of year concert and display of work. Xmas tree and Father Xmas (Mr L A Keats) organised by Home and School Ass. A large attendance of parents and friends made this an extremely successful function

1954

1st February Roll 20

25th February Swimming Sports at Opaki (5 Schools took part)

26th February School visited by speech therapist Miss Whitlock, 3 enrolled

27th April Inspectors Report. Mr W E (Bill) Farland H T. Mrs Garland Sewing

- a) Roll 24
- b) Organisation has been affected by a growing primer roll to 10 pupils.
- c) Class work based on activity methods is well planned and working smoothly
- d) The provision of tables and chairs has assisted materially in making a better working environment
- e) The School Committee takes a pride in the school and the provision of outside amenities including a sandpit, see saw and bicycle shed are noted with approval.

1st June W Peters commenced May 31st

24th June W Farland resumed.

15th November School Closed Teacher Ill

17th November K W Tonks relieving

16th December Roll at 23.

1955

1st February Roll 21. Bruce Christensen admitted

23rd February Visit by Miss Mawson (National Library Services)

28th February Home and School annual meeting. Motor Mower and Duplicator Purchased

22nd March Motor Mower Installed. Purchased with money donated by Home and School Association

14th April School Magazine started. "The Mikimiki Messenger

20th April Standard 2 to Form 2 children visited Hansells, Reliance Tyres, Cunningham's Refrigeration, Printing Office, Times Age. An extremely valuable day

26th April Teacher attended refresher course in Masterton Mr Farland in charge of school during absence

28th April. All children interviewed topdressing pilots and sat in planes.

4th May Infants. Standard 1 and 2 Children visited Railway Station, and sorting room at Post Office. Senior Children visited telephone exchange in care of Mrs Christensen

24th May Horizontal Bars and ladder installed

29th June My last day at the school. Commencing at Masterton Central as from 1st July Roll 24.

All records checked by chairman

30th June. Dot Farland Relieving for short period

11th July J C Ritchie relieving Took up duties. The school has been closed for one week owing to staffing difficulties

14th July School taken into the town hall in parents cars in order to see the Hogarth Puppets

18th July. Monkey bars erected in playground during the weekend by a School Committee working party,

Reliever for July August K Tonks

5th September. Permanent Teacher B Sutton-Smith

12th September. Sent 7 senior boys down to river with a bucket to get clay for clay modelling (Took 4 days to prepare clay which was a marked success

15th September. Senior boys began building of a "Wendy House" for the Juniors. This week they cleaned the ground and laid down a brick

floor, putting in two uprights. With inadequate materials they take good care of good craftsmen using spirit level etc.

Began an initial half hour daily of free activity for Senior Pupils

22nd September A load of wood for the boys playhouse contributed by C Campbell, also and oil drum for the playground

4th October. Material contributed for playground playhouse by Messrs Usher, Trass and I Daken

27th October Another load of wood for playhouse

5th November School Committee held bonfire for children Saturday Night behind hall in Rata Campbell's Paddock.

8th November School calf and lamb day. Children spent the morning preparing.. Judging of flower arrangements by Miss J McLeod, 4 Calves entered, 6 lambs and pet parade included horses dogs and cats.

Opening of the playhouse with speeches by Henry Christensen and cutting of ribbon by Jim Campbell.

11th November. School visited Come to Masterton industrial exhibition in afternoon

15th November Unofficial visit by Board Members- this time to show the Board Chairman- certain features of the playhouse; a certain droll delight being taken in the boy's window

16th November Final arrangements made for billeting and transporting 16 Kelburn School Children from Model to arrive Monday

22nd November School closed by School Committee until 28th November owing to teacher's sickness with Glandular Fever. Forced to convalesce for several months

28th November School reopened with Mrs Sutton Smith as relieving teacher

7th December. School closed by School Committee owing to sickness of Mrs S-S and committees decision that it would not be in interests of her health to carry on.

14th December. Roll at end of year 17 Boys and 6 Girls

1956

2nd February Swimming lessons commenced. Measured distance to pool 43 chains. Length of Pool 42 yards

29th February This month older boys constructed sand base for climbing bars; jumping put; upright for tenniquoits and racks for tennis and cricket gear. Also began construction of a tree house.

7th March

General Committee members G Bacon, W Weddell, and D Christensen spent a Saturday Morning scything grass and cleaning the school floor with caustic soda

Church members decided to have church henceforth in the hall but to leave the organ so music tuition could continue.

15th March School visited by Mr Doyle the new traffic inspector for this district (Children's instructor)

19th March. County grader cleared away rough growth in front of school and in South corner of school grounds.

20th March Inspectors report

- a) Brian Sutton-Smith, Sewing Mrs Sutton Smith
- b) Roll 19
- c) Grounds and environs have been improved by increasing the grass areas. A motor lawn mower has been purchased.

22nd March Mr C A Hill, inspector visited the school on a regular inspection visit and stayed until 5pm in the house
31st March The children in Indian costume performed a mimed and danced version of Pocahontas at a social evening in the hall
24th March A new hard board floor was laid in the school by builder Mr McLellan
3rd September J M Whittam relieving.
1st October M W Walker Permanent teacher. Roll 20
19th November. Received Wellington Education Board's approval of subletting of residence.
21st November. Work Department's men came to fix fire extinguisher
5th December Wellington Education Board again applies to Department for septic tank and replacement of lavatory buildings
12th December Home and School meeting. Discussion on telephone installation in school (H & S to be approached re ½ rental)
Tennis courts discussed

1957

11th Meeting with tennis club to discuss possibility of concrete courts. Water from Mr Campbell's property for the new toilet blocks discussed
15th April School Committee meeting Work bees and installation of telephones discussed
29th April Mr Armstrong School Inspector came to repair all windows, shortened cords, eased frames and fixed new locks
6th May Attended Football and Basketball at Kopuaranga
11th June. Received polio vaccination consent cards. Sent out to all children between 5 and 9 years

10th June P & T (Post and Telegraph) installed telephone in school.
10th July Visit of Mrs Margaret Bengel- Art specialist Most enjoyable day. Children did groups of Fruit (Still life), wool and paste, Dye on Paste Clay. Films were shown to children.
22nd July Matahiwi School visited to play football and basketball and practice songs for the music festival.
30th July The Board proposes to tap into Mikimiki water supply on Rata Campbell's place
5th- 7th August. School closed teacher having influenza.
16th August Health Department Officer tested children's hearing today.
25th September Septic Tank installation. The toilets are only pits The boy's lavatory is situated some way from the school and is in a bad state of repair. Approved by Department on 11th October
27th September Children from Standard 1 to 4 went to Kopuaranga for polio injections
1st October Final rehearsal for Music festival. Choir of 10 entered. Mrs Barlow took rest of school
2nd October. Standard 1 – 6 attended music festival matinee
3rd and 4th October. Music Festival in Town Hall. 300 children in massed choir.
7th October. Roll now stands at 25
3rd December New toilet blocks ready for use by girls
17th December Edward Campbell injured leg on croquet hoop. Anti-tetanus injection.

1958

Roll now stands at 27

Admitted 2 new pupils Douglas and Maie Wallace. (Welfare Children) From Eketahuna. Roll now stands at 27

7th February School closed Queen Mothers Visit to Wellington

13th February School Committee meeting held in school. School Committee agreed to purchase hose for toilets and windows.

3rd March. Swimming sports at Opaki Baths. Schools participating Opaki, Rangitumau, Kopuaranga, Matahiwi, and Mikimiki

7th March Children attended Municipal Baths to do distances for swimming certificates. Following seals were obtained

5 yards Bill Hooper, Keith Barlow, Caroline Foster

50 yards and water skills. Anne Baron, Edward Campbell, Geoff Foster, John Foster

220 yards John Foster, Raewyn Campbell

After swimming children visited the wax work show at the Town Hall

10th April On parent's suggestion children attended Farm Implement Display put on by Young Farmer's Club held locally on Mr R D Hunt's property. Cars called for children at 10 30 am. Day did not finish until 5 p.m. Rather a long day for junior children. A very instructive Day. Children very interested in projects.

26th May. Roll 30. Four new entrants from school house

Jennifer, Suzzane, Danny and Lynda Hooper.

29th May. Received request for Glen Potts progress card. Left school in February.

9th June. Children transported to Opaki School for polio injections

2nd July. School closed Basketball and Seven aside football tournament in Masterton

2nd July Installation of heater completed

11th July Debate about an extra classroom, It was agreed that the porch would be big enough in a letter from Mrs M Walker the measurements are 13 foot 6 inches x 13 feet. Heating would be needed.

14th July. School closed on account of Teacher's illness

18th July. Senior girls commenced cooking classes at Central School

4th August The roll is 32 the relaxed staffing schedule would be applied. Mrs M Foster living in the district will take the class,

a) The roll had to stay over 31

b) Spare accommodation is available The teacher is required to apply for the next vacancy at your school. The teacher has to live locally

6th August Inspectors Report Mrs M W Walker ST

a) Roll 32

b) Throughout the school the methods of teaching are designed to keep the pupils busy and interested and to cater for their special education needs.

c) The pupils are courteous and obedient

15th August Mrs Foster assisted at school by staying with children who are not in choir while others attended first Music Festival Rehearsal'

8th September School reopened. Mrs Foster commenced duties as Relieving Assistant under alternative staffing schedule Roll 32

Undated Application for a new school

- a) Roll 1955 22, 1956 25, 1957 20, 1958 23
- b) Expected 1959 32, 1960 34, 1961 35
- c) Will remain a sole charge
- d) The current school erected 1897 is very crowded for a sole charge
- e) It is the most urgent in the Wellington Education Board area The current building is wrongly orientated resulting in very poor lighting.
- f) It would not be economic to remodel the present building

1959

2nd February Roll now at 28. Mrs Foster not to resume duties owing to drop in roll

13th February School closed for Annual Picnic at Payton's Bush-most successful

2nd March Mr P Young Student from Training College (T Section) arrived for 4 weeks section

24th March Working bee of ladies to cut out school uniforms

13th April Edward Campbell broke his collar bone due to a fall in the playground. Made arm comfortable and as it was 3.00 ran him home. Mrs Campbell took him to the Doctor but shoulder did not require resetting. Suffering no discomfort or after effects. An unavoidable accident.

13th April Mr Barker (Wellington Education Board building officer) and a Board Official having visited school stating there was a possibility of rebuilding.

1st, 2nd 3rd July School closed on account of teacher having severe attack of influenza

Telegram sent to Wellington Education Board announcing above school closing

16th July Alison Campbell ran a stick into her leg while playing during afternoon interval. Pieces of stick had to be removed from wound. Leg was rinsed with peroxide and strapped with plaster to prevent bleeding. Notified Mrs Campbell. Alison received medical attention. Board notified of accident.

27th July. Richard and Vanessa Farland to attend school for approximately 1 month while father on sick leave.

29th July Visit of Nurse Freeman- District Health Nurse to test Children's eyes

5th August. School visited the following places in Masterton Hansell's laboratories, Fire Station, Telephone Exchange and Fish Hatcheries .in connection with Social Studies. Industries and occupations of NZ

7th August 20 children wish to attend football match Wairarapa Bush V Lions on 25th August

Rang Carterton D H S to contact Mr Geoff Smith re arrangements

10th August Visit of Physical Education Specialist Mr Stothart as weather was wet, indoor work was taken- indoor tabloid sports and Folk Dancing

14th August Painters arrived to paint pump shed,. 3 spent 2 hours on job. Influenza epidemic

11th November Joined the National Film Library.

17th November Boys and Girls Agricultural Club held at school. Did not participate in big one in town. 8 lambs entered. Mr L Keats acted as judge. Mrs McLeod Mrs Seam judged the floral work and projects. Programme- Decorated bicycles, horse jumping, slow bicycle race, judging of lambs, afternoon tea.

15th November. New Electrolux (Vacuum Cleaner) purchased by Home and School

17th November Roy Brazier appointed Married B.SC Assistant Brooklyn School Will live in school residence

21st November. County Elections held at school.

23rd November Telephone repaired earth wire had been cut.

25th November Visit of Board's art and craft specialist who spent the whole day at school. Slides of Children's work shown. Work taken on paper modelling, dry paint powder work and line cutting in 2 or more colours

2nd December. Visit of Mr Stoddart Water Wisdom Week Afternoon spent at swimming pool, taking practical instruction in swimming and Holgar Nielsen.

7th December Standard 2 to Standard 6 children transported ceremony for welcome to Governor general Lord Cobham which was held in College Grounds at 11.15 am. Juniors did not attend school

8th December Lord Cobham stopped at school and spoke to children on his way to Eketahuna where he was to attend a Civic Reception

15th December Relinquish duties today as Sole Teacher Commencing at Masterton Intermediate School in new year. M W Walker.

1960

1st February Roy Brazier Roll 19

18th February Had a visit from John McDonald in his capacity as organising teacher

24th February Pupils of Standard 3 up went to a performance of the Ten Commandments at the Regent Theatre Masterton Children transported by Mrs R H Campbell and Mr G O Brown

26th February School closed for school picnic at Mr R H Campbell's property

1st March Children spent first quarter of an hour observing a top dressing aircraft in action on Mr R H Campbell's property.

11th March Country Schools Athletic Sports at Masterton

16th March Girls commenced sewing instructions under Mrs Brazier

29th April Mrs Dr Roberts to examine 2 children's hearing

10th May. Cabinet approved building of new school by Greytown Builders for £6167.5.0

Linoleum was put on floor of cloakroom

18th May It was reported in Times Age that the Cabinet has given its approval to building a new school at Mikimiki

3rd June This morning the pupils went to Masterton to see a film of the Royal Wedding; Wedding in Springtime

6th June. A load of timber has arrived in the grounds and it appears that a start on our new school seems imminent.

17th June Boys travelled to Opaki for afternoon football practice.

Girls went to Matahiwi School for Basketball

22nd June. Visit by Miss Freeman (School Nurse) who gave a brief talk on the common cold

31st June A kit of woodwork tools arrived from the board

1st July The foundations of the new school are now nearing competition. The builders have been pouring concrete for several days

13th July Basketball and Football tournament was held today though weather was cold and unpleasant. An enjoyable day. Boys teams all won games (Junior A's 2 drawn games), while girls basketball team, combined with Kopuaranga lost only one game. A good attendance of parents and a successful day all round.

A School Committee meeting was held in the afternoon to discuss especially the construction of a hard court area.

16th July (Saturday) A home and school film evening held in the hall. Mr E O Welch showed films and slides on the Takahe.

3rd August Visit by Mrs Stothart. Teacher absent for part of the day. School was taken by Mrs Foster

11th August School received a visit from Sergeant Ford and Constable Grey of the NZ Police Force gave a talk and showed films on the training of a police dogs

17th August Senior pupils went to matinee performance of the music concert

19th August. No progress with new school for about the last two weeks.

We have almost completed the topping of the trees on the Western boundary, though a considerable amount of cleaning up remains to be done.

5th September Roll 22. Very little progress has been made with new school though a start has been made on malthoiding the flat roof

5th November Saturday. Guy Fawkes Bonfire held behind the hall.

8th December Home and School Meeting held in the school- funds have been raised to extend the concrete hard court area to a full size

basketball court.. Labour is available and the contractor is willing to carry on with proposition so all looks most hopeful

10th December Home gardens judged by Mrs R E Campbell- 12 entries.

13th December. 85year old Mr A H Reed stopped outside the school and talked to the children. He is in the process of walking from North Cape to the Bluff (*A H Reed was a leading author of books on New Zealand and also a prominent book publisher*)

1961

1st February J Denton relieving for R Brazier

14th February Work commenced on hard court area- levelling by Residents

16th February School closed for annual picnic held at Mr Rata Campbell's

21st February School closed. Teacher attending spelling course in Masterton for Wairarapa teachers. (Dr G L Arvidson NZCER new spelling scheme)

27th February Last Day J Denton

27th February R G Brazier recommences after being on sick leave.

2nd March Annual General meeting of Home and School. After a division of opinion it was decided to go into recess until after the School Committee elections.

20th March Mikimiki removed from two year country service list as from February 1st 1961

7th April Children made a brief visit to R H Campbell's property to watch top dressing aircraft and loader in action.

17th April School Committee Elections. G Baron (Chairman), R B Hunt Secretary Treasurer, R H Campbell, J O A Neilsen, D R Tankersley

25th April A meeting to discuss matters concerning the recess Home and School committee The committee was revived and a policy of closer cooperation with School Committee is to be followed.

6th May There has been no progress on the new school for a fortnight now and our hopes of being in it by the 2nd term are doomed to disappointment

22nd May School reopened. Roll 24 The builder has been working for the last week and there seems to be some urgency about completing the work. It is hoped to make a start on concrete paths etc next weekend then later to move onto the concrete slab.

25th May. Concrete Slab to be started on 30th May

[The last meeting of eh School Committee in the old school was held on the 25th May 1961 at 8 p.m.](#)

[The first meeting in the new school was held on 28th July 1961 at 8 p.m.](#)

30th May Plastic library covers for encyclopaedias and Atlas of NZ have been purchased

16th June As I am to go into hospital on Sunday I cease duties for an indefinite time.

19th June M H Foster Relieving Teacher

20th June School visited by Official party of the Wellington Education Board members accompanied by members of the School Committee. The new building be the focus of admiration

14th July Contractor and workman arrived to prepare old school for removal.

17th July Electricians arrived to complete wiring of the new school-meter moved from this building

17th August Desks etc. were finally moved into the new school which is ready for occupation.

18th August, M H Foster finished

4th September. R G Brazier back. Roll 19

We are now in new school though various final touches have still to be made inside, while a considerable amount remains to be done in the grounds.

11th September. Workmen have been jacking up the old school and preparing it for removal.

20th September This morning the old school was towed away. It is to be hoped that a start will soon be made on completion of works and ground works. The whole affair of building has been a most protracted and poorly one.

This afternoon during woodwork period and after school the old bike shed and woodshed were demolished.

26th September Received from A H and A W Reed

2 sets Cuisenaire briquettes

1 set (20) chime bars

6 folk dance records (set 2)

Builders have recommenced work on the school and grounds. The Chairman of School Committee and Board supervisor of works and builders discussed works to be done- shifting of shed etc.

Received £1 as school comission on Photographs taken last term

Money to be banked in school bonus account

29th September. Work continues outside. Today a slab was poured and the old toilets jacked up in readiness for removal on Monday

2nd October. Old toilets shifted to new site behind school. The grounds take a new look and shape.

5th October Inspectors Report Roy Brazier ST Sewing Mrs Brazier

- a) Roll 20
- b) The new school has been in use since the beginning of the term. Replacing the old building that served since 1897
- c) Parents are making many sacrifices to improve the environment
- d) The major effort has been paving the tennis court and surrounding area.
- e) The teacher uses regularly the following services; films. Filmstrips, library books, records, broadcasts Through the home and school association, and board funds and Department subsidies.
- f) Over the last three years Cuisenaire number apparatus, set of chime bars, folk dancing records, electric floor cleaner, books including a set of encyclopaedias. On order a new filmstrip projector and a plastic globe.

20th October Visit by Nurse. 4 infants given TB Test

30th October. Combined School Committee and Home and School held to discuss arrangements for Guy Fawkes Night (To be held November 6th)

31st October Time spent in afternoon preparing Guy Fawkes bonfire, assisted by Mr Tankersley.

6th November (Monday) Guy Fawkes bonfire held last night. A large attendance of adults (over 40) and children made for a successful evening. Guys. 1st Edward and Alison Campbell. 2nd Lawson and Kevin, 3rd Guy Tankersley. 10 Guys were burnt

Because of fire danger the bonfire behind the hall was not used and we went to one in Mr C J Campbell's paddock and then returned to hall for supper.

9th November. Received a supply of filmstrips ordered from National Film Library

14th November Visit by Clarrie Carew Masterton Intermediate School, Woodwork Teacher. To discuss formation of an aided woodwork scheme.

18th November Work on school grounds began today. Levelling and removal of rubbish and first few truckloads of soil deposited.

20th October Further earthworks on school grounds. Soil completely deposited and it remains only for it to be levelled and planted.

4th December. School was visited by Dr Reader (nee Vera Reader) A former pupil of the school (1906-1913) She was accompanied by her husband (Dr Smith from Oxford University)

11th December Builders back at school working on odd jobs, cleaning up etc.

1962

5th February Roll 17

28th February Received new Aldis 1000 watt filmstrip projector today.

8th March The St John's ambulance gave a demonstration using ambulatory Manikin and film of rescue breathing. A good attendance in spite of bad weather

15th March Mrs Thornton from Health Department gave all pupils an Audiometer test this morning

6th April School was visited by a party of Thailand Educationists at present touring the country

12th April Four senior children left for an educational trip to Christchurch last night A party composed of children from Matahiwi, Rangitumau, Ngahape and others are undertaking a Union Steamship Company Trip.

13th April The remaining children plus four from Matahiwi School visited the Willowbank Dairy (Producing bottled milk) and the Masterton Fire Station

28th May. A start was made on the new garage at the house

29th May This afternoon school to pre-school children received their second dose of oral polio vaccine.

19th June Afternoon music festival practice at Opaki followed by Combined Schools Football and Basketball Practice

12th July Received 2 copies of Janet and John Books 1, to 5 and 7 from Wellington Education Board. Book 6 is out of stock

26th July School Committee meeting held in school organisation of working bee for erection of fence and volley board

13th August Film Evening in the school. Much improved attendance

2nd September Received supply of Phys Ed 2 small balls, 1 large ball 2 long ropes.

4th October This afternoon approximately 1 ton of compost was conveyed to the school and is to be used to top dress the grounds and surrounding Lawsonia trees.

13th October. Saturday. Today the school was used as a polling booth in the local body elections

23rd October Wairarapa country schools sports day.

Shirley Rayner 1st Sack Race Gavin Tankersley 1st 3 legged race.

Flat races, skipping races. Mikimiki first in Senior Relay, Alison Campbell, Shirley Raynor, Gavin Tankersley, Rex Rayner, Keith Hunt

25th October. Country Teachers meet. Talk by Miss Leatham National Library Service.

30th October. Received 2 filmstrips from Sparrow Advertising One about N A C (*Preceded Air New Zealand*) and one about cordial manufacture

Received £1-10 grant as out portion of Music Festival. Money to be used with subsidy to buy set 3of Kiwi Folk Dance Records

5th November Too delivery of new Singer Sewing Machine, bought by the School Commkittee

7th November. Visit by Nurse Griffiths to give tuberculin test to infants.

12th November Received a letter from Daniel E Nicholson an ex pupil of the school and now speaker of the Queensland Parliament

12th November The Wellington Education Board is to install an electric range in the Mikimiki residence in place of the coal range

13th November School agriculture club. Some 10 lambs were entered.

28th November. Received four flutterboards from Auckland

5th December. Three Form 2 pupils travelled to MIS to sit classification tests for Wairarapa College

19th December 20 pupils 10 boys and 10 girls

1963

January

- a) Mr Tankersley topdressed the school grounds with manure
- b) Hedges and trees cut and trimmed

c) New stove and lights at school and house installed
 4th November Teacher only day
 Work at school in the morning preparing for years work.
 In the afternoon attended a Group teachers meeting at Opaki School
 On the whole a valuable innovation
 5th November Roll 18 Commenced swimming instruction. The river
 has been dammed and the pool is much improved.
 11th February A holiday A holiday for children in order that they
 may travel to Wellington for the visit of H M Her Queen Elizabeth II
 and Duke of Edinburgh
 26th February Afternoon Combined Country Swimming Sports held
 at the Masterton Baths
 28th February School picnic held on Mr R H Campbell's property.
 Threatening rain held off until the late afternoon. It is now (I Believe)
 14 years since a picnic has had to be held in the hall because of rain.
 12th March Complete capping on volley board. Also concreting work
 under tennis court fence.
 13th March Senior pupils transported to Masterton for swimming tests
 at Memorial Baths. 3 Water Skills, One 50 yard, one 880 yards
 21st March. Afternoon visits by Lansdowne Dental Clinic nurses.
 They inspected children's teeth and hen spoke to two groups about
 dental health.
 8th April School Committee meeting. A new zip water heater to be
 bought and installed.
 Teacher given approval to buy a basketball (Netball) and a 4 ½
 football. And softball bat and ball.
 11th June In the afternoon pupils attended the Country Schools
 Basketball and Football Meeting held in Masterton
 28th June Visit by Dr Roberts in the morning inspection of 9 Children

10th July Flag flown at half-mast today for funeral of Lord Freyberg
 27th July After some sleet and rain on Friday we had a heavier fall on
 snow early .in the morning. This is the first heavy fall of snow for 9
 years (I Believe)
 30th July Morning visit by J Cox- Organising teacher. 4 children
 represented Country Schools in football and basketball. G
 Tankersley, R Rayner, K Campbell, and Shirley Rayner
 Film evening held in school- a popular night. As an innovation
 supper was held
 19th Monday Pupils from Standard 2 upwards taken by Mrs R H
 Campbell to children's reception to Governor General (Sir Bernard
 Fergusson) to be held at Wairarapa College
 10th September Received PE gift from the Wellington Education
 Board.
 a) 2 small inflatable balls
 b) 1 large Rubber Ball
 c) 2 large ropes
 d) 12 small ropes
 e) 9 tennis balls
 16th September Afternoon and evening Inservice Training English
 Course by Mr H V Clarke
 18th September Evening More in service training.
 19th September. More in service afternoon and evening
 19th September Art Specialists Mr Ritson and Gordon Tarrant
 20th September. Brief call by Mr Arnold Brooker- cycling the country
 with a rubbish tin in the back of his bike to advertise the freedom
 from hunger campaign and the other causes
 20th September Late afternoon visit to N R Cunningham, Norge
 Factory in Masterton for senior standard pupils

27th September After school 4 senior pupils transported to Matahiwi School for a game of tennis

14th October Resumed duties after an interesting and entertaining Maori Arts Programme

12th November Today after a lapse of almost eleven years painters stated to work on the school house

25th November Flag flown at half-mast today to mark day of mourning after assassination of John F Kennedy last Saturday

27th November This afternoon children travelled to Opaki School to undertake a Road Instructor course using the Shell Traffic Trainer Course conducted by Mr L Doyle.

A film evening was held in the school last night- A very good attendance

30th November School used for a polling booth for general elections.

4th December Teacher absent on urgent business. School taken by Mrs. M Foster

5th December Today tar sealing work began on the Kiriwhakapapa Road

16th December. Received 2 filing cabinets (Purchased by the School Committee , subsidised)

1964

4th March Carpenter eased the sliding door, and it no longer represents a fire hazard.

12th March Planned trip on Aramoana to picnic postponed because of unfavourable weather

17th March Our trip to Picton on the Aramoana took place today. The weather was very pleasant and the trip proved to be delightful. No one was seasick

27th May Visit by dental nurses talk on cleaning teeth use of flannel graph pictures.

27th June Standard pupils attended the matinee performance of the Rank Film Der Rosenkaralier at the Regent Theatre Masterton.

Pupils conveyed by Mr N Tankersley and Teacher

Two truckloads of firewood delivered to the school.

3rd July Received one sack of clay from Wellington Education Board

7th July Call from Miss Dobson- Publicity Rep for Milk Board- delivered posters and pamphlets

Afternoon football and basketball matches in Masterton- Weather unfortunately turned wet and though boys played football it was too damp for basketball.

13th July. Brief visit by Mr Bob Hopkirk, and some Opaki children for festival musical practices.

17th July Mr A Myers Noxious Weed Inspectors- called this morning and spoke to children about poisonous weeds. Showing them specimens.

8th August Dance held to celebrate 50th Jubilee of the Mount Bruce Hall, a very enjoyable evening.

13th August Children visited the Masterton Fish hatcheries this morning. An interesting and informative trip, which proved a good culmination to work done by children in studying habits and life cycle of a trout

18th August In the afternoon the whole school went to the matinee performance of Noah's Flood in the Town Hall.

7th September Roll 23

16th September Visit by Nurse Griffiths- children shown film- Food for Freddy- Shows effect of poor nutrition on rats- children's school project

18th September Visit by Mr W E Farland- organising teacher, also a former teacher of this school

29th September Film evening held in the school

7th October A combined country schools Maori Day was held at the NZEI Rooms Masterton (*Victoria Street, Old West Side School*). The day was a fitting climax to the work done by children in the first month this term. Some 10 schools and 200 children experienced fine weather, and an entertaining programme was provided by children and parents. Highlight of the day was a Hangi

8th October Children journeyed to Masterton this morning to see the film *Amazing New Zealand* at the Regent Theatre. An excellent collection of scenic and Maori films

12th October Save the Children Fund collection box returned today. A good response by the children

14th October An extremely heavy thunderstorm just after school ended. Heavy hailstorm. Over 1 inch of rain in about 20 minutes

20th October One pupil gashed her leg while cycling to school this morning. Parents notified and the pupil taken to casualty Department Masterton Hospital for the wound to be stitched.

27th October Visit by Mr Kearney- Inspector of Schools- A triennial inspection of school. A pleasant and informal day.

27th October Inspectors report

- a) Mr R G Brazier. Sewing Mrs L G Brazier
- b) Roll 23
- c) The recent trip of the whole school to Picton had great educational value

2nd November Children taped recorded their commentary on slides etc. taken at the Maori Day

13th November This morning children watched cars of the Mobil Gas Economy Run pass the school. Mr Lyell Boyes- Radio Commentator- stopped to briefly interview the children and they also had their photo taken

19th November. Some excitement this morning when a Skylark IIIB glider landed in a paddock adjacent to the school. Children went and inspected glider- a single seater.

23rd November The pupils taken to a show by the Southern Comedy Players held at the Town Hall Masterton this afternoon- *The Magic of Make Believe*

24th November At present the NZ Gliding Championships are being held in Masterton and this afternoon 1 glider landed close by the school Another crashed injuring the pilot and badly damaging the glide 2 miles up the road. Children visited both aircraft.

11th December Received and erected new Multiplay set of playground equipment.

15th December School garden competition judged by Mrs C J Campbell

Senior: 1 Irene Peacock, 1 Lawson Campbell, 3 Kevin Campbell

Junior: Judith Brazier, 2 Geoff Trass, 3 Ina Trass

16th December Because of illnesses Measles and Chicken Pox some 11 children away the children's Xmas party to be held tonight has had to be cancelled. Instead a smaller party was held at the school in the afternoon. Father Xmas handed out prizes to children and then journeyed around the district presenting gifts to absent children. This was most popular with the absentees

1965

Roll 22 10 Boys 12 girls

8th March Received Philips Tape Recorder from the Board (Reel to reel)

20th April Times Age Stating that trees on opposite side of the road were causing problems as sun did not get onto hard yard at school until Midday

20th March School used as a polling booth when Masterton County Council held a vote on whether to raise a loan of £55,000 for the erection of a new council chambers

22nd March At the invitation of the Internal Affairs Department the school visited the Mount Bruce Reserve. Every opportunity was given for us to see the bird and plant life and see the developments that have taken place.

Children have been asked to write an essay about the visit and two prizes are to be presented at the official opening next Saturday.

28th April Biennial election of School Committee held G Baron (Chairman) R B Hunt, R H Campbell, G J Campbell J O A Neilsen

A poor attendance only members of retiring committee being present

4th June School closed at Midday in order that residents could attend the funeral of Mr L J Matthews who had been associated with this district for over 60 years.

28th June A heavy fall of snow some inches covering the district this morning. Took pupils to see extent the snowfall for some their first real experience

31st July Further heavy fall of snow today covered the area. Snow fell in Masterton the first since 1942. Best previous fall was in 1939

11th August, New flush cistern placed in boys urinal today.

7th September. Visit by organiser of school savings scheme from Masterton Post Office. School congratulated on having the highest average number of deposits per pupil for any school in the Wairarapa District.

9th September. Senior pupils transported to Masterton this afternoon to attend the film The Finest Hours. The story of Winston Churchill

18th October Received another new lot of library books from National Library Service. Returned 3 cartons of old issue to Palmerston North (by rail)

29th October Senior Pupils travelled to Opaki School this afternoon to discuss arrangements for our combined schools trip to Christchurch to Wellington

3rd November Party of Opaki and Mikimiki School Children 31 children and Mr and Mrs Davidson and R Brazier.

- a) Travelled to Wellington in railcar today
- b) Nature Study visit to Island Bay
- c) Visited Broadcasting House
- d) Had a meal in Wellington
- e) Travelled in Hinemoa as part of The USS Tour
- f) Thursday in Christchurch visited Railway Station, Crown Crystal Glassworks, Museum, Sightseeing Harewood International Airport and American Deep Freeze HQ- Dean's Bush House, Sign of Takahē and Kiwi and around Port Hills.
- g) Returned to Wellington overnight and back to Masterton on morning railcar

23rd November This morning children transported to Opaki to watch a performance of the Greer Hardy Puppet Show.

At 2pm this afternoon Mrs R E Campbell came and gave a demonstration of floral art to the children in preparation for agriculture Show

25th November Masterton County Council tar sealed the area in front of the school entrance.

1966

2nd February Roll 24 16 Girls 8 Boys

24th February Picnic at R H Campbell's alongside the Waipoua Stream A meal prepared in a Maori Hangi was an extremely popular success

18th April Visit by school photographer.

26th April Special Holiday granted by the Board so that pupils could travel to see the Queen Mother if they so desired.

5th May To celebrate the opening of a dairy in the district the children and teacher all received a free ice cream.

25th May J H Wilson inspected the teacher for grading purposes.

31st May Film evening held in school. A satisfactory attendance.

30th June School grounds topdressed with 3 ½ cwt of superphosphate

2nd August Boys taken to Memorial Park Masterton This afternoon to see the Lions and Wairarapa Bush rugby teams A fine day. A win to the visitors by 9 points to 6 in a very exciting match

11th August Visit by Members of Wellington Education Board and School Committee and Teacher to discuss grass cutting The problem was most satisfactorily and amicably settled.

20th September School closed early today in order that people could attend the funeral of the late Mr John Campbell.

12th October This afternoon pupils travelled to Opaki School and joined with other schools for a run through Athletics Standard Meeting

24th October Labour Day. A group of teachers started work at just after 6 am this morning preparing pits, marking lines etc. in preparation of the Country School's Sports to be held tomorrow, This is the 2nd successive Labour Day to begin in such fashion.

25th October Country Schools Sports held at Memorial Park

1st December It was pointed out to the School Committee that children receiving money prizes for events at the school picnic could forfeit their amateur status for life. It was said it would be better to give items such as pens-pencils etc.

1967

13th February Mr Brazier told the School Committee that the small classroom radio is too weak to receive school programmes

That a stock drive be held in the near future

24th February today we received our final delivery of school milk a worthy scheme stopped after 30 odd years by an impoverished Government a great pity

28th February A stock drive was held by the School Committee this afternoon Some £50 was raised

6th March. Two pupils attending swimming trials in Masterton- These being held to select children to swim Wairarapa Primary Schools Championships next Thursday

30th March That the School Committee take steps to purchase through the Wellington Education Board a new 9 valve radio. Total cost of the set being £32

13th April Received Filmstrip on Decimal Currency- first steps in addition

17th April The teacher read a letter from NZEI expressing concern at the Government's proposal to hold the increase in Education vote to 4%, Mr I Campbell said he thought the Government should be applauded for any attempt it makes to hold expenditure.

26th April Received a new radio form Board Today

1st May No power today. Power Board trimmed a number of trees.

22nd May Education Day held at Town Hall. Theme The primary schools role in N Z's economic, social and cultural development

25th May Received 1 gallon of milk today for start of the new scheme- Milk supplied at 33d per gallon

6th June. School Committee started to investigate the costs of constructing a learner's pool

7th June Today a cleaner arrived to flush and clean the house septic tank which has been giving trouble for a time.

28th June Start made today on felling trees opposite school

12th July Today the school visited the Ngaumu State Forest where we were shown the activities involved in working with trees from planting to maturity

18th July A householders meeting was held to discuss the erection of a swimming pool. The motion was lost 19 votes to 4

21st July Plumber arrived at schoolhouse and installed a Black Night Chimney and repaired water pipe and air vent to septic tank.

24th Children Today 13 children from Standard 2 to Form 2 inclusive journeyed to Wairarapa College to meet the Governor General and Lady Ferguson as they made their farewell visit to Masterton. In a central position near the dais we had an excellent view of the visitors and met Sir Bernard as he travelled around

31st July. Floor of the sandpit poured with concrete. Concrete sides had previously been poured

7th August House kitchen built 1913 remodelled at a cost of £1148.75

9th August This afternoon the school made a visit to Mr C E Daniell's sawmill in Masterton

14th August Letter from Wellington Education Board I have received your letter dated 1st August I regret you cannot close the school for the second term vacation on Thursday 17th August The School Committee has no authority to close the school for any purpose other than those set down in circular G/11/1966. Roy had advised that the school had worked longer hours to make up the extra day.

17th October. This afternoon 1.45 painters started work on the school buildings rubbing down and undercoating (an extremely half-hearted effort)

8th November Gale force winds have been blowing for several days and last night these reached a peak when the roof of the bike shed was lifted and the centre pole shifted from its base. We were lucky not to lose the roof.

29th March A friendly visit by Noel Scott Principal of Makora College and Noel Preston (1st Assistant) Just a friendly call to chat

4th December. A visit by children to Masterton Town Hall to see a performance of Peter and the Wolf by the NZ Ballet Company. As well there was a demonstration of warm up exercises and a short dance eccentric

15th December Delightful end of year. Pupils in vice versa costumes

1968

13th February Visit by Mr Barnett of Shaw Saville who gave an introductory talk puzzles etc. as a pre visit for children visiting wharf during Camp Akatarawa

19th February After school teachers and most parents going to Camp Akatarawa had a 6 mile cross country hike to help condition everyone

22nd February School picnic held this year at Castlepoint . Mr R H Campbell's residence was a most compatible and convenient base.

6th March After school those eleven children who are to attend Camp Akatarawa had a sleep out in the school grounds. Tents were pitched, meals prepared and cooked. A good nights' sleep for all.

Sunday 10th March to Friday 15th March Children accompanied by Mrs R H Campbell and teacher left at 2pm for Camp Akatarawa Most parents accompanied their children and visited the camp.

Despite wet and unpleasant weather for most of the week a full programme of activities was completed as planned

Visits to General Motors and two visits by Junior Groups to Wellington were all favoured with reasonable weather.

The senior camp out became a virtual washout when some 2 ½ to 3 inches of rain fell.

Friday was a lovely day for packing up and returning by cars and Maxwell's buses

Junior pupils remaining travelled daily to Opaki School and had an exciting week working with a number of teachers

26th March. Visit by Mike Dennehy of Kaipororo School- Visit arranged by Rural Adviser to give Mr Dennehy a chance to visit a neighbouring school

The afternoon the school visited by Mr R H Campbell's property to watch a large pine tree being felled. The tree was over 100 (*Over 30 meters*) foot in height and some 75 to 80 years old at least.

10th April This morning Wairarapa was lashed with by gale force winds and heavy rain. At about 8.35 an extremely heavy gust lifted the bike shed from its foundations and it was in imminent danger of toppling over the roadway. However the help of Mr R H Campbell, Edward Campbell and Alan Trass enabled wires to be attached and the frame secured,

About 9.30 am after hearing radio message being broadcast, all children were sent home and the school closed for the day (*Wahine Sinking Day*)

24th April Visit by F Wallis, Maintenance officer to inspect damage to bike shed etc.

Film and slide evening held in the hall at 7.45 pm A large attendance of children and adults

10th June Visit by Mr Yule Road Traffic Instructor- Tractors, Bicycles, Pedestrians on country roads- a game

20th June Visit this afternoon by Nurse Duckworth- eye testing of new entrants

5th July. This afternoon a team of footballers from Fernridge arrived for a game of rugby. An enjoyable match with a satisfactory 12 all draw result

15th July This afternoon Basketball Girls and Football Boys went to St Brides Courts and Memorial Park Masterton for group selection day Teams to play in next weeks Country Schools Tournament were selected.

10th October this morning pupils visited by Mr and Mrs N Trass's property Akura to see a small herd of fallow deer. 1 stag and 3 hinds.

An interesting and entertaining trip for all and a climax to our deer study

12th October. Saturday School was used to day as a polling booth for the local body elections

22nd October Visit by L Bayley Phys..... Ed Branch. Children ran through some of their get fit exercises

27th October An E12/1 inspectors report included

- a) The new school is now well established and obviously a treasured asset
- b) The residence although old is well looked after
- c) The children are happy and display complete confidence in their teacher
- d) The recent trip of the whole school to Picton had great educational value
- e) All school records and administrative details are in order
- f) A very cooperative School Committee meets regularly and displays a keen interest in all school affairs

30th October Heavy rain has once again caused flooding along the road in front of the school Waters this time entering the grounds and covering all of front lawn and garden at residence. The sooner the culvert and drain, the better for all

31st October Visit by Mr F Wallis Boards Maintenance officer to discuss water pollution, leaks in school roof, leaking pipe at residence etc.

5th November Guy Fawkes Bonfire held behind the school in Mr R H Campbell's paddock
Guy competition

1st John Staats "Rolf Harris"

2nd Karen Campbell "Mr Spock" from Star Trek

3rd Geoff Trass- "Granny" from Beverley Hill Billys

19th November Went to Masterton to collect nine concrete fence posts which are to be used for replacing broken wooden and concrete posts in school and residence fence.

In the evening the school was visited by Seaman Vernon (Chip) Grant from USS America. Most impressed and was only sorry children were not present

22nd November This afternoon 3 Form 2 pupils travelled to Lansdowne Hall for testing of Secondary Pupils.

26th November A second E2/12 inspection No problems reported.

Inspectors report

- a) Roy Brazier. Mrs Brazier Sewing
- b) The teacher is to be commended for the fine tone of the school and for his effort's on the children's behalf

2nd December Annual end of year Golf Tournament (First mention in log) held at Mahunga this afternoon. Some 15 "Golfers" in action

3rd December Health Department to be contacted regarding slow action re water pollution

Power Board to be contacted re earth troubles and shocking thru projectors etc.

4th December. One pupil who will go to Makora College next year spent the morning there in a familiarisation visit

9th December. Visit by Mrs R Chapman adviser in Physical Education to test Standard 2 to Form 2 children for elementary Fitness Award Scheme and then did some folk dancing

All 11 children who presented themselves for fitness testing passed.
A pleasing performance

19th December Visit this morning by Mr Pat Shannahan of Masterton police to explain a new police youth education scheme that is to be introduced to schools next year.

Clean up of hall after party.

Roll 22 with 2 boys and 2 girls leaving

1969

29th January New incinerator delivered to school

31st January. Contacted local health inspector and then the Wellington Education Board concerning lack of progress regarding condemned water supply to the school and residence. Was assured by the Wellington Education Board that the matter was in hand and that early next week work would commence on the installation of a 500 gallon tank

3rd February Teacher Only Day. Worked at school until 10 am when plumber arrived to prepare ground for installation of tank. Because of the amount to be done and the urgency of the matter I spent the rest of the day working with the plumber preparing for the tank which was delivered at 4 pm and installed by 5 pm

Residence gate and fence were then replaced and plumber will continue for the next few days coupling everything up in order that a supply of soft pure water can be supplied to residence and school

7th February The plumber Mr Lou Piotrowski completed installation of water tank.

The house (Except for WC) is connected to rain water supply. This should solve the problem since October last has necessitated boiling of all drinking water at school and residence.

14th February An informal complaint from 4 parents was made to the Wellington Education Board They have no personal complaints about him personally (*Roy Brazier*) nor about his professional behaviour. It simply that the job is not being done, the children are not making progress, It is suggested that the inspectors look into the case and the chairman be informed.

17th February Rang Wairarapa Electric Power Board this morning to enquire whether a check had been made of the earth's wiring as requested Mid December last year.

Power Board officer arrived this afternoon and found the fault in the extension cord.

22nd February This morning the County started work on clearing the culvert just North of the school.

25th February Annual Picnic at Castlepoint

13th March Today 1000 gallons of water conveyed by Transport Wairarapa was added to the new 5000 gallon tank which was becoming rather low.

30th March Masterton and Country Teachers played cricket at Nireaha against Pahiatua Bush

10th March This afternoon visited by Mr S G Bubb, Apiaries at Kopuaranga

21st April I Campbell Chairman R Hunt Secretary Treasurer, Mrs I Campbell, Mr S Staats and Mr A Trass elected. Mr R H Campbell retired after 12 years.

7 present

30th June Roll 23, 11 Boys

17th July Plumber arrived today to fix a leak in school roof. And cleaned a blocked drain. The drain however proved to be septic tank rouble and will necessitate emptying the tank and digging a new soak pit and drain to same.

6th August In the morning Standard children were transported to Masterton to see film “Oliver” at the Regent. In the afternoon went to Wairarapa College for the annual Football and Basketball competitions

20th August Visit in the afternoon by Mr Edie of Eketahuna Traders to give a demonstration of skinning and tacking out possum skins. He also answered questions.

3rd October. In the afternoon children travelled to Kopuaranga . Saw a display on Hawaii plus items performed by the children Transport by Teacher, Mrs I Campbell and R B Hunt Roll 23. Average of 7 per car.

14th October. Travelled to Masterton after school for a trailer of sawdust for school jumping pit.

21st October Received 1 Gym Mat from Wellington Education Board

5th November School Guy Fawkes held at Mr Ian Campbell’s property. First a barbecue for tea followed by Guys, bonfires, crackers etc.

10th November. Visit of Ngata Barnett , science adviser bringing radiant energy kitsets.

25th November Today the school accompanied by 11 adults and 4 pre-schoolers by Maxwell’s Bus to Wellington

In the morning visited the Dominion Museum, especially Cook Display, lunch at Oriental Bay, then motored via Evans Bay to aerodrome, back thru Mt Victoria Tunnel thru city to Cable Car.

Thence to meteorological office. Later to Botanical Gardens and Norwood Rose Garden. After leaving at 8.05 we arrived back at 6.30
29th November The school was used as a polling booth in the Pahiatua Electorate

Voting Here

Conway	Social Credit	9
De Cleene	Labour	2
Farnsworth	Country Party	1
Holyoake	National	42
National Continuance		38
State Purchase and Control		6
National Prohibition		10

10th December Visit this morning by Messers Hamish Henderson and K Johnstone (Senior Inspectors) re a grading appeal lodged by teacher. Mr Noel Espie of Central School present as observer for teacher

1970

23rd January 1200 gallon of water delivered by Transport Wairarapa

3rd February Roll 22

6th February School walked up to Jim Campbell’s property to watch a header harvester and separate logger working on a barley crop

7th February The 5000 gallon water tank at the residence was replastered this morning in an attempt to stop the considerable leakage that had taken place especially over the holidays

8th March (Sunday) 12.30 pm Left for Riversdale camp where some 135 children from 10 schools plus teachers and parents are to encamp for the next few days.

13th March. School holiday to go to see the Queen and Royal family

16th March Another load of water delivered.

19th March Visit by Nurse Duckworth Heif Gun Tuberculin test for new entrants

25th March Visit by Nurse Duckworth to check Heif Gun results and eye tests for juniors

21st April At just on 3 pm today we received a surprise visit from Hon. David E Nicholson M L A speaker of the Queensland Parliament accompanied by Mrs Nicholson. Mr Nicholson attended the school from 1910 to 1913. We had received a letter and some photographs in 1962

21st April Letter from School Committee asking for the appointment of a teacher's aide to help Mr Brazier. Roll is 24 with the greater number in the infants

On 25th May a teacher's aide was appointed for second term only for 10 hours per week.

Teacher aide could not be a trained teacher.

24th April This morning drove children up Kiriwhakapapa Road to see remains of a local farm worker's car that had crashed out and burnt out completely

2nd May Despite wet weather 6 pupils successfully took part in 8 mile lions club walkathon from Knott's Store to Stadium

2nd June Board's approval received for appointment of a Teacher's Aide for this term. Mrs A E McElwhinney to start duties on Monday 8th June.

11th June This afternoon teacher travelled to Masterton to meet chief postmaster Mr D F Kelly a receive an official account award letter the Press etc present

This is in recognition of the fact that for at least the 5th year running the school has achieved the highest average number of deposits per child for Wairarapa schools 43 plus deposits per child

17th July Roy Brazier notified Wellington Education Board that he was going to Lansdowne School as First Assistant on 7th September

29th July Mr V C Calcanai appointed as Sole Teacher 4th August Calcanai withdrew and the job will be readvertised in 15th August gazette

1st August Working Bee by some members of the School Committee and teacher to trim hedge and cut firewood

21st August Mrs McElhinney ends her term as teacher aide

My 3 children leave today which leaves roll at 17

Today ends some 10 years 2 terms work in this school and district.

An era marked by the change from old to new buildings

A vital experience in one's teaching career. R G Brazier

4th September. TV aerial and firewood left at residence in meantime Sundry Shelves, books etc. donated to school

7th to 11th Mrs I Campbell relieved for one week until permanent reliever came from Wellington

9th September Mr I A (Ian) Holford appointed

14th September Mr P B Glue relieves for 3rd term until permanent teacher begins February 1971

15th September Big clean up this morning and threw out much rubbish and old gear accumulated over the years children enjoyed this very much Setting up for the raising of chickens

16th September Things have finally clicked (I Think)

17th September Mrs Trass came in to take the girls for sewing. Boys began lino cutting as no woodwork weapons

18th September Nature Study field work proved most interesting and stimulating for the children. Quite a variety of spiders was found.

21st September. Children brought many specimens of spiders to school.

22nd September. Began circuit training for fitness.

29th September Removed the remains of the old sheep fence at the front of the school

9th October Fire inspectors visited school at the request of the Department Found very little- none- firefighting equipment

28th October P & T called and installed a telephone in the school. Should be a much more satisfactory arrangement

28th October Letter from Scout Association who had heard school might be closing at end of year and declaring an interest in the site if it closed. Not closing from Superintendent of Education.

2nd November Jubilee meeting for 75th celebrations held at the school 8pm. 30-40 people attended

17th November Lawn of paddock mowed by Kevin Campbell with his tractor and rotary mower

26th November Visited Kopuaranga School to play Softball and swim in their pool. Afternoon tea was supplied by their children

11th December School and parents went for a tramp to Hidden Lake A very enjoyable experience and it was most surprising the size of this natural phenomena. Only 2 children had seen this lake before

1971

6th January Ian Holford took up residence

16th January School purchased piano from Olivers who are leaving the district

2nd February Roll 18

10th March Ian A Holford Inspectors report

a) Roll 12

b) The classroom is heated by a space heater fuelled by wood.

19th March. 4 of the girls went to Masterton to see the NZ Ballet performance of Pineapple Poll

24th March Took children to Masterton to test for swimming seals test

22nd April Chimney's swept at school and residence.

29th April School visited Gemini XII Exhibition in Masterton at 10 am

3rd June. School visited by 33 children from Waterloo school.

29th June Reports sent out to parents

1st July Group choir rehearsal at Fernridge- Isabel Campbell relieved.

14th July A school party of 5 children went to see Wairarapa Bush play the Lions at Memorial Park.

22nd July Received new S R A reading laboratory (elementary edition)

28th July Seven aside Rugby and Netball (First time name called) held at Wairarapa College- school participated in this.

29th July Children went pine-coning at R Wright's property for funds for school trip. Collected 40 bags

4th August Opened a class savings bank account with the Manawatu—Wairarapa Trustee Savings Bank

New fire extinguisher was fitted in school today.

Attended group teachers meeting at Mauriceville West at 7.30 pm
7th December Children held a bottle drive around the district for Christchurch Trip. Collected 123 Dozen bottles
9th August Full dress rehearsal held at Town Hall at 7.45 pm
Rag collected from rag drive (104 lbs) was sold in town for \$10-40 funds for school trip.
20th August All fares paid to Union Steam Shipping Company for the school trip.
6th September Roll 15
9th September Playing fields mowed by Group mowing scheme operator- first time today
21st- 23rd September Combined Mikimiki (8 standard 3 to Form 1) Kopuaranga and Opaki went on an educational visit to Christchurch.
28th September Group teachers were invited to East Coast Group teachers meeting. Mr Brian Lochore was guest speaker. Evening held at Taueru at 8 pm
4th October. Open evening at school at 8 pm. Children gave a report on their trip to Christchurch As well as their report they prepared a wall display and showed slides. The evening was attended by 15 children and 23 adults
6th December I attended an inservice course on science. Isabel Campbell relieved at school
9th October Local Body Elections School used as a polling booth. 9 voted
13th October Film Evening at School Showed the film Apollo 11. 19 People came along to see it.
14th October New moveable outside seat arrived at school today
16th October Grounds used by Country Girls and Young Farmers Club for sports against Hawera

3rd November Maintenance Survey. All things agreed to but painting of school and replacing of fence agreed to in principle only. Grant for library shelving not approved
16th November. Attended funeral of "Group Teacher" Barry McTamney
9th December Went on a hike with the children to the top of R I Campbell's hill
15th December School finished. Held a barbecue for the children
16th December Spent all day cleaning school

1972

2nd February Roll 9 girls and 5 boys
16th February Combined school swimming sports at Kopuaranga
16th February School hedge was cut by Mr G Campbell and myself
22nd February School closed for picnic held at Kiriwhakapapa Picnic Ground. Weather dull but warm
24th February Country School swimming sports held at Masterton.
1st March Took class to the Opaki Poll to test for seals
7th March. Went to town baths to test swimming seals
14th March Science field trip. Children went to stream behind school to study fresh water community.
20th March Special School Community held at school to discuss termination of subsidy scheme
25th Children held bottle drive for class funds 2100 bottles collected
5th April Mr C Ponter put pinex board on back blackboards
8th April Working Bee to tidy up grounds for the jubilee
14th April The school is 75 years old today
18th to 20th April I attended an in service course in reading

24th April Children sent a box of flowers to Wellington for Ex Serviceman's graves. Mrs I Campbell took them into the station

Standard 1 and primers went with her to see the railcar and watch the trains shunting.

A short Anzac service was held at school today

25th April Anzac Day The School Committee held a motorbike scramble today at R H Campbell's property. Despite the pouring rain and cold conditions a large number of people attended

22nd April 14 Pupils 15 adults and 3 pre-schoolers visited the Taranui Cheese factory at Ballance today. The weather was fine

2nd May Children visited the Milk treatment station in Masterton

4th May Received a shock today when a relative of Heather Trass's visited the school to tell me of her father's (Ex School Committee) death

6th May Funeral of Mr A Trass

26th May Roll 15

8th June New path and clothesline was installed at the house today. Also a safety ledge was put around the school fireplace,

22nd June Surprise visit by Mr Hanna District Senior Inspector.

10th June School closed today for mid term break

14th July. Form 1 and 2 children went to visit Times Age today

24th July The class and 3 adults to Oliver. It was put on by Masterton Amateur Musical Society

29th July A working bee was held to cut down pine tree on Kiriwhakapapa Road. Firewood sold for school funds

2nd August Mr Porter fitted fly screens to the house windows today

3rd August Group of people involved in planning the 75th Jubilee met for a dinner at the Solway Park Hotel. A memorial bell was presented to the school by the jubilee committee in memory of Alan Trass

7th August Mr Eric Baker (Te Wharau School) spent the day observing and helping. It was a good day which we both benefited

18th August Last of library shelving arrived at last

19th August Mrs Holford and I worked all day shifting and sorting library books

21st August Helped with primary schools rugby tournament. I was liaison of officer for Horowhenua

22nd August Sale of Bacon and Ham for School Committee Funds was held at school today

12th September. Received new mower from Wellington Education Board today (Hayter 25")

14th September Spent day at Te Wharau. Bob Hopkirk Rural Adviser relieved.

26th September. Children visited Cornwall Street School Today to see the show "Bluebird" put on by The children's theatre

3rd October. Old mower returned to Wellington Education Board

9th October Surprise phone call advising children they had won first prize in a savings week competition. They estimated the correct MPG (*Miles Per Gallon*) of a car and wrote a slogan.

We went to Masterton to collect the prize and found they had donated an extra \$20 to make the total prize \$60

We made the trip to town an educational one by visiting the Fire Station and the Sculpture Exhibition

15th- 20th October Miss Killington Organising Librarian started work at school and with the help of 13 mothers from the district classified and catalogued all the library books in the school and set up our new library

21st October. School used as polling booth for licensing trust by election

2nd November I attended a course at Central School on Teaching about Drugs 1-3

9th November. Agriculture Day. Mrs Prior (Board Member) opened the Jubilee Library.

13th November Trip to Wellington. 20 children and 13 adults visited Wellington Visited Tip Top factory and spent some time in Johnsonville Mall. Took a unit ride into Wellington. Lunch in parliament grounds. Visited the Zoo in the afternoon and returned home at 5.30

25th November School used as a polling booth

Cairns	Labour	10
Holyoake	National	47
Morrow	Social Credit	3
National Continuance		41
State Purchase		6
National Prohibition		11

16th December Picked up Multilpex Set from Mauriceville West which closed yesterday

1973

20th January Replaced blackouts in cloakroom with draw black outs

6th February 15 pupils

7th February Hot dry weather is continuing- Temperature around 30 to 40 degrees Celsius

Spent afternoon at river for swimming and school work

14th February I attended a course at Opaki School on school camps.

Isobel Campbell relieved

28th February School went to see Burton Puppets at Cornwall Street School

22nd March Visited Opaki for abseiling instruction for camp

1st 6th April Combined school camp at Castlepoint with Opaki and Kopuaranga

6th April School picnic at Castlepoint

12th April Group teachers meeting at Mauriceville. Topic Overseas teaching

14th April District Held Art Competition in hall. This was a big success and all children entered art in it.

25th June Goal posts for rugby were erected at school today.

I had an evening at school for those parents interested in finding out about how Maths is taught in the junior classes.

5th July Folk dancing evening was held in Kopuaranga Hall for the children in the North Country Teachers Group

12th July School trip to Levin Left at 8 am and visited Tokomaru Steam Engine Museum, Hager's shirt factory. Levin East School and the Levin Horticulture Research Laboratory. It was fine and the 16 pupils and 20 adults enjoyed themselves very much.

6th August Mr Piotrowski visited the school to carry out emergency plumbing repairs today.

14th August. School went to the Ballet performance of Young Peoples Guide to the Orchestra in Masterton

25th September. Children sang to old folks at R I Campbell's place this afternoon

11th October Received new record player from the Wellington Education Board

18th October. Sports at Opaki. Elimination for field events

8th November Country Schools athletic meeting held at Rathkeale today Eight children from Mikimiki took part.

9th November Dental Nurse visited to check children's teeth

20th 21st November Combined study with the children from Te Wharau School. Visited Hidden Lakes, Tankersley's Hill, Ruamahunga Gorge and Mr Christensen's Cowshed. The second day was a storm and the bush study was cancelled. Instead Mr Gray gave a rope making demonstration and Mr Welch spoke about mountain safety.

27th November Standard 3-Form 2 went to music sing in at Masterton Intermediate. Rest of school went to Solway Primary for the morning

6th December Sport at Kopuaranga

7th December Lou Piotrowski carried out emergency repairs to school plumbing today. (unblocked sewers and replaced ballcock in staff toilet

10th December NZBC radio reporter for rural broadcast programme "Green Belt 2YA" interviewed teacher and two children about sole charge schools

11th December Mr Watkinson (Private School Teacher) observed this morning's programme

13th December Visit by pupils at Solway School today. They had lunch here and put on their end of year concert items before going to the rotary cowshed.

1974

4th February Roll 15

6th February School was closed for the first NZ holiday

27th February The Manuka shelter hedge was removed along the Kiriwhakapapa Road

28th February Visited Cornwall Street School to see Burton puppets. The children had lunch there and viewed the puppets and had tabloid sports in the afternoon

4th March Triennial School Inspection 12/1 carried out today

Inspectors report

a) Ian Albert Holford

b) Roll 17

c) School records and other administrative material are meticulously kept

d) A feature of the school programme is the attempt by the teacher to foster reading. In matching books to the interests and learning abilities of the children he has been assisted by the parents who in 1972 raised money to set up the school library and then helped with the classification of books.

e) Audio visual room has been set up in the cloakroom

5th March. An electrician was called to do emergency repairs to the school pump.

7th March Mrs I Campbell relieved today as I was lecturing at an A/V course on 8mm film making

17th March. An enjoyable Golf Tournament was held on Mr R Campbell's property for the Mt Bruce Trophy

25th March First Meeting of the Education Development Conference was held at school at 8pm.

30th March Bottle Drive held by children to raise funds for their account

3rd April Received a new spirit duplicator for the school today (Banda)

17th April Mr W Gray supplied a rope net for the adventure playground

26th April .Received telegram from Wellington Education Board re Manakau appointment

8th May Mr R Hopkirk (Adviser to Rural Schools) came today and helped with the sound track for the school movie.

10th May Today I have finished what I would consider the most satisfying and rewarding part of my career in a most helpful and cooperative district. Farewell and Good Luck

G J Campbell signed log. Have found everything in excellent order and it has been a pleasure working with this teacher.

27th May Mrs M Hopkirk in charge

I am travelling from town each day. Roll 18

29th May Visited by Rural Adviser (Her Husband) to get advice about some children with reading problems

5th August Mr Hopkirk brought his model train to school to promote a stimulus for language work.

13th August Parents afternoon. Children showed work done during the term with an emphasis on maths and social studies- well attended

9th September New Teacher Mr B M Barriball

This is my first position of responsibility and the area and the school make a very favourable impression

14th October Children are making a good effort in preparing and tending school gardens

1st November Mrs Gray has been taking all girls for craft work for the last few weeks Work so far has included Paper Flowers, Vase Construction and painting, decorating, needle work embroidery

11th November. Fitness circuit continuing from last week. Good interest shown Weeks activities disrupted a little due to my baby daughter being born 10th November

22nd November Visit during the afternoon to the Art Gallery in Masterton Display of Dominion Newspapers children's art competitions. Continued to town pool where most children had a swim

27th November Starting swimming at R I Campbell's swimming hole and this will continue each fine Wednesday throughout the term.

2nd December. Started fitness level testing

20th December. Final clean up. School closed at 12.00 am

1975

7th February Trip to bush at end of Kiriwhakapapa Road

10th February Used Mr R Wrights swimming pool.

11th February Art large insect model construction was started

13th February Trip to bush at end of road. Many parents accompanied children Game of long ball followed by bush ramble and collection.

Bush camouflage exercise. Art work

20th February School picnic held at Castlepoint

24th February Mrs Barriball started 3 days of phonics skills testing

5th March. Started Senior Developmental

17th March. Began PAT testing

19th March Began using inks in art

25th March Margaret Wright began Tuesday Moring developmental Sessions with the Juniors

9th May I visited Hiona Intermediate with Form 1 and 2 children

9th June. Weeks work on safety

13th June. Used listening post for the first time. Children enjoyed the novelty of the use

26th June Parents quiz evening at Opaki. Most successful team event with Mikimiki winning the \$5.00 book voucher.

27th June Seniors to Standard 4 visited Hiona. Full tour with Robin Brown the Principal.

1st July County Council metalled by garage for cars to turn. Milk box was shifted to corner of house property. A B C collected the remaining crates from the bottle drive

2nd July children watched World Heavyweight boxing on House T V Ali v Bugnar

1st August. The day of the storm. The storm caused a power cut lasting over a day and more up Kiriwhakapapa Road

14th August Mathematical Games day Diane Barriball. Maths evening for parents. Successful

30th August I erected curtains in playshed for a small theatre

11th September Heard that children are to attend opening of Mikimiki sign

18th September Attended ceremony to open new sign

MIKIMIKITANGAOTEMATAONGATUUERETAWHIRIMATEA
ATAWHAO (Wrong Spelling) Surprise look on the face of Ngatuere Tawhirimatea Tawhao

Several members of the district attend as well

30th September Book evening. Many books covered in plastic.

Explained Nelson trip

1st October Watched Ali Frazier fight on TV

2nd October Group meeting Ihuraua Cross Country held here. Over two hundred children

14th October. Trip to Wellington Visit Windley School Porirua, Ships, Olympic Stationery Factory Avalon TV station

16th October Fundraising. Picking up of stones on Mr Ian Campbell's front paddock 2.00 to 3.00

30th October. Mothers visited school 2.50 Ideas for a planting session in the school gardens

18th November Speaker from CAP talked on resuscitation all children had a turn on dummy

28th November Ropes. Started making ropes with Bill and Nancy Gray. Part of a contract to construct a net for Mauriceville School

1st December Continued during morning making ropes

2nd December Form 1 and 2 pupils plus Mr and Mrs Gray spent all morning making knots- Rope net looks great. Needs finishing touches.

3rd December Windley Children (20) from Porirua arrived at 3.22 at railway Station. To homes billeting

4th December. Bush study combined groups at end of road. Barbecue lunch. Softball Windley V Mikimiki then a swim at Wrights. Gordon took all to the top of the hill for a look at the Wairarapa

5th December. Visit to Henry Christensen's Cowshed. Walked back through Jim Campbell's Shearing They departed by railcar 12.30 Our pupils had a swim at the town pool

16th December. Climbing Net finished Our children tested it!

17th December. Visited Mauriceville. Presented net

19th December Pack up by seniors

1976

3rd February Roll 18

6th February N Z Day

11th February Swim at Opaki Pool

12th February Went for Swim and explore on Mr R Campbell's property
Followed Winnie the Pooh Stick stories with pooh sticks
13th February Start of Manual Training
10th February Neil Trass collected large amount of bottles for bottle drive.
14th February Ian Campbell, Malcolm, Tim and myself sold pine cones house to house in town Raised \$33.50
23rd February PAT taken this week
28th February School used as polling booth for licensing trust bi election
1st – 5th March Trip to Nelson for Standard 2 to Form 2 pupils
23rd March Census Day
1st April Many pranks played. Some quite good!!
12th April Mrs Reeves visited school and spoke on telephone exchange
13th April Visited Telephone exchange- very thorough visit
24th April Saturday. Collected pine cones Peter Campbell and Robyn Weston helped- most children assisted
24th May. Mr I Campbell sprayed school and school house for spiders.
26th May Mrs Warton started weekly help doing reading 11.00 – 11.40
27th May Neil Trass helped me mark soccer-rugby-hockey field. Sprayed to kill grass. (*A common way to mark sport fields*)
2nd June Clubs started. First day of a 4 week session. Mrs Gray- Screen Printing. Janet Campbell bark pictures- Mrs Isobel Campbell – Knitting Myself electrical gadgets- magnets etc,
10th June Sport Opaki. First of our fortnightly exchanges

16th June Personal Examination- Cold Bleak Day
21st June. It snowed.
22nd June More snow. Children started school at 10.00
25th June. Visit to fire station Primers to Standard 4
1st July Sport Opaki- Transferred from Ihuraua Too boggy
16th July Snow fell. Didn't settle here Form 1 and 2 children had a good fall in Masterton at Manual
20th July. Another better fall of snow. Took children up Edwards Hill from 9.00 to 10.30. Great Fun
28th July New session of clubs. Mr Wright- Engineering club. Mr R McCroskie- kite making. Mrs A Barriball- cooking. Myself cardboard modelling
2nd August Watched closing ceremony of the Olympic Games (Montreal) on TV
20th August. Seniors manual All others visited butter making factory with Mauriceville School
21st August. I converted listening post onto a tea wagon so it is mobile.
4th November Dug and prepared ground kiln for clay firing
8th November Set Kiln Fired it.
10th November Opened Kiln. Clay was blackened but fired. All items were successful
15th November Dance practice at hall for social- Opaki children came to hall and Neil Elgar took session.
18th November Social for Standard 4 to Form 2 children at Kopuaranga Hall. Very successful evening. All eligible children attended.
23rd November Show Day (In place of Agriculture Day) was held. Children put on a gymnastics display during afternoon

29th November Visit to Hidden lakes- very enjoyable and successful afternoon. Conducted I Q Test in the morning

8th December 20 pupils from Turangi School arrived- met at railway station

9th December Activities Day. Trip to Jim's Dam- on his truck. To Richard Campbell's for a barbecue lunch. Softball after lunch. Climbed Misery. Rained a little. Could have gone better but seemed to be enjoyed by all

10th December. Assembled at school then visited Henry's cowshed. Jim's shearing then had a concert at school. Then children in to catch the New Bus. Our children had a swim in the town pool.

1977

January. During the holidays I enlarged the car parking and the County spread metal over the whole surface

1st February 15 Pupils 13 Boys 2 Girls

14th February Peter Braithwaite Rural Adviser called.

21st to 25th Seniors to Wellington for trip and Juniors went daily to Mauriceville

28th February School closed Queens visit to Wellington

7th March Watch Queen's departure from NZ on TV

6th April Parents evening Very successful evening ran from 7.30 to 9,00 Children spoke well on their trip and served their parents supper

30th April School used as polling station in a by election

2nd May 12/1 Mr B M Barriball Excellent report no problems identified

Roll 15

a) This is a well run school with an able energetic principal.

5th May School made a farewell card out for Kerry Crossman who is leaving Mauriceville School

8th June Clubs. Table Tennis Val Scarr, French Knitting Mrs Warton. Motor Mechanics Mr Wright Mobiles by Teacher

July Hot water for children's hand basins

7th July Hot water system declared open. Ceremony by children

31st October Children visited town. Hiona to see Form 1 & 2 at Manual- lunch at the park- shopping expedition- visit Cole St Marae – Rev Shortland

7th- 8th December Camping trip to reserve at top of Kiriwhakapapa Road. Two day overnight. Older children had a good tramp to the top of Blue Range

1978

January During holidays I built up extra shelving in office area and rearranged the office

9th February Spent time on rebuilding the fort

15th February Architects called to take measurements so they could plan a book room and store room extension

21st February Very successful working bee. Concrete repaired in front court. Front hedge cut, Wood cut for school supplies. Tin Fence Painted.

10th March Visited Opaki School (Which is celebrating its centenary to see exhibits and old farm machinery in action. Most worthwhile.

16th March Collected pine cones with children after school at Opaki Intended to raise money for flying fox climbing frame.

24th April Easter Activities including blowing the eggs, then decorating and drying eggs. Scrambled eggs for lunch

30th April Attended a day for North and East Group teachers to collate and compile a list of equipment in each school which is available for loaning.

31st Speech Therapist checked children

6th April I visited Wellington Education Board with four other small school principals and rural adviser. Tremendous day.

11th April Picked up more pinecones at Opaki. Most Children helped. Mrs Weston assisted with transport

22nd April Senior children sold pinecones in Masterton \$50 raised by sales \$16 raised previously by Mr Weston

5th May End of term and The End of my stay here. I've had a tremendous time here at Mikimiki. We are sad to be leaving such a wonderful district. B M Barriball

10th May Arthur Von Sturmer withdraws his application for Senior Teacher at Mikimiki

21st May Joe Roeburgh Arrived on 3 days' notice- hence no furniture. Great community spirit showed immediately as we were fully furnished after two days.

22nd May Roll 14 Boys 1 Girl

5th May School Committee members and wives/husbands replenished wood supply

26th Closing 2.30 pm as usual and will continue this term. Am slowly finding my feet.

5th June Queen's Birthday. Introduced to cross country riding at Gordon's. Great Stuff!!

15th June Sports at last- Went to Opaki. Joined in to fight the cold.

19th June Builder Grey begins additions to building

29th June. Snowing all day- very cold

30th June 32 seater bus organised for next week. Wine and nibble social before tea tonight in school house for school parents.

3rd July Letter from Mr R W H Wright Chairman to Wellington Education Board

included

- a) The school is situated alongside State Highway 2 there is a steady stream of motorists who have broken down or run out of petrol. We feel this would constitute a danger to a single teacher. The school house has been broken into once this year
- b) We are concerned about the maintenance of the school grounds. Especially as far as lawn mowing, rubbish collection and disposal and firewood for the school house is concerned
- c) There are at present 14 boys and 1 girl and we feel sport could suffer
- d) With a single teacher we are worried about accidents that may occur to the teacher or children
- e) We have nothing against a female teacher being appointed to the school But feel that a married couple could cope with the problems of a small country school a lot easier than a single person.

At the next Board meeting the General Secretary pointed out that the grounds were the responsibility of the School Committee and the other issues were not relevant

5th July Worthwhile trip to Wellington. Left 9.00 am Arrived 11.00 am at show buildings. 1 ½ hour show not really long enough Swim at Freyberg Pool. Interesting hour spent at wool factory. Then let off steam at Avalon Park As usual the children impressed (me) with behaviour.

8th July Final Practice for “It ain’t half hot mum” What have we left ourselves in for.?

9th July Rehearsals going very well Kids very keen. Painters arrive to paint extension

16th July Overall cultural evening went very well Kids really sang well. Very dissatisfied with our own performance.. Asked to do it again on Friday

17th Much easier without painters/ carpenters

18th Prue and I are leaving where People are very friendly and helpful

4th September .Mrs J Manion started Roll 16 1 boy and 15 girls

Very impressed with everything and everybody

Enjoyable day but cleaning took longer than I expected

5th September Plumber came to fix chimney of chippie heater in school house

6th September Arrangements made for a cleaner, a parent to begin tomorrow

7th September Met Rev Vonton who visited school for first time this morning. Much easier to prepare work etc without having to do the cleaning. Work of repiling the house has begun by Mr Clive Smith

13th September. Traffic Officer Bray phoned in calling in and discussing Social Studies Programme

18th September. Notice went home to parents re children leaving school on time so that I could go to a meeting. Stationery money required also requested by children.

21st September. Trip to town re banking. key lost. Post Office will get a new one cut. Batteries purchased as requested by children

27th September Miss Butt Health Nurse called. She says she comes last Wednesday of every month. Discussed head lice and scabies

5th October Meeting at Bideford School 8 pm to discuss athletic sports

12th October. Debra Keats Young Farmers Club called and spoke to children about poster competition

16th October School Committee meeting in school. Over to house afterwards

20th October Labour weekend looking forward to having a break. Am beginning to feel really tired

3rd November Class meeting

15th November Parents organised a working bee by School Committee in school grounds. Refreshments afterwards

17th November Principal’s Dinner in Evening at Golden Shears (*Restaurant and motel on Corner of Oxford Street and Opaki Road. Run by Licensing Trust*).

I was asked for one dance! Getting too old

28th November Show Day. Everything went off well but next year I must ask parents to bring money

1st December Miss Dorothy Jean McLeod appointed Teacher Aide. To work 3 days a week for 1 hour 40 per day

5th December Plant signs made for garden rows. Newsletter completed and sent out to all the people in the district

11th December. Essay written for competition- prize donated by members of the district. Children chose their own subject

14th December. Xmas party. Extremely heavy rain ruined children's items- just couldn't be heard for the rain on the roof.

15th December. Some pupils attended this morning and assisted with cleaning up and school finished for the day at Midday

1979

7th February Visit to Mauriceville lime works- Children and adults shown all around by Mr Palmer Had lunch at Mauriceville School and a swim

1st March Went into Golden Shears at 11 am. Children found it very interesting

19th March. Pot Luck Tea in Mount Bruce Hall at 6 pm. I was late- had my cooking to do!

22nd March Arrived a little late for Mr and Mrs Rata Campbell's house at Lansdowne

25th May. Children attended ballet in Masterton

28th May Speech Therapists called and checked on all children's speech

29th May School Committee meeting held. No longer do I have to provide a supper. School Committee members to take turns

10th July Attended Institute Plate flower and all

24th July Boys taken down to Opaki for rugby skills with Mr Roddy McKenzie. The boys enjoy being with boys their own size

26th July North Zone Sports at Ihuraua in afternoon. Went into Masterton to record our item with 2 ZD

10th August Wairarapa Country School Sports 9.45 Took children in Standard 4 Form 1 & 2 to social at Kopuaranga at 6.00

15th November Took boys to a social at Ihuraua Hall at 7.30 pm. Boys really enjoyed it.

14th December School close for the year

A long log item from Mrs Manion included

- a) My disappointment at the way that the School Committee has dealt with a letter written by Mrs Marj Wright
- b) I was really ill when the School Committee held a meeting and I did not attend
- c) The letter was endorsed by the School Committee and an endorsement sent to Roger Marshall .Mauriceville School. Secretary of Country Teachers Group
- d) There was no discussion with me or a copy (until I asked for it)
- e) I'm afraid this really upset me. Especially finding out as I did After I arrived in this district that a woman being appointed was most unwelcome!!!
- f) I feel I have had enough "Trauma" and I don't need this.
- g) There seems to be no pleasing people. So here I am at the end of a really hard years work- and very fed up.
- h) Hope the holidays will fix that

1980

4th January Came back from a holiday in Auckland to attend a meeting of parents re travelling to sports etc.

However my opinion was not asked for in any way by the chairman re sports children were required to participate in so I came back for nothing This whole business has really upset me

I really think the parents know, that really a woman teacher has not been so bad as they thought it would seem but they don't like admitting it- two people in particular.

I was disappointed that Gordon and Janet Campbell were not at the meeting and feel that's why it was held now and not on the evening before.

I begin work again

14th January A meeting was held with the parents of the children attending the school this year There the sporting and cultural activities were discussed plus travelling arrangements

The School Committee to look into the number of children that can be conveyed in a car with safety

3 cars to be used.

Suggestions for the North Country Teacher Associations

- a) Too much competitiveness in individual sports e.g. Athletics, Cross Country and swimming. This is placing too much pressure especially on younger children
- b) This follows that North Country Zone Finals are quite far enough
- c) With the fuel situation it is essential that a suitable facility be used in Masterton
- d) If a central venue is held why not have one day a month rather than a half day a fortnight

4th February A parent had expressed his concern that children that do well at Zone meeting cannot go on if school doesn't attend.

If the school doesn't attend the meeting the teacher is to stay at school with the children not attending rather than going with the children who are involved.

Working Bee. Ladies to weed school garden

17th March That the duplicator is in Wellington for repairs and the film projector's sound was distorted.

The principal requested that all children be gone from the school grounds by 3.15

5th May That the duplicator be used only by Form 1 and 2 pupils under supervision.

28th May letter to say Mrs Molly Welch to relieve as teacher aide. As Miss McLeod's brother died with whom she lived and was unable to work as teacher aide for a period of time. Molly resigned 3rd Term 1980

21st May Teacher advises that she will not be mowing the school grounds as from the end of the term

10th July House rent goes up from \$17.20 to 19.14 per fortnight
First entry Term 3 1980

Michael Christensen Relieving

8th September Started here today relieving for 1 term under most tragic circumstances. Jeanette Manion was killed in a car accident south of Eketahuna on Tuesday 26th August while travelling back to Mikimiki in atrocious weather conditions

Met all the parents at the school gate. I had left school keys back in Masterton! Saved by Chairman's wife getting spare set.

Roll stands at 9. Three boys transferred to Opaki School

9th September Remembered School Keys. Mrs Mollie Welch teacher aide came and was most helpful in explaining existing school routines.

15th September A copy of the ten commandments be purchased and hung on the wall

E Campbell wish that it be recorded in the minutes. Due to some children leaving the school early it is detrimental to the running and benefit of the school district

24th September Passing visit by Des Hilary inspector. Discussed need for survey of pre-schoolers in the district to help build up roll numbers

26th September Children dug garden over and planted vegetables seeds. Hope the wind doesn't blow them out of the ground.

29th September. Contractor came from out of town and mowed playing field. 1st Time under new system.

2nd October Power off all day- Power Board working on main transmission line in area.

3rd October Attended Cross Country Races at Whareama Domain in afternoon. All children competed and finished the course. A long way to travel for the event though (110km)

6th October Passing visit by Mrs Prue Vincent Senior Psychologist
Fire extinguisher given annual maintenance check

7th October. Power off in morning

9th October Power off once again- Went to Mikimiki Road and watched helicopter working for Power Board- laying 1600 meters of cable in 20 minutes.

Children set up tennis net

13th October Children most excited as their creative language on Cross Country Run published in Children's page of Times Age

20th November Started swimming instruction up at river

24th November Started practising carols in preparation for end of year function. Children sing well when accompanied by Auto Harp and reading the words from the Overhead Projector.

3rd December. Children have been eating carrots and radishes from their school garden. Peas are nearly ready.

Japanese social studies topic nearly complete

1981

Gael Taylor (Ex Hinakura)

Roll 12

4th February First trip to River hole for swimming instruction- rather weedy and silty

5th February Peter Braithwaite (*Rural Adviser*) for morning tea.

Discovered Miki Mouse was really Minnie Mouse and vice versa.

We should have a mouse problem soon.

6th February Waitangi Day raised the N Z Ensign for the day!!

10th February Commenced swimming at the Opaki Pool Using mine and one other car. Most suitable for length training of more capable children

18th February Feeling seedy unable to get a reliever.

23rd February School closed at 2 pm School picnic held at Isobel' and Ian Campbell's. Children's favourites were swimming, lolly

scramble and scavenger hunt in that order. The evening was rounded off with a barbecue.

25th February Rod Garden called- Helped me to get the film projector going again

6th March Mrs Rose Chapman Teacher aide for 5 hours per week.

20th March Visited the Masterton pool- sponsored swim for cents. Seniors swam lengths large pool. Juniors in small pool. A great success. Simon swam 23 lengths in ½ hour (time Limit) Earned \$111 If all sponsors pay the amount they said our 11 swimmers will have earned total of \$354 .However I have a feeling that many sponsors will be amazed at the lengths the children managed and they may not be able to pay in full. We'll see

23rd March Teacher at Course at Purnell Reliever Mrs Wendy Pearce for next two days

May Mr Hedley and Mr Burrell (Wellington Education Board) arrived and wandered about the school house. Very casual- no “do you mind if we wander through your home?” Just waltzed in. The children advised me someone was as the house

6th April Great Visit Ihuraua Leslie Whelan and I really found it easy to work together. The children were a little shy at first. Warmed up during the day. Decided to do alternate visits. Did lots of oral language and drama’

End of first term really tired but feel Installed and much more comfortable having arranged the classroom at least 3 times during the term

Tragic Death of Mr and Mrs I Campbell’s only son Malcolm- our lawn cutter in a car accident. My own son Robert was with him returning from Masterton another driver dozed off and ran right into them. My own son was barely scratched unbelievably School was closed for ½ day for funeral. Very sad and difficult time for everybody in the community.

May Val Scarr and Alice Trass spent 2 days panting in playground markings

25th May A discussion took place on whether to close early for winter term but saw no advantage for it so closing would still be at 3 p.m.

Mrs A Trass to be transport organiser

18th June. Fundraiser at Mt Bruce Hall. Our fundraiser for Telethon- Intergalactic Space Dancathon. A chance to display all the art etc. for a big unit on space

Have invited all North Zone Schools- renamed all dances to keep space theme. Felt nervous as it was first real entertainment for everyone

6th 7th July Parent interviews for reporting to parents. Not too well attended in spite of my availability- assume people are reasonably content

Holidays. Teacher attended a 4 day course at Wellington teachers College “Socio Drama”. Very special experience

7th August. Interzone Sports Day. Wairarapa College. Really warm day. Organised well. Greatly impressed by College Pupils who refereed the games

18th August Castlepoint School and many parents visited. Cultural Morning and combined visit to Bird Reserve in pm Tiring day as the weather gradually deteriorated into drizzle

25th August Cross Country Mauriceville. Held after shocking rain in brilliant sunshine. Very wet underfoot. 6 children qualified for Interzone

15th September Visit by Wellington Education Board members. School Committee to provide Morning Tea. We really cleaned up for this visit. But they didn’t promise to paint on peeling school house

2nd October. Sponsored walk for World Vision (Or just a walk for those not participating,) Attended by Opaki, Bideford, Mauriceville, Ihuraua. We walked out Mikimiki School from the end of

Kiriwhakapapa Windy and then Oh Horrors- drizzle. We all got very wet and ended up lunching in the hall. So much for our weather!!!!

My organisation was OK but I should have cancelled it

Fire Station Visit

16th November Castlepoint lighthouse visit

December

Social Ihuraua

1st- 4th School camp at Riversdale with Ihuraua and Bideford

Mrs Linda Tankersley relieving with Standard 2 down

A really neat experience. Rod Garden and Lesley Whelan are two great people to share the organisation and running of a camp with.

Omitted Chris Peterson visit on Mountain Safety. Trip to Camping Area Kiriwhakapapa. Sausage sizzle for lunch over open fire.

1982

Gael Taylor. Still here and happy

Roll 13

New Teacher Aide Isobel Campbell

Water pump seized up on first day of school Great Start!!!

Form Ones start technicraft at Hiona. A big step

1st March Jack Ennis Inspector popped in- helped me suss out a wasp nest. I drowned it with petrol late at night and dug it in.

29th September Saturday. Sportsbowl. Masterton Harriers Relay. North Zone combined.

11th April Trip to Hidden Lake Property of Mr Abrahams

22nd April Interzone Cross Country All 13 children on the roll qualified to compete in the event. Quite a feat

11th June Started winter school programme. Fortnightly meetings Bideford, Ihuraua, Mauriceville, Opaki and us. Primers combine for developmental, folk dancing etc.

25th June Plumber came and installed a beaut shower in the school home. The School Committee are paying as we were refused it in the survey. It is going to help the hot water situation

1st July North Country Teachers Meeting to be held at Mikimiki Builder is here cutting holes in the floor to fix up the piles and I've cleaned up this morning for the meeting. I'm facilitating the meeting "Storytelling" Sharing Ideas I got from the conference in Auckland last Xmas Holidays

22nd July Open Day. A day for parents to drop in and see our working day. A sharing of the routines and organisation. A good attendance during the day.

27th July. Cultural Visit Ihuraua Reliever there this term Barry Frogatt, Beautiful weather

30th July Science Day. Visit to Henry Christensen Museum to see the antique farm machinery. Application of levers and pulley unit

3rd August Visit to hospital x-ray unit to see levers and pulleys- muscles and bones. A fantastic visit,. The Doctor in charge put himself out for us. Produced Barium Meal and used TV monitor to view Christine and Jason's insides.

10th August Visit to Masterton Library. All children are now enrolled and can borrow books free. I am arranging for the children who travel to Hiona for technicraft on Monday to call in and change books on the way home, it will use up a little of their lunchtime if they are late

19th October Rangi Ranfield of the Wellington Education Board came to see about transport allowances

22nd October Ihuraua Cultural visit. New reliever for term Julie Hepburn

1st November. Felt out of sorts all day- I don't adjust easily to daylight saving. Checking everything over for pet day on Wednesday

3rd November Pet Day. Brilliantly Fine. A super turnout of parents and friends. I counted 36 adults. A very high standard of indoor entries this year. So glad I wasn't a judge

9th November Michael Christenson brought the resource "How the Wairarapa was formed"- A great kit prepared by a local teacher

10th November School Inspection. Mr Des Hillary (inspector) accompanied us to look at landform down the Kiriwhakapapa Road in the Mikimiki drizzle

11th November. Visited the Kouarau Dam. Lunch at park in Masterton P.M Visited Dominion Art Competition. Masterton Intermediate to see water wheel and trout hatcheries.

The day was rounded off with a visit to the library.

12th November Big Tidy up as Caravan Club is coming to camp in our grounds over the weekend

16th November Began work on dam at the pond. We are going to try and make waterwheels to revolve if we can.

1st December. Gordon Tarrant (*Art Adviser*) came to help us with our tile mural. It is going to be great. How the Mikimiki got its name. Each child made an individual tile. They will be fired and mounted hopefully it will be ready to be presented to the school at end of the year function

Wellington Education Board visit regarding mowing scheme!. We are being given a new mower 2nd hand with a sully. A much better arrangement than what was originally offered/

They did seem to find it difficult to realise the value of parent support here which is so freely offered in so many ways.

Tenders have been called for the painting of the school- An interesting colour scheme

We have also been advised that we are due for upgrading next year possibly (The school home that is) We should have comfortable living then if it happens

10th December Another frantic week has zoomed by

Tile mural is complete

I could be looking for a better way to end the year next year perhaps a simple party.

All items for school magazine have been selected. Only need to be typed out.

The weather is frightful We've only had one swim last Thursday when the day delighted and surprised as most unseasonal.

More trouble with the lawn mower. It needs replacing

1983

3rd February Roll is 12. One child has been moved to Opaki for Form 2 year.

They have settled in quickly and are challenging on the Padder Tennis Ladder and training hard for swimming

11th February New mowing scheme began today The smaller tractor and cutter allows more manoeuvrability and does a neater cut all round

School Committee meeting. Great support for tennis tournament idea. I felt it was a special show of support in view of the fact that one of our Form 2's has been moved to Opaki and I appreciated the idea.

22nd February Picnic at Castlepoint The most perfect day imaginable. Sunny, still and attended by the whole school and all the families but one. Got home at 9.30 pm Sunburnt, salty, satisfied

25th February We hosted a social for the North Zone Schools. Theme Beach party. A good night was had by all, Tennis Tournament concluded Sunday. BBQ etc.

March. Movie making with Mr Gordon Tarrant (Art Adviser) Busy! Busy!

After learning the skills deciding on location actions, story lines etc. The Mikimiki Mob meets the Mad Monster was born

So much to learn. Shooting focus etc. Then editing and splicing wow! But it all enabled me to make a documentary of our camp at El Rancho with Opaki at Waikanae

22nd April Royal Visit. The children visited the assembled welcome to Prince Charles and princess Diana at the oval in Masterton .We had a lovely view and a smile. The children made a lovely large combined card which I hope they may have been given or at least seen it was made with such affection

20th April Trampoline Badge Testing. Mr Cochrane from Hiona very kindly came out to judge iron and bronze badges 5/5 pass. Must push the Form 2's through their badge this year.

Term 2 Have begun a class council meeting held when necessary to the children a say in how the school programme is going also to involve them in the planning. Very structures. Surprisingly well accepted and is going to prove very helpful as the children are able to take responsibility for many aspects of the programme.

Sunday 12th April After much preparation and planning

We made a sponsored walk from school to Masterton accompanied by many parents and a few extras. Exhausting but a truly neat

experience. I have made little certificates to verify the walk for those who did it. \$324.87 raised

Science Fair Hidden experience. We had planned for the children to man the exhibit but all exhibits were netted off so it didn't quite work as intended.

24th June A movie premier was held on Friday evening to emulate a "real" Premiere. What a night, Honoured guests were Mr and Mrs Ewen Stewart , Mr and Mrs Holford (Ex Principal) The children gave a presentation on making the Movie using the Overhead Projector. Supper was served. Everyone dressed up for the performance. The stars were announced at the door- it was a very special evening.

12th July Visited Hino factory- a trip arranged by Jane Christensen I have been advised of my secondment to act as a Reading Resource Teacher for the Central Wairarapa starting term 3. A real thrill to be asked.

Mr Chris Pearce will be replacing me here for 3 terms of my secondment.

16th August Open Morning Many parents turned up to see their children's work and met the new teacher

Trolley derby Home project during the previous 6 weeks concluded with a Trolley Derby. A great Time trial covered at school and organised by Mr Pearce. Followed by a romp and terrible down the hills on Edward Campbell's Property. A great Day!

19th August School cleaned and furniture stacked for term clean.

9th September Chris Pearce. Roll 11

The School Committee have erected a maypole. The children have been bringing foam rubber and gloves to use on the ropes.

Children keen on fitness and a track has been made

14th September Painters arrived to paint outside of school.

28th September. Put sawdust around the maypole
4th October. Wellington Education Board rep to discuss school bus for the school.
13th October Mrs Gael Taylor here today- reading testing and suggestions on reading programmes
20th October Visit to Post Office, Police Station, Radio Station. Had lunch in the park then our first swim of the season.
26th October. Working Bee at school The old overgrown garden at the rear of the school was made into lawn, also some bark gardens were made.
21st November Staff at Mikimiki did not attend any stop work meeting Chris Pearce
24th November. Performance at Opaki Racecourse for parents of Treasure Island.
13th December rain again- Still no swimming.

1984

31st January Roll 12
3 Form 2's; 1 Standard 4 ;2 Standard 3; 1 Standard 2; 1 Standard 1; 2 Juniors
Walk to swimming hole to inspect the area.
10th February Our 3rd swim for the year
14th February Roll is now 8. Whites have gone to Pahiatua
16th February Country Teachers meeting on computers
23rd February School in the morning then School Picnic at Mount Holdsworth Some great cricket and softball

12th March Mr Wilton here to make a start on Gael Taylor's house (School residence)
19th March Went to Riverland Camp at Hastings. Juniors went to Opaki for the week.
6th April School went to Totara Drive Dental Clinic also art centre
19th April Grand Opening of our fort
23rd may Went to computer course at Purnell. Mrs Tankersley relieved.
30th May Mr Neil Patrick swept the school chimney
5th June Arbor Day. Today we planted a walnut tree.
6th July Teacher Only Day. Went to Wellington with other Country Teachers
14th August Mrs Caroline Hunt came to check out her new job. (Started as Teachers Assistant 4th September)
4th October Nurse Woodhouse took a lesson on personal hygiene
30th October An afternoon visit to Mt Bruce wildlife centre. Mr Jim Campbell gave us a very interesting talk as we moved round
29th November. School trip to Wellington Visited Harbour Board Museum, BNZ Building, Cable Car, Parliament Buildings

1985

1st February Gael Taylor back. Roll 7. Walls look bare. It will take ages to replace displays with only 7 children.
4th February Great strides in swimming. Bronwyn did 37 lengths of the river hole. It is much better now that Edward has bulldozed it.

5th February The School Committee have promised to make two picnic tables for under the cherry tree. It will be much nicer than sitting on the steps for lunch

21st February Held at Ian Trass's, school picnic .Plenty of freezing water to swim in.

25th February Mikimiki Mug Tennis Tournament Pot Luck Tea. I set up the cricket on the field and it seemed more popular than the tennis.

28th February Visit to Ihuraua explored an empty lake bed. Wore grey mud gumboots. Lots of fun

24th April North Zone Cross Country held on Jim Campbell's property. The addition of a toilet by the hayshed was a great idea.

27th May Mrs Gael Taylor to look into replacement of the School Projector which has given over 30 years of faithful service

Old projector to be given a respectable and honourable retirement at Mr Christensen's museum.

17th June Discussion was held on encouraging future pupils from North Mount Bruce

That the School Committee look at purchasing a video and TV monitor as a replacement for the projector.

28th June Telethon School-a thon

25th July That the school piano had been inspected and it was not worth repairing

That the school piano should be replaced by a video and TV

It was agreed that \$1000 be invested with Countrywide (*Bank*) at 20% provided it proves to be more suitable than present investments

16th September Letter from Shona Brown Wellington Education Board Member. Re Rezoning Mikimiki Road into Opaki School

17 families in the District had been curculised and contacted by phone to inform them about the meeting at school to discuss the review

Letter to Wellington Education Board informing them Mrs L McGrail is now caretaker

21st September Curriculum review meeting Mrs Joan Paske (*Maths Guru*) present Terrific turnout of people from the district Great discussion

1st October Curriculum review Also well attended- Kept 3 discussion groups as before

2nd October. Dance day Our well rehearsed folk dances went off well. Lovely sunny day. Parents joined in as asked. Great Afternoon tea. Children were very good hosts

8th October BSM (*Beginning School Maths*) Inservice. Wow what a lot of organising but it will fit right into my system. Hope I can set it up by new year.

16th October Our big evening out. Marie Clay (*Leading professor, started Reading Recovery programme which is still running in some schools*) is coming tonight to speak after dinner at Solway Park I'm making the introductory speech. Nervous

17th October. Large widespread case of food poisoning after last night. I thought it was a joke when rung.

24th October Ihuraua School and Us visited Wairarapa Times Age and Indoor cricket centre. Three fathers as helpers . Nice change

25th October, Governor General's Holiday.

1st November Mr Clarke as reliever while Teacher Aide and I organised all maths equipment- what a job.

11th November Reading Survey Inservice. Very interesting results. From computer programme- reports for schools

18th November Tragedy over weekend Neil Trass was killed by a tractor. Shock in the district.

School to close this afternoon to allow everyone to attend funeral.

3rd December Just heard. Been appointed as Reading Resource Teacher- will need to move to Masterton.

10th December Mrs Taylor's resignation was received with regret as she has been at the school for the last 5 years and has become a valued member of the district.

Mrs Taylor suggested that Beth Measures be appointed as a reliever at the school. This was agreed to

13th December. All over

School Committee kindly sorry that I'm leaving

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Beth Measures

Roll 11

3rd January It was agreed that some fundraising would be required to support School Funds. Funds had been drained with the purchase of carpet for the schoolhouse and trampoline for school

It was agreed that pine firewood would be sold at Mr H Christensen's farm on Saturday 8th March.

The Mikimiki Tennis Tournament is to be organised on Monday 24th February at Mike and Di Wyeth's with a pot luck tea to follow

The swimming programme was discussed. It was agreed that the children should have one day in town pool and one day in the river or Mr H Christensen's pool, each week

19th February School picnic at Mr and Mrs Wyeth's

3rd March Mikimiki tennis tournament held in afternoon

8th March Woodcutting and sale of logs took place for school funds Amount raised \$500

12th March School attended the police display at Railway Station

17th March Letter inviting a member of the School Committee to attend the appointment of a principal for the school, Tuesday 25th March in Wellington

The sale of firewood raised. \$431 to date

Subsidies for running vehicles to Manual were very slow in coming and needed following up.

20th March a bottle drive was held at school Raised \$35.65

17th April Mr Von Sturmer (Arthur) with 20 pupils from Opaki joined Mikimiki pupils on a practice run for Cross Country on Jim Campbell's property.

21st April Board Notified appointment of Mrs Raana Donovan

23rd April North Zone Cross Country at Mikimiki.

24th April Mrs Raana Donovan the newly appointed principal visited the school.

1st May Country School's Finals Cross Country at Mikimiki. All were enjoying themselves until the rain and the wind arrived.

Raana M Donovan (*Married while at Mikimiki, Jim Campbell*)
Principal

26th May. 11 pupils

5th June. Linda Tankersley loaned a piano/organ to school.

9th June. Dorothy Christenson offered to coach and ref hockey for interschool.

11th June Gavin Tankersley tuned TV Monitor

16th June Mr L McGrath starts new cleaning contract on 30th June. (Previously through Crothalls) Five hours a week for cleaning the school and 2 hours per week for caretaking.

An hour book to be kept by telephone to record cleaning and caretaking hours.

Mr H Christenson thanked to committee for the day spent getting firewood for the school

19th June. Video Monitor arrived

30th June Ed Palmer (school liaison inspector) called on introductory visit. Found him to be very cynical and negative I suspect my ability is underestimated.

1st July Attended Maori Language group. with Ros Bartosh Itinerant teacher Maori

9th July Chimneys cleaned.

10th July. Visited Christensen's museum- excellent

15th July. Open day for parents but only 4 children at school

17th July. School Trip to Masterton Hospital, Hood Aerodrome and Greytown Cobblestone Museum

NOTE: As principal I find the present proposal of twice weekly cleaning unacceptable.

1. Children in town schools have clean classrooms every day
2. Cleaners are paid for an hours work every day.
3. School has been hit by illness severely this week. I strongly recommend the school is vacuumed, dusted, and toilets cleaned daily
4. Failing that I consider Tuesday Thursday Weekend cleaning a compromise.

Principals report

Equipment Required 2 video tapes

It was agreed that the mower should be kept at the school

The school should be cleaned Tuesday Thursday and the Weekend

The school grounds it was agreed that the Groundsman should sweep the paths and tidy the grounds as well as mowing lawns now longer hours have been allotted

It was agreed that the video would remain in the school to be used only by the principal

29th July Attended GST meeting at MIS with Gavin Tankersley and Henry Christensen

31st July Piano shell delivered to school from the hall. Metal bits in town being tuned

13th August Storeroom being converted into a security room to house TV Monitor and video

14th August Trip to MIS Trout Hatchery, orchard nursery farm. Maurice Gianotti (*District Senior Inspector*) and his wife Claire (Maths Adviser) called in 1.30 to 2 pm .Nice to be on the map.

22nd August School concert for parents only held at school. Tremendous success!

8th September Video returned to school after being housed at Christensen's during holidays

12th September Took seniors to Opaki for New Image Rugby coaching. Even I can understand the game and now have the confidence to teach as it as well

16th September NZEI Purnell Joan Paske National President Not a well run meeting 4-6 pm Far too long

2nd October. Rang Andy White (Visiting Teacher) Julie Barber absent Request Investigation.

Andy called into school 1.15 then visited Barber home

3rd October . Japanese meal.

Andy phoned back 8.15 to be followed up in writing.

7th October. Attended Crippled Children Society Puppet Show “Kids down our street” at Lansdowne

9th October Board visit, dinner for school committees at Solway

13th October Application for reliever for Juniors Week 7 granted (While seniors are at camp.) By Ross Piper- Inspector

14th October Jim Holland (Dean 3rd Form from Wairarapa College) to interview Katrina Christensen

Meeting of North Zone Principals at Bideford. to organise trip to Wellington and billets from Rotorua

25th October. Piano tuner refitted piano parts

28th October Maintenance visit 2 pm. Appointment not kept by Don Blaikie. Letter written to Wellington Education Board

5th November Collected trampoline, repaired

11th November Don Blaikie called with an apology for not keeping appointment

13th November BBQ at Riverside for Mokoia Billets and concert

14th November Letter from Wellington Education Board reminding Principal that all E12/13 returns are to be posted every week even if it only a nil return

24th November Parents meeting for Rotorua trip this week

Showed video “Beginners Guide to a Marae

Discussion on protocol Our speaker to be Gavin Tankersley. Koha to be paid by School Committee

Funds raised by children at pet day (\$71.50) to be used to pay the children’s expenses.

Parents to take salad food items for Thursday Tea/ Friday breakfast lunch.

BBQ tea put on for us by Mokoia Staff Friday. Kitty collected \$20 per family for general expenses as required

Everyone most cooperative and enthusiastic

26th November Tuition at Purnell to learn how to use video camera for Rotorua Trip. Wonder if I’ll pick it up

27th November Rotorua Trip departed 9.20 am in convoy.

1st December. Returned home after a very enjoyable trip

3rd December Ed Palmer (Liaison Inspector) called in 9.45 to 10.15. Fourth informal visit. Requested a formal visit from Inspectorate February to discuss my prospective Green and Yellow reports next year

Mikimiki students joined in the World’s First Earth Run from Mount Bruce Hall to Christensen’s gate. Flame on route from Masterton to Dannevirke . Well done kids

15th December That the Countrywide Term Deposit of \$1007 be withdrawn to pay the piano repair account of \$700.

It had previously been decided that the hall committee would pay \$300 towards the cost of the piano repairs as it was a community asset

17th December Buildings maintenance to ascertain placement of power points locations

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2nd February The electric wiring has been rewired in the school

5th February John Mather (W E R C Director) visited school today to discuss school objectives as consultant

11th February Will Hamilton (School Traffic Officer) visited school at my request to talk to children about safety with bikes

School attended welcome of Queen Margarithhe of Denmark at Mt Bruce and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

13th February Roof nailed down (Glen Bull Electrician)
16th February Attended A S T U course at Purnell “Understanding Art” Mondays 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm for 12 weeks Inspiring
17th February Ian Macdonald (Phys Ed Adviser) visited school at my request to discuss programmes, schemes, swimming and fitness.
20th February Seminar Wellington Teachers College. Topic Making Do with What We’ve Got.
26th February Music Festival Committee meeting to Photocopy words of songs for distribution to schools
27th February School Picnic held at Reef Hill. Mike Wyeth.. Drizzly weather
Seniors stayed on for weekend camp. Hard work but very satisfying. Rained out Saturday Night. Returned Sunday 10 a.m. Home 4.30pm
2th March Meeting at Fernridge of Junior School Teachers to make and share BSM apparatus Cycle 1 and 2
17th March trip to Whareama canoeing- overcast- fun
23rd March. School working bee to spruce up school for 90th reunion
Reunion Meeting 8 pm
1st April Bev Rigg relieved. Music Festival coordination
2nd April Teacher Only Day. Health Syllabus
4th 90th Jubilee. 120 attended, Children’s gymnastic and folk dance
9th April Music team meeting at MIS- lighting, art seating
13th April MAF Ministry of agriculture and Fisheries laid poison through Mont Bruce.
14th April Working Bee to collect wood for school fire.
Door on sports shed to be funded by School Committee
15th April Attended Civil Defence meeting at Town Hall
M O W called at school Silhouette (children) signs to be installed with road school signs.

16th April Open Day 5 children attended
23rd April Principals meeting at Solway Park to hear about vandalism
8 pm
24th April Trip to West school dental clinic. Julie Barber came too!
First visit but no dental treatment. Breakthrough at last.
Visited Art Centre, local gardens to view artworks, library.
Cross country cancelled- snow on hills, a bleak day.
27th April Biennial Election School Committee Henry Christensen Chairman Linda Tankersley Secretary. Charlie Lyall Treasurer Carolyn Hunt and Edward Campbell
29th April Lynsay and Sylvia Barber requested an interview in response to the Health Questionnaire A major breakthrough- first approach in nearly a year! Talked until 6 pm. I listened. Plan to visit their place in the holidays. Their invitation
1st May Music festival rehearsal at Opaki for Mikimiki, Mauriceville, Bideford, Opaki. Chance to give Judy Aiken exposure for conducting. Quite a few holes to plug up.
5th May Assemble staging at MIS for festival rehearsal
Mother’s Day morning tea. Children baked morning tea at schoolhouse and prepared and served, hosted, cleaned up. Made Mother’s day cards and presented Mums with sprays. All Mums came. What do we do for Father’s day?
Threw in the wood for school fire and general tidy up of school inside and out.
What a quick Term! Very busy for me and very satisfying. Must be getting older- can’t believe where it’s gone
25th May Di Wyeth called in to name sports uniforms- new shorts and T shirts

28th May Sports at Opaki- prepare team for first game this Saturday
 3rd June Festival- brilliant success. Standing room only. The children not only sang beautifully, they looked good too.
 5th June Met with Fraser Mailman Central School to discuss administration
 9th June Organised ASTU course members to meet at Purnell to set up art resources made as part of the assignment in preparation for opening of W E R C by Russell Marshall (Minister of Education)
 10th June Official opening of W.E.R.C new building. Powhiri 4 pm
 17th June Collected disinfectant for Lyn McGrail- will suggest to committee that Lyn uses school card for Moore Wilson to collect stuff required as required
 18th June Central Zone Country Teachers Meeting- Tinui 4.30. Dinner at Tinui Hotel 7.30 pm. Good for us all to get together
 Bruce Alderson locked out of the car- last night
 Dave Harris Wellington Education Board maintenance officer approved changing phone over from foyer to office as long as wires are concealed
 19th June Left for Wellington 6.40 am Met Hinerai Babbington Reremoana Henderson to join up with Adviser Maori Pacific Island children. Took us to 3 schools with bilingual units
 Wilford (Petone) Pencarrow (Wainuiomata), Natone (Porirua)
 Meeting at Porirua at 4 pm. "Maori Women in Education" very stimulating, enlightening and inspiring
 25th June Division B/C inspection. Ed Palmer/Bob Hopkirk
 30th June Course Ready to Read Course. January Duncan/Kate Symes
 13th August Working Bee for parents making BSM equipment
 19th August Phys Ed Course to examine new syllabus. Linda Tankersley to relieve.

20th August. Attended Teacher Release day Health planning the school programme.
 28th August School closed for 2 weeks Spring cleaned for cleaners. Lyn McGrail resigned from cleaning position
 Charlie Lyall to commence duties September 14
 14th September School commenced with shiny floors, sparkling windows fresh faced kids
 15th September Marilyn Campbell visited school to familiarise self with teacher aide/clerical assistant duties when Carolyn Hunt is absent in the home.
 16th September. John Macdonald presented case for Wairarapa Regional Authority Principal's Association
 17th September Joy Finn began drama course with us- great stuff
 28th September Took Daniel Wyeth into hospital for crushed finger. X ray showed no break- dressed and returned to school
 30th September A delightful visit by 20 Japanese Principals to Mikimiki
 We
 a) Welcomed them at the gate
 b) Performed a Mikimiki Powhiri (poi, stick game, waiata)
 c) Introduced ourselves in Japanese then English
 d) Asked and answered questions through an interpreter.
 7th October Social Worker Deborah Yates called in unannounced. Initial informal visit permissible- expect appointment in future
 12th October Roll 15 10 Girls 5 Boys
 School Committee meeting Health Education Pubertal Change
 16th October Took senior girls to Opaki to coach other students in poi and stick items for concert at Pukehou (Hawkes bay)

18th October Departed for Pukehou Marae on Senior Trip with North Zone Country Schools. Linda Tankersley to relieve

23rd November Two students from St Mathews out for week. Will get them to make BSM gear Cycle 4.,5

11th November Teacher Only Day release for planning school scheme to lead others in planning. To hone health report for Mikimiki.

15th December School Committee meeting- Only Secretary Chairman present Informed School Committee of principal's appointment Mokoia Intermediate Rotorua as Deputy Principal. Appointment pending confirmation

[Teacher aide to work 5 hours per week next year as this year](#)

17th December School Concert. Full House

9th January Preparing to move out. John Le Grice (Ex principal of Castlepoint whose wife recently died) appointed to relieve.

Mikimiki has been the highlight of my career.

1988

1st February 12 children David Le Grice enrolled

Natalie Campbell and Ingrid Horrocks have gone to Hiona Intermediate

Daily swimming at Opaki pool to prepare for interschool

17th January Visit from Mr C Wharton He has the task of cataloguing science resources in Wairarapa Schools

1st March Rocky Shore study at Whakataki then onto Castlepoint for lunch and a visit to the lighthouse and weather recording gear

3rd March Phys Ed Inservice course at Solway School 7.30 pm emphasis on more skills and fitness less games.

7th March Teachers strike over state service Bill- No children

9th March Mrs Biddy Holmes began 14 hours of Rhythmic Expression/ Gym funds provided by C A P

25th March. Tennis Tournament pleasant time had by all. Finishing off with a barbecue

29th March Mrs Lorna Gibbons began as new Teacher's Aide

22nd April North Zone Cross Country Children have trained hard and were well rewarded

23rd May Miss H Crosbie Relieving Principal

Roll 10

1st June No water from toilets. Mr Lyall contacted me to say plumber was coming.. reminded him that if bill was over \$150 Board approval was needed. Pump was expected to be fixed by the afternoon

2nd June. Visited by Barry Hooper Rural Adviser and Innes Kennard WERC

13th June Picot Report meeting at Purnell Masterton for Principals and School Committee members meeting. *This was the start of the tomorrow's schools experiment where School Committee's were re[placed by Boards of Trustees)*

8th June Senior children to Opaki for Orienteering

29th June Ballet Little Red Riding Hood. Rural Schools combined for performance at Opaki Racecourse.

23rd August Rod Garden (REAP) and Hugh McCleary (WORT) called in briefly

[20th Mrs N Halligan Principal](#)

[September Telephone extension. It was decided that a telephone in the office was not a priority at this stage](#)

[18th October Roll 17 pupils 6 boys 11 girls](#)

[Urgently need to upgrade reading material \\$394.04 in book grant to spend](#)

Computer Apple Iie- Personal purchase for school use.

Maypole has been repaired.

12th December Photocopier was discussed and question of finding balance of money was kindly resolved by Mr H Christensen who offered \$300 on loan. Till February meeting to enable the photocopier to be purchased. That we purchase a photocopier from Business World at a cost of \$600 with 2000 copies warranty.

That the Banda had arrived and repaired

The use of Opaki Pool Monday to Wednesday is excellent though causing headaches with transport. The question of a kitty for those unable to transport children was discussed which led on inquiring about the age old question of a bus

The use of the river up the road also not without problem. Extra parent help is required.,

Teacher has weedeater on loan to tidy up edges.

Photocopier paper on special \$6.80 per ream.

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Photocopier purchased. Free Toner = \$41.80

Roll 19

Got school balls pumped up but three are beyond repair. May need to look at replacing these.

That Mr H Christensen be returning officer of the 1989 Elections of the Board of Trustees.

22nd March Mrs Halligan brought up the deficit in the locally raised funds account. On further inspection \$300 for photocopier had come out of that account rather than the supplementary grant account. Wellington Education Board to be contacted.

School house rentals had been raised

Re “Tomorrow Schools” Mrs Halligan emphasised the amount of work involved with the first steps being the election of the Board of Trustees and then formulating the charter. Mikimiki had been invited to be a trial school for the review and audit team

22nd March Photocopier income \$21.20

Used 1181 copies in 8 weeks

3rd May Principals in Sole Charge were awarded one day a week classroom release time.

23rd May

The coal has been ordered for school

Roll 21

Mrs Von Sturmer is taking music from 1.00 to 2,30

Jubilee Book Notes

1988	August -	August 1990	Mrs N Halligan	
1990	August	December 1990	Mrs Adams	
1991	January	August 1993	Mrs L Jones	
1991	January	August 1993	Mrs C Southey	Junior
1992	January	May 1994	Mr Paul Brandt	
1994	September	May 1995	Mrs D Robinson	Junior
1995	April	July 1995	Mrs J Drummond	
1995	July 1995	December 1996	Mr John Kendal	
1996	July 1996	December 1996	Ms R Crouppen	
1997	January 1997		Ms S Masters	

1897	28	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W		Female	£80
1898	25	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W		Female	£110
1899	27	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W		Female	£110
1900	27	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W		Female	£110
1901	27	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W		Female	£116
1902	27	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W		Female	£124
1903	27	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W		Female	£124
1904	24	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W		Female	£124
1905	27	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W	D1	Female	£132
1906	27	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W	D1	Female	£144
1907	29	Mikimiki	Kean	Annie W	D1	Female	£144
1908	34	Mikimiki	Chamberlain	M M S		Female	£129
1909	31	Mikimiki	Chamberlain	M M S	D4	Female	£165
1910	32	Mikimiki	Bright	Aimee D	E1	Female	£150
1911	30	Mikimiki	Bright	Aimee D	E1	Female	£150
1912	27	Mikimiki	Bright	Aimee D	E1	Female	£155
1913	20	Mikimiki	Thompson	Florence M	D3	Female	£150
1914	19	Mikimiki	Thompson	Florence M	D3	Female	£160
1915	24	Mikimiki	Woodley	Roseanna	E2	Female	£110
1917	24	Mikimiki	Woodley	Roseanna Mrs	Sole	E-78	£150
1919	25	Mikimiki	Woodley	Roseanna Mrs	Sole	E-76	£230
1921	24	Mikimiki	Woodley	Roseanna Mrs	Sole	E	£300
1923	30	Mikimiki	Woodley	Roseanna Mrs	Sole	E-152	£303