

Normandale School

1st July 1908 A petition was presented by Mr. Wilford, [Member of Parliament] asking for the establishment of a school at Normandale.

28th August 1908 Wellington Education Board Normandale: It was resolved to support an application for an aided school for Normandale, which had been previously considered, and a request for the establishment of the school is to be forwarded to the Department.'

9th February 1910 Next week a deputation of Normandale settlers will wait on the Minister for Education (Hon. G. Fowlds), in reference to a proposal to erect a school in the locality on a site already owned by the Education Department.

29th April 1910 "This is the old-standing trouble of Normandale," said Mr. Wilford, M.P., in introducing a deputation to the Minister of Education (Hon. G. Fowlds) this morning. The residents of Normandale, he continued, had been long hampered by having no school to which to send their children. The Education Board had a reserve on the settlement, an excellent site, which would serve the district admirably. The side school at Kings-road [Lower Hutt] was not sufficient, and the road to that place from Normandale was by a long, steep, and at times dangerous road. Within the two-mile radius, said a member of the deputation, there were 28 children attending school and just inside the three-mile radius there were 23 children, besides plenty of young ones "coming on." It was also stated that the Education Committee of the House of Representatives had reported favourably on a request made for a grant for the building of a school. The Minister, in replying, said that at the time of the last application from the board (in September, 1908) the request for a grant was declined, as the position did not warrant the expenditure. If the position had changed since then the residents should make another application to the board. The department had recognised all along that the time would come when a school would be required, but that time had not arrived, in comparison with the claims of other districts, when the last statement of the position was put before it. Children could not possibly get as good an education in a small school as they could get at a big one. He advised the deputation to represent the present condition of things to the board, in order that the board might again communicate with the department on the subject. Then, he would give the matter sympathetic consideration.

30th April 1910 STRONG PLEA FOR A SCHOOL.

THE POSITION AT NORMANDALE. A SYMPATHETIC REPLY.

Some interesting remarks on the principles which guide the Education Department in dealing with applications for grants for the erection of small schools' were made by the Hon. G. Fowlds (Minister for Education) to a deputation, of Normandale residents which waited upon him yesterday.

Mr. Wilford, M.P., said that the lack of a school was an old-standing trouble at Normandale, which was situated "away, away on a mountain." He pointed out that there was a suitable reserve in the township, the number of children were sufficient to constitute a school. He

proceeded to say that when the settlers there took up their sections a school site was shown on the map. The not care how small a building was provided so long as they got a school.

Mr. Bell said that the settlers had been trying to get a school for five years. He stated that the Hutt School was overcrowded, and that some of their children had to go to Alicetown. In order to get their education, the children had really to put in a working man's day. As a result of the absence of the children so long from home the parents were not able to exercise so much control as was desirable. There* were 28 children within the school radius, and another 23 who could attend the school.

Other members of the deputation stated that if a school was authorised settlers would, clear the section. In going to school now the children had to pass a dangerous crossing, and there, were frequently ; restive- horses along the narrow, steep roads.

The Minister (in reply) said that he could only deal with applications of the kind through the Education Board. The last communication he had received from the board was dated September 9, 1908. At the time the information as to the number of children and distance they had to travel to the Hutt did not seem, to warrant the erection of a school. He therefore thought that the residents should put the latest facts before the board for its consideration. He would like to point out that the cost of providing schools for all parts of the Dominion was very costly. There were numbers of cases where children were more isolated and had to travel over worse roads. With so many urgent claims then before the Department and the amount of the vote, Normandale did not come within the range of urgent cases.

Mr. Wilford: Well, Hutt district only wants two schools just now— Silverstream and Normandale.

Mr. Fowlds: But you must remember that there are 80 districts in the Dominion. . . Mr. Wilford: Some time ago you were reported as saying that, the educational requirements of some districts had been met.

Mr. Fowlds: I must have been misreported: (Laughter.)

Resuming, Mr. Fowlds said that the Department recognised that in time a school would be required at Normandale. But he wished to point out that children could not get as good an education at a small school like the one at Normandale was bound to be as in a school which was subdivided into classes with a teacher for each.

Mr. Wilford: It would depend on the teacher. .

Mr. Fowlds declared that it was, as a rule, better to be under an inferior teacher, dealing with a single class than under a teacher who had to take the whole of the classes in the school. Before erecting a small school in the proximity of a well-equipped school, the Department had therefore to hesitate until it became absolutely necessary. Personally, he did not lay very much stress on the hardships involved in children going a couple of miles or so, to school in New Zealand.

Mr. Wilford: That is all very well as regards the flat; but in places like Normandale it is a very different matter :

Mr. Fowlds added that, if the deputation would supply the board with the latest information he would give the matter sympathetic consideration when it was referred to him.

29th June 1910 Wellington Education Board It was decided to renew the application for a school at Normandale

4th July 1910 Mr. Wilford is urging the Minister for Education to put a sum on the Estimates for the erection of schools at Normandale and Silverstream, and to increase the accommodation at the Korokoro School.

27th July 1910 Wellington Education Board GOVERNMENT GRANTS. Grants for additions to the Paraparaumu School (.£345), for new schools at Normandale (.£330), and the Carrington Estate (.£315), and joint grants for additions to, the Brooklyn School and building requirements at Normandale, Makerua, and Carrington were received from the Government.

1911-1915

1911	21	Normandale	Stace	Iva M	D4	Female	£125.00	£ 20.00
1912	24	Normandale	Pattle	Olive E	C3	Female	£150.00	£20.00
1913	26	Normandale	Pattle	Olive E	C3	Female	£150.00	
1914	25	Normandale	Pattle	Olive E	C2	Female	£160.00	
1915	18	Normandale	Stanton	Catherine M	D2	Female	£160.00	

The £20 is because a teacher's residence was not provided by the Wellington Education Board .

20th February 1911 There were about thirty residents present at Mr Bell's residence on Friday, for the purpose of electing a school committee to control the Normandale school, which will be erected within two months. The following were elected : Messrs Furnan (chairman), Knight (secretary), Barnes, Adams and Hartley.

1st March 1911 Wellington Education Board call for tenders for new school

3rd April 1911 Notifying that School Committee election for new committee [In line with all other Wellington Education Board schools] would be at the residence of Mr J Harris

25th April 1911 School Committee Normandale. — R. B. Bell (chairman), J. Harris (secretary), H. Adams, W. Barnes, J. Doyle.

26th April Wellington Education Board Claim to Government Normandale- and Carrington, additional sum required, £99 12s.

13th June 1911 Wellington Education Board calls for tenders again

28th June 1911 W Harwood won the tender bidding for new school

28th June 1911 Miss I Stace resigns as teacher of Putara School West of Eketahuna

Taught at Island Bay 1905-1907 Then a gap of 2 years presumably because she was at Wellington Training College. Then at Putara in 1910, Normandale 1911 Plimmerton in 1912 and then at Shannon in 1914 and 1915

1916/5167	Iva Muriel	Stace	Albert Wilfred George	Cadwallader
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CADWALLADER—STACE.—On the 10th May, 1916, at St. Mark's Church, Wellington, by the Rev. H. Worsley Thomson. M.A., Albert W. G., elder son of Mrs. and the late W. A. Cadwallader, of Nireaha, to Iva Muriel, elder daughter of Albert Stace, Wellington

2nd October 1911 I think it is a great hardship," said Mr T. M. Wilford when opening the Normandale school on Saturday, "that the rate of a teacher's pay should depend upon the average attendances, particularly when an epidemic of some disease had, as recently happened, reduced the average by half." He had placed a question upon the order paper asking the Minister to consider the desirability of fixing teachers' salaries for any quarter in which an epidemic of sickness had occurred by the attendance for the previous quarter.' This

remedy was suggested some time ago by the Rev. A. Thomson, when the Petone school committee found' its capitation allowance seriously affected by an epidemic of measles quite upsetting the average attendances at the Petone High School.

10th January 1912 Hutt County Council The Normandale School Committee were granted permission to fence in a portion of an unformed road adjacent to the school. The object of the request was to provide space in the school grounds for a proposed rural course, and the portion of the road affected was on top of a high bank, and useless for traffic.

13th January 1912 Mr. R. Bell, chairman of the Normandale School Committee, waited on the Board to ask permission to extend the' school fences so as to include the roadway up to the "formation". He explained that the land—which was the only flat land available —would be utilised for experimental purposes in connection with the rural course classes to be established, shortly. After some discussion, the concession was agreed to on the usual conditions as to removal when required, and also as to its being erected to the satisfaction of the Inspector ' of Roads and of the Councillor for the riding

6th February 1912 Wellington Education Board Normandale (near Hutt) — Sole Teacher. £120 to £150, and £15 h.a.

11th March 1912 Miss O E Pattle appointed

23rd April 1912 School Committee Normandale. — About forty residents attended the meeting at Normandale. The following committee was elected : — Messrs. R. G. Bell (chairman), J. Harris (secretary), H. Adams, W. Barnes, and W. H. Knight.

1st May 1912 Wellington Education Board Library Grant Normandale 10 shillings

29th July 1912 The celebration of Arbor Day by the Normandale School children has been postponed until Saturday next, 3rd August.

30th October 1912 Wellington Education Board Normandale, fencing repairs;

1915/800	Olive Emma	Pattle	Walter	Matthews
1916/17345	Matthews	Walter Pattle	Olive Emma	Walter

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Olive Emma Pattle started teaching at Clyde Quay in 1905. From 1909 to 1911 Olive was at Ihuarau School in the Wairarapa. 1907-1908 She would have been at Wellington Training College

20th December 1913 At the annual distribution of prizes at the Normandale school a very interesting programme of songs, recitations and dialogues was gone through. The little school was taxed to its utmost to find seating accommodation for parents, scholars and friends. Mr Adams, chairman of the school committee, distributed the prizes, and in doing so dwelt upon the value of education, not only from the commercial aspect, but from that of the more noble and elevating pleasures to be derived from a knowledge of nature and science. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the school broke up with the united singing of the National Anthem and three lusty cheers for the teacher. Miss O. Battle. The prize-winners were:—Greta Knight, A. Knight, C. Arnold, B. Arnold, V. Austin, D. Barnes, M. Barnes, H. Adams, J. Adams, E. Adams, A. Dodd. J. Doyle.

18th February 1914 The Normandale School children held their first annual picnic on Saturday. There was a good attendance of parents, scholars,' and friends, and perfect weather conditions prevailed. ' The School Committee,-thanks to the liberality of friends, had provided an ample supply of toys, every scholar receiving one in addition to those .won in

various competitions; First prize (boys over 10): A. Knight.-1; S. Dodd, '2. Boys under 10: D. Bell; 1; A. Dodd; 2. Boys under 8: J. Adams, 1; B. Austin, 2 Girls over 10: V. Hodson, 1 • 'G. Knight, 2. Girls under 10: D. Barnes,' 1;" Adna Knight, 2. Married Women's guessing 'competition: Mrs. Harris, 1; Mrs. Adams, 2.

9th May 1914 School Committee Normandale. — Messrs. H A. Mason, T. Langford, J. Knight, A. Hartley (reelected), John J. Arnold (re-elected).

30th June 1914 Wellington Education Board The withdrawal of resignation of members of the Normandale School Committee was agreed to

8th September 1914 The Normandale Social Committee held a very successful and enjoyable social and dance in the Normandale Schoolroom on Saturday.

4th January 1915 The annual prize-giving and tea in connection with the Normandale School took place on Saturday. At a concert in the evening songs and choruses_ were wing by the children, and in addition Misses M. Hartley, D. Barnes, M. Austin, Messrs. Austin, Hartley, Langford, Mason, and Arnold contributed items. Prizes were awarded to the following: — C. Hartley, J. Adams , V. Hodgson, C. Arnold, E. Adams, B. Arnold, E. Wagner, D. Bell, H. Adams, P. Austin, S. Dodd, V. Austin, E. Knight, D. Barnes, G. Austin, and A. Dodd.

24th February 1915 Wellington Education Board Miss Pattle resigns from February 28th

31st March 1915 Wellington Education Board gifts a grant for ground improvements

5th May 1915 NORMANDALE. _ At the Normandale School the following committee was elected:—Messrs. J. J. Arnold, P. W. Barnes, A. Hartley, C. A. Fear, H, J. Knight.

15th May 1915 At the Normandale Schoolroom last evening a farewell social was tendered to Mr. H. Farman, a settler, v.-ho is leaving the district to take sp fanning pursuits. There was a good attendance and the guest of the evening, who has been chairman of the Normandale Social Committee for a considerable time, was the . recipient of a handsome travelling rug, and a handbag for Mrs. Farman

17th December 1915 Normandale School Committee pays to Wounded Soldiers and Sailors and Dependant's Fund £1. 5 0 in lieu of prizes

19th December 1915 A concert-social was held in the" Normandale schoolroom on Thursday " evening, on the occasion of the "breaking-up" of ; the school. A splendid programme was rendered by the children, under the leadership of Miss K. Stanton the head teacher. Miss King presided at the piano. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Stanton for her interest in the school. No prizes were given this year, the amount saved being devoted to the Wounded Soldiers Fund. First class attendance certificates were awarded to D. Barnes and B. Arnold, and a second-class certificate to J. Adams.

I cannot find an appointment for Catherine Stanton This is the last time Catherine M Stanton is recorded working for the Wellington Education Board so I presume she had resigned and was appointed to fill a gap in the staff. She started teaching in 1893 for the Wellington Education Board

1893-1894 Mt Cook Infants Pupil Teacher

1895-1900 Terrace Pupil Teacher

1901 Waingawa

1902-1904 Mangamaire Female

1905-1914 Featherston Assistant Female

1916-1923

1917	21	Normandale	Aitchison	Evelynn	D-85	Sole	£140.00	
1919	24	Normandale	Aitchison	Evelynn	D-79	Sole	£210.00	

1921	22	Normandale	Aitchison	Evelyn R	D	Sole	£280.00	
1921	22	Normandale	Lancaster	Albert C	C	Reliever	£200.00	
1923	15	Normandale	Stace	Edith C Mrs	E-186	Sole	£225.00	

11th January 1916 Countess of Liverpool Fund Normandale School 14 Handkerchiefs, 15 bags.

26th May 1916 School Committee Normandale. —Messrs. W. -Barnes (chairman), C. T. Fear (secretary), J. Arnold, F. B. Akhurst, H. J. Knight. .

17th November 1916 Wellington Education Board calls tenders for painting etc

1st May 1917 At Normandale the following committee was elected :—Messrs. Barnes (chairman), Arnold, Akhurst, Knight, and Mussen (secretary).

8th May 1917 Normandale (Railway Station, ' Lower Hutt)—Sole Teacher, £140 to £190, and £20 house allowance

1st August 1917 A gathering of pupils, parents, and teachers connected with Kaiwarra School took place yesterday .afternoon in the school. The occasion was to make a presentation .to Miss E. R. Aitchison, who, for the past three years, has been an assistant at the school, and .has now left to take charge of the school at Normandale. The headmaster spoke feelingly of the loss the school would sustain in the, departure of Miss Aitchison; for she had thoroughly identified herself with the work, and had gained the respect and' esteem of her pupils, their parents, and her fellow teachers, Mr. Swan, chairman of the committee, then presented Miss Aitchison with a suit-case, and made further reference to the good qualities of the departing teacher. Mr. George Flaws, speaking ion behalf of, the; parents, added his testimony to the highly satisfactory manner in which Miss Aitchison had carried out her duties. At his call the children gave .the departing teacher three hearty cheers

It appears that there could be 2 Evelyn R Aitcheson's teaching in Wellington Education Board area at about the same period

One spent most of her time in Wellington Schools and the other in Wairarapa. This is probably the Wellington Ones tour of duty for the Education Board

1908 Epuni Pupil Teacher, 1910 Wadestown 1914 Kaiwarra and then Normandale Then in 1923 Sole teacher at Kopuaranga in the Wairarapa

One [Evelyn Rose] got married to a Robert Alexander Mitchell Miller in 1925

22nd July 1919 Children's Peace Day Costume Prizes Normandale School Florrie Riggin , (Welsh), 1; Kate Riggin (Nurse), 2; Mary Riggin (Japanese), 3.

22nd August 1919 HUTT, EPUNI, NORMANDALE, AND TAITA SCHOOL DISTRICTS. CHILDREN attending -the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Standards at the -above Schools are requested to meet at the Petone Wharf TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)] at 2 p.m., to embark aboard S.S. DUCHESS for the purpose of. Visiting H.M.S.. New Zealand. Fare for Adults Is return.

22nd August 1919 Children attending the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth standards at the Hutt, Epuni, Normandale, and Taita Schools are requested to meet, at the Petone wharf to-morrow at 2 p.m. to embark on the Duchess for the purpose of visiting H.M.S. New Zealand. It is announced by the chairmen of the Petone Schools Committees that the children of those schools will not take part in the visit owing to the impossibility of arranging adequate Supervision of the scholars.

Comment [RC1]:

6th July 1920 Traversing the Normandale settlement -an area, by the way, which is not a settlement at all—there- is a long-disused road, overgrown with gorse and destroyed by the recurring floods of years past. This road the county has never tried to maintain, because it has received no rates for the maintenance of it—the Government as the adjoining owner, paying no rates—and there were no settlers to use it. The Government, too, as the adjoining owner, should have been responsible for cutting the gorse off the road. The position is now complicated by the settlement in the district of a returned soldier, who finds himself cut off from his section by half a mile of gorse-grown and impassable road. The representative of the riding on the Hutt county, Mr. M. W. Welch, mentioned this matter to the Minister of Public Works yesterday. He asked the Minister for a grant of £200. The Minister did not give a definite reply on the matter. He was speaking about other questions as well. No doubt the matter will be taken into consideration.

29th October 1921 It is stated that the suburban school in which certain children have refused to salute the flag is the Normandale School, near Lower Hutt. The matter was referred to in the House yesterday, when the Minister of Education (Hon. C. J. Parr) said that he would be very glad to go into the case and make a pronouncement. A circular is being addressed to all schools in the Wellington district by the Education Board, inquiring whether effect is being given to the requirements of the regulations regarding the inculcation of patriotism.....

7th November 1921 On severing his connection with the Normandale School on Friday last, Mr. Langley Pope, who had held the position of relieving teacher* for some time, was presented by his pupils with a silver inkstand and accessories; and on Saturday evening at a social gathering, Mr. Fear, the chairman of the school committee, in his name on behalf of the residents with a clock suitably inscribed, expressed their appreciation of his labours and their regrets that he had resigned. On both occasions Mr. Pope suitably replied, and in doing so paid a tribute to the good qualities of the boys and girls he had been privileged to teach not only at Normandale but also in Otago and Southland. [Langley Pope was only ever on the electoral rolls in the South Island]

12th August 1923 The death occurred yesterday of Mr Langley Pope, aged 90 years. Mr Pope, who was engaged in the teaching profession in Otago for more than 40 years, was born in Devonshire, England, where he received his early education. Coming to New Zealand in 1865 with his parents, he completed his education at the Lawrence Grammar School. He entered the teaching service, and in 1876 was appointed head teacher of the Tuapeka Flat School, subsequently becoming head teacher of the Wetherstones, Pukeuri, Balclutha, and Waitapeka Schools. He became headmaster of the St. Clair School in 1896, and held this position until his retirement in 1919. He was to have retired some years earlier, but carried on during the period of the Great War. Mr Pope enjoyed excellent health, and until recently was still able to enjoy a game of bowls, a pastime in which he was always keenly interested. He is survived by his wife, two daughters—Lady Hunter, of Wellington, and Mrs T. Pemberton, of Bristol, England—and one son Mr L. E. Pope, of Toronto, Canada.

6th December 1922 Miss E Aitchison was teaching in an interchange of teachers at a school in Saskatoon Canada

18th January 1923 Two Wellington school teachers, who have been on exchange in Canada during the last twelve months, are returning in time for the opening of the primary schools,

next month.. They are Miss Aitcheson, of the Normandale School, and Miss Hargreaves, of Lyall Bay School. In 1923 Evelyn R was at Kopuaranga School
 20th December 1923 Passes : Primary—Thelma Langford. Standard I.—Leslie Pettitt, Jeff Evans, Neil Langford, Olive Johnson, Myrtle Johnson, Thora Stace. Standard 2—Pat Evans, David Boniface, Phyllis ' ' Pettitt. Standard 3—May Evans. Standard 4—Kenneth Pettitt, now standard 5. Attendance prizes and certificates— Henry Pettitt 1, Kenneth Pettitt 2, Leslie Adams 3. A breaking up ceremony and the distribution of prizes will take place in the (schoolroom on Saturday. A Christmas tree, bran tub, and Father Christmas will provide entertainment for the children."'

1907/7238	Edith Catherine	Peed	Herbert Walter	Stace
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1918/18606	Stace	Norman Edward	Edith Catherine	Herbert Walter	-
1908/2115	Stace	Gordon Walter	Edith Catherine	Herbert Walter	-
1916/20492	Stace	Thora Steerwood	Edith Catherine	Herbert Walter	

Only teachers position for Wellington Education Board was at Normandale. In 1901 Edith Peed was an assistant at the Taonui School for the Wanganui Education Board Taonui is between Feilding and Bunnythorpe in the Manawatu

Post 1923

26th July 1928 The Education Board at the last meeting made grants to Normandale School Committee of £10 for path foundation and concrete work.

15th October 1930 At its last meeting the Wellington Education Board decided to protest against the proposed erection of a high tension,, power line' on the Normandale school grounds, and the protest was forwarded to the Minister. To-day a reply was received stating that the Minister had made strong representations against the proposal, and would do everything possible to ensure that the children's interests were properly safeguarded.

9th November 1936 The Normandale School celebrated its silver jubilee with a children's party at the school, followed-by a dance in the evening at the R.S.A. rooms at Lower Hutt The members of the social committee for the dance were Mrs. Paul (wearing black velvet), Mrs. Austin (In green floral georgette) Mr Lewis (M.C.) and Mrs. Lewis Scarlet and grey georgette), Mr McCauley and Mrs. McCauley (forest green silk marocain), and Mr. Johnson. The dancers included Mr. and Mrs. Nash (Eastbourne), Mr. and Mrs. Smith Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald, Mr and Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Riggins, Mrs. Cookson, Mr. and Mrs H. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Mrs. J. Lewis, Mr and Mrs. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. • Arnold, Mr. Paul Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Mrs. Gough, Mrs. Henry, the, Misses T and J Langford, E. and L. Sullivan, D. Lane N Austin, J. Brown, I. Lewis, J. Austin, M. Fleet, M. Peene J. Lewis , Schauffer, and Messrs. K. and T Paul, T McLeod W. Adams, B. Lewis, J. Cochrane. Berryman, A. Pearce. A. Brown, and M. Evans.

23rd March 1937 The annual school concert was held at Normandale on Saturday evening, when a varied programme was submitted by the . pupils of the school. Choruses, recitations, solos, and plays were given and much appreciated by the audience. At the conclusion of the programme Shirley Smith, on behalf of the pupils, thanked Mrs. Baskett for training them, and the committee for their help in doing all they could for the good of the school, three' cheers being given.

The committee was thanked by Mrs. Baskett for its unremitting attention to the school, the pile of five prizes being part of the result of its labours.

Mr. Macaulay, chairman of the committee, in thanking Mrs. Baskett, spoke of the co-operation existing between teacher and committee' which made for fine results. He said the audience would agree with him when he said Mrs. Baskett had worked wonders with her pupils. That such a programme could be submitted from so small a number was highly creditable.

The prizes were then presented and supper served." Community singing and solos brought to a close a very happy function.

10th September 1937 Part of a long article: work done in the grounds of the Normandale School was the subject of a civil action in the Lower Hutt Court yesterday, before Mr. H. P. Lawry, S.M., when H. J. Harris, bricklayer, of Normandale, claimed £15 5s 10d from H. G. Macaulay, the secretary of the Normandale School Committee.

Mr. N. T. Gillespie appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. Mitchell for the defendant.

The statement of claim set out that on or about January 23 the defendant instructed the plaintiff to build brick steps and a concrete landing in the school grounds at Normandale.

7th November 1945 The Normandale Primary School, disused at present, would make an admirable kindergarten, said the president, Mr Hugh Eaton, at a meeting of the board of the Hutt Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and Industry at a recent meeting. Mr. Eaton suggested that provision should be made for use of the Normandale building to serve the Western Hutt districts, in the campaign for adequate pre-school facilities throughout the Hutt Valley.....

22nd December 1948 A large number of parents and children gathered at the Normandale School on Saturday for the Christmas party sponsored by the Normandale Social Committee. Races for children of all ages occupied the early part of the afternoon and the winners and runners up of the events, were awarded-suitable prizes. The arrival of Santa Claus and the gifts he bestowed upon the children were highlights of the function, as was the afternoon tea. A "sing-song" brought to a close a very successful, function.