

**Ngapopotu, Ngapopatu** 1896-1911 On the Manawa Road starting at Tinui Township going west about 5.5 Kilometres from Tinui



20<sup>th</sup> October 1896 Some public-spirited settlers at Ngapopatu near Tenui, in the Wairarapa, have built a school at their own expense, and now offer the Wellington Education Board to guarantee £70 a year for the salary of the teacher. The offer will no doubt be accepted PP

22<sup>nd</sup> October 1896 WANTED, a Teacher for an Aided School salary, £70 annum. Applications to be sent to Robert L. Langdon, Ngapopatu Te Nui PP

24<sup>th</sup> December 1896 Opened a month ago 20 children PP

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1897 School Committee Messrs Robert Langdon (Chairman) James Langdon, James Cameron, John Jepson, William Bovey.

24<sup>th</sup> November 1897 Fanny Ahradsen, resigned Ngapopotu aided school PP

28<sup>th</sup> July 1898 Miss M. Robinson, of the Spit School (*Probably at Napier*), was appointed teacher at Ngapopotu PP

9<sup>th</sup> May 1899 Teacher, Ngapopotu School average, 20. Salary. £90

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1899 Teacher Ngapopotu (£90), £10 housing allowance  
19 applicants

1<sup>st</sup> June 1899 Grants were allowed the Ngapopotu Committee for the purchase of a tank, £2

14<sup>th</sup> July 1899 Miss Helen Kean, who has been on the staff (*Masterton School*) for six years, has been promoted to the charge of the Ngapopotu School, and has received instructions to take up her new duties at once

26<sup>th</sup> April 1900 The question of the removal of the Ngapopotu School to a more central site was left in the hands of the Board's Chairman.

27<sup>th</sup> February 1901 H Kean, Ngapopotu, £90; £10 housing allowance

26<sup>th</sup> April 1901 R L Langdon, T Dillon, I D Langdon, W I Dickens, W Bovey School Committee

25<sup>th</sup> August 1902 Miss Kean, who has been teaching the Ngapopatu School for nearly three years, has been removed to Wadestown, Wellington She will be greatly missed in various ways. The school children, who have got on well under her careful teaching, were very fond of her. She has acted as Organist at the Church services at Tinui, which has been a great help to the Vicar and congregation. All wish her every success in her new sphere of labour.

4<sup>th</sup> February 1904 Sole Teacher Ngapopatu, Average roll 12 Salary £69

7<sup>th</sup> May 1904 the Ngapopotu Committee had also approved the selection of Miss Higgins, of Newman, as sole teacher for its school

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1905 On Thursday last a grand picnic, organised by the Committee of the State School, was held at Ngapopatu in a paddock kindly lent by Mr Robert Langdon. The day was brilliantly fine, though a trifle windy. There was a large gathering of children, parents, and friends, all of whom seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. In the afternoon a most enjoyable cricket match was played between Boys v. Men, Which resulted in a win for the boys by seven runs. A long programme of sports was gone through, all the events being keenly contested. The crowning event of the day was a race for married women, which finished amid loud cheers and much laughter. The committee desire to thank all those who contributed to the day's success. PP

11<sup>th</sup> May 1906 Ohariu Miss Higgins, promoted from the Ngapopotu School

5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1907 On Thursday last the annual picnic of the Te Nui State School was held at Ngapopatu, in a paddock kindly lent by Mr Robert Langdon

*Both spellings were used and strangely National Archives has no record of this school. For a school open for 17 years there was very little written information. Records of some first day pupils: 16<sup>th</sup> November 1896*

Name	Previous School	Highest Standard	Age at Leaving	Destination
William Bovey	Nil	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14.11	Work
John Bovey	Nil	2 <sup>nd</sup>	12.2	Work
James Dickens	Grassendale	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14.6	Work
William Dickens	Tenui	5 <sup>th</sup>	14.3	Work
Charles Dickens	Grassendale	4 <sup>th</sup>	14.0	Work
Robert Langdon	Tenui	6 <sup>th</sup>	15.0	College
James Langdon	Tenui	6 <sup>th</sup>	16.4	Work
Thomas Langdon	Nil	4 <sup>th</sup>	12.1	Tenui
Harold Langdon	Tenui	7 <sup>th</sup>	15.8	College
William Bovey	Nil	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14.1	Work
Mary Bovey	Nil	2 <sup>nd</sup>	13.1	Service
Lucy Bovey	Nil	4 <sup>th</sup>	14.3	Service
Lizzie Bovey	Nil	4 <sup>th</sup>	12.1	Service
Dinah Bovey	Nil	4 <sup>th</sup>	12.0	Tenui

*The following are the teachers of the school at the end of each year*

1896		Ngapopotu	Ahradsen	Fanny
1897	12	Ngapopotu	Ahradsen	Fanny
1898	20	Ngapopotu	Robertson	M M
1899	19	Ngapopotu	Kean	Helen M
1900	19	Ngapopotu	Kean	Helen M
1901	19	Ngapopotu	Kean	Helen M
1902	16	Ngapopotu	Marten	Margaret L
1903	12	Ngapopotu	Marten	Margaret L
1904	10	Ngapopotu	Higgins	Florence J
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1906	11	Ngapopotu	Graham	H Miss
1907	10	Ngapopotu	Sutton	Edith M
1908	10	Ngapopotu	Sutton	Edith M
1909	9	Ngapopotu	Sutton	Edith M
1910	8	Ngapopotu	Sutton	Edith M
1911	5	Ngapopotu	Sutton	Edith M