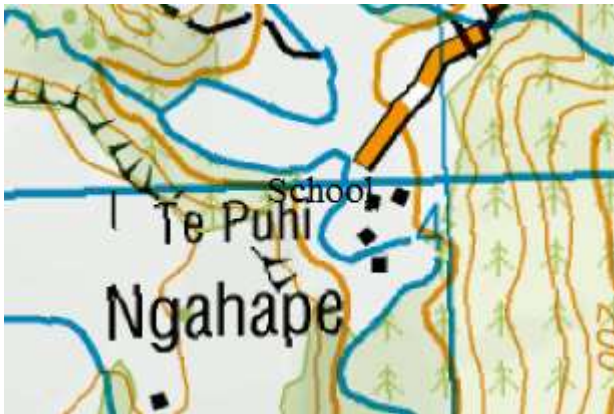


Ngahape

Ngahape: 1930-1945; 1954-1966 Open twice with a big gap in between. This school was built at the end of the road. It was only a reasonably short walk through bush to the road at Homewood near the sea.



1922

A block of land presented to the crown by Mr Toi Waaka for a school site 2 acres The sum of £45 for the area of 2 acres 1 rood if acquired by the crown

5th June Letter to Lands and Survey and Mr A D McLeod Kaiwhata The site appears to be 4 miles from Kaiwhata, 9 Miles North East of Wharau and 6.5 miles south of Stronvar

The Wellington Education Board understands that there is a native School at Kaiwhata not under control of the Wellington Education Board

Asking Mr McLeod is the land around the site suitable for subdivision

16th June Lands And Survey replied On the occasion of the purchase of a small area of native land for portion of the Ngahape Soldiers settlement the owner Mr Toi Waaka gave 2 acres for a school site

18th August Mr McLeod replies land appears suitable for a school

14th October That Mr Waaka's 2 acres and 2 acres from Mr Beetham has been approved and paid for.

1929

23rd September Miss BM Eagle (Beatrice) Sole Teacher appointed

1930

Beatrice Eagle

5th January 1930 The Ngahape School did not come into existence until the 3rd day of the term The teacher had been taken into custody by the settler at the top of the valley, there being no one at home in the valley

This explained why she had been stranded in Masterton over the week end and had had to come out by the Mail Coach on the Monday- A twice weekly run. There was only one telephone in the district and the inmates of the house in which it was installed were away so no wire could be sent through! That same afternoon, the

first family returned home but were not ready to take in the teacher till the following afternoon – Tuesday.

There being no fixed school or furniture, school was temporarily set up and opened on the verandah of the house where the Teacher was in residence. Rain set in through the morning, so everyone had to adjourn to the sitting room. The school furniture consisted of petrol cases which did duty for desks and chairs; a long form or stool and a small table for the teacher

6th February the pupils numbered five in all and all of them were new to school life. - to them it was a great adventure! They were

Hazel Elliott 10 years.

Roderick Elliott 9 years Both in Standard IV having taken lessons through the Department's correspondence school since they were in Standard II under the supervision of the auntie who had given them their first tuition in infancy. Both had their Standard IV books all ready to start work immediately school opened

Mata Waaka A Maori Girl, of similar age to Rod: This being as definite information as could be obtained; even her relatives can give us nothing more definite! She lives with her grandparents, who are themselves in the seventies. She had had but one year of schooling with the Elliott children, but had been running wild for the whole of the past year, 1929. I placed her in primer 3

Ian Summers a boy of 5 years: with his first experience of school-life. He had a "stutter" all the more noticeable when excited in any way. But a bright happy little chap.

Andrew Summers a cousin, was introduced to us, He did not at all like the idea of school! The word re-echoed when his mother left him in our care, but he soon forgot his woes in the novelty of things

about him: Also a five year old! The boy is difficult to handle being of an oddly shy temperament; he cannot be persuaded or forced into doing anything against which he has set his mind

His parents find him silent on all subjects and have had opposition from him- they warned me about it. I have had little trouble of this kind, but he finds it hard to speak or perform in front of other children. No special attention can be drawn his way or the shuts up like a trap- nothing will make him open his mouth- I really think it is a case of extreme self consciousness and sensitiveness

10th February We shifted into a whare adjacent to the wash-house and toolshed; which same had been made presentable over the weekend. Pictures and drawings were soon added, by teacher and pupils, to the walls; petrol cases still did duty for furniture; written work was done in pencil; the Primer classes had the use of two small Blackboards; their only other material was brown paper on which they drew with coloured chalks. Stones were used for counting

3rd March Desks and a blackboard were brought out by the residents from Lansdowne School Masterton. How proud of them we were! Our school had now taken on a new appearance; it was a school now in more than name. A parcel had also arrived from Wellington Education Board, containing handwork material; coloured counters and blocks. At last it seemed we were really on the map! [At one point the chairman of the School Committee had actually received a letter from the Board asking "Where" and "What" was the Ngahape School] The scholars were delighted. Never was school like theirs- They could not get into school soon enough! - it was a wonderful new experience for them

20th February received from Wellington Education Board

1	Box Paints		Black Raffia
1	Box Blocks	5	Boxes Crayons
3	Paste Brushes	2	Paint Brushes
1 ½	White Brushwork Paper	1	Bundle Coloured Sticks
6	Continuous Readers	1	Scissors
	Cane		

6th March Received 4 inkwells 1 Broken and 1 cracked

12th March received art supplies

3rd April Letter to Director of Education stating that an application for an aided school at Ngahape would be made

Ian Howard Summers 5

Andrew Summers 5

Roderick Elliott 9

Hazel Elliott 10

Te Mataa Waaka 8 years Maori

The Native girl has had schooling with the Elliott Girls but at present is not attending

All four farmers on Crown Leasehold Land of about 450 acres

Poroporo 20 Miles

Westmere 23 Miles

Taueru 26 Miles

7th April Received school journals

26th April Term exams were held

Hazel Elliott did fairly well in all subjects she is neat. very conscientiousness

Rod is more difficult to deal with. He is very slow to think and has to be driven all the time or he would get nothing done. Will take him back to Standard 111 he has been pushed on with his sister so this may account for his backwardness in arithmetic

8th May Received 9 Continuous Readers and 1 small globe

26th May School reopened Roll 6

30th May Lily Rererangi Papara enrolled, a Maori Girl of 10 years in Primer 4. She came to us from Foxton as a companion for Mata Ian Summers is staying in town his mother being away. He goes to the Whatman School

4th June Mata and Lily are very keen and have to be working- they even ask me for work to do at home! Life at home is lonely for them for "Old Joe" speaks only a little English while the "Old Lady" speaks none at all. The two children sometimes show "Joe" how to write and make figures; they also teach him new words

27th June. Ian Summers has returned to Ngahape but is in bed with bronchitis.

7th July Ian is back at school Making an attendance of 6

10th July A holiday on the occasion of the funeral of Sir Joseph Ward

16th July Mata and Lily were unable to get back to school today owing to the river having risen.

21st July Teacher spent a weekend in Wellington getting permission from the chairman to open school at 10.30 am on arrival of the mail car. The latter broke down, being held up on the road for 1 hour. And did not reach Ngahape till noon, School reopened at 1.00 all being present

29th July River Up so Mata and Lily are unable again to get over.

31st July Mata and Lily have returned

8th August Today has been so beautiful that we were able to have lessons under the trees during the afternoon. The parents seem keen to have their children know something about Sunday School lessons that I set apart the first hour of Friday Afternoon for the purpose of learning Hymns and for giving short Bible Talk- The children do not like to miss it,

6th October Ian went into town to have two teeth drawn

9th October Inspector Burns paid a visit testing the pupils in several subjects. Ian would not be promoted next year. He seemed rather pleased with the class as a whole

13th October Received 1 dozen free homework books from Fairburn's Wellington

29th October Tomorrow we close for the Wairarapa Show to which we are all going

10th December Exams are now all over and we are busy preparing for the Xmas Tree and exhibition for the end of term. The children are making their own toys and the parents are all to be invited down

19th December Today ends the first year of life of the Ngahape School Roll 6 Average roll 5.8

The year has been a happy one and all seem to have enjoyed it.

We invited all the parents to an inspection of the Xmas Tree and to an exhibition of Work

We were to have a picnic on the hills, but the Weather Clerk stepped in and said "Nay"

The children are very happy and thoroughly enjoying them, which is the most important thing in the life of the school.

All but Rod have passed into the next classes. Rod will be all the better for another year in Standard 4

They are all good children and it has been a pleasure to work with them

1931

2nd February Mr Waaka is taking the 2 Maori children to another school

5th February Roll 3 Girls and 4 Boys

The Two Maori Girls returned, sent by Mrs Waaka with a little boy Rangī Patea Kouru in Primer 4. There are two more Maori children to come for a while Length of time unknown. So I have asked the Wellington Education Board to send two more dual desks. The school will soon be too small for us!!!

9th February Two more Maori boys have been enrolled. Length of time uncertain.

2nd March Have only just discovered that Tauru King is but 4 years 10 months old, and so should not be on the register. Am removing him till March 22nd.

30th March Ian Summers has been away owing to an attack of bronchitis; but returned today

By consent of the Commissioner I held school on Saturday March (*A commissioner was appointed if a school committee could not be appointed*) in place of Thursday April 2nd when I hope to catch the Mailcar into town; so as to get away for the Easter Holidays

10th April Roll No 6 boys and 3 girls

13th April A new boy has come from Homewood a Maori Boy Ronald Carson. Roll 10- 7 boys and 3 girls

21st April We lost the 2 King Boys who have gone with their parents to the scrub cutting camp. It was rather a pity as they were getting on beautifully with their English and were fine little entertainers.

28th April Ronald Carson went back to Homewood.

The 10% cut in salaries came into operation this month.

8th May Today we break up for the term holidays after a Jolly Term

6th August Patricia Paku has come over from Homewood where she was attending Okautete School

21st August School closes today Were to have a paper chase, but rain has interfered, so will have it back first day next term

14th September "Old Joe" died on Friday afternoon and was buried on Cemetery Hill this afternoon. The school was closed for the afternoon

16th September Mr Burns, Inspector visited us today; arriving at 10.50 am and leaving at 2 pm

22nd October Lily Papara has gone into town for few days, with grandmother who is sick.

23rd October Closed school today and will be taking school on Monday, labour Day instead.

29th October. Carterton Show school closed all day.

30th October. Three Maori children are in town with grandmother who is ill.

2nd November Three Maori children have been sent away to Foxton, Rangi, Mata and Lily

1932

1st February School opened roll of 6

Primer 1, 1 Girl

Standard 1, 2 Boys

Standard II, 1 girl

Form 1, 1 Boy

Form II, 1 girl

9th March Received 15 sheets of brown paper and 24 sticks white chalk

7th March Absent notices sent out by Wellington Education Board to parents of Joan Simpson, Andrew Summers and Ian Summers

30th March During special session of parliament sitting this month it has been suggested that certain "cuts" in Education must be made. The one which effects us most is "the proposed closing of all Grade O schools" Will this apply to us or not?

It remains to be seen. If so, the children must continue their education by means of correspondence; The parents are not too keen on this proposition

9th June Intimation just received is "that no child under 6 years of age can now be admitted to schools" Parliament has thought fit owing to the depression, to raise the school age to 6 years instead of the former 5 years. Salaries are now subject to a 15% cut and a wages tax of 1 shilling in the pound. Taken out in unemployment stamps.

21st July "Gazette"

1. After 10th May 1932 date of passing act no child under the age of 6 can legally be enrolled in a public school

2. Any child of 5 already enrolled is entitled to remain in school
3. No child under the age of 6 who is not entitled to be on the roll may attend a public school

Proficiency Examination. A Synchronous examination for candidates at school that cannot be visited by an inspector will be held on Thursday 1st December.

30th September. Today I say farewell to Ngahape I feel it very much, for the school has grown with me, as it were. But one must move on!

Beatrice Eagle

Retiring Teacher

5th October J J McPhee. School reopened today at 1.15 pm. The mailcar come here only on Thursdays and Mondays. I arrived on Monday too late to open school

31st October I received word today that my relieving engagement ends today.

8th November I N Braggins School reopened today I arrived here at Monday Afternoon

15th December School closed today for Christmas holidays

1933

1st February Roll 6 Hazel Elliott gained her proficiency certificate but has returned to school for a further years work

Primer 3 1 Girl

Standard II 2 boys

Standard IV 1 girl

Standard VI 1 boy

Standard VII 1 girl

28th March Having received notice from the correspondence school, that Standard VII pupil would be allowed to work assignments from Correspondence School under supervision of the teacher. Hazel commenced work on these assignments today. She is to remain on the school roll. The work done by her will be marked by the teacher.

1934

5th February Roll 9

Joan Simpson has not returned owing to a serious illness. She is at present in Hospital after having an operation for appendicitis which was followed by peritonitis

Primer 2 1 Girl

To Form IV. I girl, Hazel first time I have met this

2nd March Received word today that Joan Simpson is not returning to Ngahape School. She is still an inmate of the Masterton Hospital and her parents intend to reside in Masterton

19th March Valerie Gordon has Measles and as a result Peter Gordon has been excluded from school for at least 16 days according to regulations

17th August Today also marks the end of my teaching period at Ngahape. I Like my predecessor am loathe to say farewell but it must be so.

3rd September E Whisker Teaching. I arrived on Saturday and commenced duty at 9.00 this morning. Roll 9

17th September Paea (Poppy) commenced school today. She did not commence school at start of term owing to uncertainty of her age and last week the river was too high to cross.

The roll number is now 10. The room is very crowded.

Another desk arrived today from Masterton and we have discarded the stools which have been used by the little ones.

24th September. Received Stanley's progress card also an appeal for funds to help Edwin Payne, a little boy who has lost both legs.

(Edwin Payne, aged eight, had one leg almost completely taken off and the other severed below the knee when he was dragged by an endless wire rope through a pulley at the Hikurangi coalmine last evening. The boy and a companion were sitting on the rope when the engine started to take empty skips down the mine. The sufferer was operated on in hospital and his condition is satisfactory.

Auckland Education Board Permission was granted Mr. V. J. Palmer, hon. secretary of the Edwin Payne Annuity Fund, Hikurangi, to make an appeal through the schools under the board's jurisdiction for a penny collection on behalf of Edwin Payne, a boy of eight who lost his legs in an accident.) PP

1st October. A terrific gale was blowing this morning. Trees were uprooted, a roof lifted from a shed. The school chimney was blown almost off and the drawing pins were knocked from the walls. The children all arrived to start school but it was not safe to hold it in the usual building. Mrs Elliott kindly allowed us to use her front room and we continued our lessons for the day

The school journals came per the rail, I also received word that the school will remain at its present grade for 1935

25th October Children went swimming during the last half of the hour

1st November Form II had first part of proficiency exam. Other children worked outside.

11th November As many lessons as possible being taken outside owing to the intense heat of the classroom

10th December. Both Rod and Valerie gained proficiency

17th December A very successful School Social was held on Friday at Mr Paku's. The children performed very well and the whole social was enjoyed by all. The proficiency certificates were awarded Attendance certificates were presented to those not having missed more than 5 half days during the year.

1935

25th February School reopened today. It did not open on the 5th February owing to the fact that I was ill and Board did not send a relieving teacher

Hazel Elliott has not returned'

Stanley Gartner has gone to Carterton

Valerie Gordon is taking correspondence course but cannot be included on roll as she is taking Course A

Roderick Elliot is taking course C and is remaining on the school roll

Sheila Paku had come from Homewood She is in Standard 5 (Form 1)

Maire Elliott has been added to the roll

4th March Two native children readmitted. Taura and Thomas King

The last attended this school in April 1931 Since then they have been in the back country where they could not attend a school
Roll 11

Valerie Gordon is doing her correspondence work at school

15th March Very Wet Day. Taura and Tommy King absent. They have a long way to ride.

22nd March Removed Rod Elliott from roll as I received word that he is on correspondence school roll

28th March Two board members came to inspect school property.

4th May Notice to apply to build a school at Ngahape

7th May School was closed yesterday to celebrate the King's Jubilee.

The children assembled at the school site at 10.00 am and helped to plant a Totara Tree. The afternoon was too wet for any entertainment

7th May It was decided by the parent's that the money allotted by the Wellington Education Board for entertainment (King's Jubilee) be spent in taking the children to the picture theatre. It was decided to take them on Wednesday afternoon as there is not to be a matinee on Friday. The parents will very kindly supply means of transport.

9th May All children taken to picture theatre yesterday afternoon to celebrate King's Jubilee Money granted by Wellington Education Board for entertainment. 10d was refunded to each child 9d (9 Pence) for picture admission and 1d towards refreshments

4th June received 3 packets of raffia needles from Wellington Education Board

3rd July Letter from Mr H Summers to Mr A D McLeod re Wellington Education Board not actioning their promise of a school

8th July It is a very wet day. Tom and Taura King are absent Maisie Paku was taken to the Doctor on Saturday. He examined her and advised that she remain at home for several weeks as she suspects whooping cough

It was so terribly wet at 12 O'clock and none of the children had lunches that I decided to keep children until 1 pm and then dismiss them for the day.

31st July Hon A D McLeod c/- Brents Limited Bathgate House Rotorua stating that the Wellington Education Board were waiting for a reply but were actively progressing plans etc (*Yeah Right!*)

1st August . Letter from Mr Elliott to Mr A Donald Wellington Education Board member stating he wanted the shearers quarters back. He had not been able to use them for six years About 6000 sheep go through our shed and I can't do the work any more.

I knew if we could not supply a building we would never have a school Now there are 12 children and this wet weather you can imagine the mud they make playing around in one's backyard

It is just that I could do with the building and to have the school away from our house

9th August received 2 pairs of scissors on Thursday from Wellington Education Board.

12th August. Poppy Paku is absent. She is in Pahiatua with her parents. Her Grandma passed away last night.

16th August Floor space 181 square feet

Roll 10

21st August Wellington Education Board has written to Taranaki Board asking about their portable schools

23rd August During the term there have been 35 excepted half days due to influenza epidemic and boisterous weather

Today also ends my teaching period at Ngahape.

9th September F Hastings started. From today Ngahape is a Grade 1 school. 11 on the roll

18th September "I can't understand: the mentality of a Departmental' officer who turns down a shelter shed for any school as a protection against the stormy blasts of wintry weather," remarked a member at today's meeting of the Wellington Education Board when intimation was received from the Department that it could not see its way to provide the finance for a shelter shed for the Ngahape School. Shelter sheds, for country schools especially, were a necessity, it was stressed by other members. One having suggested that the Board's specifications for shelter sheds were more expensive than necessary, it was pointed out that the works committee had met on one occasion with a view to making specifications cheaper, but all that they had done was to increase the cost. The board decided to submit a fresh specification to the Department for the shed in question and also for one at-Tuturumuri. ...

18th November Sheila Paku rushed into hospital today. Appendicitis

5th December Learnt today that Sheila Paku would not be back at school until next term, as she has been ordered to rest by the doctor.

6th December Experienced trouble with Taura King (Primer 2 aged 10) today, Toward the end of the afternoon he was told to remain in his seat for misbehaviour. After about 10 minutes I discovered that he had left the room and was on his way home. On being summoned he returned. He allowed his temper to get the better of him and refused to answer my simplest questions. He then shouted several insulting remarks. As he refused to accept corporal punishment I sent him home, saying that he would first have to apologise and accept his punishment before I could permit him to return. I then communicated with his father who adopted a very reasonable attitude. At the same time I made it clear to him that the boy would have to take his punishment

9th December Taura King returned to school this morning, apologized and received punishment with the strap (3 on the hands). I left him in the shed to quieten down but on returning after 10 minutes had elapsed, found he had left and was on his way home. His mother brought him back at Midday. As he obviously never liked school and his attitude was outwardly at least a very penitent one. I did not punish him further' He soon settled down and gave not the slightest cause for complaint all the afternoon

10th 11th December Still no news of the King boys

12th December Mrs King came to school today to tell me that the boys were being taken away from school and that they would probably go to a Town School

As far as I can gather the problem is that Mr King asserts that I did not inform him that I would have to punish the boy when he

returned to school. And as he punished the boy himself he considers that the punishment from me was unwarranted

Learnt today that Poppy Paku has chicken pox. It has been suspected that other children have had it, but none of the residents have consulted a doctor. As the concert was to have been held at Mr Paku's I have had to abandon it. Have arranged for "Father Christmas" to be taken from house to house on Wednesday night next.

19th December Last day for year 1935. Today I completed packing all school property in order to have it in readiness to be shifted to the new school when it is completed during the Christmas Holidays

I should like to put on record my sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Elliott for the courtesy generosity and kind consideration during the time that I have had the school in their property. I feel sure that my words would be endorsed by previous teachers.

1936

3rd February Opened school today- Arrived to find it necessary to remain in the old schoolroom for at least another 5 weeks on account of the erection of the new building being delayed.

Opened with an attendance of 2 (Peter Gordon and Ian Summers)

As a result of phenomenal flood all suspension bridges were broken down, so making it impossible for many children to attend. Spent the day in unpacking boxes and preparing the room for another 5 or 6 weeks occupation

4th February Attendance increased to 6, Children crossed river on horseback

6th February Sheila Paku returned after long absence

7th February Maire Paku returned held up by flood damage in Hawkes Bay.

6th March School Picnic School holiday

12th March As the Department turned down a shelter shed the Wellington Education Board now want a bigger front porch Owing to the school being situated at the mouth of a valley down which a prevailing wind blows very fiercely at times it is essential that greater protection be given to the doorway than at present

6th April Began work in new school today. All concerned immensely pleased with their quarters.

6th July Received from Wellington Education Board a set of garden tools.

9th May Another appeal for a porch.

26th May A letter from Department asking how many children ride horses to school as Wellington Education Board want a grant to fence the horse paddock

26th June There are now no children riding horses to Ngahape School Fencing of horse paddock not required.

3rd August Received from Wellington Education Board 100 cypresses Lawsoniana Seedlings

7th September Roll 10

11th September Girls weekly sewing lessons today under guidance of Mrs Paku

5th October Nurse Hodge (District Nurse) visited the school. She examined the children's eyes and promised a medical inspection at an early date

3rd November Mr Partridge school inspector visited the school today arriving at 9.30 am and leaving at 2 pm. Peter Gordon accredited with his proficiency certificates

16th November Inspectors report received. School graded good to very good.

14th December Holiday Birthday and Proclamation Day of King George VI

15th December Instructions were received through the wireless for all teachers to close schools as a precautionary measure against the spread of Infantile Paralysis. Father Xmas will visit the children tonight instead of Thursday as previously arranged.

1937

Attended school today as instructed per daily newspapers. Commenced preparations for the new year's work. The opening of all schools having been postponed until March 1st on account of the Infantile Paralysis epidemic

25th February Handwork material from Wellington Education Board arrived today

1st March Enrolled Audrey Elliott. Roll 8 First term commenced.

5th April Brian Nitz on the roll

20th April In accordance with instructions issued over the air I closed the school today on account of further outbreak of infantile paralysis

I began immediately a system of home lessons by correspondence whereby work will be set and marked daily

30th June Mr FN Hastings Ngahape to Island bay

19th 23rd July School closed on account of teacher's conference in Wellington

20th August Leave this district Thanks to parents Mr H Summer in particular. I sincerely trust that my successor will have as happy a time as I have had at Ngahape, F Hastings

3rd August Mrs F N Lane from relieving staff to Sole Teacher 6th September Mrs F M Lane

Commenced Monday afternoon- road blocked- delayed in Masterton under Monday. Left Masterton 7.30 am Received a telephone message from Mr Summers requesting me to stay in Masterton until Monday when arrangements could be made to make the road passable

7th September Mr Brockett Agriculture inspector visited the school. He gave us an interesting lecture on Native Trees and seed, planting and many helpful ideas for future garden work and sugar beet growing

14th October. Lawnmower arrived, needed adjusting

11th November Armistice Day. Stood in silence -2 minutes facing flagpole

6th December Visited the Elliott's woolshed to watch shearing and crutching. We had a most interesting and instructive afternoon thanks to Mrs Elliott's courtesy and the men working there the children enjoyed it immensely and so did I

7th December The medical officer examined the children. Arrived early accompanied by the school nurse. Two mothers were present

8th December Andrew Summers (Form II) heat and blood pressure- much more than an ordinary fainting attack sent for Mr Summers During prayer and assembly

18th December. Censured one and asked to remain in school grounds at lunch hour-merited- children not behaving very well during lunch hour one day- Not proven. The complaint was lodged unofficially Nothing very serious but regretful as the children had been put in honours bound to behave. Doubtful whether it was the day before or after the medical officer's visit!. Most grateful thanks to Mr H Summers for all his help and courtesy in dealing with – adult accusations against very young children
The above comment is quite correct, and had my approval H H Summers.

1938

2nd February R Cooper Teacher. We started late due to the appointment of a teacher not being made until the 26th January Andrew and Ian Summers are to go to Wairarapa College
Roll 6; 5 Girls, 1 boy

10th February Received from the Secretary Wanganui Education Board a request to sign if I approved the application for boarding allowance on account of Aaron W O'Brien. The nature of the road was the only reason for granting this allowance but I did not consider the road the child would have to travel to Ngahape School, sufficiently dangerous to warrant such a payment. Audrey Elliott aged 6 travels the same road daily on horseback and attends school regularly

15th February Miss N Cooper Appointed

15th February 1938 Mrs. P. M. Lane, from Ngahape .to Rakanui, as sole teacher

21st February No school today- due to Ngahape district being flooded in the weekend. The traffic bridge and swing bridges were all washed away and the river flooded all the flats making the road impassable for use. The water washed through Mr T (Tom) Summers home and neither his two children or the teacher could cross the river for two days and then only on horseback.

28th February Two admissions Nereta Andrews, 13, Standard 4 and Awhina Andrews,9 , Standard 2 from Okautete Native School

26th April River flooded traffic bridge washed away and children unable to cross. Even on horseback. Alan Summers only pupil able to attend school.

Children unable to attend school for three days. Lessons given to children by Telephone and Mrs H Summers

27th April Bank Books arrived. Opening of Ngahape branch of School Savings Bank

4th May School closed at 2 pm River rising and steady rain

5th May Still raining River flooded and children unable to attend school. After consultation with Mr H Summers, Chairman I decided to close school for the term holidays instead of 6th May

23rd June- Flood. School closed for the day

4th July First special deposit in school savings bank. Audrey Elliott reached 19/- (19 Shillings) in her book and Post Office deposited the extra 1/- so that she would receive interest as from July 1st

3rd August Arbor Day Three wattle trees planted for quick growing and shade of which there is very little in the school

11th November Armistice Day. 2 Minutes silence observed in the classroom.

16th December. Display of Children's work

1939

6th June Maisie (Mavis) Paku entered as pupil. Some consternation among parents due to the fact that Maisie was supposed to be suffering from T B, Nurse Hodges says there is absolutely no sign of it, no doctor having ever diagnosed Maisie's illness as such.

26th June Maisie went home today after an attack of abdominal pains. Taken into hospital

10th July. Maisie Paku struck off roll. She is living with a sister in Masterton

11th November Children presented 3 plays to parents and held a Guy Fawkes afterwards.

R Cooper leaves with thanks to H H Summers and community

1940

6th February Mr F J Kilkelly commenced work today. Roll 6 girls and 1 boy

15th February Received notification from Wellington Education Board of the appointment of Mrs H Summers as sewing instructor for 1940

14th March Holiday Today. Masterton Centennial Procession and Pageant

Maire Elliott away having tonsils removed.

27th March Maire Elliott back at school after hospital treatment. 6 days away (*Very quick, most were away much longer*)

28th March School closed for two days owing to the death of the Prime Minister

18th April Ngahape graded as a grade II school

Last day. Again special thanks to Mr H Summers

1st August Roll 13. Grade II school H Maister starts as sole teacher and carries six children by car to the school

Maude Mare Corlett Form 1

Stanley Donald Corlett Standard III

Ross Reginald Corlett II

Aaron William Patrick O'Brien Standard IV

Richard Hugh Cooper Standard 1

John Richard Lewis Wilson Primer 4?

The three Corlett children have been taking a correspondence course until today

Aaron and Richard have been attending Lansdowne School

John Attended Karori until about 1 month ago. Since then his mother has helped him with lessons at home.

Owing to Overcrowding at Mrs Wilson's at present it has been necessary to board at Mr H Cooper's. This means an extra mileage of seven miles (13pprox.) per day.

Communicated by letter with Board about this difference in travelling

2nd August Very wet morning Audrey Elliott brought in car with other six.

5th August Football bought in Masterton on Saturday began its career at Ngahape. Great excitement among the pupils when they saw it.

7th August Arbor Day. Thirteen trees (one for each pupil) shifted from paddock to fill gaps in fence in front of the school

17th October Education Board tank cleaner cleaned out school tank. (Next day pupils let out all remaining water as tap was left on all night.)

21st October. Owing to clutch trouble in the car it had to be left in Masterton for three days. The necessary part having to come from Christchurch thus delaying things.

Mr O'Brien kindly lent his car for the three days.

24th October. School started at 11 a.m Owing to the fact that I had to go into Masterton and bring out the car.

29th October School car meets Mr Gordon's car on corner on not too friendly terms. V47 has to be taken to Masterton after this for repairs. Mr R A Wilson offers to lend his car in the meantime.

19th December Sports Day Raised £15-6 for Radio Fund. Display of work

1941

School recommenced. I could not reach Ngahape until 10.30 am on account of having to regain petrol license in Masterton. As I was then behind schedule had then to wait at most places for car pupils. Time made up in ½ hour periods.

10th February Mallard Battery Set (*radio*) installed over weekend by teacher and kind assistance of H Summers and A Lambert (Masterton)

Although the total cost was just on £8 the set seems very satisfactory If it is a success it is intended that we spend £5 on library and reference books,

The £15 odd raised on closing day is to meet the financial demands

11th February Richard and Francis Paku start school at Ngahape, Probably only attending for a month or two.

19th February Holiday on account of A and P show in Masterton All except two Wilson Children attend

After discussion over wireless set it was decided to return the set previously installed. G Maister (Teacher) was authorised to procure a portable set at place where best offer was given.

Unfortunately the £15-6-0 plus a little more is being absorbed and so there will be no money at present for library books

After discussion following receiving of circulars by teacher it was decided that children support "their Queen" by efforts used in a bottle drive

25th February Trip to Masterton Children to have swimming instruction at Masterton baths following practice in our local pool. Children have made astounding progress since February 3rd. Poppy swam 100 yards and those who have managed to learn to swim since beginning of the year practised distance and life saving. "the floaters" did solid work from the bath side. The caretaker there was most encouraging and helpful.

Visits were made to Wright Stephenson's to see the seed dressing machine in action and also to the Wairarapa Times Age office to see the paper printed. Both were very instructive and interesting.

A portable radio was brought out from Wairarapa Radios Ltd Cost £17-0-0

Guarantee Set 12 months

Valves 3 months

24th February Annie Larsen started at Ngahape School

12th March Visit to Masterton for Swimming Trials (Distances) (*2014 Building next door to Eastwood Garage currently a spare parts shop*)

Poppy swam 990 yards; Maire 675 yards

Eight others gained certificates. Visits were also made to the Masterton Telephone exchange where an instructive 1 ½ hours was spent

In the afternoon we visited the hosiery mills

5th April School picnic held at River just below the “bluff” Running track and jumping pit had been prepared, Picnic lunch was had at about 12.30 pm and was followed by races, jumping and short drill display.

Richard Cooper winner of the garden competition exhibited a fine box of vegetables which together with a sugar sack of potatoes and a pumpkin brought the funds £1-12-0 With donations as well the credit balance after paying out money for races was £2-3-6

Swimming certificates and garden competition prizes were presented by Mrs H Summers.

A box of chocolates won in the Masterton Queen Carnival raffle was shared out among the children

The men enjoyed a high jumping turn they “put on” but were not as happy about it the next day.

Altogether this turned out to be a most enjoyable and friendly gathering

21st April 2nd case of apples received

5th May. Road blocked by slips. After 2 hours shovelling along with others we managed to form track to pass slips. Arrived at school at 11.30 am.

26th May As teacher attended University Hockey tournament in Auckland over last few days of vacation (Playing in C U C team) and through NZR error in reserving carriages on Express instead of Limited, school was a little late in resuming; actually beginning at 1.15 pm

(The Maister family are an Icon of New Zealand Hockey)

Time was made up, however, in extra periods at night closing time during first week and two days of next.

The Paku boys have gone back home thus our roll has fallen to 13.

3rd June. Received word from Inspector of Vehicles last Saturday that I was to take car to Masterton on following week for inspection. Decided on tonight so closed school at 2.20 pm in order to reach Masterton before 4.30 pm Unfortunately on arrival in Masterton I received another letter contradicting first. Inspection to be made next week now but inspector is coming out.

7th July Janet McKelvey started school. Her cousin Beryl McKay from Kahautara School started also but is only to stay a week. This is because she is staying at Stronvar with her mother and partly because Janet is a nervous child. The first two hours of the morning were fairly hectic but Janet settled down later in the day.

After first week it was decided that Beryl stay another week. She left on the 15th July

21st July Clinic Nurse rang me re attention to Ngahape School Children’s teeth at Clinic in Masterton. Parents views are to be heard

30th July As I had to be in Masterton by 4.30 pm to see Wright Stephenson’s about tyres we had 45 Minutes for lunch hour Stopped school at 2.50 pm

6th August Arbor Day observed by a talk, Effort started to procure one or two shrubs

15th August Friday afternoon spent at Mr J Paku's: dress rehearsal for Concert and Dance to be held there on evening of 16th

Party was eventually held and was a great success. Children's items were much appreciated and pupils "excelled themselves" considering that it was the first time some of them had appeared in public.

The funds will benefit greatly by the effort.

8th September Rose Clark Standard 4 and Roy Clark Standard 2 enrolled. Mr J Paku guardian

22nd September. H₂ and H₅ Forms sent to Wellington Education Board Although I wrote for a supply of these forms before the term holidays they did not arrive until today

25th September. Poppy taken to Masterton Public Hospital suffering from appendicitis Operated on immediately

17th October Left at 12.30 pm for Poroporo School for combined sports afternoon. Mrs G T Elliott kindly conveyed the surplus remaining after the Dodge was well filled. Showery conditions marred successful afternoon to some extent but all performed well and thoroughly enjoyed it. Owing to a very excellent afternoon tea several cases of car sickness developed on the way back.

23rd October Three quarters of an hour for lunch and closed school at 2.45pm as Mr O'Brien pleaded for Aaron to be home by 3 p.m. They were leaving then for Masterton. His attitude towards loss in time as a measure to sound education; seems to have changed. However in the case SELF = EDUCATION

30th October Aaron absent on account of Carterton Show. The loss in education evidently justifiable

10th November. Science apparatus arrived. Only small portion of equipment ordered but very acceptable

Wrote to Director of Country Library Service to advise that Ngahape wished to join for 1942. This is a new scheme in Wellington District and should be a great help.

26th November Aaron away as his father required him for shearing operations.

16th December. Combined break up with Poroporo School

17th December No primary leaving certificates have arrived for three Form II pupils although three requests have been sent to Wellington Education Board

Form II pupils presented with school case each. Infants each presented with a book

1942

2nd February School started again rather late as I had trouble in Masterton over licence for petrol, eventually received enough to carry on for the week.

Pat O'Brien started at Ngahape after some years at St. Bride's Convent Masterton.

School room is looking very spic and span having been scrubbed last week

6th March A very enjoyable and instructive walk was taken to Bull Hill and return by way of the Kaiwhata River. The volcanic formations were noted and explained.

10th March An emergency call was made for Home Guard members. Children were given work previously to do at home. School Committee granted a special holiday

12th March Four desks arrived per Transport Co Replaced broken ones.

16th March. First case of school apples arrives per transport. Excellent quality Kidd's Orange Red apples and much appreciated by all

27th March Started school at 8.40 am Finished at 2.10 pm after having half an hour for lunch at midday. Owing to petrol restrictions it is very awkward for teacher to visit Masterton at all and so I have done this as I have opportunity of gaining a ride to Masterton in order to arrange for repairs to car to be done on Easter Tuesday

1st April Pupils from Ngahape and Poroporo schools met at Mr T Cooper's residence and then hiked over the hills to Mr G Bennett's home at Homewood. (A distance of about 4 miles). All were met there by Mr. W Paku and Mr Nepia (head teacher at Okautete Native School. And conveyed in cars to the beach. After an enjoyable and instructive two hours there we set out again for home.

Our thanks go to Mr Nepia, Mr Wilson Paku. Some Homewood hostesses and the pupils of Okautete Native School for a most satisfactory day.

Thanks also to Mesdames T Cooper and H Cooper for the "sumptuous spread" they provided for the children and Teachers on their return

17th April School closed as teacher pall bearer at funeral of a friend in Masterton

24th April Talk on ANZAC. Its meaning and significance. Many to listen to Radio Service following day.

15th June Audrey starts to ride the pony to school

25th June Severe earthquake last night did much damage at school. We escaped with practically no damage. The wireless rocked on the floor but was not damaged, A lamp glass was broken. The wood in the shed toppled down and blocked the door but on the whole we were very fortunate. *Power came to Ngahape in 1957*

13th- 17th July Poor attendance- firstly a flood, then a snow fall and the district seems badly afflicted with influenza of varying degrees of severity

13th August Well, another teacher is moving on adding the chequered career of the Ngahape School Considering the "broken education" the pupils have endured so far I think they are wonderful to be as far advanced as they are.

On this my last day at Ngahape School I wish to place on record my appreciation of the eagerness and assistance the parents have shown where school matters are concerned.

I like to thank Harry Summers, chairman of the School Committee for his cooperation and assistance. The interests of the children preceded even essential farm work where Harry is concerned. Most encouraging in an isolated district

Happy stay and Good teaching is all I can say to my successor.

7th September Joyce M Hocquard Commenced as sole charge relieving teacher. Did not open until half past 1 owing to lateness of mailcar.

Roll number 9 Owing to lack of provision for travelling several children Annie Larsen, Janet and Coleen McKelvey and John and Alan Wilson not attending school. Parents intend leaving the district 10th September Case of Country Library Books arrive. Received by children with great enthusiasm

2nd December Severe earthquake in lunch hour. No damage to school. Afternoon classes taken outside on mats.

1943

1st February School opened at 11.00 as mail did not arrive until that time

19th February Audrey Elliott taken to hospital with broken arm as result of accident with horse

13th April Audrey returns to school

6th May With the chairman's permission school will be closed this afternoon instead of tomorrow to enable teacher to leave on mail car instead of waiting till Monday. The school was opened on May 7th Thursday afternoon was made up during lunch hours

24th May. School opened on arrival of mailcar

12th November Mr O'Brien called at school to lodge a complaint re his daughter and other children "calling names" in the school grounds. Advised to visit Mr H Summers and child concerned at house

18th November Mrs O'Brien visited school during school hours and demanded an apology from child who is said to have called her names in front of class. Teacher should never have let a parent into the school and now the other parents are complaining. A meeting is

to be held. The whole thing is a case of making a mountain from a molehill. And should never have been brought to school in such a way.

26th November Meeting held. It is quite obvious that both children are to blame. Mr H Summers is to come and give lectures periodically on swearing in the School Grounds.

17th December Joyce M Hocquard closed school

1944

2nd February Visit by School Nurse and Doctor

28th February Load of manure brought by Mr Elliott for gardens

8th March Manure distributed over the gardens. This will vastly improve the garden soil

14th March NAVY LEAGUE Sir Charles Norwood, president of the Wellington branch of the Navy League, visited Masterton on Saturday to present a flag to Ngahape School and pennants to Tinui, Kopuranga, St. Matthew's Collegiate School, Hadlow Preparatory, and Putara Schools. All these schools had achieved 100 per cent, membership of the Navy League for some years. A large gathering of Navy League school members assembled in the State Theatre, where Sir Charles made the presentations and addressed the children. Lady Norwood accompanied Sir Charles, and Mr. Darroch, the general secretary of the Navy League, also spoke to the children. Mr. S. R. Gawith presided on behalf of Mrs. Gawith, president of the Masterton branch of the Navy League. Mrs. Cleghorn, principal of St. Matthew's School, proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Charles for his address. PP

25th October School nurse visited us- gave a talk to children- subject your teeth

4th December School closed for lamb judging. Lois Summers gained third prize and John Bush fourth with their respective lambs

14th December Closed school at 2.20 for party at Mrs T Summers

15th December. Closed school for the day. Should this be my last day at Ngahape I should like to record my appreciation of the cooperation of the children, parents and School Committee during my stay at this school

1945

Miss Hocquard

6th February With chairman's permission opened school on Tuesday allowing Monday for travelling found garden in sorry state as horses got in shortly before school opened. Very good crop of maize destroyed. Roll Number 6

26th February Took children to Masterton for a week. During this time children and teacher attended at West School. The children joining their respective classes. Swimming was taken twice daily. Weather permitting.

Visits paid to Times Age and Wairarapa College. A most enjoyable and instructive week was had by all. Thanks are due to Mr Farrell, Headmaster, Masterton parents who billeted children, teachers at West and Ngahape parents who transported children

9th April Teacher away ill. Inspector visited school

Merle A Thompson

6th June Commenced duties as relieving teacher roll 5

5th June School closed as I had no means of transport from my last school until Tuesday.

21st June Received Basketball and six rubber play balls from Wellington Education Board

30th June (Saturday) School held today so that I may have a Friday off to go in for the weekend. School Committee and parents agreeable

10th July Barry O'Brien to attend a town school for some weeks as his mother is away ill. Roll now 4

30th July School has been closed a week owing to I being away sick.

27th July. Received 20 Country Service books

17th August, School closed down Merle A Thompson

1954

Ngahape School was reopened February 3rd 1954. I W Phillips

- a) 9 pupils admitted. 7 primers 2 standard 2
- b) The Wellington Education Board supplied School Furniture, readers ,art and craft material and all necessary cards and forms.
- c) As yet no official school committee has been undertaken by them.
- d) A meeting to elect a committee is to be held in the immediate future.
- e) Until a permanent teacher is appointed transport for children living a distance from the school is provided by their parents
- f) At present two children only have transport, their travelling distance being 5 miles.

4th February School Committee of 5 elected. School picnic be held on 11th February

12th February School picnic held on the property of Messrs Thomas. 56 persons attended. Races were arranged for the children

15th February Equipment and apparatus arrived from Fernyhurst School. Nothing received was new

2nd March G R Powell School reopened under a relieving teacher. 9 children present

9th March School Committee meeting Decision made to hold a pine cone collecting drive on afternoon of Saturday 13th

Saturday and Sunday 13th 14th 35 bags of pinecones collected.

15th March In morning children taken to Masterton by School Committee to see "Royal NZ" All 9 attended, Successful outing

30th March. River is swollen through heavy rainfall. 5 children (4 Paku's and Don Mangai) unable to cross river to come to school. First fire lit this afternoon because of cold change of weather.

1st April Conditions have not improved. Continuous rain has fallen since previous entry. Rivers are so high that attendance has fallen Fog accounted for poor visibility on road making driving hazardous

5th April Fine clear day. All children present

7th April Folk dancing began in beautiful weather- full attendance

At School Committee meeting agreed to hold school concert 7th May

Children cleaned out school under supervision of teacher, This method of cleaning having been approved by School Committee and Wellington Education Board

14th April Coal arrived in 2 bags by Transport Wairarapa Cocoa and sugar supplied by School Committee

21st April Flag just received

28th April Mr Hill, inspector here

School Committee had supplied straw broom, hair broom, hearth broom, shovel, crayons (3 boxes) 2 teaspoons, aluminium saucepans. Another blackboard was installed during last weekend. Mr Thomas made a new set of bookshelves. Mr Kennedy has supplied us with a coal bucket. Teacher dug a garden plot around the flagpole and it is hoped to plant some bulbs soon.

29th April Mrs Thomas arrived to take sewing with the children. All children are taking part.

30th April Shopping Day

3rd May During week teacher has cleaned school by himself. School Committee have agreed to my proposition to do a more efficient job by myself. The teacher will work at cleaners rates determined by Wellington Education Board

7th May After normal lessons in morning we had a practice for tonight's concert. It is to be held in Paku's house in one of their large rooms. By hearsay the room is huge and should be very suitable. This is my last entry for Ngahape Log I wish to new permanent teacher the greatest success.

24th May New permanent teacher K R Hodgkinson

2nd June Short service at flagpole to mark the first anniversary of coronation

13th June. Mr Loader Tank Cleaner by trade, arrived to clean school tank.

21st June Working bee held to clean up school grounds.

13th July Visit by Phys Ed specialist Mr Mathewson

2nd August. A Hectic Time. Teacher stranded at school because of bad slip on hill. School started late because of this

11th August School trip to Wellington Standard 1 and 2 visited the zoo, milk department and fire station. Standard 3 visited the museum, wharves and Bryant and Mays (Match manufacturers)

20th August. End of my first term The gardens have at least been done. And the grounds are starting to resemble school grounds.

The front patch was completed yesterday- how proud of it we are.

6th 7th September. Organising teacher Mr Burgess here

4th November Art specialist Mr Thomas visited here

11th November Today we spent the day as guests of Fernyhurst School

18th November Return visit by Fernyhurst

15th December Visit from Mr Horsfall (Traffic Inspector)

16th December. Concert held last night in Paku's Hall in conjunction with children's Xmas party. This brought the first year of Ngahape School's "second life" to a happy conclusion

1955

1st February Roll of 8 Extended holidays account for the absence of other children.

17th February Mr Burgess visited and expressed his approval of our developmental periods. He noted with a certain amount of surprise the social development of the children

We are spending a lot of time swimming and the children are progressing quite well.

1st March. Mr Barnett, Board's agriculture inspector arrived and left nature study equipment and promised the early delivery of gardening tools

9th February Mr Arkinstall visited school to look into the necessity of playshed roof. The suggestion that the school requires enlarging was received favourably by him

23rd March Combined sports meeting held at Queen's Park Masterton All of Ngahape School attended in transport provided by parents and school bus

31st March Field day held at Mr Bruce's Bush in conjunction with Fernyhurst Road School A most enjoyable day had by all.

6th May I have been here a year It is gratifying to note the improvements effected on the grounds. The credit for this must go to the children who have taken a pride in improving the school grounds.

23rd May School opened with full attendance. Plus Mary Penaha

27th May Have placed Mary an eight year old in Primer 1. She has not been at school for 18 months but is a willing pupil

14th June. Mr Wyatt visited school today and demonstrated method of testing standards achieved in Physical Education

8th July School visited Mr Thomas's airstrip to view aerial topdressing activities. A most enjoyable experience, particularly for those who have not been close to an aeroplane before.

12th July. School closed at 12.00. All school went to Masterton to see Hogarth Puppets with transport provided by parents and school bus.

22nd June Short Days owing to rain were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Afternoon school commencing at 12.30 and school closing at 2.30

26th July Today the bulldozers worked for four hours on the school paddock. A good job has been done for about £17

3rd August School started 20 minutes late yesterday owing to Petrol trouble with V1418, *All school buses had a number*

School started 23 minutes late owing to a flat tyre on the way to school with V1418

10th September. A working bee was held at school to prepare the grounds for sowing.

15th September. Grounds completed today and fences almost completed. I consider these improvements carried out by my committee will prove a great asset to the school in the future.

21st October. No children at school today as a result of outbreak of influenza

26th October. Mr Charles assistant Secretary to the Wellington Education Board visited the school and went over the school bus with me

He also expressed his surprise at our cramped conditions and classed our building requirements as urgent

1st December. Met Fernyhurst School at golf club for concert practice.

8th December Spent day with Fernyhurst School at Golf Club in afternoon for concert practice

12th December. Combined school concert and Xmas tree held in golf club. Hall

16th December. End of another year. The roll has dropped abruptly to 9 with the withdrawal of the Paku Children who have gone to live in town

1956

Roll 10 Betty Carroll being admitted

25th February Working bee on school grounds to cover area with silt.

5th March. Mr Aarts student teacher staying a month at our school

19th- 23rd March In service training course held in Savage Club Rooms at Masterton. Mr Aarts "held the fort" at school thereby giving me leave.

29th March . Today Mr Aarts is to leave us Both the children and myself wish him well for the future.

18th April Classroom 16'6' X 11' 5.03 meters x 3.35 meters

Proposed addition 16'6' X 16'4' 5.03 meters x 4. meters

Drinking water is from a stand and an extra tank is needed

Grading roll is now 14

The present toilets are earth closets and a septic tank will be put in The water in the stream could be used for toilets but is not good enough for drinking.

24th April Service at Flagpole to Mark Anzac day

26th June Yesterday word was received by the School Committee that their application for subsidy on swimming baths has been approved and it is hoped that work will commence next week

The County Engineer, Mr Larsen today took levels and gave advice on drainage etc.,

This surely is a “Red Letter Day” in the history of Ngahape School.
6th July Great excitement at school as first loads of metal arrive for school baths. The hole has been almost dug and work will continue during next week.

10th July .Work on the baths goes on apace. The boxing is being erected today. Today’s working Bee consisting of Mr Bruce, Mr J Thomas, C Thomas, M Swindells, T Smith, A Randall, W Tell and Mr Kennedy.

14th August School closes tomorrow as three days leave will be taken by the teacher (marriage leave)

The school baths were poured on Monday- an event of importance to the school.

17th September The baths have been plastered and there now remains the surrounds, dressing sheds, and fence to be completed.

24th September Another day in the importance of Ngahape School. Work has at last begun on the enlargement of the school and installation of flush lavatory system.

Today the carpenter dismantled the porch an event which gave the children a great deal of excitement

25th September The plumbers arrive to begin work on the septic tank system

5th October. On Wednesday and Friday of this week school closed at 1.00 and 2.00 respectively. Heavy rain forced the carpenter to work inside thereby making conditions for school work very hectic
Mr Lymphord health inspector visited the school to check the septic system at present being installed.

18th December. School closes

- a) The enlargement of the school has been completed and new work painted
- b) The flush toilet system has been in use for the past three weeks and marks another milestone in the chequered history of Ngahape School
- c) I hope next year to see the baths completed and fences re-erected.
- d) The lawn is also in the programme for next year and it hoped this may be completed before winter.

1957

4th February. Roll 14. Jane Thomas, Phyllis Carroll and Stephen Carr being 3 new entrants

13th February I made three complaints about efficiency to Mr Dixon Works inspector for Wellington Education Board

1. Insufficient pressure in lavatory
2. Failure of pump
3. Overflow on tanks

26th February Mr Allen visited school and righted the 3 complaints

15th April Biennial election of School Committee held at school.

3rd May. During the last week the School Committee have been completing the baths, The surrounds and floor of the dressing sheds have been concreted and pipes set around fence. It is hoped the job will be completed in the near future

21st June Two bulldozers levelled some of the hill at the back of the school and removed two Mairie from the front. It is a pity to see these trees go but they were a danger to the children in that during

windy storms large pieces of dry timber would fall on the playground and lawn. In addition the shade cast made conditions most unpleasant and muddy

5th July Mr Doyle- traffic inspector visited and talked with the children on traffic rules on country roads

15th August Betty Carroll arrived rather distressed this morning. Apparently she had been pushing a piece of wire along the road in front of her when a stone flew up and hit her upon the eye. I kept her inside out of hot sun and instructed her and Rosaline to be sure to inform their mother of this.

16th August Saw Betty's Father this morning and he informed me Betty was not quite better. I suggested that perhaps it was wise to contact a doctor. This he said they would do.

18th August Betty is in hospital, accident report to Wellington Education Board

9th September. Betty is back with us but without sight of one eye.

4th October. During the week the School Committee have completed the baths, Mr Thomas has erected the dressing sheds. I feel the School Committee, that is all parents, deserve the highest praise for their cooperation during this large undertaking.

18th December A concert and Xmas party was held in the school today. The children performed well in front of a good muster of parents and friends

1958

3rd February Roll 18

During the holidays a bulldozer owned by the Masterton County Council, worked for 3 ½ days on the school ground. The hill at the back of the school has been completely removed. As a result a large (1/2 acre) area of flat land has been developed.

1st March A portion of the new ground was sown down. The rest was cultivated but will need much more work yet before it can be sown

11th March School closed to allow teacher to attend refresher course in Masterton

21st March Miss Pemberton arrived and took the school for a softball hit- and running technique Miss Pemberton's visits are eagerly looked forward to by the children

10th March. Today the children and parents of Ngahape entertained the same from Ngaumu and Fernyhurst Road

A swimming day was held- Life saving was demonstrated by the children and the various stages of learning to swim by teachers and children combined.

A happy and entertaining day was held by all and I can see that we will miss our neighbouring schools when they become consolidated on Poroporo at Wainuioru later this year

9th May During the term Mr A Kennedy has spent much time at various intervals working up and sowing down our new school ground.

16th June Due to mechanical failure of V1917 school did not start until 10.15 am. Mrs Kennedy invited the children already arrived at school to shelter from the cold southerly storms around her fire.

9th November Beverley Carroll enrolled- Total Roll now 16. 5 boys 11 girls

17th December Concert held at school

I cannot but admire the way this small district supports its school Today every household was represented. In fact 100% turn out- a remarkable effort on the settlers part and most encouraging for the children and myself

19th December. School closed for the end of yet another year.

1959

2nd February School reopened on a bright and sunny day Attendance 6 Boys and 12 Girls

Mary Thomas and Selwyn Taylor started. Selwyn is stopping possibly permanently with his uncle and aunty Mr and Mrs C Thomas

9th February Godfrey Thomas has joined our happy band. Roll 19

27th February School swimming day. A good attendance of parents made for a successful afternoon. Life saving was demonstrated and swimming displays given by children

17th March Trip to Mr Thomas's to view a wasp nest. All wasps had previously been destroyed

26th March Rex Thomas found a wasp nest today.

28th March Mr J Thomas destroyed the wasp's nest

28th March A very successful school picnic was held in the grounds of the school. The swimming baths proving very popular on this hot day.

12th June Mr Coleman came and installed a drinking fountain

15th July Mr Kennedy and Mr J Thomas installed a new tank and stand to feed the zip to be installed soon

21st July Mr Hill inspector visited the school His visit was much appreciated by the pupils

14th August During the school environment has been further improved by the laying of a fine block of concrete in front of the school The Greytown Construction company have been working with the School Committee using a grant of £130 made by the Wellington Education Board. However it is expected that about thirty pounds will need to be raised to come to the project. This is another fine example of the parents joining together to further the needs of the school

23rd September Today we had a visit from Mrs Stoddart- Nature Study specialist

30th September The senior children travelled with Mr C and Mrs J Thomas to see the primary schools music festival.

7th November A Guy Fawkes party and bonfire was held in the school grounds. An enjoyable evening.

3rd December Mr Kenneth Alexander visited the school to take a school photo

16th December Tonight the annual Xmas party and concert was held in the school. The children performed very well to earn high praise from the 100% turnout of parents and friends

17th December.

- a) The first of Ngahape Schools second life pupils Ewan Bruce leaves today and will be attending college in Masterton next year
- b) Today also ends the last of my 5 years 9 Months stay at Ngahape
- c) For me it has been a most enjoyable experience.

1960

1st February D B Somerset Relieving

Roll 17

23rd May New permanent teacher. Heavy rain continued to fall Mr Walter Habergham? Waikato 1954 57 Probably left for overseas as not on electoral roll

3rd June Honouring the flag ceremony held. Mary (Kennedy) Peneha and Brian Kennedy made the declarations

10th June Visit to the school by Mr Doyle Traffic Inspector. Two filmstrips shown Maintenance of Bicycles and Parked Cars. Filmstrip projector loaned to the school by Mr Farland, Headmaster of Wainuioru

5th 6th 8th Concrete paths laid from concrete playing area to toilets by the firm of L S Corlett

Mr Les Corlett and Mr Chick Porter gave many interesting facts on the bulk (cement) concrete mixer which transported the concrete ready mixed from town

29th July, New window cords put in school and a larger blackboard erected

13th August Working bee held to erect fence around playing area

End of first term. First time sole charge.

Thanks to the ladies of the district who have gone out of their way to make my wife and young family welcome.

26th September An eventful day

- a) Mrs Thornton Audiometric Technician checked children's hearing
- b) In the afternoon Mr and Mrs Stoddart visited. Mrs Stoddart brought an aquarium

c) Today was romper day. Every girl was wearing her school blue rompers and every boy with the exception of one was clothed in white from head to toe. Mr Stoddart was very impressed and told the children that this was only the second school he had visited where the children changed for Physical Education

d) Thanks for this are due to Mrs C Thomas (Sewing Teacher) who worked overtime getting them finished

7th October School residence. The 1922 plans were a surprise as the school fences did not correspond with the plan. The school house would go in the bottom corner whether it was owned by Mr Kennedy school neighbour or the Crown

12th October Suggestions that after the ¼ acre residence section be taken out the rest of the land be given back to the crown.

Letter to Mr Kennedy Secretary School Committee

25th October. Belated discussion on United Nations Day held.

15th December. School Concert 100% turn out of parents.

Mary Peneha given a presentation from the school and the children

Mary has been awarded a scholarship to Hukarere School

16th December. Owing to an oversight school opened for this extra day. No excuses- my fault entirely

1961

1st February Roll 16 Grounds in an overgrown state

6th February Flag ceremony held for Waitangi Day

8th February School closed at 11.30 to enable children to visit Wirth's Circus

17th February Shopping day

21st February School closed for Inservice programme. Dr G L Arvidson gave an address on his NZCER Spelling Research

3rd March The school went into Masterton to take part in the country school's swimming gala. The children did extra well gaining 10 firsts and 9 minor places beside coming in 2nd in both Senior and Junior relays

10th March. The whole school went into Masterton to compete in the country school sports.

17th March Shopping day

24th April ANZAC service held. Rex and Francis learnt and made the declaration

26th April Visit to Wainuioru School for participation in "Shell" traffic unit.

6th June. Five tables and chairs (type E) and 1 table and chair (Type D) received from stock

2 table and Chairs (Type A) and 3 table and chairs (Type B) returned to Lower Hutt

13th June Miss Wilson Supervisor and Miss Willoughby Dental Nurse at Wainuioru visited school and inspected children's teeth. And also showed some filmstrips.

Miss Wilson met Mr Kennedy and discussed Ngahapes' reluctance to attend Wainuioru clinic

15th June Mr S J Moore rabbitier, visited school and gave an interesting talk to the children.

PM Pet show held- very successful- full muster of parents

23rd June Shopping day

14th July Shopping Day

7th August A howling rain laden southerly Slip on road unable to get car across. Walked to school arriving 9.45

8th August Foul weather continued At chairman's suggestion I took off the first part of the morning and went in to the home to see my wife and new born 10lb son. Opened school at 10.45 pm

10th August Another shocker severe slip on road. Had to turn back. Chairman picked me up at slip. Opened school 9.15 am No power for the second time this week.

4th September School reopened after a shocking weekend which caused 2 major slips on road. Bruce children have left and are going to have correspondence lessons. Father seems pretty upset because I have discontinued to fetch and carry them. Most unjustly so I think.

25th September Art specialist visited re United Nations Day.

2nd October Roll now 15. Paul Kennedy enrolled

6th October Whole class visited Industrial Trades Fair in Masterton in the afternoon

24th October. United Nations Day pageant held at Wainuioru. It is to be hoped that this event will be repeated next year.

25th October John Macdonald Organising teacher. Slides and tapes taken of yesterday's contribution for in cooperation into film of United Nations Day 1961

7th December School Committee meeting Committee agreed to Amenities Fund of 2/6 per school week being started next year.

14th December End of year break up concert held at 8pm

1962

5th February Roll 12

21st February Mr Stothart demonstrated Rescue Breathing. Dismayed there was no water in the baths. (because of pump being U.S.). Mr Church took swimming lesson down at the water hole.

5th March Hangi Feast! Pumpkin, potatoes, onions, chops and apples cooked Maori style by Children. A good way to teach Social Studies. Finished 7 pm. Parents came along to watch

21st March Thomas Family (5 children) visited the NZ ballet. The rest of us visited the house site, combining the visit with a Nature Study Exhibition

2nd April School commenced under the charge of one of the parents. (Mrs A Kennedy) I did not arrive until 11 A.M. my car being "bogged" down following heavy weekend rain and was unable to proceed until County Council Truck managed to tow me out,

12th April School closed at 2 pm to allow children to prepare for their overnight trip to Christchurch

13th April 9 children visited Christchurch. A most enjoyable time was had by all. Perfect weather and perfect calm seas Paul, Godfrey and Mary were left behind in charge of Mrs Habbergham. We arrived back in Masterton at 9 minutes past 9 Saturday morning

17th April Oral Vaccine clinic held 9/12 school children had dose. 7/8 preschool children

21st May Mary and Susan Thomas have gone to Martinborough

28th May We made a long awaited expedition to the Coast. Over the hills. Set off at 8.30 am arrived back in the rain at 5.5 pm. We had lunch at Homewood School with Mr Lilly and pupils.

21st May School closed at 10.30 to allow whole school to go to Wainuioru for Oral Vaccine Clinic. School reopened 1.00 pm

18th June School closed at 12.00 to enable children to see local production of the King and I

James Brunswick and his sister joined. Roll 12 last school Waitohi 6th October. Whole school visited Wairarapa Industries Fair in the afternoon

10th October. Two children from the shearing gang entered school today. Tahuwai Te Kawa and Tapita Te Kawa.

11th October Visit to school by Health Department Nurse and supervisor for T B skin test

13th October. School used for local body elections

23rd October Went to Queen Elizabeth Park to participate in country schools athletic sports.

25th October Catherine McDonald (from the shearing gang) joined the school.

23rd November Sent record cards for Te Kawa girls to Wellington Education Board (*This means they have left Ngahape school and gone nowhere*)

3rd December Pru's (Solway College) and Annette's (St Bride's Convent) progress cards mailed.

14th December Rosalyn's Progress card still held at school- Wishes to go Christchurch Maori Girls College. (Te Wai Pounamu)

18th December End of year held. Hangi Supper cooked by Mr Carroll and Mr Bill Paku- Very successful

19th December School finished. I depart from this district,

1963

Peter Kohing Relieving teacher (*Robin Carlyon was at training college in Wellington with Peter*)

4th February Met at Gladstone School

School roll 12. 10 present

11th February School closed for children to visit Wellington (Shearing Competition) to see the Queen during her visit

12th February Jane Thomas was feeling ill- she looked extremely pale and was taken home by me. Her parents were at home to look after her

20th February Mr Wilcox from Department of health came to make inspection of grounds and facilities to compile a report for the Wellington Education Board

21st March The fence in the back paddock was erected today by a working bee of parents This has been awaited occasion as the matter has been on the Minute Book of the School Committee for a long time.

Doctor Roberts made a physical and medical examination of all the children. Also pleasing and worthy of note was that all the parents' (Mothers) were present while their children were examined.

27th March Mrs M C Thomas commenced her duties as Needlework instructress for the girls

24th April Anzac Day ceremony Declaration read by Betty Carroll and David Hodder

1963 Ian Darcy Clausen

Arrived to find a lovely new home with fire set, wood in shed and a warm welcome from the chairman Mr Thomas and Family

27th May Roll 14 Names in Log. I sent to St Albans for cards of Rosemary and Jeffrey Clausen

30th May Mrs Clausen commenced duties as sewing mistress

11th June Following the School Committee meeting at which it was decided that a guillotine and a new radio were to be purchased by the School Committee The members discussed the proposed sports function in Masterton. The Central School (*Opposite where the Warehouse is in 2014*) is to be a monthly meeting for the country school children to gather for team sports Rugby and Basketball etc. The teacher is to report on the organisation and success of the function.

12th June Although the weather was a little doubtful 4 cars carrying children went to the group sports day.

On arrival at Memorial Park and Central School the children were immediately grouped according to weights and instructed on what to do. The teacher in charge of each group set out the rules. To many of the children at Ngahape it was their first experience of playing in a team of their own size.

They thoroughly enjoyed the outing and say they almost knew the rules by the end of the day.

13th June The dental nurses came and inspected the children's teeth. There were no cavities in the children's teeth and they found exceptional as no inspection had been done for 8 months.

15th August Mr Logan, Senior Inspector paid a visit to the school re scholarship application for Betty Carroll

23rd August The end of the term. The term has been extremely wet and cold.

17th September Betty Carroll sat Maori Scholarship supervised by Mrs Clausen at the house to avoid interruption in school programme

25th September Have tried to encourage the purchase by children of recorders,

2nd October Have 6 with recorders. Others are not so cooperative.

4th October. Subjected the school to I Q test (Tomlinson Junior School) It was rather long but nevertheless the range resulting was adequate for my pupils.

14th October Mrs Kennedy came to school this morning with rather a confused tale about Paul's gumboots going astray

18th October. 3 parents and I transported the children to Wainuioru for Athletic Sports practice for the afternoon. Am pleased to report it was well organised. All children were active for all the afternoon

The whole of the school went to Solway showground for combined country schools sports

They all enjoyed the day but the long day from 8 am to 8 pm for most of them had an effect on their working ability next day.

13th November School Committee arranged a Big bonfire with fireworks for the children and supper to follow

18th December Children entertained parents with a school concert and a presentation made to Betty Carroll.

Carpenters have moved South Wall from school in preparation for reconstruction of school

The floor space is being doubled with an extension 21 foot South and about 12 foot West

1964

- A) During the holidays the carpenters extended the school
- B) A new hearth has been installed
- C) Cupboard space provided
- D) New shelving extends partly around the room.
- E) Increased window area along with increased electric lighting have made a vast improvement
- F) The school has been relined with softboard and panelling.
- G) The whole school has been repainted in soft colours.

Roll

Form II Jane Thomas, David Hodder

Form 1 Phyllis Carroll, Gavin Kennedy

Standard 4 Rosemary Clausen, Beverley Carroll, Godfrey Thomas and Jeanette Brunswick

Standard 3 Allison Hodder, Jimmy Brunswick

Standard 2 Jeremy Clausen

Standard 1 Paul Kennedy

Primer 4 Susan Brunswick

Primer 2 Rosemary Thomas

A new incinerator arrived today

14th February Had a busy time burning the rubbish which was stacked in the ceiling of the pre renovated school Most of it was well layered with cement from carpenters storage area and made difficult storage

26th February Mr Brunswick as Secretary and Treasurer taking away 3 children The roll is now 11 with only 1 infant

25th May Opened school today with all pupils present. We had a heavy downpour of welcome rain. This has filled our tanks and broken the drought which has been with us for most of the summer
23rd June Closed school for day to attend Maori course for country schools.

7th July School went to Masterton for afternoon to participate in Inter School (Country) sports football and basketball

15th September Mrs Leywood visited school and tested all the children for hearing

14th October. School visited Wellington Studying early Wellington and the Maoris at the Wellington (Dominion?) museum They were also shown over the American Submarine Anchorfish and the Shaw Saville refrigerated cargo vessel Crusader

11th December School received a motor mower from Wellington Education Board. Masterton County Council has tar sealed road from School to Schoolhouse. This has been a big help in keeping down the dust

1965

1st February Spent Teacher's day on scheme preparation- filling tanks- cleaning and filling baths

2nd February School opened roll of 9.

24th February All children attended the country schools Inter School Swimming Sports at Masterton Ngahape children did particularly well. Alison Hodder won the 5 events she entered for.

8th March Captain McCarthy and his men gave the children an idea of their training operations and let off a number of bombs and light

arms. Children were invited to attend the capturing of an outpost by the battalion. They all enjoyed the outing

10th March. School Committee decided to purchase a globe and basketball (Netball) posts Also to erect a new roadside fence.

31st March Mr Kearney visited school for teacher inspection.

28th April Householders met to elect school committee. Same School Committee.

29th April Had a visit from two constables from Masterton to have a talk to the children.

12th 13 14th Obtained permission from the School Committee and Board so that I might attend a funeral.

21st July. Mr Hedley , Wellington Education Board building officer visited school re maintenance survey

2nd August Since July Influenza in the district has caused a considerable amount of absence in the school. Winter so far has been wet and cold.

21st October Combined with Wainuioru for sports afternoon

6th November. School Committee provided fireworks for the children and a large fire for Guy Fawkes evening. Supper was served in the hall.

13th December. School hiked for an hour and half down Kaiwhata River. They took their lunches and had very enjoyable day collecting fossils, spearing eels and swimming.

15th December. School concert. School Committee made presentations to Mrs Clausen and myself and also to Phyllis Carroll who is going to High School next year at the Convent. Also Gavin Kennedy who is going to Wairarapa College

Children gained 9 certificates for wins and places in country sports at the concert.

The school grounds look very neat at the moment. With all the children's gardens in full flower.

They have taken great pride in their gardens this year.

The tar sealing has made conditions much more pleasant. The dust has been kept down in the summer and the mud in the winter. All children in the school except Rona can swim

1966

2nd February Gardens are all in bloom a good display of sweet peas and gladioli. Some of the children have tended their gardens during the holidays

Roll is 9 One of whom is doubtful

3rd February Attended meeting at Gladstone School

7th February Temperatures have been between 84 and 90 degrees for the past week and children consequently very tired.

16th February School was taken to Masterton to visit communication branch of the Post Office in the morning and the Fire Station in the afternoon.

This was followed by a swim in the school baths

18th -22nd February Uncle Ray and Aunty Ruth took children for a period of Sunday School daily "Happy Hours" and their weeks work were excellent

17th March District Nurse visited and tested all children for tuberculosis

24th Mrs Wenn returned to check T B reactions Positive reaction was found in the school and parents notified.

13th April Xray results of positive TB reaction were all negative.

15th April New fencing along roadside of school use has been completed

29th June Mrs Griffiths District Nurse visited school for TB and check eyes

18th July Mr Farland, visiting teacher, visited school for the day as a final visit before my tramp.

4th August The School Committee arranged afternoon tea in the school and made a delightful farewell presentation to Mrs Clausen and myself.

19th August I have locked the school and handed the keys to Mr Thomas School Committee Chairman. Ian Darcy Clausen

This ended the log. The school closed at the end of 1966 and amalgamated with Wainuioru.

1974

1st April Letter to Wellington Education Board from Alan Stewart Secretary Wairarapa Secondary Schools Board Asking about Ngahape site for a school camp.

14th June Alan Stewart writes stating that they are no longer interested