

Pirinoa

1886-1888

1887	30	Pirinoa	Davies	Emma		Female	£120	\$23,515
1888	22	Pirinoa	Davies	Emma		Female	£110	\$21,556

25th February 1886 Wellington Education Board On the motion of Mr Buchanan it was decided to call tenders for a school at Pirinoa

1st April 1886 Wellington Education Board A letter was received from the Education Department, in reply to a request from he Board, asking for a grant la aid of the Pirinoa School, as there were 30 Maori and 20 European children attending it. The Department declined to give any special assistance, Thu Chairman and Mr Buchanan were authorised to interview the Minister of Education.

26th May 1886 Wellington Education Board have accepted W Benton's tender for erection of school building at Pirinoa

28th May 1886 A deputation , consisting of Messrs J, E. Blair (Chairman of the" Board of Education), H, Bunny, and ,W. C. Buchanan, M.H R., waited on the Native Minister yesterday morning with reference' to thee Pirinoa school, Wairarapa District. Mr Blair stated that the school, which was estimated to cost about £550, would provide school accommodation ; and. as the education vote was allocated on a European basis, and the funds of the Board were in an impoverished state, the Board thought they had a claim on the Native Department for assistance, Mr Ballance expressed an opinion that the claim was a reasonable one, and he promised to communicate with the Minister of Education upon It.

18th November 1886 Wellington Education Board Master Pirinoa School (Wairarapa) salary £120

23rd November 1886 Wellington Education Board: Only one application has been sent in for the mastership of the new school at Pirinoa, the salary of which is .£120 per annum.

24th November 1886 The Board also adopted the recommendations of the Pirinoa Committee with reference to the boundaries of the district

17th December 1886 Emma Davies at Training College as a Student of E Division won a special arithmetic prize

30th December 1886 PIRINOA DISTRICT. Bounded on the North by the South Boundary of the Waihenga District South, on the East and South by the sea, and on the West by the Ruamahunga River . [Waihenga is now known as Martinborough]

11th January 1887 Wellington Education Board Master Pirinoa £120

26th January 1887 The Chairman was empowered to deal with the appointment of a teacher for the Pirinoa School.

7th March 1887 Featherston Road Board: Mr McDougall asked for two swing bridges to be placed over the rivers Ranganui and another so as to allow the children to get to the Pirinoa School

28th March 1887 Emma Davies had a partial pass towards class E from Wellington Training College

29th August 1888 Wellington Education Board Leave of absence was granted to Miss Emma Davies, teacher at Pirinoa, who is ill, and it was resolved to send np another lady during her absence.

31st October 1888 Wellington Education Board and an application of Miss Emma Davis, of Pirinoa, for extension of leave, was refused

Emma Davies started as a pupil teacher at Thorndon Infant's School in 1882 and after 2 years at training college went to Pirinoa followed by a year at Wadestown and from 1890 to 1896 was at Clyde Quay School

1889-1890

1889	28	Pirinoa	Davis	Caroline		Female	£110	\$19,999
1890	20	Pirinoa	Davis	Caroline		Female	£110	\$20,752

30th January 1889 A proposed exchange between Miss Davies, Pirinoa School, and Miss Davis, Wadestown School, was approved.

2nd February 1889 The girls attending the Wadestown School showed their esteem for Miss Catherine Davis, the assistant mistress, who is about to be transferred to Pirinoa, by presenting her yesterday with a beautiful album. The ceremony was performed by Mr. W. F. Ford, the headmaster, at the request of the subscribers, and the recipient made a suitable acknowledgment. Miss Davis is to be succeeded by Miss Caroline Davies, at present attached to the Pirinoa School.

27th February 1889 Wellington Education Board An application for £5 for the erection of a shelter abed at Pirinoa was granted.

26th April 1889 Last year's Pirinoa committee was reelected, viz., Messrs. D. McDougall, S. Crost, J. P. Russell, P. Hunn, Hani to Miha, Piripi te Maire and Ihaka Hutane. Mr. McDougall waft elected chairman and Mr. Crost treasurer or of the committee.

16th May 1889 The record of the Pirinoa School in its standard examination is a particularly good one, none of the scholars having failed to pass. It is true that the school is almost an infant one, for out of 42 scholars on the , roll there are only four above the second . standard, namely, three in the fourth and one in the fifth, while there are 15 children in the preparatory stage, four of whom were absent on examination day. The only other , scholar who failed to come under the Inspector's test was one in the second standard (who was excepted from the examination. Thus out of a roll of 42, there are 37 passes recorded, 4 absences, and 1 exception.

27th December 1889 Wellington Education Board A grant of £10 for the removal of closets [Toilets]was made to the Pirinoa Committee.

Caroline Davis spent 2 years at Wadestown school and 2 years at Pirinoa for the Wellington Education Board . In 1891 Caroline Davis was teaching at Woodville School [While the researcher's Grandfather was a pupil there]

1891-1892

1891	28	Pirinoa	Hopkirk	John		Master	£165	\$30,853
1892	24	Pirinoa	Hopkirk	John		Master	£165	\$30,606

6th March 1891 Wellington Education Board School Inspection annual Report

Pirinoa Presented 47. Passed 25 Discipline and Order Fair. Manners Good

7th March 1891 Mr lee to inspect the school on the 13th March

30th April 1891 Mr G Everest [Probably Mr Everiss as there were a number of Everiss Teachers for the Wellington Education Board] was appointed temporary teacher at Pirinoa

9th May 1891 Wellington Education Board Head Teacher attendance 25 Salary about £110

18th June 1891 Mr Hopkirk, at present assistant teacher of the Featherston school, has received the appointment of headmaster to the school at Pirinoa.

29th June 1891 The Pirinoa School Committee have approved of the action of the Education Board in selecting Mr. John Hopkirk for the position of teacher in their district, and he will enter upon his duties after the midwinter holidays.

14th November 1891 First Grade Drawing examination Pirinoa Mary M Fifield e J R Jillett e T Jordan, J A Mitchell, Lydia C Stephens, P F Wall g [e meant excellent and g meant good]

26th October 1892 State School Drawing examination A Kinsey, J Harvey

1893-1895

1893	22	Pirinoa	Edmonds	Herbert		Master	£120	\$21,740
1894	21	Pirinoa	Rutherford	E J		Female	£100	\$18,019
1895	20	Pirinoa	Rutherford	E J		Female	£100	\$18,117

19th April 1893 Head teacher Pirinoa School Average attendance 24 salary £100 no residence'

18th May 1893 Mr. H. Edwards, Assistant Master at the Mount Cook Boys' School, has been appointed Head 'Master of the school at Pirinoa, whither he proceeds to-morrow. Mr. Edwards, who has been five years in his present appointment, was presented this morning by his fellow teachers with an opal scarf-pin as a mark of regard for him, and by the boys of his class with a Russian leather cigarette case.

31st January 1894 An application was made by Mr. Herbert Edmonds for a transfer from Pirinoa. The Board decided to inform him that he must make a more definite application

7th March 1894 Inspector T R Fleming inspects Pirinoa 5th April

6th April 1894 Numerous instances are on record of brides-elect refusing their consent to be married at the last moment when at the very altar rails, but what is probably the first instance of the kind in New Zealand occurred on March 29 at St. Peter's Church, Willis street. A marriage was being celebrated by the incumbent (Rev W. C. Waters), but when he asked the bride in the usual formula, "Will you take this man to be your wedded husband?" the lady threw the whole party into a state of consternation by replying in a most decided manner "No," instead of the usual "I will." The minister was considerably surprised, of course, and thinking that a mistake had occurred, repeated the question, but was again met with a refusal as decided as before. Matters assumed a very serious complexion and the father of the bride urged her to make the orthodox reply. But the lady remained obdurate and persisted in her refusal, for all she would say was, "No, I won't! I won't have him." Thereupon the whole wedding party retired into the vestry for the purpose of considering what was the best course to pursue under the extraordinary circumstances. The result of the conference was that Mr Waters informed those present in the body of the church that owing to the indisposition of the bride-elect the marriage had for the present to be postponed. The marriage was, however, duly solemnised at St. Peter's Church at 10 o'clock next morning, by the Incumbent (Rev W. C. Waters). The bride's father was not present, but the ceremony was performed in the presence of two witnesses. The newly-married pair have left for Pirinoa, beyond Martinborough, where the bridegroom holds the position of school teacher. Many people assembled at the church in the afternoon expecting to witness the marriage ceremony, but were, of course, too late.

27th April 1894 A Wairarapa Schoolmaster Shoots himself.

A Romantic Story , (By Telegraph,—Press Association,) Wellington, Friday, The police have received information that Herbert Edmonds, Schoolmaster at Pirinoa, Lower Wairarapa, shot himself at 7 a.m. this morning, No reason is assigned. Later. The death of Edmonds is the painful end of a romance, which began in St. Peter's Church a few week 6 ago. Then—as telegraphed—his bride refused at the altar to marry him, but was persuaded to become his wife next morning. That day they left for Pirinoa. about ten miles from Maryborough. A passenger who was in the train says the girl refused to speak to her husband all the way, and before the journey's end was reached she gave him the slip and disappeared, It is said she is now in Melbourne. Edmonds was only 27 years of age, and o! a bright, cheery disposition, not at all the kind of man likely to commit suicide, but doubtless his temper became soured, and his life embittered by the events of the last few days.

Thee was a lot more detail published in various papers over the period after the fatal tragedy
11th May 1894 Wellington Education Board head teacher Pirinoa £100

11th May 1894 The position hold by the late Mr Herbert Edmonds a the Pirinoa district school,. is in future to be held by a lady teacher.

31st May 1894 Wellington Education Board Messrs B. Barton and Ihaka Hutene were added to the Pirinoa Committee,

9th June 1894 The vacancy at the Pirinoa School, caused by the death of Mr H. Edmonds, has been filled by the appointment of Miss Elizabeth Jane Rutherford.

1st March 1895 Mr R Lee to inspect the school on the 28th March

30th October 1895 Wellington Education Board to vote £10 for painting the Pirinoa School

1896-1899

1896	12	Pirinoa	McDougall	Effie		Female	£45	\$8,109
1897	13	Pirinoa	McDougall	Effie		Female	£70	\$12,487
1898	15	Pirinoa	McDougall	Effie		Female	£80	\$13,704
1899	13	Pirinoa	McDougall	Effie		Female	£80	\$14,195

13th March 1896 Mr T R Fleming Inspector to visit Pirinoa o the 26th March

29th June 1896 Miss Rutherford teacher at Pirinoa to take charge of the new school at Ponatahi, near Greytown

26th August 1896 Wellington Education Board the opening of a school at Pirinoa under Miss McDougall was approved, subject to the Inspector approving the teacher's qualifications.

27th August 1896 The Chairman reported that the Pirinoa school, which had been closed in consequence of the transfer of the teacher, had been re-opened under the charge of Miss McDougall The Board resolved that Miss McDougall be temporarily appointed.

18th April 1898 Mr Robert Lee to inspect Pirinoa on the 30th May

8th April 1899 Mr Fleming to inspect the school on the 10th May

4th August 1899 A concert is to be hold in the schoolhouse, Pirinoa, on August 18th, in aid of the funds of the school. The concert committee (of which Mr li. Barton is secretary) have secured some very fair singing talent, including Mr Smith, of Wangamoana. The Committee are also endeavoring to secure the services of Mr Wattie Sutherland, the well-known bagpipe player and dancer.

24th August 1899 The Pirinoa concert duly came off on August 18th, and was a decided success from every point of view. The weather was very unpromising in the afternoon but it

cleared up towards evening, and a calm, clear moonlight night was the result. The schoolroom was packed, there being about one hundred persons present.

After a few introductory remarks by the Chairman, the programme was opened by Miss Swan, who played an overture on the piano very nicely. During the evening Mr Smith (whose singing abilities are well known in the Lower Valley) sang, "Romany Lass" "On the Rolling Deep," and "The Holy City," all rendered in Mr Smith's best style. Mrs Hodge sang "Jessie's Dream " and " Killarney" very nicely, the latter being her best effort. Mr Barton (whose appearance was the signal for a good round of applause, the genial secretary being a favourite with everybody) contributed "The Silver Cup" and" Carissima," both items being sung well and received with rounds of applause, Mr Bedell's rendering of that patriotic song" Sons of the Sea," was very good indeed, and when the audience joined in the chorus it made one's blood tingle. In response to an encore he sung" A-coming on Again," which evoked roars of laughter. Later in the evening Mr Bedell sang "Loved Lenore."

Two recitations, "A Barcoo Christening" and "The man from Ironbark" were given by Mr Don Gallic, who has a good style about him. Mr Kershaw's solo on the (lute, "Marche au Flambeaus" was alone, well worth going to hear. Mr Lowe (Greytown) sang " The Diver" and " Rocked in the the Cradle of the Deep" rendering both songs really well, Mr Tierney contributed " The Queen of the Earth and They're all fine girls" (" just like the other man, so they are"), the latter, which, caused the audience to scream with laughter, was given in character dress. He kindly responded to an encore by giving another comic song. Mrs George Hume (who sings very sweetly) and Mr Smith sang a duet "Life's Dream is O'er," Mr Blackwell's songs "McGinty" (I'll paralyse the man that says McGinty ") and "The Old Bark Hut" were well received. Encores were the order of the evening, and everybody seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Mrs Hume, Miss Swan, Mr Bedell and others presided at the piano. The concert concluded at 10.30 p.m. after which refreshments were handed round by several ladies present.

The committee (especially the secretary) did everything in their power lo make the affair a success. A word of praise is also due to Mr McMaster, Mrs Hume, and other ladies present for their kind services. A dance was held afterwards and was kept up till past midnight. The last entertainment held hereabouts (it was more of a social and dance than a concert) was at Tauonui some four years ago. Wo should like to see this school concert every year, because it is not only for an object well worthy of patronage, but it helps to bring the people of the Lower Valley more in touch with one another, and so strengthen friendship's bonds. I have to thank the secretary for a complimentary ticket,

The Lake closed on the 11th and was opened again on the 15th by three men. The bar was a very small one. Some of the station-holders in the Lower Valley want waking up a bit. They grumble enough about the Lake being closed, but never think of sending men to lend a hand to open it, There are about eight places (besides Waiorongomai and Tauonui) that arc affected by the Lake closing, and yet these people never seem to bother their heads about it, seldom sending any men to help, and take little or no interest in it.

2nd May 1914 Last Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents, Pirinoa, Martinborough, the marriage took, place ot Miss Effio McDougal] with Mr G. H. Didsbury, of Wellington, son of Mrs George Didsbury, The Terrace. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. I. Bond, of Martinborough.....

1900-1902

1900		Pirinoa	Fuller	Atherton L		Master	£66	\$11,475	
1901	20	Pirinoa	Fuller	Atherton L		Master	£80	\$13,506	
1902	16	Pirinoa	Fuller	Atherton L		Master	£100	\$16,487	

1st March 1900 Wellington Education Board E McDougall Pirinoa is being paid £27 10s in excess

17th October 1900 Head Teacher Pirinoa School. Probable average 15 Salary £80

31st October 1900 It was decided that a male teacher should be appointed at Pirinoa, on account of the nature of the accommodation available [Probably some type of shearer's accommodation]

21st March 1901 Proposed new teachers' salaries Pirinoa Attendance 20 Sole Teacher Proposed salary £100 Increase of £30

24th January 1902 Complete Description of Pirinoa There is a schoolhouse and a blacksmith's shop at Pirinoa. As it seems to be a central spot, the settlers ought to ask the Government to erect a telephone exchange here. It would be a great boon to the district.

6th May 1902 Mr T R Fleming to inspect Pirinoa on 28th June

1903-1906

1903	13	Pirinoa	Bradstock	L B		Headmaster	£83	\$13,719	
1904	21	Pirinoa	Bradstock	L L		Master	£83	\$13,711	
1905	19	Pirinoa	Mackenna	Robert		Master	£102	\$16,141	
1906	15	Pirinoa	Mackenna	Robert		Master	£99	\$15,386	

15th September 1903 Sole Teacher average 18 Salary £92 plus House [No house has been notified as built by the Education Board so it may well be a house on one of the local farms]

4th November 1903 Mr Bradstock, who has been teaching in the Waikato district, was appointed teacher at Pirinoa

30th August 1904 In a long article on teaching of science headed Pearls and Shoddy was this Agricultural chemistry, although very elementary, is taken up in many unexpected places, at Ballance, Kaiparoro, Pirinoa,.....

12th July 1905 Pirinoa Sole Teacher £114 and house

1907-1909

1907	16	Pirinoa	Murphy	Arthur		Master	£99	\$15,520	
1908	14	Pirinoa	Murphy	Arthur Mrs		Lic Master	£104	\$16,304	
1909	16	Pirinoa	Murphy	Arthur P		Lic Master	£109	\$17,325	

Christian Names as listed in official document

17th January 1907 Pirinoa Sole Teacher £95 [No mention of a house]

31st January 1907 Mr R MacKenna resigns from Wellington Education Board

22nd March 1907 Mr A Murphy appointed

1st July 1907 Winter School at Wellington training College An innovation in educational methods has been decided upon in connection with the Teachers' Training College at Thorndon by the organising of a winter School for teachers from small schools in outlying ' country districts. The Steven Education Boards in what is known as the Middle District were invited by the Committee of Advice to nominate teachers for the three weeks' course of the

Winter School, beginning on the 23rd inst. It was stipulated that the teachers chosen should be the most deserving, and those who were least likely to come into contact with city method.

Mr A Murphy Selected

29th May 1908 Wellington Education Board propose to build a native school at Pirinoa

25th September 1908 Leave for Mr A Murphy was granted to attend examinations

1910-1915

1910	13	Pirinoa	Gilmour	Richard	C5	Master	£120	\$18,812	
1911	50	Pirinoa	Clarke	James T		Master	£90	\$14,234	
1912	15	Pirinoa	Milne	Robertina Mrs	Lic	Female	£109	\$16,755	
1913	19	Pirinoa	Milne	Robertina Mrs	Lic	Female	£114	\$17,100	£10.00
1914	21	Pirinoa	Matheson	Graham C	C5	Master	£120	\$17,180	Provide
1915	22	Pirinoa	Matheson	Graham C	C5	Master	£140	\$18,753	£20.00

Figures in far right column shows that a residence was provided in 1914 but not in 1913 and 1915

7th June 1910 Mr. A. Murphy, who has been in charge of the school at Pirinoa for some time, has been appointed an assistant master at Masterton, in place of Mr. H. Sutton, transferred to Karori.'

12th July 1910 Pirinoa (near Featherston)—Sole Teacher (master preferred), £120 to £140 and house.

27th July 1910 With reference to the attached residences at Ponatahi and Pirinoa and Wallaceville and Upper Hutt (.£310),. the committee recommended that the amount granted in these cases should provide for their re-erection as separate buildings with additions.[The Education Board at Ponatahi for one built the residence attached to the school of a couple of rooms access to the house was through the school]

9th August 1910 M R Gilmour appointed

14th March 1911 Pirinoa (Near Featherston) Sole teacher £90 to £120 and house

5th June 1911 Mr Clark, recently: arrived from Ireland, has been appointed sole . relieving teacher at Pirinoa, under the Wellington Education Board.

28th June 1911 st before tic close of the Education Board's mating yesterday afternoon, Mr. W C. Buchanan, M.P., sounded a note of alarm on the subject of Mormonism, The Mormons, he said, had been very active in the Pirinoa district of late, ana several of the children attending the district State school had been led away, and were now being taught by the Mormons. He was afraid that the kind of instruction now being given was not satisfactory, and he felt that the board should instruct one of its inspectors to pay a visit to the Pirinoa school district, and see for himself what was being done. It was pointed out that care would have to be taken to see that there was no intrusion upon the authority of the Education Department. On that understanding, Mr. Buchanan's suggestion was adopted

28th February 1912 Mr Clark, of Pirinoa, has been, appointed sole at the Te Wharau school, in succession ,to Mr John Grant.

20th February 1912 Wellington Education Board The Department intimated that tho question of inspecting the Mormon school at Pirinoa, near Featherston, was one for the Board

11th March 1912 Mrs R Milne appointed

27th March 1912 Wellington Education Board granted £12 for residence at Pirinoa

25th April 1912 School Committee W. Hume (chairman), G. Gillies (.secretary and treasurer), P Dransfield and J, 'Gold.[One missing]

16th June 1912 Pirinoa extra tank and conveniences

30th October 1912 Wellington Education Board £8. 10s water service

14th January 1914 Pirinoa (Featherston Railway Station) Sole Teacher £120 to £150 and house

9th February 1914 Mr G Matheson appointed

11th February 1914 Mr F [Sic] Matheson appointed to Pirinoa school and took up his duties last Monday

10th September 1915 Word has been received that the .school at Pirinoa was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday, at noon. It appears some children were helping to clean up the place, and a kerosene lamp used for heating purposes got upset, and thus started a fire that completely reduced the building to ashes.

27th October 1915 rising out of the destruction of the school at Pirinoa as the result of a lamp being upset by two boys, it was decided to circularise the various committees, pointing out the danger of allowing the schools to be entered during, the recess.

16th December 1915 Yesterday the Education Board granted the following teachers leave of absence, in consequence of their .having joined the Expeditionary Forces: —Mr S. Duncan head teacher, Waikanae ;,Mr .C. Matheson, sole teacher, Pirinoa.....

1916-1923

1917	26	Pirinoa	Preece	Olive W		Sole	£135	\$15,131	
1919	34	Pirinoa	Preece	Olive W	C-78	Sole	£230	\$20,778	
1921	45	Pirinoa	Pattle	Kate A	D	Head	£300	\$25,827	
1921	45	Pirinoa	Harvey	Barbara H	D	Assistant	£230	\$19,801	
1923	46	Pirinoa	Ross	Hilda	B-136	Head	£303	\$27,849	
1923	46	Pirinoa	Currie	Ida M F		Reliever	£125	\$11,489	

12th January 1916 Pirinoa (Railway Station, Featherston)— Sole Teacher (during War), £140 to £190 and £20 h.a.

12th February 1916 Miss O Preece appointed

1st March 1916 It was resolved at the Wellington Education Board's meeting yesterday that the erection of the school at Pirinoa (South Wairarapa) be undertaken by day labour, under the supervision, of the clerk of works and the foreman, no satisfactory tender having been received. It was stated that a considerable sum would be saved by adopting that course. The residents offered £50 towards the cost of the school.

1st March 1916 Respecting the erection of the school at Pirinoa, to be undertaken by labour under the supervision of the cleric of works and foreman. The chairman stated that they had advertised the contract several times, but none of the tenders had been satisfactory. The price was always too high, The secretary announced that Mr. Geo. Hume had promised the sum of £50 towards the erection of the school residence.

31st May 1916 Government correspondence notified the authorisation of a grant of £810 for a residence at Pirinoa

28th June 1916 Wellington Education Board Pirinoa residence—Offer of residents to • contribute .£100 received, tenders to be again invited for the work in the spring.

28th September 1916 E A King's tender accepted for residence

30th November 1916 The tenders for the erection of a new residence at Pirinoa were considered to be too high, and none were accepted.

29th March 1917 The tenders for the erection of a new residence at Pirinoa were considered to be too high, and none were accepted.

9th June 1918 Corporal G C Matheson sole teacher Pirinoa was killed in action

1st April 1919 Wellington Education Board Pirinoa £160 to £220 and £30 Housing allowance

7th May 1919 Miss O W Preece appointed sole teacher

23rd June 1920 Miss Preece, head teacher of Pirinoa school, has been appointed first assistant at the Martinborough school, and will commence duties on 1st July.

23rd September 1920 Miss K. A. Pattle, who has occupied a position on the staff of the Pahiatua District High School for the past six years, is leaving at the end of the month to take charge of the Pirinoa School. At a meeting of the School Committee held on Monday night, eulogistic reference was made to the good services rendered by Miss Pattle and the opportunity was taken to express the good feelings that existed towards her from the parents and Committee. "She was a teacher," said the chairman (Mr. J. D. Wilson) "who had the affections of the school children and the confidence of the parents." "Reference was also made in the headmaster's report to the admirable work performed by Miss Pattle, and regret was expressed at her coming departure. Her place would be hard to fill. Miss Pattle has also always taken a prominent part in social functions in the town, especially in connection with children's affairs, and her valuable services in this direction will be keenly missed.

16th March 1921 Miss B H Harvey appointed Infant Mistress Pirinoa

19th October 1921 Wellington Education Board The Pirinoa School Committee write, requesting the board to proceed with additions to the local school.

Mr. G. L. Stewart (secretary) stated that a Pirinoa nine classes were being taught in one school. The difficulty of carrying on the work was very great. It was decided to bring the matter under the notice of the Minister, to urge that something be done to relieve the situation as soon as possible.

1st August 1922 Mrs M A Russell appointed headteacher

Post 1923

13th March 1924 Miss E Grenside appointed infant mistress

15th February 1926 The Wellington Education Board has accepted the tender of Messrs. H. Trotman and Sons for the erection of a teacher's residence at Pirinoa.

9th December 1926 A proposal is on foot to hold a combined picnic of the Tuhitarata and Pirinoa Schools early in the New Year. There was a large and appreciative audience in the Memorial Hall, Pirinoa, on Friday evening, when the school children gave an entertainment entitled "Scot and the Fairies." The acting of the children was creditable, and reflected credit on the teachers, Misses Dawson and Munro.

7th June 1928 This Day. A fire last night completely destroyed the school at Pirinoa. When it was discovered the whole of the building was a mass of flames. It was impossible to save anything. There was no Fire Brigade. The structure was razed to the ground.

4th December 1931 Mr. J. B. Hopkirk is probably, one of Wellington's best-known teachers, having been headmaster at Brooklyn from 1st May 1899, till, 31st October last, when he retired 'after 45 years' service. Mr. Hopkirk was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook and Clyde

Quay, and before being appointed to Brooklyn, was stationed at Featherston, **Pirinoa**, and Hamua.

3rd August 1937 Miss E B Luke of the correspondence school to Pirinoa as assistant

18th July 1928 Children attending schools in the Wellington Education Board's district have been busy lately making their own sugar from beet grown in school plots. Anything sweet is appreciated by most children and it is not surprising to learn that the pupils of the Hinakura School took their product home and made it into toffee. The seed in the first place was obtained by the Wellington Education Board from the British Government, which is encouraging the growth of sugar beet in England, and by experiments has raised the percentage of yield from 18 to 30. The seed secured by the board was distributed to the schools in its district, and the average yield of the roots is a little over 30 tons to the acre. At least two crops, one at Tokomaru and one at Pirinoa, were as high as 60 tons to the acre. The crop having been harvested the children set about making sugar by slicing up the beet, boiling it in a saucepan, and evaporating the liquid. The product is equivalent to brown sugar, and probably is the first ever made in the Wairarapa. An example from the West School tasted very much like coarse brown sugar.

Pirinoa School Teachers

John Hopkirk started teaching at Mt Cook Boys' school as a pupil Teacher from 1886 to 1888, He then spent two years teaching at Featherston and 1 at Kaitara before teaching at Pirinoa in 1891 and 1892 . From there he went to Hamua school aka (Hawera in 1893 and Tutaekura in 1894) In 1899 he was appointed Headmaster of Brooklyn school in Wellington where he was still headmaster in 1923 when my records end

19th December 1931 On the eve of his retirement after thirty-one years' service as headmaster of the Brooklyn School, Mr. J. B. Hopkirk, with Mrs. Hopkirk and Miss G. Hopkirk, was entertained by members of his staff.....

8th December 1949 The death has occurred of Mr J. B. Hopkirk, aged 82. a veteran Wellington primary school teacher.

Herbert Edmonds Spent 8 years as a pupil teacher at Newtown and then Mount Cook Boys' from 1885 (aka Harry) to 1892. He was at Pirinoa in 1893 when he committed suicide

E J Rutherford Elizabeth J Was at Pirinoa for 2 years and Ponatahi for 3 years before ending her teaching career with the Wellington Education Board . May have married a Mr H T Hume

Effie McDougall Was a spinster in 1913 mentioned in a dispute over a will. She only taught for the Wellington Education Board for the four years. She was a pupil at Featherston school in 1883 and 1885

1914/2839	Euphemia	McDougall	Harold Guy	Didsbury
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Atherton L Fuller Taught at Pirinoa from 1901 to 1902 and 1904 at Kaitoke School. Taught at a lot of schools in the Southland Education Board country areas in the 1890's. Atherton Landbrooke Fuller was on the electoral roll in 1905-06 in the Wairarapa and then no more registrations.

Bradstock LB or LL After spending 1903 and 1904 the Bradstock's removed to Rongokokako (see for details)

MacKenna Robert only taught for Wellington Education Board for the 2 years . In 1907 Robert Mackenna resigned from the Auckland Education Board's Tangoao School. Did not die in New Zealand

Murphy Arthur P Taught at Pirinoa though the 1908 return list Mrs Arthur P as teaching and she may well have been relieving He then went the Masterton school before going to the Terrace School in 1917 where he still was in 1923 when my records end

In 1925 he went to Lyall Bay school and in 1929 assistant at Karori. In may 1938 Mr Murphy acted as Headmaster of Karori while the Head was absent. 4th December 1939 Appointed headmaster of Gracefield School

Richard Gilmour taught at Wairere School in 1905 presumably went to Training College in 1905 and 1906. He was at Island Bay in 1908 to 1909 and then at Pirinoa in 1910

James T Clarke Started teaching for Wellington Education Board at Pirinoa then spent 3 years at Wharau and one year at Pukehinau (North of Pongaroa) and in 1919 was head of Parkvale. He did not teach for Wellington Education Board from 1916-1919

Mrs Robertina Milne started teaching under her married name in 1907 at Mangaoronga, then spent three years at Tablelands near Martinborough) then in 1911 at Korokoro South before coming to Pirinoa in 1912. In 1914 she was at Mikimiki Valley school [Not Mikimiki School]

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Died as a widow in Dunedin. Lived only in the Wairarapa and Dunedin