

## Paekakariki (aka Paikakariki)

### 1885-1891

1886	20	Paikakariki	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£ 96.00
1887	20	Paikakariki	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£ 100.00
1888	27	Paikakariki	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£ 100.00
1889	24	Paikakariki	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£ 100.00
1890	21	Paikakariki	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£ 100.00
1891	31	Paikakariki	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£ 116.50

**Dorothea Hamilton** had a long career in small schools for the WELLINGTON Education Board. She was one of the first teachers employed in 1879 the first year of the revised WELLINGTON Education Board at Gladstone School until 1882. Then she was at Horokiwi [Near Pahautanui] for two year. Then she started at Paikakariki by 1886 until 1891. Following that she went to Kaitoke in 1892 until 1899 followed by Matarawa West of Masterton until 1902 when she finished teaching permanent teaching for the Wellington Education Board

21<sup>st</sup> May 1904 Miss Hamilton Relieving Teacher at Hamua died on Wednesday after an attack of influenza

HAMILTON.—In loving memory of Dorothea Hamilton, who died at Hamua, New Zealand, on 18th May, 1904; aged 53 years. Not gone from memory. Not gone from Love But gone to our Heavenly Father above. Inserted by her loving friend.—M.G.

17th October 1885 The residents of Paikakariki district are now circulating a petition to present at the next meeting of the Education Board, praying that a school may be established in the vicinity. It is said that there are over 30 children between the ages of 6 and 13 living within easy distance of the township, and the nearest school is eight miles distant. Mr. F W. Smith has we learn, kindly offered to give a site for the proposed school. It is to be hoped the prayer of the petitioners will be acceded to.

28th October 1885 An application was received for the establishment of a school at Paikakariki. The Chairman said it was doubtful whether Paikakariki was within the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board resolved to defer the consideration of the matter, in order that enquiries might be made. [Because in 1885 Otaki School was still in the control of the Wanganui Education Board and the next school to open in the Horowhenua Area was Manakau in 1888. The Wellington Education Board had schools at Judgeford and Horokiwi by this stage. Both on the Hill Road between Lower Hutt and Paikakariki]

29th October 1885 An application was made for a school at Paikakariki. The Chairman said he did not think this was in the Boards district and pointed out the necessity for a definition of boundaries. The Manawatu river, be thought, should be the boundary. It was decided to leave the matter over, as a question of jurisdiction.

26th February 1886 Mr F. W. Smith, of Paikakariki, waited on the Board with a request that aid should be granted to the school in that district. The application was granted

8th November 1886 Sir— Seeing the interest your widely read paper always takes in educational matters doubtless you will be surprised to hear of the kind of school house we have at Paikakariki. There are 30 children on the roll, and the building is 18 feet long by 9 [5.49 Metres x 2.7 meters] feet wide, and is only a shell at that, being neither lined nor even scrimmed and papered. Bad as it is we would not even have that were it not for the liberality of Mr. F. W. Smith, who gave the use of the building free, and also offered the Education Board a piece of land to build a school on, which offer I believe is still open. I am informed on good authority that before next Christmas there will be 30 more children living here, as a number of permanent railway officials must necessarily be stationed here, I cannot finish my letter without giving a well-earned word of praise to the lady teacher, Miss Hamilton, who, in spite of all drawbacks, is getting her young charges on admirably. Hoping the Education Board will do something in the matter and thanking you in anticipation for insertion of this letter. I am, &c, An Anxious Mother. Paikakariki 6th November,

26th January 1887 The receipts under the head of the building account are estimated at £14,950. New schools are provided for as follows : —Courtenay -place, site, £3000; Courtenay-place, building, £3000 ; Willis street, site, £2500; Waipatiki, Mangaone, Waiangaroa, Waikanae, and Paikakariki schools, £300 each ; Residences appear on the list at follows — Ohariu, Te Whiti, Judgeford, Dreyerton Belvedere) - Dalefield, Petone Wadestown, Taueru, Makara, Waikanae, Paikakariki, Whakataki, Mangaone, and Waingaroa, £250 each.

23rd February 1887 Mr. Anderson, of Waikanae, asked the Board to pay the railway fares of his three children when attending the Paikakariki school. Replying to Mr. Brown, the Chairman said that the Board had not yet been able to obtain a school site at Waikanae. Mr. Young stated that the school at Paikakariki was already too full. The Board decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Chairman.

26th March 1887 THE PAIKAKARIKI SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir— I wrote to you once before drawing attention to the wretched school accommodation here, and a short time after that I saw there was a sum of money placed on the estimates by the Education Board for school buildings. Since then nothing has been done towards making a start, and as the number of children is increasing, the school is in a worse state than before. There is only one building (shed I may call it) where the children receive instruction, and not a single outbuilding of any kind. Under these circumstances I hope the Education Board will see their way to have something done before the winter sets in. Could you only see the place to-day, while it is raining, you would certainly say it was cruelty to animals to keep the children and their teacher in such a wretched place. I am, &c, Mater. Paikakariki, 22nd March, 1887.

31st March 1887 Wellington Education Board Annual Report included Two small aided schools opened one at Paikakariki and one at Mangaone [Five kilometres on the Alfredton Road from Eketahuna][An aided school when the Education Board pays a fixed sum per child to the School Committee and the committee appoint the teacher and run the school on local funds]

7th April 1887 THE PAIKAKARIKI SCHOOL. TO THE EDITOR.

Sir — Architectural beauty has always an attraction for me, hence I often contemplate with a great deal of pleasure some of the many public structures I meet with in my travels. Having come across a particularly fine specimen of architecture to-day, I cannot refrain from sharing the pleasure of it with someone, and with your kind permission I will share it with you and your numerous readers. The structure in question is the Paikakariki School, and, without exaggeration, I think I may say that a finer specimen of the architect's handiwork does not exist south of the Line. The style, viz., the shedifice order of architecture, is one rarely seen in these colonies. The sashes are unique, glass having to a large extent been dispensed with, and its place supplied with those things of beauty and joys for ever," gunny bags. The area covered by this truly handsome edifice is, I should say, approximately 15 feet x 10 feet, and the seating accommodation is extensive enough to provide at least 10 children with " comfortable " quarters, but it is rather over-crowded at present by reason of about thrice that number attending. The old style is departed from to some extent, in that a verandah has been added, which heightens the effect considerably. Mere words are inadequate to describe the surpassing beauty of this latter addition, but some idea of its beauty may be formed when I say that the roof is composed of gunny bags, and the supports are two disused clothes-props Seriously though, it is time some attention was paid to this school. It is a disgrace to whoever is responsible for its condition. The vote for a new school was passed some time ago, but at yet no steps have been taken to give effect to that vote. I am, &c, C.H. Hills. Paikakariki, 31st March, 1887.

27th April 1887 Mr. Lee, Inspector of Schools, informed the Board of Education this morning that the children at Paikakariki, 32 in number were being educated in a small room which was lined with sacks. The Board appointed a committee to visit the locality and select a site for a proper school-house.

28th April 1887 It was decided to inspect the schools at Waikanae and Paikakariki with a view to effecting some improvements in those schools. Mr Leo, who was in attendance, said that the Paikakariki school was hardly fit to teach in, the children being much overcrowded, and the school lined with old sacks. A committee consisting of Messrs Brown, Young and the Chairman were appointed to inspect the school and report to the Board.

25th May 1887 Wellington Education Board The committee who left, been appointed to deal with the question of a new school for Paikakariki district reported that, through the liberality of Mr. Frank Smith, they had been enabled to procure a site an acre in extent. They recommended that as soon as the land is vested in the Board a school should be erected to accommodate 60 children. The report was adopted, and it was agreed that the architect should be instructed to prepare plans and' call for tenders.

17th June 1887 Wellington Education Board called tenders for new school.

29th June 1887 It was decided to accept Mr. F. W. Smith's offer, if unconditional, of a site at Paikakariki.

30th June 1887 Wellington lets tender to Mr W W Bacon

1st July 1887 Nora Smith and Sarah Smith passed freehand First Grade Drawing examination from Paikakariki School

28th September 1887 TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW ZEALAND TIMES. Sir,—I noticed a letter in your issue of 24th inst., signed " A Parent," complaining of the delay in

the erection, of the Clyde-quay School. "A Parent" says a piece of ground was leased and the money granted months ago, and yet nothing has been done. If "A Parent" will read this letter he will see that he has not much to complain of. The land on which the school at this place is to be erected was given to the Government unconditionally some months ago. The money for the erection of the school has been voted a long time, tenders have been called and one . accepted and signed on the 2nd instant, and yet there is no sign of the contractors commencing operations. The children have to be taught in a miserable shed that a respectable fowl would hesitate to roost in. If this letter should have the effect of calling the attention of the authorities to the matter, a large number of. parents will be grateful to you for publishing it.—I am, &c., C. H. Hills. . Paikakariki, 26th Sept. -

28th September 1887 Wellington Education Board Mr. Young asked what was being done with regard to the erection of another school house at Paikakariki. He said that he was out there a few days ago and found the people very anxious to know when the new schoolhouse was to be put up. The Chairman explained that a tender had been accepted, and the contractor was now getting timber from Wellington.

19th February 1888 Wellington Education Board On the application of Messrs. Frank Anderson and H. Walton, settlers at Waikanae, it was agreed that their children should be allowed to attend the Paikakariki School, the Board paying railway fares. [Waikanae School opened 1890]

17th May 1888 The annual report of the Wellington Education Board showed a new school had been built at Paikakariki

30th August 1888 Wellington Education Board refused to do repairs of the playground at Paikakariki.

26th April 1889 A very successful concert was held in the Paikakariki Schoolroom on Easter Monday night. The affair was got up to raise funds for the purchase of prizes for the school children, and the promoters are to be complimented on the result. The following ladies and gentlemen kindly contributed to the evening's entertainment :— Misses Ames, Buck, Bolton, Smith, and Upham, and Messrs. Benbow, Death, S. Smith, J. Smith, Tucker, and Upham. After the concert a dance was hold which was kept up until an early hour in the morning. Several visitors from the city and the surrounding townships were amongst the company, and appeared to enjoy themselves to their hearts' content

29th May 1889 Wellington Education Board The elections of the Dreyerton, Waihenga [Later renamed as Martinborough], Paikakariki, and Kaitara School Committees were ordered to take place on the 19th June [As they didn't elect a School Committee on the set date]

8th June 1889 Two country schools have been examined by Mr. Lee, the Education Board's Inspector, during the present week At Paikakariki there were 37 children on the roll, of whom 12 were in the infant class, 1 was absent, 6 were excepted, and 15 passed. The details were—Standard V., 1 presented, 1 passed; Standard IV., 2 presented, 1 excepted, 1 failed; Standard III., 10 presented, 1 absent, 4 excepted, 3 passed; Standard II., 5 presented, 1 excepted, 4 passed Standard I., 7 presented. 7 passed. The roll of the Paraparaumu School bears 34 names, including 17 in the infant class. Of the remainder, 9 passed their standards, 0 were excepted, and 2 were absent. In Standard V. 1 scholar was examined and passed; Standard IV. 2 presented, 1 excepted, 1 passed ; Standard III., 2

presented and both excepted Standard 11., 6 presented; 1 absented 3 excepted, 2. passed; Standard 10 precented, 1 absent, 9 passed

2nd May 1890 Sir — I am glad to see you are again calling attention to some of the weak spots in our education system. They cannot be too persistently exposed. You refer to boys and girls poring over home lessons by candle or gaslight, and the injury that results to the eyesight and in other ways. There is no doubt of it— home lessons are an abomination. But what are parents who disapprove of it to do? If the children do not perform their home tasks they are punished. Is there no remedy for this state of affairs ? Must home lessons be forced on our children ag-*inst* our wishes, and in defiance of the laws of health? It is quite time too that parents were prevented from sending their children to school at too early an age. I am, Ac, , C. H. Mills, 1st May, 1889. Paikakariki.

3rd February 1891 In addition to the nominations for the three vacancies on the Education Board already published that of the Paikakariki School Committee was received today, they, like most of the other Committees, having selected Messrs Brown and Young. Quite half of the School Committees had not up to last evening sent in any nominations.

23rd April 1891 Nomination for Paikakariki School Committee were:. Paikakariki.— Horace Ames, Chas. Woodman, William Trueman, Thomas Gregory, Charles M. Mills, Charles Slight, William Cameron, James C. Vincent, Ossian P. Lynch, Michael J. Lynch, Charles Gibson, James Fryer, and F. W. Smith.

25th April 1891 TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —Will you be so kind as to inform me on the following questions re-election of school committees (1) What are the qualifications entitling a person to vote at such elections ; (2) whether partners, all living in the same dwelling, and all being ratepayers, are each entitled to a vote, or whether the vote is limited to only one member of the firm with one vote. By complying yon will oblige A Constant Subscriber. Paikakariki, 22nd April, 1891. [The questions are answered in our leading columns. —Ed. N.Z.T

29th May 1891 Wellington Education Board granted £15 for repairs to Paikakariki School Committee

26th June 1891 Wellington Education Board The elections of Paikakariki and Otaki School Committees were declared valid on the motion of Mr Beetham, seconded by the Rev J. Paterson.

26th August 1891 Wellington Education Board The consideration of the erection of a master's residence at Paikakariki was postponed for a month

14th November 1891 First Grade Drawing Examination W Smith only pass from Paikakariki in geometry.

## 1892-1896

1892	23	Paikakariki	Bedingfield	Douglas		Male	£175.00
1892	23	Paikakariki	Bedingfield	Mrs L		Sewing	£5.00
1893	30	Paikakariki	Bedingfield	D S		Head Male	£195.00
1893	30	Paikakariki	Thomson	Gertrude		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 35.00
1894	28	Paikakariki	Bedingfield	D S		Head Male	£ 175.00

1894	28	Paikakariki	Thomson	Gertrude		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 35.00
1895	28	Paikakariki	Bedingfield	Douglas		Head Male	£ 195.00
1895	28	Paikakariki	Bedingfield	Lina		Sewing	£5.00
1896	28	Paikakariki	Bedingfield	D S		Head Male	£ 155.00
1896	28	Paikakariki	Dobson	Mary		Sewing	£ 5.00

**Douglas Bedingfield** started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Kaitoke in 1891. He was in 1890 teaching at the Takapau School for the Hawkes Bay Education Board .He then spent 1892-1898 at Paikakariki before going to Hamua [Between Eketahuna and Pahiatua on the main Road.] In 1905 he went to Petone School as an assistant and in 1909 was appointed head master of the new Petone West school where he was until 1921 and then at Petone DHS and still there in 1923 when my records end.

1930/9615	Bedingfield	Douglas Shelley	62Y
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**Gertrude Thomson** was a pupil teacher at Te Aro from 1889 to 1892 in 1893 and 1894 she was at Paikakariki also as a pupil teacher and didn't teach again for the Wellington Education Board

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31st August 1892 The Paikakariki Committee tendered their resignations, as they considered that the Board had shown a want of confidence in them in regard to the removal of the teacher. The Board resolved to explain to the Committee that the latter wore under a misapprehension.

8th September 1892 Wellington Education Board Paikakariki.— As some misapprehension had existed in the minds of this committee, it was decided to ask them to retain office until the next election.

13th September 1892 A Paikakariki correspondent writes The residents of Paikakariki assembled in the Social Hall on Friday evening last to bid goodbye to Miss Hamilton, the school mistress, who has been in charge of the school for the past six years and a half, and who has been promoted by the Education Department to another district, Mr O. P. Lynch, the chairman of the school committee, presented Miss Hamilton with a souvenir in the shape of a ladies' travelling companion suitably inscribed, and also an address, and in a well-chosen speech, speaking on behalf of the residents, expressed his regret at losing so able a teacher. Miss Hamilton briefly returned thanks. The evening wound up with a 'social,' songs being contributed by Messrs Smith (2), Barr, and the Misses Smith, Dancing was kept up till an early hour, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent. [Miss Hamilton was appointed to sole charge teacher at Kaitoke and this was not a promotion]

15th September 1892 Mr. D. Bedingfield, who has been in charge of the Kaitoke School for some time, and has been promoted to the school at Paikakariki, was entertained at a

social gathering by the residents on Wednesday evening. Several of the residents referred in complimentary terms to Mr. Bedingfield's ability as a teacher, and he was presented by the local Debating Society, of which he has been President, with a copy of Webster's Dictionary. Mr. Bedingfield made a suitable acknowledgment. Several toasts were drunk and songs and recitations contributed

30th November 1892 Wellington Education Board The Kaiwarra and Paikakariki School Committees having sent in their resignations, the elections of new committees were appointed to take place at 8 p.m. on the 9th January next, at the respective schoolhouse.

2nd December 1892 Wellington Education Board Miss Evans was appointed pupil teacher at Paikakariki.

22nd February 1893 Wellington Education Board The Paikakariki Committee wrote declining to remain in office, on account of a difference which had arisen between them and the Board. It was decided to reply that the Board had no power to release them from office

24th February 1893 The board came to the conclusion that it was not necessary to fix a date for another special election of a school committee at Paikakariki. A month's notice would have to be given, which would bring the date up towards the end of March ; and as the annual election takes place in April, they resolved to take no action in the matter.

29th March 1893 Wellington Education Board It was also decided to secure a site for a teacher's residence at Paikakariki.

26th April 1893 Miss Evans, of the Paikakariki School, has been appointed mistress of the Rangitumau School. [Amy Evans was a pupil teacher at Upper Hutt in December in 1897 and at Rangitumau in December 1898]

26th April 1893 School Committee Paikakariki —Messrs McIntosh, Hill, A, Mackey, W. Mackay. Whiterod, Carroll, and Cornell were elected.

12th May 1893 PAIKAKARIKI SCHOOL MATTERS.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir— I would like to call attention, through your widely-read columns, to the disgraceful state of affairs in connection with school matters in this place. First, there is no residence for the teacher. At present he is domiciled in a miserable shanty scarcely fit for a hen-roost. If the Education Board doubt this, let them send someone to inspect it. and they will find it worse than I have described. Attempts have been made by successive School Committees for years to get this matter attended to, but so far without success Adjoining schools all round the district have their teachers' residences, and it is more than time one was erected here, more especially as there is no private house to be had other than the disgraceful hovel above referred to. Another thing is the want of a fence round the schoolground. The Inspector, in his last report, called attention to this. The ground fronts the railway line, and there is great danger of the children during play-time and dinner hour being run over by passing special trains, which frequently run over this line. I have myself seen numbers of children playing on the centre of an overbridge, and if an engine came along at the time nothing could save them from either falling into the creek below or being cut. to pieces. By giving publicity to this, you will greatly oblige a large number of your subscribers in this locality. I am, &c. Blackboard. Paikakariki, 10th May, 1893.

29th May 1893 Mr T. Fleming, Education Board school inspector, will make the following visits this week •—Paraparaumu and Paikakariki, Monday and Tuesday

1st June 1893 Wellington Education Board A deputation from the Paikakariki Committee also waited upon the board, and asked that a teacher's residence should be erected, and that the school ground should be fenced. The Chairman said the board would consider the matter

17th June 1893 Pupil teachers are required at Otaki and Paikakariki School

30th June 1893 Wellington Education Board and Misa Batten and Miss Thompson, as pupil teachers at Otaki and Paikakariki respectively,

11th July 1893 PAIKAKARIKI. A CONCERT AND DANCE Will be held in SLIGHT'S HALL ON THURSDAY, 13th JULY, In aid of the School Prize Fund.

12th July 1893 Gertrude Thompson appointed pupil teacher at Paikakariki

18th July 1893 The Johnsonville and Paikakariki Schools have been closed on account of the measles epidemic.

27th September 1893 to call for tenders for the necessary additions to the Newtown School, and also for additions to the Masterton and Fernridge schools, and a teacher's residence at Paikakariki.

27th October 1893 Wellington Education Board Drawing examination: Paikakariki entered 3 children and 3 passed

27th October 1893 [Just for interest] Mana Island, Paikakariki, has been permanently reserved for defence purposes

3rd November 1893 The tenders of Brown and Johnston for alterations and additions to the Newtown School, and J. Brooks and Co. for the erection of a teacher's residence at Paikakariki, being the lowest, will probably be accepted. 4th November accepted £233.

2nd December 1893 The children of the public school at Paikakariki enjoyed a picnic at Plimmerton on Tuesday last. Races and various other; amusements filled the programme, the prizes consisting of books and toys or more or less value. An ample supply of good things to eat and drink was provided by the school committee.

24th February 1894 Mary Cameron was proceeded against by Lena Bedingfield for having assaulted her on the 12th February. There was also a cross-action for assault brought by Mrs. Cameron against Mrs. Bedingfield. Mr. Skerrett appeared for the latter, whilst Mr. Treadwell appeared for Mrs. Cameron. Both parties are neighbours at Paikakariki. Mrs. Bedingfield stated that on the day in question Mrs. Cameron kicked her and threw a bucket of water over her, after accusing her of pulling up some fuchsias. She denied returning Mrs. Cameron's kick. There would appear to have been an old feud between the parties. Mrs. Cameron was fined 20s and was bound over to keep the peace for six months and ordered to pay £3 10s 6d costs. The information against Mrs. Bedingfield was dismissed [Douglas Shelley Bedingfield married Carolina Marianna Staple in 1890 and Hannah Gertrude Thompson in 1898]

16th July 1896 His Honour also, on the application of Mr. Skerrett, granted a decree 'nisi for dissolution of marriage in the case of Bedingfield v. Bedingfield, the husband's petition, and gave the petitioner the custody of two of the children of the marriage, the question of the custody of the youngest child to stand over. Costs on the lowest scale were given against the respondent, who was not represented.

23rd July 1896 BEDINGFIELD V. BEDINGFIELD (RESPONDENTS AND E. J. BEDINGFIELD (Co-respondent). This was a petition by D. S. Bedingfield school-



teacher, for a dissolution of marriage with the respondent—M. C. Bedingfield—on the ground of her adultery with his brother —E. J. Bedingfield, of Hawke's Bay. Mr Skerrett appeared for' the petitioner and there was no appearance on behalf of the respondent and correspondent. The petitioner having given evidence, a decree nisi, with custody of the two eldest children, was granted, with costs, against the co-respondent.

1st March 1894 Wellington Education Board accepted a tender for fencing at the Paikakariki school,

15th May 1894 Householders in the Makakahi, Belvedere, Opaki, Greytown, Mungaroa, Paikakariki, Korokoro, Kereru, Horokiwi Valley, Kaiwarra, and Kilbirnie districts are to meet on Monday, 11th prox., for the purpose of electing School Committees. [As none were elected at First attempt to form a School Committee]

8th July 1894 A concert and dance was held at Mr. Slight's Social hall, Paikakariki, on Friday evening, in aid of the prize fund for the local school. The concert was one of the most successful held ha the district, and dancing was kept up till daybreak. Every credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Slight for their exertions.

28th November 1894 It was decided that Miss H. E. Thompson (Paikakariki) and Miss Mary Hawkins (Makara) should be transferred to city schools when vacancies occur.

13th February 1895 To-day we are able to publish the results of the pupil teachers examinations conducted by Messrs R. Lee and T. R. Fleming, the Education Board inspectors. There were 75 candidates, and the number of failures was 9. The subjects for examination were reading, writing, spelling, grammar, composition, geography, science, and school method. Drawing, drill and singing reports were also taken into consideration. The optional subjects were Algebra, French, and Euclid. Included Gertrude Thompson of Paikakariki

2nd March 1895 A long review of Longman's Geographical Reader criticised the writer for spelling Paikakariki as the now accepted Paekakariki. The school name was officially recorded as Paekakariki first in December 1906.

9th March 1895 Inspector Robert Lee is criticised in supporting a change of spelling as above. Paekakariki may be better Maori than Paikakariki, but in a work such as the one under notice the editor would have done better to have followed the universally accepted spelling. We have now followed Mr. Lee through his attempted defence.

25th April 1895 Mr Robert Lee to Inspect Paikakariki on the 7th May

25th April 1895 School Committee Paikakariki.— Messrs. A. Mackay (Chairman and Secretary), C. Gibson, J. Barr, H. Neal, H. Parnell, G. Coulter, W. Whiterod.

26th April 1895 Wellington Education Board The chairman and Messrs Young and Bradey were appointed a committee to enquire into a complaint as to the punishment of a girl at the Paikakariki School. The committee was given power to act in the matter.

31st May 1895 The Chairman reported that the committee appointed to consider the question of alleged excessive punishment at Paikakariki visited the school, and, though feeling that the position was exaggerated by local circumstances, came to the conclusion that the punishment had been somewhat excessive; and he (the chairman) desired the Board to authorise the secretary to write to the teacher and call his attention to the regulations on the subject. This was agreed to.

30th August 1895 Wellington Education Board Grants were allocated for improvements at Paikakariki School, Cross' Creek, Taita

26th February 1896 Mrs Dobson was appointed sewing teacher at Paikakariki

15th May 1896 Inspector T R to inspect Paikakariki on Monday 18th May

14th June 1896 Hutt County Council Authority was given to the Inspector of Works to deal with an application by the Paikakariki School Committee to be allowed to lay a water pipe in connection with the school.

4th August 1896 At a very successful concert and dance in the Paikakariki Hall, in aid of the school funds, songs were contributed by Mesdames Amos, Sparks, McMorran, Gundy and Messrs Twiss, Smith, Foster, Andrews, Walsh, Barr, and recitations by Mr D. Hegarty, most of the items being encored. The programme was much appreciated by the large audience present. The chairman, on behalf of the committee, having returned thanks, the hall was cleared for dancing, which was kept up till an early hour, Miss May supplying the music.

5th November 1896 First grade Drawing Examination conducted by the Technical School E R Aplin passed

## 1897- 1901

1897	30	Paikakariki	Bedingfield	D S		Head Master	£155.00	
1897	30	Paikakariki	Dobson	Mary		Sewing	£5.00	
1898	30	Paikakariki	Bedingfield	D S	D2	Head Master	£155.00	
1898	30	Paikakariki	Dobson	Mary		Sewing	£5.00	
1899	19	Paikakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D2	Head Master	£205.00	
1899	19	Paikakariki	Dobson	Mary		Sewing	£5.00	
1900	32	Paikakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D2	Head Master	£100.00	
1900	32	Paikakariki	Dobson	Mary		Sewing	£5.00	
1901	28	Paikakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D2	Head Master	£144.00	House
1901	28	Paikakariki	Dobson	Mary		Sewing	£5.00	

**Henry T Cooper** started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Ngaturi[About 13 Kilometres from Pahiatua off the Pahiatua Pongaroa Road] in 1893 and by 1896 he was at Kaitawa about 7 kilometres east of Pahiatua. Before going to Paikakariki in 1899 and finishing his teaching career there for the Wellington Education Board after 1921. No more information was found on papers Past. Died at Mangaone Te Horo in 1940.

17th May 1897 Mr Lee Inspector to visit Paikakariki on Friday 4th June

29th May 1897 Asa School Committee was not elected on the due date a meeting will be held on the 28th June to elect a committee. {there were six other schools in this position}

28th July 1897 As the householders failed to elect School Committees at Kaiwarra, Manukau, Paikakariki, and Mungaroa, the Education Board has appointed Messrs. W. Corner, C. Joseph, and E. Smyth to act as Commissioners at Kaiwarra, Messrs. J. Carroll and J. Atkins at Manakau, and Messrs. C. Gibson and A. Alsop for Paikakariki. Mungaroa has not yet made any recommendation on the subject.

23rd February 1898 Wellington Education Board Mr. Douglas Bedingfield, of Paikakariki, was granted one month's leave of absence, to be extended from month to month if necessary

30th March 1898 Leave of absence was granted to Mr. D. Bedingfield, Paikakariki School,  
18th April 1898 Inspector T R Fleming to inspect Paikakariki on the 23rd May

27th April 1898 Wellington Education Board Mr. Douglas Bedingfield, of Paikakariki, was granted one months' leave of absence

26th May 1898 Wellington Education Board Further leave of absence, on account of ill-health, was granted to Mr. Douglas Bedingfield (Paikakariki).

6th June 1898 Miss Townsend has been promoted from the charge of the Horokiwi School to that of the Kahautara School, vice Mr. Davidson, who has been transferred to the Paikakariki School.

27th June 1898 The secretary of the Education Board notifies that meetings of householders for the election of school committees at Matarawa, Taita, Korokoro, Ohau, Paikakariki, Horokiwi Valley and Takapu will be held on Monday, 25th July next

28th July 1898 The Paikakariki residents have failed to elect a Committee.

1st September 1898 Wellington Education Board It was agreed to appoint Commissioners to manage the affairs of the schools at Taita and Paikakariki, the householders having failed to elect Committees.

1st December 1898 Requests made for aided schools at Paikakariki and Pongaroa were referred to the Chairman to deal with. [An aided school was one where the Education Board paid a sum based on the attendance and the School Committee paid all the other costs]

23rd February 1899 In a long article on the mispronunciation of Maori Placenames was this: Mr Forbes was assured that there were offenders against good taste just as flagrant n pronunciation in the North Island as in the South; also, that the man who did not say "Pikok" when he wished to allude to Paikakariki, "Parepram" when he desired to indicate Paraparaumu, "Wirapper" instead of Wairarapa, "Piertuer" for Pahiatua, "Hekerterliune" for Eketahuna, and so forth, was looked upon as a pedantic "toff"

2nd May 1899 Mr. Bedingfield, of the Paikakariki School, has been promoted by the Education Board to the charge of the Hamua school, a position rendered vacant by the promotion of Miss Hopkirk to Vogeltown He will take charge on the 17th inst. Miss Black will succeed him at Paikakariki until the Board makes a permanent appointment.

5th May 1899 Wellington Education Board Teacher, Paikakariki School: average, 23. Salary, £90.

24th May 1899 The Education Board will consider the job at Paikakariki on the 31st inst, There were 23 applicants.

14th June 1899 Again a meeting was called for Paikakariki School Committee as no committee was elected at the meeting previously called for.

29th June 1899 A letter- was received from Paikakariki stating that the residents there did not concur in the selection of Mr Phillips as a teacher at that place

29th June 1899 Wellington Education Board Meeting passed that the Board should adhere to its selection of Mr. Phillip, of Pahiatua, as teacher at Paikakariki

29th June 1899 Mr. Cooper is to be placed in charge of the school at Paikakariki. [Mr William H Philip was in December 1889 teaching at Makomako School west of Pahiatua]  
 8th July Wellington Education Board and it has been decided that Mr Cooper shall take up his duties at the Paikakariki School on the 17th inst.

3rd August 1899 Wellington Education Board made a grant for gravelling at Paikakariki

31st August 1899 Wellington Education Board approved repairs at Paikakariki

14th December 1899 It was decided to carry out the following work during the summer vacation Paikakariki papering and new range.

11th January 1900 Wellington Education Board Papering Paikakariki residence — J. Kitching, Wellington, £6 18s.

1st March 1900 Wellington Education Board included in a long list that H T Cooper Paikakariki was being paid £ 20 in excess of regulations

26th April 1900 School Committee Paikakariki— Messrs. F. Mair (Chairman), B. Blackburn (Secretary), A. Alsop (Treasurer), T. Street, S. V. Smith, W. Giles, and W. Gambrill

26th July Wellington Education Board publish a list of teachers whose salaries should be increased including Paikakariki H T Cooper £55 [equal to \$10, 801.10 in September 2020]

15th August 1900 Hutt County Council A portion of the road between Paikakariki and the school was being widened, and one tender was received'. but not accepted,

30th January 1901 Education Board Proposed increase in salary of the teacher Present salary £100 proposed increase £44

21st March 1901 Proposed Increases in salary Paikakariki Roll 32 Sole Teacher proposed £130 a rise of £30

10th May 1901 As no election was held for School Committee members a new meeting is called for Paikakariki on Monday 3rd June

13th May 1901 Inspector Bakewell to visit on Monday May 13th

29th August 1901 Wellington Education Board passed a grant for repairs.

## 1902 - 1908

1902	28	Paikakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D2	Head Master	£ 128.00	House
1903	32	Paikakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D2	Head Master	£ 128.00	House
1904	33	Paikakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D2	Head Master	£ 139.00	House
1905	33	Paikakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D2	Master	£ 146.00	House
1906	31	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D2	Master	£ 160.00	House
1907	31	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D2	Master	£160.00	House
1908	26	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D1	Master	£144.00	House

17th December 1901 Wellington Education Board decided to paint Paikakariki school including 13 others for the sum of £302

10-2 Nil references. When there isn't a local paper of a correspondent for a newspaper there are often no references to copy

26th February 1903 Wellington Education Board Paikakariki school, grant towards repairs £2 3s;

30th April 1904 Mr Robert Lee [Sacked as Inspector and now a member of the Board] talking about improving schools talked about schools and stated that on the wall of the Paikakariki school is a presentment of the Roman Invasion of England away back in the dark ages and the Magna Carter appears again.

12th April 1905 It has been notified by the postal authorities that, in future, .Paikakariki is to be correctly spelt— viz., Paekakariki.

17th May 1906 Paikakariki again failed to elect a School Committee

29th June 1906 Mr F Mair and C Kerins were appointed school commissioners

1st February 1907 Wellington Education Board Notification has been received by the Government of the following grant £260 for upgrading residence

30th September 1907 The following tenders have been accepted by the Wellington Education Board: Paekakariki, teacher's residence (additions), D. Nees, £247

14th January 1908 Wellington Education Board accepted Mr D Nees tender for school works.

16th May 1908 Again: THE Annual Meeting of Householders in the following School Districts having lapsed, I hereby notify that a Meeting will be held in each of the following schools on MONDAY, 1st June, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of Electing a School Committee for the respective districts for the year ending 31st March, 1909: — Porirua, Paekakariki, Mungaroa. The procedure in connection with the Election is exactly the same as that prescribed for the Statutory Meeting, which was fixed for Monday, 27th April.

21st July 1908 FOR SALE, Good Sheep Farm, of 762 Acres; well-watered good grass; new fences; £8 per acre. Apply by letter to H. T. Cooper, Paekakariki. [When Mr Cooper died in 1940 he owned a farm at Mangaone Te Horo]

24th December 1908 Wellington Education Board Tender for Paekakariki School let to L Arcus and Son.

## 1909-1915

1909	31	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D1	Master	£150.00	House
1910	28	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D1	Master	£160.00	House
1911	27	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D1	Master	£165.00	House
1912	27	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D1	Master	£170.00	House
1913	31	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D1	Master	£175.00	House
1914	43	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D1	Master	£180.00	House
1914	43	Paekakariki	Evans	Constance M	D5	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1915	51	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D1	Master	£200.00	House
1915	51	Paekakariki	Evans	Constance M	D5	Assistant Female	£120.00	

**Constance M Evans** was a probationer in 1910 and 1911 at Masterton , Then a gap of two years where she presumably went to training college followed by two years at Paekakariki and in 1919 was back in Masterton teaching at Fernridge.

10th May 1909 Meetings of the householders of the Porirua, Paekakariki, end Takapau school districts will be held on May 31st to elect school committees.

22nd February 1910 A concert was held, at Paekakariki on Saturday evening to raise funds for a treat and prizes for the children attending the Paekakariki School... A varied and .interesting programme was . gone, through the greater part .being given by a band of young people who had been 'very carefully trained.in their parts The performance reflected much' credit on Mrs.-.Kent, Miss. Tilley and-others who had. .worked assiduously in

training the juvenile performers. Songs were rendered by Misses Robertson and .Cooper, and. Messrs. Robertson ;and Hamilton, and their items were much appreciated.

26th September 1911 Leave of Absence: Wellington Education Board Cooper, H.T., Paekakariki (five or six months from end of Christmas vacation),

27th March 1912 . Mr Henry Cooper, Head teacher of the Paekakariki school, Wellington , has come to England on urgent private business, having obtained six months' leave of absence for this purpose. One of the objects of Mr Cooper's visit is to select a suitable English school for his daughters, who, with their mother, will visit England next year and take pianoforte and singing lessons probably at the Royal Academy. In about a month's time Mr Cooper has arranged a three weeks' tour through Normandy to visit old acquaintances; he then returns to stay with friends in Hants, Dorset, and Wilts, and at Winchester training college—his Alma Mater. Another piece of business Mr Cooper has on hand is the purchase of an organ for the Anglican Church at Paekakariki. He proposes returning to New Zealand by way of Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Rochester, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, having, at the last three places, several nephews, and nieces whom he has never seen.

7th May 1912 [Again] Meetings of householders for the election of school committees will be held on May 27th at Wallaceville. Horokiwi Valley.' Korokoro South, Pahautanui, and Paekakariki

11th November 1912 Tenders are invited by the Wellington Education Board for the lease of sections of land at Mangahao. Makuri, Alfredton, and Paekakariki.

19th April 1913 H M S New Zealand The school children visitors to-day include those from Paekakariki, Tawa Flat, Johnsonville, Ngaio, Linton, and Paraparaumu, besides others from Wanganui and Foxton.

22nd January 1914 In a letter to Mr. George Robertson, district manager of the Government Life Insurance Department. Mr. George Anyon, of Manly, Sydney, who formerly lived at Paekakariki, expressed a wish that the school children of the district should be entertained before the conclusion of their holidays, and enclosed a cheque for £10 towards the expenses of a treat. Mr. Robertson, who resides at Paekakariki. has forwarded Mr. Anyon's handsome donation to the School Committee, which is taking steps to give the boys and girls a day's enjoyment in the open air at an early date, and also present a number of prizes. The committee is forwarding Mr. Anyon a. letter expressing its sense of his generous action.

28th February 1914 Wellington Education Board Tender of Mr R Turner for painting and renovating the Paekakariki School was accepted

28th May 1914 Miss Kilmartin of Paekakariki has been appointed assistant teacher at the Featherston School replacing Miss Chatwin. [Miss Kilmartin was not listed as teaching at Featherston until 1915 Miss Cicely Chatwin was only recorded teaching at Featherston in 1915]

11th September 1914 Paekakariki School contributed £1 1s 6d to the ambulance fund

25th November 1914 Wellington Education Board It was pointed out that the Paekakariki school had qualified for the services of an assistant teacher. The school has up to the present, been in charge of a sole teacher, and the increase in the attendance .of

pupils has also made it necessary for the question of further accommodation to be considered.

19th December 1914 Belgian Christmas Pudding Funds £2 4s per headmaster.

17th March 1915 The Wellington Education Board has accepted tenders as follow : Additions Brooklyn and Paekakariki, Davison and Roberts ;

5th May 1915 PAEKAKARIKI. At a meeting of householders held in the schoolroom on Monday evening the following committee were elected for the year:—Messrs. L. W. Short (chairman), J. Lilley (secretary), H. Hasse, S, Caskie, A. Deans

27th July 1915 Mr. S. Duncan, of. Waikanae, wishes to acknowledge contributions of illustrated papers, magazines, games, etc., from the 'following for the camp at Waikanae:— The school children of Manakau, Otaki, Te Horo, Paraparaumu, Paekakariki;

### 1916-1923

1917	50	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D-59	Head	£220.00	
1917	50	Paekakariki	Campbell	Jessie	D5	Assistant	£117.00	
1919	66	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D-59	Head	£210.00	
1919	66	Paekakariki	Campbell	Jessie	D-59	Assistant	£170.00	
1921	73	Paekakariki	Cooper	Henry T	D	Head	£360.00	
1921	73	Paekakariki	Ivory	Alice E	C	Assistant	£230.00	
1923	94	Paekakariki	Gaze	Frederick J	C-108	Head	£355.00	
1923	94	Paekakariki	Ivory	Alice E	C-209	Assistant	£223.00	
1923	94	Paekakariki	Muir	May H	C-204	Assistant	£205.00	

**Jessie Campbell** Started teaching at Clyde Quay for the Wellington Education Board in 1908 as a pupil teacher. She was not registered as a teacher 1911-1913 presumably she was at Training College or University. In 1914 she was sole teacher at Dreyer's Rock North East of Masterton then in 1915 sole teacher at Wairongomai South of Featherston on the Western Side of Lake Wairarapa. She then came to Paekakariki. By 1921 she was relieving at Renwick in Blenheim still for the Wellington Education Board and in 1923 was sole teaching at Akatarawa School

**Alice E Ivory** was teaching at Island Bay school in 1917 as a probationer and by 1921 was at Paekakariki where she still was in 1923 when my records end

**Frederick J Gaze** started in 1912 at South Wellington as an assistant. From 1913 to at least 1917 was at Maranui School which was renamed Lyall Bay where he taught until at least 1921 before being at Paekakariki by 1923.

**May H Muir** taught at Levin from 1917 to 1919 and May H Muir taught at Paekakariki in 1923 and was most likely the same person

25th May 1916 Red Cross Committee: pupils of Paekakariki School (per Mrs Cooper), 8 ½ dozen eye bandages, 5 dozen handkerchiefs, ½ dozen face cloths, 1 parcel piece for gun-cleaning;

23rd December 1916 Wounded soldiers, sailors, and dependants Fund: £1 Sale of vegetables from school gardens Paekakariki School

4th January 1917 The Mayoress has received the sum of £10 15s 6d from, the Paekakariki School, being the proceeds of a gift sale held during the school picnic. It will be added to the Sick and Wounded Soldiers Fund.

31st May 1917 Miss C M Evans resigns Paekakariki

16th June 1917 Miss M L Campbell appointed assistant Paekakariki

30th June 1917 East London School Children's relief fund £1 10s 9d

16th July 1917 Died of wounds Cooper G J (H T Cooper Paekakariki father) 7th July'

19th July 1917 The death is announced of Private George Cooper, son of Mr. H.T. Cooper, of Paekakariki, the result of wounds received in action in France. - Private Cooper was well known, being a prominent sport and a favourite in social circles. ..

24th July 1917 Mayoress of Wellington Christmas Pudding Fund £1 14s

10th August 1917 Miss J Campbell appointed

22nd July 1918 Copper trail [Where copper coins were placed touching in a line around a replanned route] Paekakariki (Master and Children)

7th October 1918 Copper trail Paekakariki school (Further instalment) 6s 1d

7th February 1919 Horowhenua County Patriotic Association A letter was read from J. S. Smith, Paekakariki, enclosing cheque for £2 11s 1d, collected by the Paekakariki school children (under Mr Cooper's supervision) by sale of flags, etc.— Received with thanks.

12th April 1920 Obituary MRS H. T. COOPER. We regret to have to record the death of Mrs Cooper, wife of Mr H. T. Cooper, of Paekakariki, which occurred at 'Otaki on Saturday last. Mrs Cooper had been ill for several months, and came to stay at Otaki, in order to receive medical attention. However, she gradually grew worse, and died as before' staled, aged 62 years. Mrs Cooper was born in Dorsetshire and married in the Old Country. She and Mr Cooper arrived in New Zealand 32 years ago. They resided in the Wairarapa and forty Mile Bush districts for some years, and came to Paekakariki some 20 years ago, and have lived there ever since. During her long residence at Paekakariki Mrs Cooper was much beloved for her many sterling qualities, and a great many friends throughout the district will hear with much regret of her death. She leaves a husband and family of six— three sons (Messrs Archie, of Te Horo, Oscar and Harold, of Eketahuna) and three daughters (.Mrs Early, and Misses Dorothy and Norah, all of Paekakariki). with whom much sympathy is felt. ' The funeral took place at Otaki yesterday, when the Rev. O. F. Petrie, M.A., acted as officiating clergyman.

24th June 1920 Miss J Campbell resigns from Paekakariki School

24th November 1920 Inspector Bakewell conducted a proficiency examination at the Otaki state school yesterday, when sixth standard pupils from several school in the neighbourhood were examined for proficiency certificates. Head teachers were present from Otaki, Paekakariki, Paraparaurmu . Rikiorangi. Waihoanga, and Te Horo.

20th September 1922 Mr gaze schoolmaster at Paekakariki is at present an inmate of the Otaki Hospital. The institution is now full and having a busy time

20th October 1922 Mr Gaze our local schoolmaster resumed duties last week after a severe illness

20th December 1922 SCHOOL CONCERT AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES. On Wednesday, 12th inst., a grand concert was given by the pupils of the Paekakariki school in St. Peter's Hall, and parents and friends of the scholars were pleasingly surprised at the



proficiency shown by those engaged. Special praise is due to Mr F. Gaze, the headmaster and his able assistants, untiring efforts put forth by them to make the function a success. At the conclusion of the programme Mr W. Campbell, Chairman of the local school committee, presented prizes

21st December 1922 The following is, the prize list of the Paekakariki School:—

Proficiency Certificates. — Dulcie Deans, Stuart Deans, Bruce Dryden, Douglas Dryden, Ken Johnson, Jack Jenkins, James Stowey.

. Endorsed Proficiency Certificates.— Katie Milne.

Competency Certificates. — Imelda Evans, Alfred Evans, Bruce Robertson, Kenneth Smith.

Most Popular Girl (Mr. A. T. Clarke's special), Kate Milne; most popular boy, Kenneth Smith.

Dux (Mr. Anyon's gold medal). — Girls, Dulcie Deans; boys, James Stovey: Second award: Girls, Kate Milne (Mr. Jenness's: medal); boys. Ken Johnson (school committee 'medal).

Progress Prizes.—Standard VI., Alfred Evans; Standard V., Betty Smith; Standard IV. Elizabeth Stedman; Standard III., Jack Herbert: Standard II., Sybil Griffiths; Standard 1., Joan Campbell; P. 3 and 4, Rita Cairns; P. 2, Adele King and Everal Earley; P.1, Edna Miller.

Good Conduct.—Standard II., Jack Stedman and Alice Campbell; Standard 1., Joyce Smith; P. 3 and 4 Dianna Drewitt; P. 2, Ron Smith; P.-1., Reggie Tutt.. Specials for best kept books: Standard VI., D. Deans; Standard V., B. Smith; Standard IV., George Jollop; Standard IDT., Edith Short.

3rd August 1923 Miss M H Muir appointed assistant

14th November 1923 Wellington Education Board Paekakariki Septic Tank £119

I can find no reference to Mr Henry T Cooper leaving Paikakariki