

Porirua

1878		Porirua	Jupp	E		Head	£100.00	
1879		Porirua	Jupp	Edmund		Male	£100.00	
1879		Porirua	Jupp	Mrs		Sewing	£20.00	
1880		Porirua	Jupp	Edmund		Male	£100.00	
1880		Porirua	Jupp	Susanna		Sewing	£20.00	
1881	24	Porirua	Jupp	Edmund		Male	£ 10.00	
1881	24	Porirua	Jupp	Susan		Sewing	£20.00	
1882	28	Porirua	Jupp	Edmund		Male	£ 100.00	
1882	28	Porirua	Jupp	Susan		Sewing	£ 20.00	
1883	23	Porirua	Jupp	Edmund		Male	£ 100.00	
1883	23	Porirua	Jupp	Susan		Sewing	£ 20.00	

Edmund Jupp and Susanna Jupp after teaching at Porirua for the new Wellington Education Board then was at Waingawa School [Later called East Taratahi school South East of Masterton] still as sole teacher.

10th January 1860 Edmund Jupp advises he is opening a school in the Hutt.

24th March 1866 Edmund Jupp was teacher at Greytown School

8th October 1868 Greytown. The present School Committee to-day forcibly took possession of the schoolhouse from Mr E. Jupp, School master, for the purpose of installing a new schoolmaster.

7th November 1868 E. Jupp v. H. Udy.—The plaintiff claimed six month's salary as teacher for the Greytown Common School. Settled out of Court.

26th February 1869 . EDUCATION, E. JUPP has opened an EVENING SCHOOL at his residence in High-street, Greytown

28th November 1888 Wellington Education Board A letter from Mr. E. Jupp, who is leaving Waingawa School, owing to ill-health, asking for a long service bonus, was not granted. Miss O. Jupp, assistant at Waingawa, wrote applying to be appointed head teacher in succession to her father. It was decided to refer the letter to the local committee.

20th December 1893 The death is reported at Carterton, of Mr Edmund Jupp, aged 79, who arrived in New Zealand early in the fifties in the ship Cornwall, and was for many years a school teacher in the Wellington province

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9th February 1877 Setup of new Wellington Education Board report of Inspector Of the sixteen schools in the Hutt County, twelve are conveyed to your Board absolutely; three — South Makara, Belmont, and Korokoro—are small buildings held under trust for public purposes ; and North Makara school is leasehold. The vested schools at Taita, Tawa Flat, Porirua, Upper Hutt, Kaiwarra, and Johnsonville have not more than half an acre of land attached to them.....Porirua Ferry.—The infants are taught to read nicely. Dictation is not made a daily lesson. Home lessons should receive more attention. writing is fairly taught, but

the copy-books were generally too difficult. Mr. Jupp is painstaking and receives the voluntary assistance of Mrs. Jupp for the younger children."

26th April 1878 Annual report to the Wellington Education Board by the inspector included The results at Korokoro, Horokiwi Valley, Porirua, and Kaitoke, I consider fairly satisfactory under their several conditions.

21st January 1880 In a list of schools of the Wellington Education Board to hold School Committee elections was Porirua. [No result found]

23rd April 1880 Report of previous year results by Wellington Education Board Inspector showed 28 pupils examined and 13 passes. Pahautanui 34-30 and Judgeford 13-13

16th April 1881 Inspector Lee's report to Wellington Education Board In the Porirua and Hutt districts, including four half-time schools, there were sixteen schools held in buildings, all of which have since been rebuilt, or largely added to, except Porirua, Wainuiomata, and the one at Taita, which at that time was the best public school building in the whole Educational District. These sixteen schools presented 563 children, of whom 153 were classed in Standard 1., and 59 in Standard II. Besides these there were,- including two half-time schools, eleven in the Wairarapa, all held in very poor buildings,

21st February 1882 Edmund Jupp was substitute returning officer for the Licensing District of Porirua running the election of candidates.

9th September 1882 The first of a series of concerts was held at the Oddfellows Hall Porirua on Tuesday the 5th instant.; The doors opened at half past seven, and before 8 o'clock the hall was filled to excess, many having to stand during; the entertainment. Mr Jupp, being voted to the chair, in opening the entertainment, said he was pleased to see .so many assembled, as it was for; a good cause. The concert was well sustained throughout.....

31st January 1883 Wellington Education Board A letter was read from the Porirua School Committee asking the Board to remove the present master, as he was unable to carry put the duties, and to visit the district to inspect a site offered for a new school. A committee, consisting of the Chairman, Dr. Newman, Messrs. Johnson and Hutchison, was appointed to visit the district.

1st February 1883 Wellington Education Board ho following items have been struck out, and are not included in the above Porirua new school, £280 ;

10th February 1883 A meeting of the committee of the Tawa Flat School was held on Saturday, the 3rd instant, Mr F. Greer occupying the chair. The Chairman stated that the Board of Education had granted the money for a fence in front of the school grounds, and it was decided at once to call for tenders for the work. A meeting was held the same night for the purpose of arranging a joint school treat for the Tawa Flat, Johnsonville, and Porirua Schools. It was decided that the picnic should be held on the 14th instant, at some inlet in Porirua Bay. It was agreed to invite the committees of the Pahautanui Small Farm and Horokiwi Schools to join in the picnic and bring the children of their schools.

17th February 1883 The picnic of hr Johnsonville, Tawa Flat, and Porirua schools was attended by no less than 400 persons, who journeyed to the rendezvous in various vehicles and on horseback, making a procession the like of which has not been seen in the district before. The picnic took place in n picturesque paddock on the shore of the Porirua harbor, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Watt. The contractor for the provisions, Mr G. Harris of Wellington, throw up his contract only a few days before the date of the picnic, and for a

time his action seemed likely to '* upset the apple cart," but the energy of the committee who had charge of the affair was equal to the occasion, and a new contractor was found in the person of Mr Brade, who carried out his undertaking to the satisfaction of everyone. Foot races, dancing, and rustic games made the happy hours glide by only too quickly, and at 5 o'clock the company departed to their respective homes, tired out with their day's amusement, which had been so successful that the recurrence of the event next year will be looked forward to with the greatest interest.

29th March 1883 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to call for fenders for roofing the Porirua School with iron, [Presumably it was roofed with wooden shingles before]

2nd June 1883 The Porirua , School Committee recommended the purchase of an acre for a new school site at a cost of £100, and the immediate erection of a new schoolhouse thereon. The matter was left in the hands of a Committee.

28th July 1883 Mr Hutchison moved, "That a site for the Porirua school should be purchased, for the sum of £100."

1st November 1883 Wellington Education Board Porirua deputation as to accepting title of native ground on which to build a school was to have attended this meeting, but only one deputy appeared, and the subject was postponed.

1884-1889

1884	41	Porirua	Canavan	E O'H		Male	£ 170.00
1885	49	Porirua	Canavan	E O'H		Male	£ 190.00
1885	49	Porirua	Redman	Jessie		Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1886	57	Porirua	Canavan	Edward O		Head Master	£ 190.00
1886	57	Porirua	Redman	Jennie		Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1887	56	Porirua	Canavan	Edward O		Head Master	£ 190.00
1887	56	Porirua	Redman	Jane		Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1888	52	Porirua	Canavan	Edward O		Head Master	£ 185.00
1888	52	Porirua	Redman	Jane		Assistant Female	£ 75.00
1889	56	Porirua	Canavan	Edward O'H		Head Master	£ 185.00
1889	56	Porirua	Evans	Mabel		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 25.00

Edward O Canavan only taught for the Wellington Education Board board at Porirua

30th September 1893 . A Teacher's Petition.— Reporting on the petition of Edward O'Hara Canavan, who alleged he was dismissed from the charge of the Porirua School on account of false reports from the Inspector to the School Board, the Public Petitions Committee recommend that if the petitioner is a suitable teacher for a Native School be should receive employment m that capacity

16th June 1896 Edward' O'Hara Canavan junr., newspaper proprietor, of Nelson, filed his schedule in bankruptcy to-day. Mr Pitt appeared for the bankrupt.

14th December 1898 Westport, This Day. Mr E. O'Hara Canavan, journalist who was well-known in various parts of the colony, died in the hospital last night from lung complaint.

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Jessie/Jennie/Jane Redman only taught at Porirua under these names. Note: listed as Mrs Redman in debate about the sacking of Mr Canavan. Couldn't trace

Mabel Evans started teaching at Mt Cook Infants' in 1886 and in 1887 was at Upper Hutt and then spent three years at Porirua all as Pupil Teacher.

Most Likely: 8th October 1896: Miss Mabel Evans, oldest daughter of Mr George Evans, of 'Upper Willis street,' was married yesterday afternoon to Mr George Graham, of Fairhall, Marlborough. The ceremony was performed by the Rev W. C. Waters, incumbent of St. Peter's Church, in the presence of so large a number of friends

30th January 1884 Wellington Education Board The following estimate of buildings required for 1881 was laid on the table: — Johnsonville school, £450 ; Porirua school, £320 ; Porirua residence, £280;

26th March 1884 Wellington Education Board In reference to the proposed new school at Porirua, the Secretary stated that only the survey required to be settled before' the site could be conveyed to the Board. It was resolved to inform the local committee that the school should be proceeded with when the site was legally conveyed. A deputation subsequently waited on the Board and asked that the- hall might be rented for 10s a week to use in the meantime. The Board agreed to this.

27th March 1894 Wellington Education Board It was decided to inform the Porirua Committee that a new school would be erected when the board obtained a title to the land purchased by them.....A deputation from the Porirua School Committee waited upon the board in reference to the erection of a new school. The Chairman said that the board had dealt with the matter; they could do nothing till they got a title to the land. The deputation pointed out that the hall was available at a rent of 10s, It was decided that the hall be leased for six months the committee undertaking the responsibility of removing the furniture, &c

2nd May 1884 Mr J. Berry, of the Porirua School, applied for an increase of salary. It appeared that Mr Berry had formerly been in charge of the Waingawa School, where, in consequence of the falling off in numbers, his salary had been reduced from L 10 per month to L8. At Porirua, however, the attendance was much larger than at the Waingawa School, and it was decided to increase Mr Berry's salary to L 10 per month. [Note L was used by some typesetters instead of £ (pound) type] [John berry was at Waingawa at the end of 1883 but was not at Porirua at the end of 1884 and was not teaching in any NZ state school]

28th May 1884 Wellington Education Board the Porirua School Committee recommended the appointment of Miss Courte as sewing teacher and assistant mistress.{Could not find Miss Corte as a teacher]

27th August 1884 Mr Edward Canavan appointed to Porirua.

29th August 1884 Mr J Berry resigns

25th September 1884 Wellington Education Board J. Berry applied to be allowed to close the Porirua School on the 26th instant, Approved

17th December 1884 Wellington Education Board The report of the Building Committee, recommending new schools at Eketahuna, Johnsonville, Te Whiti, and Porirua, and repairs to other schools, was adopted.

18th May 1885 TENDERS will be received at this office up to noon of Tuesday, the 21st inst., for the erection of Teachers Residences at Pahiatua and Waihakeke ; Now School, Porirua; Shelter Shed, Taita; and Alterations to the Old Schoolroom at Petone. Plans for the Pahiatua Residence at the Examiner Office, Woodville, and the Daily Office, Masterton. Plans for the Waihakeke Residence at the Store of Mr. Andrew McKenzie,

Carterton, and at my Office, where plans for Porirua School, Taita Sheds, and Petone alterations may also be seen. THOMAS TURNBULL, Architect;

27th May 1885 Wellington Education Board The following tenders were accepted: —
Porirua new school, James Russell ; Taita shelter sheds, James Russell

24th July 1885 TENDERS for the erection of Fencing at Porirua and Kilbirnie will be received at this office up to noon of Tuesday, the 28th mat. Specifications at my office, and for Porirua at Mr. Hooper's Store, Porirua. THOS. TURNBULL, Architect to the Board. Education Board, Wellington,

30th July 1885 Wellington Education Board The tenders for fencing the school site at Porirua were considered far too high, and instructions were given for amending the specifications for fresh tenders,

23rd September 1885 and an Assistant Teacher for Porirua, salary £80 (one with a knowledge of music would probably be able to augment the salary).

30th September 1885 Miss Marion Reese was appointed an assistant mistress in Porirua School at a salary of £80 [Miss Reese was not at Porirua School in December. From 1886 Miss Reece had a long career at Pahiatua]. Though Miss Redman is shown as teaching at Porirua by December of 1885 there is no record of her appointment in Papers Past.

28th October 1885 Wellington Education Board It was decided to expend £12 in fencing the Porirua School. The Chairman said that the amount which the Board would have required to spend would have been much larger but for the fact that the natives had agreed to contribute to the cost. This was a new experience to the Board.

25th February 1886 Wellington Education Board The question of repairs to the residence - at Porirua was left in the hands of the Chairman.

8th May 1886 School Committee election to be held on Tuesday 18th May as a School Committee was not elected when first called for. Along with 8 other schools

20th May 1886 The following gentlemen were elected on Tuesday as the Porirua School Committee for the ensuing year:—F. H. Hooper (Chairman), Wm. McGrath, Jno. Whitehouse, Alfred Mented. Thos. Windley, Geo. Stevens, and Geo. Thompson. At the meeting at which the election took place, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hooper for acting as Chairman for the past three years, and to the teachers for raising the school to its present state of efficiency.

26th May 1886 Wellington Education Board A grant of £5 was made for the laying of gravel on the Porirua schoolground.

5th June 1886 TO THE EDITOR. Sir — I wish you would call the attention of the authorities to some of our wants. Porirua is destined to be the Brighton' of Wellington, and yet wo have not even a policeman, a telephone, nor a clergyman of any denomination. It is the centre of a populous district, in which the Government very wisely intend to build a lunatic asylum. I say wisely, for the place is as good a sanatorium as can be found in the world. If any of your delicate readers doubt it, let them come hero for an appetite. Even the Post Office is in a by-road, and we cannot get a post office order, and sometimes not even stamps. Surely this state of things, alike unfair to the Government and the People of this district, cannot last long. — am, &c, A Resident. Porirua, 3rd June, 1880.

21st September 1886 The Inspector of Schools visited the Porirua School yesterday.

29th September 1886 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to ask the Porirua Committee to send an estimate of the cost of fencing the school property.

1st October 1886 Wellington Education Board The Porirua Committee applied for a vote for some fencing to the school property. The Board decided to ask the master to supply the cost of the work.

25th November 1886 Wellington Education Board It was decided to leave the appointments of master at Porirua and assistant at Wadestown in the hands of the Chairman of the Board

In 1886 Edwin O'Hara Canavan was listed as teacher at Porirua and E O'Hara Canavan was running an Office of the Phoenix Fire Office from the Masonic Hall in Nelson. Only 1 Edwin O'Hara Canavan was listed as dying in New Zealand. No Children were born with Edwin Canavan as their father and no Edwin Canavan married in New Zealand,

22nd December 1886 The following are the only teachers in the service of the Board of Education who possess second grade drawing certificates : — Miss J. Redman, Porirua ; Miss M. J. Baty, Training College ; Mr. F. Gover, Fernridge ; M. F. Bennett, Newtown ; Mr. H. Bunting, Featherston ; Mr. G. Flux, Pahautanui ; Mr. W. T. Grundy, Masterton; Mr. C. Hulke. Kilbirnie ; Mr. W. Jackson, Mount Cook Boys' ; Mr. W. Mowbray, Thorndon ; Mr. H. P. Warde, Johnsonville

9th March 1887 One of the most pleasant reunions ever held in this locality took place to-day (Tuesday) at Teti Bay [Titahi Bay]. This pretty place is but little known to the Wellington public, or it would have more visitors. It is situated opposite Mana Island, and can boast of good water, a beautiful prospect, and a largo sandy beach. The occasion to-day was a picnic given to the children attending Porirua School. The children assembled to the number of 100, attended by their parents, and a more comely lot of healthy, well-clad youngsters you could not find in the most prosperous parts of the Old Country. It was a treat to see them enjoy themselves—paddling in the surf, running races, and indulging in sundry other games. The School Committee, represented by Messrs. H. F. Hooper (Chairman), McGrath, Stevens, and Thompson, did everything to promote the enjoyment of the picnickers. Mr. and Mrs. Geer, Mr. A. Watt, and Mrs. Watt were also conspicuous in their efforts to further the sports. The good things were plentifully provided by the parents, and valuable prizes were dispensed by the committee. Indeed, it will be remembered as a ' red letter day ' by all the juveniles who had the good fortune to be present."

26th April 1887 . PORIRUA. At the meeting of Porirua householders the following gentlemen were elected as a School Committee for the ensuing year :— Messrs. McGrath, Thompson, Hooper, Stevens, Dormer, Jordon, and Jillet. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Mr. Hooper for his past services, and he was re-elected Chairman of Committee . E. O. H. Canavan [Teacher] presided at the public meeting.

28th July 1887 Wellington Education Board £5 given to Porirua for fencing.

22nd December 1887 Wellington Education Board It was decided to grant a sum not exceeding L 3 for the purpose of adding a closet [Toilet] to the school residence at Porirua. [In some Wellington Education Board schools teachers and their families were supposed to use the school toilets and I presume empty their potties there]

12th March 1888 Examination of Sixth Standard Examinations by Mr Lee Porirua 1 presented 1 passed

25th April 1888 School Committee PORIRUA. Messrs Jillet, Thompson, Flewellyn, McGrath, Jordan, Hooper (chairman), and Stevens were elected.

27th June 1888 . A letter was read from Mrs. Llewellyn offering to lease the old school site at Porirua for five years, at a rental of £20 per annum, she to have the right to purchase the property for £200. The Board decided not to accept the offer.

29th August 1888 Mr. E. O. Canavan, teacher at Porirua, applied for leave of absence on account of ill-health. A certificate was read from Dr. Mahon, and the Board decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Inspector.

26th September 1888 Inspector Lee's report to Wellington Education Board included and the very neglected condition of the upper classes and general weak management of the Porirua School.

31st October 1888 Friction Between School Inspector and Schoolmaster.

Some amount of feeling seems to prevail in the Porirua district with regard to a difference between the master of the local school, and Mr. Lee, school inspector, judging upon the following resolution of the School Committee, which was read at to-day's meeting of the Education Board, and which was stated to have been carried unanimously :—

" That the Chairman bring under the notice of the Education Board that at the late examination of this school the Inspector marked questions in arithmetic wrong that were perfectly correct ; and that the committee consider the action of the Inspector in upbraiding the schoolmaster in the presence of the pupils as tending to weaken the authority of the master over the children ; and that the committee is thoroughly dissatisfied with the manner in which the examination was conducted ; and that this committee has no confidence in the Inspector.

Mr. Lee said the committee knew nothing at all about the matter. The examination had been very unsatisfactory, and the master having evidently been called over the coals, had now to act on the defensive.

Mr. Bunny thought that if that was the master's action it was a question whether he should not be got rid of. If it turned out that Mr. Lee was right about the arithmetic, the master ought to receive three months' notice.

The Rev. J. Paterson said that in other cases he had heard comment made upon the practice of speaking to teachers before their pupils. If the Inspector did so he acted wrongly, for the tendency was to lower the teacher in the children's eyes. The Inspector should take the teacher aside and then speak his mind freely.

The Chairman said there was trouble in Porirua School some time ago about the wrong marking of the register. The master had also taken a holiday without leave, and this immediately before his standard examination.

Mr. Lee explained that it was possible a sum which had been worked properly was marked as wrong, but that would be an extremely rare occurrence. For instance, the sum might have been taken down incorrectly. The master, he could see, had tried to set himself right, and had made out the best case he could. There had been previous irregularities in the school work, which was altogether thoroughly unsatisfactory. It had been his practice to comment upon and criticise the work of each school. An inspector would be a useless being unless he were critical, and it was by criticism that he really benefited the education system. To merely speak to a teacher privately would make no real impression. Nearly always he made a little speech

to the upper portion of the school, taking a running view of the work as a whole, and this, he thought, did a great deal of good, notwithstanding that it sometimes tended to make the masters look small. ,

The Rev. Mr. Paterson, while agreeing that an inspector's work should be critical, held that the criticism should not be done in the presence of the pupils. Nothing lowered a teacher so much in his scholars' eyes or was so subversive of all discipline. Many of the children whom he had to punish would chuckle at his abasement.

Mr. Fraser did not approve of the practice in question, because it would lessen a teacher's influence, and also set him against the Inspector. Still the criticism could be done effectually by speaking to the children, but at the teacher.

The Chairman thought the proposal to speak to the master through the pupils very objectionable. Criticism might be right enough, but censure was inadmissible. On the Continent the practice was to assemble all the teachers of a school after examination was over and review all their work, blaming or commending where either was due. He was clearly of opinion that if Mr. Lee told a teacher before his class that he was stupid, or said anything that weakened his moral influence, he acted very wrongly. Mr. Lee— I don't do that. I criticise the work openly, but I don't tell the teacher that he is this or that before the children. I consider that it would be decidedly wrong to bully a master in the presence of the children.

After some further discussion, Mr. Lee asked that the matter should be investigated, and the Porirua Committee be asked to produce evidence.

The Chairman— Do you want a committee ? You are very much in the same position with regard to this matter as is Mr. Parnell - (laughter)— and therefore it is for you to, say.

Mr. Lee' said the case was that of a school which was so weak that he had 'to' ask the Board to take some notice of it. ' ' Then the master turned round upon him and made a counter charge it must be the master, because the committee had no means of knowing except through him. A committee, consisting of the Chairman, Mr. Fraser, and the Rev. Mr. Paterson, was appointed to enquire generally into the matter. '

1st November 1888 Wellington Education Board An application for extension of leave by Miss E. Davis, of Porirua, [Actually teaching at Pirinoa] was refused.

1st November 1888 Without entering at present into the merits of the dispute between the Wellington School Inspector and the master of the Porirua school, which has been remitted to a Committee of the Education Board, we feel bound to take very decided exception to a most objectionable practice to which the Inspector, on his own admission, is addicted. He confessed that he was in the habit of openly criticising a master's work before his pupils, and he defended this practice as "doing a great deal of good, notwithstanding , that it sometimes tended to make the masters look small." We should like to ask Mr Lee what possible result he can expect from making a master "look small" before his pupils, except the total loss of that master's influence and power for good ? We fear Mr Lee is much too fond of this sort of thing—this attempt to make a master " look small " in the eyes of his pupils. We recollect that on one occasion he admitted having tried to' compel a head master, to do a sum in long division in the presence of all the children, to test his arithmetical capacity. This is not the way to teach children that respect for their instructors which is the necessary foundation of all good educational work. We are glad to notice that at the Board meeting yesterday Messrs Blair, Paterson, and Eraser all very rightly and strongly condemned this most improper mode

of proceeding. [Later Mr Lee was sacked by the Education Board and then got elected to the board as a member and became chairman]

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28th November 1888 The committee of the Board of Education appointed to enquire into the efficiency of the Porirua School will hold their first meeting on Saturday

29th November 1888 The Chairman said the committee appointed in connection with the inquiry into matters concerning the Porirua school had not yet completed its labours.

1st December 1888 The committee appointed by the Board of Education to enquire into the allegations made by the Porirua School Committee against the Inspector (Mr. Lee) were to have held their first meeting this afternoon, but in consequence of the absence of one of the members the business was adjourned indefinitely.

19th December 1888 The question of transferring the assistant teacher at Porirua was relegated to the committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the recent examination of the school by Mr. Lee

30th January 1889 A report from Messrs J. K. Blair (Chairman), F. H. Fraser, and the Rev. J. Paterson, who were appointed by the Board of Education to enquire into certain questions affecting the Porirua School, was presented to that body this morning. The report stated that on Tuesday, the 15th instant, the Rev. J. Paterson and Mr. Fraser visited the school and heard the whole of the evidence offered by the respective parties, and after careful consideration the Committee were of opinion that the interests of education would be best served if a complete change were made as soon as practicable in the teaching staff of the school. The Committee also expressed the opinion that the Board had already dealt with the matters affecting the Inspector, who, it was alleged, had spoken sharply to the head teacher (Mr. Canavan) in the presence of the scholars, they did not consider further action necessary. The report was adopted, and it was decided to leave the reorganisation of the staff in the hands of the Chairman. It was pointed out that Mrs. Redman, the assistant, had already resigned.

30th January 1889 The Board accepted the resignations of Mrs. Malcolm, assistant at Thorndon, and Mrs. Redman, assistant at Porirua.

28th February 1889 A committee the Education Board yesterday decided not to take any action with respect to a request from **the** Porirua Committee for reconsideration of the Board's previous decision with respect to the teaching staff of the school. The Board also decided to dispense with the services of teachers who have failed two years in succession, and whose names do not appear on the pass list.

31st July 1889 Wellington Education Board he Board was assured that a shelter shed was urgently required at Porirua, and £10 was voted for the purpose.

1st August 1889 A sum of L10 was granted to the Porirua Committee for the erection of a porch

21st September 1889 A concert was held at Porirua on the 18th inst., in aid of the school funds. On the whole the arrangements were satisfactorily carried out, and all present enjoyed themselves. Mr. Hooper occupied the chair and opened the proceedings by an eloquent speech. Miss Dixon and Mrs. Cornelius played the accompaniments in a highly effective style. Two little girls, Misses Mitchell and Whitehouse, sang solos very sweetly, and an encore was demanded of each. Messrs. McGrath and Bennie were very funny in their character songs. The length of the programme prevents us criticising all the items

27th September 1889 Inspector Lee's report on Porirua School [Many others were also published] Porirua. — The general condition of this school continues most unsatisfactory. There is some improvement in the writing, composition, and spelling of the upper standards, but the Standard II. work in writing, spelling, and arithmetic, is very bad, and the whole of the upper standard arithmetic (Standards II. to VI.) is characterised by the Inspector as unsatisfactory. After two years work there were many standard failures.

27th November 1889 The Board decided to adhere to their former determination with reference to the dismissal of a teacher in the Carterton School and another in the School.

1890-1895

1890	61	Porirua	Pilkington	John		Head Male	£235.00
1890	61	Porirua	Evans	Mabel		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1891	54	Porirua	Pilkington	John		Head Male	£215.00
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1893	46	Porirua	Pilkington	John		Head Male	£215.00
1893	46	Porirua	Evans	Ada		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1894	51	Porirua	Pilkington	John		Head Male	£215.00
1894	51	Porirua	Evans	Ada		Female Pupil Teacher	£47.00
1895	50	Porirua	Pilkington	John		Head Male	£ 215.00
1895	50	Porirua	Evans	Ada		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 47.10

John Pilkington or J J Pilkington started teaching for the Wellington Education Board as a Pupil teacher in 1878 at Masterton and was there until 1880. For 2 years he was sole teacher at Wainuiomata before becoming head of Taueru School East of Masterton 1888 to 1889. From 1890 until his retirement from the Wellington Education Board in 1910 he was at Porirua. Went farming near Ohakune and served on the Wanganui Education Board

1st February 1911 Mr J. J. Pilkington, at one time headmaster of the Masterton School, has resigned the mastership of the Porirua, School, a position, which he has held for many years. [Never Headmaster of Masterton]

Mabel Evans In 1886 and 1887 Mabel Evans was pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants' followed by a year at Upper Hutt and three years at Porirua. Always as a pupil teacher. Mable Henrietta Evans

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Ada Evans In 1889 Featherston , In 1890 Te Aro Infants'. 1892-1896 Porirua.as pupil teacher. Then 1897-until at least 1923 assistant at Johnsonville

16th July 1942 Mr. Arthur Ralph Evans, late of Trentham, passed away at Wellington on July 11. He was born at Christchurch in 1873 and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Evans, who were pioneers of the Hutt Valley, where Mrs. Evans opened the first school at Maungaroa, now Te Marua, in 1878. Mr. A. Evans received his education there, and later at Wellington College. He was employed in the clerical department of the Railways and Public Works Departments up to within three years of his death. He leaves a wife and a son, and a daughter, and four sisters, Mesdames Jackson, Bayliss, Robinson, and Miss A. H. Evans.

14th January 1890 Wellington Education Board Head Teacher, Porirua; salary, about £150 and residence

30th January 1890 There were 7 applicants for headmaster at Porirua £180 salary

3rd February 1890 The Rev. H. E. Tuckey, supernumerary teacher to the Education Board, has assumed charge at Porirua, pending the appointment of a permanent master.

15th February 1890 One of the queerest reasons for closing a school wo have yet heard of is that assigned by the Porirua School Committee, who have just shut up theirs " because the school tank is empty," and determined not to re-open it until there is rainfall. Wo are informed that plenty of water is obtainable in the vicinity, and that there is a capital well at a cottage almost next door to the school. The Rev. H. E. Tuckey who was in temporary charge, protested against the course taken by the committee, but had to submit and return to town. If the residents in the district are content to let matters drift on as at present, it is not likely that the educational authorities will take any steps until the matter comes before the Board at its regular meeting.

18th February 1890 TO THE EDITOR. Sir, — On account of the local which you have inserted re the closing of the above school, I have to request that you will insert the following remarks :— I may state that the information you have received is incomplete, and evidently one-sided. The school was not closed solely for the " queer reason" that the School tank was empty, though that tinder the circumstances, when there is no supply of clean water near, and the committee have no funds to employ labour to get it carried, might be deemed sufficient. The trouble is this— It had been reported to the committee that a case of scarlet fever was in the district ; this, coupled with the fact that there was no water to flush the w.c, was considered sufficient reason to justify the committee in closing the school for a few days. The Porirua School Committee have too much desire to perform the duties entrusted to them, that they will not run the risk of spreading contagion in their district. Moreover several parents were keeping their children from school by reason of the reports they had heard about

the scarcity of water and the fever case. You state in your local that " Mr. Tuckey protested against the course taken by the committee but had to submit and return to town." As chairman of the committee I submit that this is a statement without foundation ; nothing of the kind occurred. Even if he had " protested " it would have made no difference, as the committee are quite prepared to stand by their decision and consider themselves as well able to judge between right and wrong as the schoolmaster. With regard to the latter portion of the local I think that the residents of the district have every confidence in the committee they have elected, and they are prepared to await the Board's leisure. I am, Ac, W. P. Hooper, Chairman Porirua School.

26th February 1890 The trouble in connection with the Porirua School was brought before the Education Board this morning by a letter from the Chairman of the School Committee, stating that the school had been closed on account of a case of scarlet fever and the absence of water for either drinking or flushing the closets. He applied for two tanks additional to the one now in use. The Chairman of the Board said that if the committee had wanted a pump he could understand it, but he failed to see how another tank in this dry weather was going to enable the re-opening of the school. The Secretary said he had been told that the existing tank was unnecessarily emptied. Dr. Newman said that in any case plenty of water could be brought to the school, even if it were necessary to use a horse and cart. The committee had certainly no right to close the school. The Chairman pointed out that when there was an outbreak of fever in Wellington the headmasters of the city schools were unanimous in the opinion that such epidemics were far more liable to spread when schools were closed than when they were open, because the children came into contact in the streets where they were not under discipline, It was finally decided that the Chairman of the Board and Dr. Newman, M.H.R., should visit Porirua and endeavour to arrange matters with the committee.

6th March 1890 The Chairman of the Education Board (Mr. J. R. Blair) and Dr. Newman, M.H.R., will pay a visit to Porirua to-morrow morning, in the hope of settling the unfortunate difficulty that has arisen there in reference to the school. As there has been some rainfall, which has replenished the water supply, studies were resumed on Monday. The deputies of the Board will be glad to meet any residents in the district who take an interest in school matters. On the way out, they will visit the Tawa Flat and Johnsonville schools.

8th March 1890 It is satisfactory to learn that yesterday's visit of the representatives of the Education Board— Messrs, Blair, Dorset, and Dr. Newman — to the Porirua district, has resulted in the removal of all misunderstandings that had arisen between the Board and the local School Committee. After full discussion of the grievances, the committee agreed to sanction the appointment of Mr. J. J. Pilkington, late of Taueru, to the headmastership of the school — they having formerly objected on the ground that they had not been consulted prior to the removal of the late master. Mr. Pilkington will enter upon his duties on Monday week, the Rev. Mr. Tuckey continuing in charge in the meantime. The water supply difficulty has been surmounted. On their way out to Porirua the representatives of the Board inspected the Johnsonville and Tawa Flat Schools, where they found that everything was going on satisfactorily.

14th March 1890 Wrongful Dismissal.— Mr E. O. H. Canavan, formerly headmaster of * the Porirua School, has instituted legal proceedings against the Education Board for wrongful

dismissal. Mr Canavan, for whom Messrs Monteath and Staveley are acting, claims £200 damages, and the case will be tried at the next civil sitting of the Supreme Court,

2nd May 1890 School Committee PORIRUA. Messrs A. H. Bennie (chairman) T. Mullins, J. Aplin, H. Hooper, J. Mitchell, J. Smith and W. Dormer.

9th May 1890 The action in which Mr. E. O. H. Canavan, formerly master of the Porirua School, sued the Education Board to recover £200 for alleged wrongful dismissal, has been settled, the Board agreeing to a compromise by which they allow the plaintiff three months' salary and pay all costs of the suit.

26th June 1890 The Board sanctioned the expenditure for alterations to the school at Levin and Porirua,

16th August 1890 Death has been busy of late in thinning the ranks of the early settlers. Yesterday passed away after fifty years of colonial life, Mr James Mitchell, at his late residence, Alma lane. Mr Mitchell arrived from Scotland in the Blenheim, in December, 1840, settling first on the Porirua road, at what is now known as the Half-way House, but some time afterwards he purchased a property near the Ferry, naming it Burnside, where he continued to reside till some seventeen years ago, when he retired from the active business and removed to Wellington. In the early days of the history of the Colony the deceased gentleman took an active part in local affairs. He was the first chairman of the Highway Board in the district and was also instrumental in the establishment of the first public school at Porirua, which was first held in the present Oddfellows' Hall until a building could be erected.

6th June 1890 A most successful concert was given on Wednesday evening at the Oddfellows' Hall, Porirua, in aid of the school fund. The children's choruses ("Minstrel Boy" and "See-saw" waltz) were well executed, and reflected great credit on Mr. Pilkington, who led the youngsters. Songs were given by the Misses Whitehouse, Morgan, Melville, Mitchell, and Evans, and Messrs. Bennie, Barcham, Dixon, and McGrath. Miss Dixon presided at the piano in her usual able manner. Mr. Bennie announced that the proceeds would be devoted to improving the recreation ground.

4th September 1890 A successful concert was held at Porirua on Monday last in aid of the school fund. The Pahautanui Band gave their assistance on the occasion and deserve thanks for their kindness in helping. Mrs. Greenwood gave several Scotch songs with great effect, and the children, under Miss Dixon's control, sung a number of charming choruses with great taste. The Misses Mitchell and Whitehouse were recalled for their excellent singing. At the conclusion of the concert, a farce was played, in which Mr. Prosser showed himself to be an actor of no mean ability.

26th January 1891 Wellington Education Board calls for tenders for additions to the School Residence

4th December 1890 Mr J J Pilkington was a deputy returning officer at the Hutt Electorate election.

28th January 1891 Wellington Education Board Two months' leave was granted to Miss Mabel Evans, Porirua, on account of ill-Health.

6th February 1891 Passed Third Year pupil teacher examination Mabel Henrietta Evans. Porirua

9th February 1891 John Pilkington passed the Freehand section of the Wellington School of designs Examination.

25th February 1891 Wellington Education Board Plans were ordered to be prepared for teachers' residences at Belvedere and Porirua

13th April 1891 Several members of the Board of Education will visit Porirua and Ohariu tomorrow for the purpose of selecting sites for teachers' residences.

20th April 1891 Tenders for the erection of teachers' houses at Porirua and Paraparaumu are called by the architects, Messrs Thos. Turnbull and Son.

29th April 1891 School Committee PORIRUA. Andrew H. Bennie (re-elected Chairman), Jas. Aplin. John Smith, Thos. Mullin, John Mitchell, Thos. Prosser, Wm. Dormer.

8th May 1891 :Erection of teacher's residence: Porirua —S. Hemingway, £192 (accepted) ; S. Green, £239 10s ; O. Taylor, £251 10s ; W, Douglas, £250 ; A. Seamer, £222; Darke and Fowler, £221 9s; J. Bussell, £234; .T. Brooks (informal), £260.

28th July 1891 Mr .H. F. Hooper, a much-respected resident of Porirua, died at his residence on Sunday forenoon. The deceased gentleman held the position of chairman to the School Committee at Porirua for the last seven years and leaves a wife and five young children to mourn their loss. His life was insured for £300.

3rd August 1891 John Pilkington calls a meeting to see whether a Rowing Club is to be formed at Porirua.

10th December 1891 1 child from Porirua School to sit scholarship examination

11th February 1892 Ada Evans Classified third year pupil teacher

31st March 1892 Wellington Education Board A grant of £10 per annum, as lodging expenses, was granted to Miss Ada Evans, of the Porirua School.

27th July 1892 Wellington Education Board The householders at Porirua having failed to elect a committee, the Board appointed Messrs. A. H. Bennie, J. Smith, and T. Mullen, Commissioners to manage the affairs of the school.

27th October 1892 The chairman of the Porirua School Committee wrote to the board on the subject, remarking that the short sightedness was due to the children writing with their heads too close to their slates. He said it was a matter which the inspector should see into. Inspector Lee said he scarcely ever went into a school without calling attention to it. The Chairman said the habit was growing, and the inspector must try and prevent it. After some further discussion a letter was ordered to be written to the chairman of the Porirua committee stating that the inspectors were fully aware of the practice and would take necessary measures to prevent it. [A slate is like a blackboard and was written on by a slate pencil and not chalk]

27th October 1892 State School Drawing Examinations: Freehand: Porirua Thomas Jordan, Edward King, Ernest Mexted.

2nd November 1892 State school Drawing Examinations: Scale: A Heke, T Hemi, A Harvey, A Kinsey.

5th November 1892 Country Districts Scholarship Examination: Four awarded to 3 from Petone and 1 to Kaori, Next: Thos Jordan: 407 marks only 4 behind the last successful candidate.

7th November 1892 Wellington Educational Institute [Teacher's Union] delegate to annual meeting Pilkington (Porirua) Brown Carterton and Ward (Johnsonville)

25th January 1893 Wellington Education Board The question of levelling the Porirua school grounds was deferred.

9th February 1893 Ada Evans passed her 4th year examinations by Inspector Lee and Fleming.

22nd February 1893 A sum of £3 was voted to the Porirua Committee towards levelling the school grounds.

29th March 1893 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to accept the resignation of Miss P. Lancaster of a scholarship held by her, and Master Jordan, of Porirua, was recommended for the vacancy.

6th July 1893 Parliamentary Notes: Edmund O'Hara Canavan, late head teacher at Porirua School, is petitioning the House, through Mr. McLean, for -enquiry into his dismissal by the Education Board on account of an adverse report by Inspector Lee, upon whom 'petitioner animadvert strongly. ,

7th August 1893 Inspector Mr Fleming to visit Porirua 28th August

30th September 1893 to the petition of Edward O'Hara Canavan, of Wellington, who alleges that he was dismissed from the charge of the Porirua School on account of false reports from the Inspector to the Education Board, the Petitions Committee recommends that if he is a suitable teacher for a native school he should be employed in that capacity.

18th January 1884 Wellington Education Board: Pupil Teacher wanted for Porirua

11th May 1884 A letter from Mr J J. Pilkington, schoolmaster, Porirua, was read at last night's meeting of the [Wellington]City Council complaining of certain matters in connection with the lending department of the Public Library. When joining he was informed he could only take out one book, which, he informed the Council, was .very little use to him. He only wanted the book he first chose to send him to sleep at night, so that he was as badly off as before for a book for his waking reading hours. Sometimes he was unable to get into town for a month, and what use, he asked, was one hook for even a week's reading. He asked the Librarian' if he might pay 'four' subscriptions, and he was allowed to take out four' books, winch-was declined, as Was also a request that he be allowed to Take out a family ticket as he had a wife but no family to damage the books. Another complaint the writer made was that he had to pay a fine of Is 3d for keeping a book for too long a time, the said book being only worth Is 4d. .Mr Penty moved that no person' living outside a radius of six' miles 'from Wellington be allowed to become 'subscribers, but this was withdrawn, and on the motion of Mr. Tatum it was decided no action be taken in regard 'to the' letter.

2nd June 1894 Mr J J Pilkington was elected as President of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand Educational Institute which held quarterly meetings.

25th June 1894 A concert in aid of the local school funds was held at Porirua on Friday evening, the room being crowded. Songs were given by Misses Wall, Allen, Thompson, and Stoddart (recalled), Mrs Dixon, Messrs. Dixon, Jonathan, Cummins (recalled), and Bennie 'recalled). The Harmonic Society provided four items, which were well received. The accompaniments were played by Misses Tabor and Newman, Mrs. Stevens, and Master Bennie. A dance followed, Mr. Meade acting as M.C., and refreshments being kindly provided by Mesdames Hooper, Gyde, and Thompson.

25th August 1894 Inspectors to inspect Porirua on the 29th August

4th December 1894 SS Wairarapa [Shipwrecked on Great Barrier Island with 121 people being killed] Porirua School £1 donated to funds

5th August 1895 Inspectors to visit on the 20th August

1896-1900

1896	50	Porirua	Pilkington	John		Head Male	£215.00	
1896	50	Porirua	Evans	Ada		Female Pupil Teacher	£47.10	
1897	56	Porirua	Pilkington	John	C1	Head Master	£215.00	
1897	56	Porirua	Cowles	Vera P		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 42.00	
1898	61	Porirua	Pilkington	John	C1	Head Master	£215.00	
1898	61	Porirua	Cowles	Vera P	D4	Female Pupil Teacher	£ 42.00	
1899	71	Porirua	Pilkington	John	C1	Head Master	£ 215.00	
1899	71	Porirua	Whitcombe	Minnie A	D4	Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00	
1900	68	Porirua	Pilkington	John	C1	Head Master	£215.00	
1900	68	Porirua	Whitcombe	Minnie A	D4	Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00	

Vera Pallet Cowles was at Mangatainoka in 1895 and 1896 and 1897 and 1898 at Porirua as a pupil teacher before going to Shannon School in 1889 and 1900 as an assistant female.

1878/4750	Cowles	Vara Pallett	Sarah	Edward
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1901/5338	Vara Pallett	Cowles	John Hartness	Sharp
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30th November 1901 Sharp— Cowles.— On November 25th, at Kent Terrace Church, Wellington, by the Rev. J. Kennedy Elliott. B.A., John Hartness, only son of Captain Martin P. Sharp, of Maryport, Cumberland, England, to Vara Pallett, third daughter of Edward Cowles, Richmond, Nelson ,

Minnie A Whitcombe

1896 Mount Cook Infants' Female Pupil Teacher

1897-1898 Tawa Flat Female Pupil Teacher

1899-1901 Porirua Female Pupil teacher

1902-1910 Porirua Mistress then assistant female

1911-1917 Ngaio Assistant Female

1919-1921 Johnsonville/Newlands Assistant and then Infant Mistress

1923 Miramar South Assistant when my records end

10th December 1931 Miss M A Whitcombe resigns after 35 ¼ years' service.

1974/32303	Whitcombe	Minnie Agnes	5 January 1878
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27th February 1896 Wellington Education Board The carpenter was directed to report as to additions to the teacher's residence at Dalefield, and to make certain alterations to the residence at Porirua.

24th June 1896 Wellington Education Board Mr. Pearse, a member of the Pahautanui Committee, waited upon the Board with a request that arrangements should be made for the Paremata children now attending the Pahautanui school to be sent to Porirua. Consideration of the matter was held over..... The carpenter was directed to attend to repairs, &c, required at Hastwell, Porirua, and Whiteman's Valle

17th August 1896 Inspector T R Fleming to inspect Porirua on the 25th August

28th October 1896 Wellington Education Board The Porirua Committee wrote asking the Board to allow a solicitor to assist the committee to enforce attendance. The application was not approved.

1st February 1897 Ada H Evans has completed her Pupil Teacher training

28th April 1897 Miss Combes from Mangatainoka to Porirua to relieve Miss Evans, who is promoted to assistant at Johnsonville in the place of Miss Drawbridge, resigned ;

18th May 1897 The School Committee at Porirua and a number of the ladies of the district met in the Oddfellows' Hall in that township on Saturday and entertained Miss Ada Evans, who has been transferred from the teaching staff of the local school to that of the Johnsonville School. Complimentary addresses were given, and Miss Evans was presented by Mrs. Stevens with a handsome dressing case as a mark of appreciation by the settlers of the district of her six years' service in the Porirua School.

31st May 1897. Again Porirua did not elect a School Committee and were to make another effort on 28th June along with eight other schools.

29th July 1897 An inspector to inspect Porirua on the 16th August Either Mr Lee or Mr Fleming.

23rd July 1898 . FOR SALE a light Mare. Gig, and Harness. Mare guaranteed good and quiet to train and bike. J. J. Pilkington, Porirua.

8th December 1898 About 130 teachers of all grades, including pupil teachers, are undergoing weekly instruction, some in Wellington and some at Masterton, in the above subject, under the Board's instructor. Mr Robert Parker. The course of instruction is thoroughly practical, and includes the teaching of time and tune, the training of the ear, correct habits of breathing, the proper use of the voice, etc. The training is most valuable from a hygienic as well as from a recreative point of view, and ensures that the subject shall be, if taught at all. properly taught to the children in our schools. A certificate of merit has this year been established in connection with..... Pass with distinction included:

J J Pilkington

1st March 1899 Wellington Education Board Wanted Pupil teacher for Porirua

3rd March The pupils of the Porirua School are being favoured with fine weather for their annual picnic to-day. They came into town this morning and were taken across to Day's Bay in the Duco.

30th March 1899 In committee the Board made the following appointments, but the names will not be disclosed until the school committees have approved them. Pupil Teacher Porirua £20.

25th April 1899 The attendance of householders at Porirua was a record one and great interest was manifested. The committee's annual report stated that a very satisfactory year's work had been done, there being a good general average attendance, and acknowledgment was made of the good work of the headmaster, Mr. J. J. Pilkington. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring committee, and the election of a new committee resulted as follows : — Messrs. R. Auty, W. McGrath, C. Stevens, Eastwood, Smith, Thompson, and Chapman. Mr. Auty was re-elected Chairman.

30th June 1899 The children of the Porirua State School gave an excellent miscellaneous entertainment last evening in the Oddfellows' Hall. There was plenty of variety in the

programme, which included a grand march, exhibitions of club exercises, tambourine drill, Japanese fan song (in costume), a doll song, and a series of very pretty tableaux depicting "Red Riding Hood," the "Babes in the Wood," and such like stories ear to the little folk, The children's performances were interspersed with vocal music by the Misses Wilkinson and Hurn, Messrs. Swindell, Newton, Tabor, and Pilkington. Valuable assistance was lent by Mrs. N. Duncan and Miss A. Page and Miss Daisy McGrath as accompanists, and by Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Chapman (cornet), who supplied the overture ; Mr. Chapman also played a cornet obligato to a song by Miss Wilkinson. At the close of the concert cheers were given for the Porirua School, its headmaster, and the teacher, Miss Whitcombe, the last-named having taken great pains in connection with the training of the little folk. A dance followed the concert.

6th July 1899 Wellington Education Board The Board decided that an application from a deputation from Porirua for an additional pupil teacher be deferred pending inquiries.

13th September 1899 The children of the Porirua State School last evening repeated a portion of a former successful entertainment in the Asylum hall for the benefit of the patients. The children went through a tambourine drill, pole drill, and Japanese fan action song with creditable precision, and were heartily applauded. The pianoforte accompaniments were played by Miss Daisy McGrath, Miss Whitcombe, and Mrs. Norman Duncan, Messrs. Luxford (violin) and P. Bradey (cornet) assisting. At the conclusion of the entertainment Dr. Hassell, Resident 'Superintendent of the Asylum, heartily thanked the promoters of the entertainment and all who had assisted

21st December 1899 At the request of the Wellington branch i of the Educational Institute, Mr. J. J. Pilkington asked Mr: Field at Porirua last night if he would be in favour of restoring the £4 capitation grant to school children. He mentioned the steps that had been taken with the object of getting it restored and pointed out that the Education Boards were in a state of great impecuniosity and were unable to cope with the requirements of the different districts. The candidate replied that he knew so little of the subject that he would not like to give nn answer then, though his present opinion was that the request seemed one that should readily be assented to. However, he would go into the matter and would be prepared to answer it at a later date.

4th January 1900 G Williams finished 5th in the Class D Scholarship examinations

9th March 1900 The Porirua School held its annual picnic at Day's Bay yesterday. The picnic was well attended. Sports for young and old were he... during the day. Mr P. Mungavin won the committeemen's race, the prize being a Romney Marsh ewe and lamb, given by a Wellington firm. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed.

14th March 1900 MANAWATU RAILWAY FARES.

to The Editor. Sir,— Yesterday the Porirua School held its annual picnic at Day's Bay. The Manawatu Company conveyed the whole party — about 90 children and 50 adults — to Wellington in two extra carriages. Many of the adults • wishing to be near the children, either stood, or were squeezed in their seats by troops of little ones. Nevertheless, they had \o pay the full return fare of 2s 5d for their trip. Now, the Manawatu Company runs extra trains Ivom Wellington to Plimmerton on Saturdays and Sundays, by which the return fare is 1s 6d, and frequently they are almost empty. Yet at our great annual holiday we were made to pay full fares though .we travelled by the ordinary train, and were all packed into two carriages. Is

it any wonder that, while this sort of thing goes on, the settlers should use the line as little as possible? — I am, etc., OFFENHAND. Porirua, 8th February, 1900.

24th April 1900 Porirua.— Messrs. R. Auty (Chairman), Geo. Johnson, Geo. Stephen, W. McGrath, J. Eastwood, J. Smith, and E. Cole.

21st July 1900 PORIRUA PEACE DEMONSTRATION [Boer War]

The following Programme is proposed : -i- Procession of School Children, Friendly Societies, etc. Presentation of Flag to- School, Sports, Tugs of War, Costume- Football Match, Pyrotechnic Display, Patriotic Concert, Fancy Dress and Masked Ball, etc., etc. The Pahautanui Band has kindly consented to assist. In furtherance of this programme the inhabitants of Porirua and surrounding; districts are invited to attend a Public Meeting at Porirua on THURSDAY, 26th instant, at 7.30- p.m. P. MUNGAVIN, Chairman

15th December 1900 An enjoyable, miscellaneous concert was given in the Porirua Hall last evening, the excessively crowded state of the hall demonstrating the necessity for a considerably larger building. In addition ,to choruses, rounds, and music drill, by the State School excellently performed and creditable to Miss Whitcombe's tuition songs were given by the Misses A. and E. Evans.....

27th December 1900 he local hall was packed to its utmost capacity on the occasion of a concert at which the State School children figured prominently. The little folks, who had formerly made a most successful appearance on the concert platform, again played their important and pleasing parts with great credit to themselves and to their instructor, Miss Whitcombe, who took great pains in the teaching of the children in musical drills, fan songs choruses, rounds and dialogues. It. was a treat to see so many bright, rosy-faced girls and boys singing heartily and happily, recalling to one's memory the happy, bygone days of youth. Their pretty dresses as 'little Japs, were set off to perfection by picturesque groupings, and the delight of proud parents, brothers and sisters, and friends, in the audience, was manifest- in rapturous applause and encores. But, apart from the children's enjoyable performances, the programme was of more than average excellence, thanks to the assistance cheerfully given by a number of friends, some of whom came a long distance.....

1901-1905

1901	60	Porirua	Pilkington	John	C1	Head Master	£215.00	
1901	60	Porirua	Whitcombe	Minnie A	D4	Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00	\$10.00
1902	55	Porirua	Pilkington	John	C1	Head Master	£215.00	House
1902	55	Porirua	Whitcombe	Minnie A	D4	Assistant Female	£85.00	
1903	67	Porirua	Pilkington	John	C1	Head Master	£215.00	House
1903	67	Porirua	Whitcombe	Minnie A	D3	Mistress	£85.00	
1904	64	Porirua	Pilkington	John	C1	Head Master	£186.50	House
1904	64	Porirua	Whitcombe	Minnie A	D3	Mistress	£85.00	
1905	56	Porirua	Pilkington	John J	C1	Head Master	£182.10	House
1905	56	Porirua	Whitcombe	Minnie A	D2	Mistress	£85.00	

NB Lots of references to Porirua School Trust refer to an Anglican Church Trust for education Maori Children.

21st March 1901 Proposed Wellington Education Board new salary scale for teachers included

Porirua Attendance 60 pupil teacher £50 a rise of £8

25th May 1901 NZ Educational Institute. In a long article on teacher salaries was this Mr. Pilkington (Porirua) said' that under the alternative scheme 70 per cent, of the teachers would be earning under £3 per week, and 90 per cent, under £4, leaving only 10 per cent, to earn above that figure. He moved that the meeting regarded neither scheme as satisfactory nor as likely to deter the best teachers - from going into other professions. This was not seconded. [£1 in 1901 = \$191.58 in September 2020 terms]

8th June 1901 Wellington Branch of NZEI The President read a letter from Mr. J. J. Pilkington, of Porirua, declining to act (as representative , of schools over 35 and under 100) on the committee appointed by the teachers at a recent meeting, to approach the Teachers' Salaries Commission. The writer stated that he was disgusted with the action of the Wellington teachers in adopting a scale that placed New Zealand teachers in a worse position than their English fellows, and that he would make his views known to the Commission in his own way. Mr. A. C. Blake moved that the letter be received. He understood that the country teachers were conferring together. Mr. Pilkington was justified in taking his own line of action. The letter was received.

26th June 1901 " There is no fairness in human affairs," said Mr. J. J. Pilkington, headmaster of the Porirua School, in reply to a question addressed to him this morning concerning the fairness of a thing. This comes of dealing loosely in generalities. Mr. Pilkington was before the Commission to assist it to arrive at an, equitable adjustment of teachers' salaries? and he practically knocked out the corner-stone by the sophism that fairness in human affairs is non-existent.[Followed by a number of other statements by Mr Pilkington to the commission]

4th July 1901 A reference to the regulations issued under the Manual and Technical Instruction Act was made before the Teachers' Salaries Commission last week. Mr Pilkington, of the Porirua School, said he had received a copy of the regulations only within the last week or two. The Inspector-General said that was the fault of the Wellington Education Board, as the regulations were issued by the department in January.

25th July 1901 Wellington Education Board Porirua £10 for fencing

6th January 1902 List of positions to be filled included Mistress Porirua salary £85 [Filled by Minnie Whitcombe]

30th January 1902 Wellington Education Board Board Porirua Minnie Whitcombe present salary £42 colonial salary £85

5th February 1902 Mr Robert Lee, ex-chief inspector of the Wellington Education Board, was yesterday afternoon presented by over eighty ex-scholars of the local school with an illuminated address and a silver cigarette-case and match-box. The presentation was made by Mr J. J. Pilkington, headmaster of the Porirua School, and a former teacher of the Masterton School, who made an excellent, speech. Addresses were also given by the local schoolmaster and old scholars. The Mayor presided. Mr Lee acknowledged the gift in a feeling address

29th April 1902 Porirua— Messrs P. Costyn (Chairman) W. Windley, N. Duncan, H. Eastwood, J. Wilkes, R. Gillespie, E. Mexted. The retiring committee in its report considered that it should be part of the routine business of the police to see that the new Attendance Act is complied with by parents

1st May 1902 Wellington Education Board A deputation from the Porirua Committee attended and pointed out that the school was without a teacher, the mistress being unable to

attend through sickness. The Chairman said that under the School Teachers' Salaries Act no funds were available either for paying teachers on sick leave or substitutes of any kind. The Board had, in conjunction with other' Boards, brought the matter under the notice of the Government, and be thought there was a- reasonable hope that the Government would make provision.

1st May 1902 Leave without pay granted to Miss Whitcombe Porirua

10th July 1902 ENDERS for the purchase and removal of Old schoolhouse Porirua, will be received by me up to Noon of the 19th inst. P. COSTIN, Chairman School Committee, Porirua. [Schoolhouse is the school not the residence]

4th November 1902 Scholarships: Class D for schools with average attendance of less than 100. Grace Williamson (2nd) 466 and Norman Hanna 356

17th December 1902 Wellington Education Board agreed to paint Porirua School [14 schools to share £302 allowed by Board]

4th March 1903 In a letter from the Chairman of the Tawa Flat school re wanting the teacher to be removed: was this: As a proof of the fact that a change in the teachership is desired, come nine children have left the Tawa Flat School' and are attending at Porirua and Johnsonville, and these children have to walk some three, and some four miles.

'[Mr Pilkington was in a long argument re land at Karioi [Near Ohakune] he half owned with his brother who subsequently died. Not recorded here but in 1904 newspapers]

24th February 1905 Land Board J J Pilkington. administrator in the' estate of the late A. Pilkington sections 3 and 28, block 5, Karioi. applied to transfer the interest in the title to himself. The transfer was approved on account of the death of the late partner [His Brother], the valuable nature of the timber now growing on the land and its proximity to a future railway station.

1906-1910

1906	67	Porirua	Pilkington	John J	C1	Head Master	£80.00	House
1906	67	Porirua	Whitcombe	M A	D2	Assistant Female	£ 90.00	
1907	67	Porirua	Pilkington	John J	C1	Head Master	£195.00	House
1907	67	Porirua	Whitcombe	M A	D2	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1908	57	Porirua	Pilkington	John J	C1	Head Master	£195.00	House
1908	57	Porirua	Whitcombe	Min A	D2	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1909	64	Porirua	Pilkington	John J	C1	Head Master	£200.00	House
1909	64	Porirua	Whitcombe	Min A	D2	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1910	66	Porirua	Pilkington	John J	C1	Head Master	£205.00	House
1910	66	Porirua	Whitcombe	Min A	D2	Assistant Female	£105.00	

6th February 1906 WANTED, "General Servant or Lady help ; small household ; no children, Apply Mrs, Pilkington, Porirua

25th April 1906 School Committee Porirua. — Messrs. N. Duncan (chairman), J. Eastwood, C. Mutter, T. Harris, H. Dear, C. Matthews, M. Vickers.

19th May 1906 WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD. Tenders for Repairs, Painting, etc.', at the School and Residence, Porirua, will be received at, the Education Board office up to Noon of SATURDAY, the 26th inst. Specifications may be seen at the School, Porirua, end

at the office of Messrs. Braithwaite and Co., Johnsonville. and at this office. G. L. STEWART, Secretary.

20th June 1906 Wellington Education Board Porirua—Repairs, Painting, and erection of Washhouse. Plans, and specifications may be seen at Braithwaite and Co.'s office . Johnsonville . and at the Board Office

6th July 1906 WELLINGTON land Board . J. J. Pilkington was given permission to let tramway rights through sections 3 and 38. block 5, Karori, and to place a sawmill on the land.

28th September 1906 Miss M Whitcombe resigned. [Still listed as teaching at Porirua until 1910]

13th February 1907 Included in applicants for training college admission from students who had never been pupil teachers was Grace A Williamson (Porirua) who started her teaching career in Wellington in 1909 as an Assistant Female

24th April 1907 School Committee Porirua. — Messrs. M. Duncan, (chairman), H. W. Dear (secretary), T. 'N. Harris (treasurer), M. Vickers, J. Eastwood, A. Mitchell, J. Brown.

No 1908 References

26th March 1909 Leave of absence has been granted by the Wellington Education Board to the following teachers: —Mr. Pilkington, Porirua (six months on full pay);Mr. Pilkington, the well-known head teacher of the Porirua School for many years, has been in poor health for some time, and his medical adviser has ordered him complete rest and change. His ability and personability have won him much respect and popularity, and "old boys" and "old girls," as well as their elders, will wish Him a complete restoration to health.'

27th March 1909 . "Minnow" was sorry to hear that poor health had necessitated a| six months' spell being given Mr. J. J. Pilkington, the popular pedagogue of Porirua, one of the keenest and cleanest of sportsmen. May he come back fully restored.. Times have changed since he, with his well-trained dogs and faithful gun, tramped the district and returned with fine bags of game. "Bunnies" predominate there now.

26th April 1909 Mormon missionary work appears to be thriving among the Maoris. Under the direction of Elder L. H. Booth, the Mormon missionary at the native settlement at Porirua, a new school is being erected close to the wharepuni. In the Hawke's Bay district the Mormons are erecting an agricultural college for the education of natives in the use of their lands.

10th May 1909 Meetings of the householders of the Porirua, Paekakariki, and Takapu school districts will be held on May 31st to elect school committees. [As Committees were not elected on due date]

14th May 1909 WANTED to Purchase, a well-broken Sporting Dog; must retrieve well; Spaniel preferred. J. J. Pilkington, Porirua '

23rd July 1909 DISCLAIMER. I JAMES PILKINGTON, will not be responsible for any debts contracted in my name without my written authority. JAMES PILKINGTON.

11th December 1909 Wellington Education Board The department advised that free railway passes will continue to be issued to school children travelling between the Paremata and Porirua schools. [Paremata school not opened until 1921]

30th November 1910 Wellington Education Board authorised work at Porirua

1911	78	Porirua	Mason	Francis A	D2	Head Master	£180.00	House
1911	78	Porirua	Ryan	Beatrice S	D4	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1912	90	Porirua	Mason	Francis A	D2	Head Master	£185.00	House
1912	90	Porirua	Ryan	Beatrice S	D3	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1912	90	Porirua	Stewart	Elizabeth K		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1913	99	Porirua	Mason	Francis A	D2	Head Master	£210.00	House
1913	99	Porirua	Taylor	Lillias O	D2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1913	99	Porirua	Caverhill	Kathleen M		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1914	105	Porirua	Mason	Francis A	D1	Head Master	£220.00	House
1914	105	Porirua	Taylor	Lillias O	D2	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1914	105	Porirua	Caverhill	Kathleen M		Assistant Female	£94.10	
1915	104	Porirua	Mason	Francis A	D1	Head Master	£230.00	House
1915	104	Porirua	Taylor	Lillias O	D2	Assistant Female	£130.00	
1915	104	Porirua	Dixon	Lily		Assistant Female	£110.00	

Francis A Mason (Note there was another Francis Mason teaching for the Wellington Education Board 1883-1908)

1888-1901 Male Pupil teacher at Petone

1902-1904 Sole Teacher at Kakariki East of Hukanui between Eketahuna and Pahiatua

1905-1910 Petone DHS Assistant Master

1911-1915 Porirua Headmaster

1917 Assistant Clyde Quay

1919 to at least 1923 when my records end Hutt DHS as first assistant.

In 1924 appointed Headmaster of Lansdowne School North Masterton. Declined position to become head of Foxton school for the Wanganui Education Board

Beatrice S Ryan started working for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher in 1906 and 1907 . In 1908 and 1909 she was at Training College. 1910 Sole teacher at Korokoro South. Then 1913 to 1921 was at Mt Cook Girls'. Then taught in Hawkes Bay followed by Auckland Schools.

Elizabeth K Stewart Only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1912 at Porirua In 1913 at Hikurangi for the Auckland Education Board

Lillias O Taylor started for the Wellington Education Board at Carterton in 1911 in the secondary department then in 1912 at Brooklyn. 1913 to 1917 at Porirua Then 1919 to at least 1921 at Clyde Quay and by 1923 at Masterton Central. Started her career in Otago in 1898.

1937/20126	Taylor	Lillias Oswald	60Y
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Kathleen M Caverhill was sole teacher at Huia Road East of Eketahuna in 1909 and 1910 then was sole teacher at Te Whiti in 1911 and 1912. And in 19113 and 1914 was at Porirua McKenzie—CAVERHILL.— at the Presbyterian Church, Lansdowne, Masterton, by the Rev. Thos. Halliday, on July 7th, 1915, Colin Donald, eldest son of Mr R. McKenzie, Kopuaranga, to Kathleen Mary, eldest daughter of Mr C. R. Caverhill, Waitotara.

1915/3464	Kathleen Mary Caverhill	Colin Donald	McKenzie
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Note: there was a Kathleen Isobel Caverhill who also worked for Wellington Education Board who married in 1913.

Lily W Dixon. Taught at Hutt DHS in 1913 and 1914 then was at Porirua for 1915 and by 1917 was at South Wellington as an assistant.

1965/42586	Dixon	Lily Wallis	72Y
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1st February 1911 Wellington Education Board Mr J J Pilkington resigns from April 30th.

13th April 1911 Wellington Education Board Assistant Mistress £90 to £120

3rd July 1911 A POPULAR HEADMASTER

RETIREMENT OF MR. J. J. PILKINGTON Widespread regret is felt in the district at the approaching departure of Mr. J. J. Pilkington, headmaster of the Porirua School, who is retiring on superannuation. Mr. Pilkington was born at Bridgworth, Shropshire, England, in 1855, and came to Wellington, in 1874, Shortly afterwards he entered the service of the Wellington Education Board as assistant at Thorndon School. Subsequently he was successively headmaster at Upper Tutaenui [out of Bulls in the Wellington Education Board area until 1878], Masterton, Wainui-o-mata, and Taueru, and since 1890 he has been headmaster at Porirua.. in which capacity' he has won the respect and esteem of the parents and community generally, while the children who have come under his kindly and beneficent rule retain a regard for him which speaks Volumes: for his system of tuition. Besides taking a great interest in educational matters as a member of the executive of the Educational Institute, he was closely associated with all local movements, and was every ready with valuable advice and kindly words of encouragement.

As a mark of their esteem and regard, the residents of Porirua farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington at a "social" at the Porirua Hall, 'which was crowded. During the evening Dr. St. Ledge Gribben, medical superintendent at the Porirua Mental Hospital, on behalf of the gathering, presented Mrs. Pilkington with a jewelled pendant, and Mr. Pilkington with a set of table silver, a double-barrelled gun, and a purse of sovereigns. The gifts were of great value, the . subscribers including expupils from all parts of the North Island. ,s, s ,

In making the presentation Dr Gribben referred to the long term of years during which Mr. Pilkington had been in charge of the school, and the excellent -way in which the children had been taught, 'as evidenced, not only by their later achievements in life, but by the manners they exhibited. Mr. Pilkington had always been a sportsman in the best sense of the term, and in training the young he had imbued them with his own high sense of honour and rectitude. His departure from the district would be a serious loss, and One which would be greatly felt, and he could only hope that he and Mrs. Pilkington would enjoy health, happiness, and for very many years.'

Mr. Pilkington, who was. received with round after round of applause, was too overcome to reply, and at his request the Rev. C. G. Mutter discharged that duty. _ He was sure, he said, that in assembling in such numbers to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington, they were bearing witness to the esteem in which their old friends were held. The occasion, was one which would always, live in their memory as one of the' pleasantest in their lives.

The- gathering was presided over by Mr, Mungavin, and during the evening songs were sung by Misses Archer and Evans, Mr. Moore, and several of the Staff of the Mental Hospital, and a very pleasant evening concluded with a dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington leave ' this week 1 to take up farming at Rangataua, near Oakhune.

7th August 1911 Wellington Education Board appoint Headmaster Mr F Mason

30th August 1911 Wellington Education Board recommend Kaitara and Porirua residence overhaul

27th September 1911 Wellington Education Board Porirua, overhaul painting, and repair to residence ;

1st November 1911 Wellington Education Board Tender Mr A H Mildenhall repairs etc. residence Porirua

28th February 1912 One of the items on the Wellington Education Board's order paper yesterday referred to the inspection of the Mormon School at Pirinoa Pa. In October last year the board drew the Department's attention to the establishment of Mormon schools at Pirinoa, Porirua; and elsewhere, and urged the proper inspection of such schools, which, being Native schools, fell naturally under the control of the Department.....

16th May 1912 Football [Rugby] Union: A letter was received from Mr. V. A. Mason (headmaster of the Porirua School), asking that the Porirua team in the Public Schools competition be allowed to have their matches played at Porirua. — The letter was referred to the boys' sub-committee

22nd June 1912 Association [Soccer] The boy's' sub-committee recommended as follow*: — That Porirua be asked to come into town to play St. David's, and final match, if the championship depends on the match

10th July 1912 Wellington Education Board Porirua — Assistant Mistress, £90 to £120."

28th August 1912 Wellington Education Board library subsidy Porirua £1

10th December 1912 Wellington Education Board additions, Porirua School, A. Thompson and Sons, £616 0s 8d ;

19th December 1912 At Porirua last evening, as a fitting winding-up of the year, the children of the school, under the direction of the headmaster (Mr. F. A. Mason) gave an excellent concert, the programme consisting of part and action songs; solos, recitations, military and physical exercises, humorous and other items. Two pupils (Misses Ruby Dear and Alice Gyde) played most of the accompaniments.

The prizes and certificates won by pupils during the year were presented^ by Mrs. Hassall. The following is the complete prize-list :—

Standard VI. — Proficiency certificates '. Ruby Dear, Dorothy Gyde. Alice Gyde, Harry Harris, and Harry Stunell ; competency certificate: Leonard Eastwood.

Attendance Certificates.-First class and prizes present every day : Ruby Dear, Evelyn Whitehouse, Lucy Ward, Harry Harris, Frank Matthews, Vivian Holder. Jack Eastwood. Cecil .Harris, Len. Ward, and Reggie Ward. Second class (certificates only) : Alice Gyde, Dora Carter, Helen Whitehouse. Marie Ashworth, Tris Wackrow, Amelia. Mephram, Allen Whitehouse, James Brown, Ralph Spiers, James Conrick, Cyril Whitehouse.

Tops of Standards. — Standard VI., Harry Harris (dux of school) ; Standard V., Jack Windley (upper division), Elsie Ward (lower division) ; Standard IV., Allen Whitehouse; Standard III., Freda Jacobs; Standard II., Myra Davis; Standard 1., Fraser McLeod.

Most improved pupil in each standard. — Standard VI., Harry Stunell., Standard t V., Helen Buick. Standard IV., Lena Matthews ; Standard 111., Bessie Morgan ; Standard II. . Holly Castle ; Standard 1. Leonard Ward.

Most Improved Writers.— Upper boys, Jack Lewis ; Upper girls, Dora Carter ; lower boys, Cyril Whitehouse; lower girls, Shirley Morgan.

Special prizes for greatest progress during the year.—Boys, Alex. McLeod; girls, Ivy Hewitt
26th February 1913 Wellington Education Board Approved Porirua (residence fencing, range repair,, etc.; and school fencing, paths, formation, and various repairs), ,£30

17th July 1913 Association Football (Soccer) A letter was received from the headmaster of the Porirua School, stating that matches between Porirua School and Blenheim schools would be played at Blenheim on August 30 and September 1. The writer also asked for a donation of £o towards expenses—It was decided not to accede to the request.

20th August 1913 On Friday, 29th August, the Porirua . Boys' football team (Association) will. leave Wellington for Blenheim in order to play two matches in that town. On , Saturday, 30th inst., the Blenheim and Porirua Schools will be pitted against each other, and on the following Monday the Porirua fifth-grade team will try conclusions with a representative team selected from the teams playing under the jurisdiction of the Marlborough Boys' Football League. The Porirua people are "soccer" enthusiasts, and no difficulties have been encountered in financing the trip for the boys, who will be . billeted with private families during their stay in Blenheim. They return on Wednesday, 3rd September. The following Porirua boys, who will be under the charge of Mr. F. A. Mason, headmaster of the school, will make the tour :— Len. Eastwood, H. Harris, H. Mungavin T. Windley, J. Lewis. A. Whitehouse , T. Dent, B. Rene, J. Eastwood, J. Windley R. Mungavin. D. Herlihy, L. Ward, L M Thompson, and F. Matthews

2nd September 1913 The Porirua schoolboys were defeated by Marlborough school representatives on Saturday by 5 goals to 2-

6th September 1913 A curtain-raiser will be played at 1.30 "p.m. between the Porirua schoolboys and a team chosen from the city schools.

8th September 1913 SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES v. PORIRUA. In place of the Wellington Schools v. Marlborough representative game, abandoned on account of the non-arrival of the latter team, a scratch game between Porirua fifth-class boys (championship winners) and the representative Wellington School team was played. The match was abandoned at halftime on account of the rain. Porirua was then leading by 2 goals to 1.

8th September 1913 assistant at Mount Cook Girls' School, Miss B. Ryan, from the Porirua School

27th September 1913 The return match between the Marlborough Schools representatives and Porirua boys was played on the Porirua Mental Hospital's ground yesterday afternoon, and resulted in victory for the local boys, the scores being 4 goals to 1. The Porirua lads proved too sound in both defence and attack for the visitors, who were undoubtedly not up to their usual form. L. Eastwood (2), Harris, and J. Eastwood scored for Porirua, while Day, after a fine piece of individual play, notched Marlborough's only goal. Mr. E. Windley was referee. After the match the visitors were entertained at tea and returned to town at 8 p.m. after an enjoyable outing

22nd December 1913 Thee prize-list of the Porirua school is as follows:

Proficiency Certificates. Leonard Eastwood, Jack Windley.

Competency Certificates.—Ada Honore, Elsie Ward.

Top of Class. —Standard VI., Len. Eastwood; Standard V., Allen Whitehouse; Standard IV., Freda Jacobs; Standard III., Amelia Mephram; Standard II., Shirley Morgan; Standard I., Piri Parai; Class A, Evelyn Pack.

Most improved pupil in each class. — Standard VI., Ada Honore; Standard V., Ethel Torrey; Standard IV., Evelyn Whitehouse; Standard III., Len. Thompson; Standard II., Thomas Herlihy; Standard I., Willie Wilkes; Class A, Lucy Ward.

Most Improved Writers.—Upper— Girls, Katie Brown; boys, Mark Vickers. Lower—Girls, Mary Mephram ; boys, Tuhata Martin. Infant room— Girls, Ngoro Martin; boys, Thomas Hook.

Attendance Certificates.—First class and prize—Elsie Ward, Allen Whitehouse, Jack Eastwood, Katie Brown, Len. Ward, James Brown, Vivian Holder, Evelyn Whitehouse, Helen Whitehouse, Roy Mungavin, Reg. Ward, Joe Windley, Maggie Brown, Ralph Spiers, Cyril Whitehouse, Una Whitehouse, Jack Ward, Willie Conrick, James Conrick, Lucy Ward. Second-class Frank Matthews, Marie Ashworth, Mabel Franklin, Lena Matthews. Lizzie Poole, Cecil Harris, Daniel Herlihy; Amy Harris, Elsie Conrick, Myra Davis, Rita Jones, Lincoln Eastwood.

Special prizes were awarded to Alice Batt, for excellence in examination work, and Leonard Eastwood, for best essay on New Zealand history.

29th April 1914 At the Board of Education yesterday, the chairman, Mr. R. Lee, stated that there was a little Mormon school at the Maori Pa at Porirua, and the inspectors reported that the teaching given there did not meet the requirements of the Education Act. It was decided by the board to cease recognising the school as a State school) and that the children be notified that they must attend the nearest State school.

9th May 1914 School Committee . Porirua —Chairman, Mr E. Windley; secretary, Mr G. Ward; committee, Messrs T. Cocker, H. Buick, J. Leckie, W. Davis and T. Carter.

1st July 1914 Wellington Education Board A request from the Porirua School Committee for a side school at the Maori Pa was refused, as the board considered that the children at the pa could attend the main, school, which is only a mile to a mile and a-half from the pa. It was stated that "the request for the side 'school was probably due to the closing down of the Mormon school near 'the pa.

11th September 1914 Ambulance equipment fund Porirua School £3

28th October 1914 Wellington Education Board Porirua fencing school and residence.

22nd December 1914 The breakup of the Porirua School was celebrated on Thursday evening by the holding of the annual school concert in the local hall. The building was crowded and an excellent entertainment was provided by the children who had been trained by the headmaster (Mr. F. A. Mason) and his assistants (Misses Taylor and Caverhill|. In place of the usual prize-giving each pupil was presented with a souvenir card, the prize-money having been unanimously voted by the children to the Belgian Relief Fund. The various certificates won were also presented by Mr. E. Windley, Chairman of the School Committee. The following is the school honour toll for the year :— Dux of school Ada Honore. Tops of classes : Standard VI., Ada Honore : Standard V Alice Batt Standard IV., C Harris; Standard III., Frances Windley,- Standard II., Matoi Wi Neera; Standard I., Evelyn Ansell. Special progress : Standard VI., Ethel Torrey; Standard V., Evelyn Whitehouse Standard IV., Myra Davis Standard III , Amy Harris; Standard II., Evelyn Pack; Standard I Jack Curtin. Special

mention, for exceptional progress : Ethel Torrey, Dorothy Herlihy, Bruce Stronach, Frank Richmond. Special prizes given by a local enthusiast for essay competition were won by Mark Vickers and Daniel Herlihy. Proficiency certificates'. Standard VI., Ada Honore. Elsie Ward, Marie Ashworth, Mark Vickers, Jack Lewis, Allen Whitehouse. Competency certificates : Standard VI., Ruby Fisher, Ethel Torrey, Jack. Eastwood, Vivian Holder. Attendance certificates : First class, Allen Whitehouse, Jack Eastwood, Marie Ashworth, Lena Matthews, Lincoln Eastwood, Ralph Spiers, Amy Harris, Frances Windley, Kowhai Davies, Elsie Conrick, Willie Conrick. Second class : Vivian Holder, Mark Vickers, Harry Davies. Cyril Whitehouse, Len Ward, James Conrick, Frank Richmond. At the close of the concert a pair of canaries donated by Mr. E. Barnes for the purpose was up to auction, and Mr. P. Mungavin, who acted as auctioneer, was successful in inducing vigorous bidding, the result being that the Relief Fund benefited by the sum of £13

22nd December 1914 The end of the school year was celebrated by the pupils 'of the Porirua School on Thursday evening last when the annual school concert was held in the local hall. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity and an excellent programme consisting of patriotic songs, recitations, dances, sketches, etc. was presented, all the items being rendered by the children, who had been .trained by the headmaster, Mr. F. A. Mason, and his assistants, Misses Taylor and Caverhill: The audience was delighted with the children's efforts and showed its appreciation by hearty applause and frequent encores. In place of the usual prize-giving each pupil was presented with a souvenir card, the prize-money having been unanimously voted by the children to the Belgian Belief Fund.

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31st March 1915 Wellington Education Board Porirua Open Air shed additional expenditure

5th May 1915 PORIRUA. A large number of householders were present at the Porirua School. The annual report and balance-sheet showed the school to be in a very satisfactory position, the average attendance of pupils for the twelve months being the highest ever shown in Porirua, The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The new committee elected is as follows:—Messrs. E. Windley (chairman), G. Ward (secretary), G. Carter, W. Davis, W. B. Pack, J. Richmond, and J. Leckie.

12th May 1915 Wellington Education Board Porirua Assistant £110 to £120

26th May 1915 Wellington Education Board small grant for repairs at Porirua School

8th June 1915 Miss L Dixon appointed assistant

6th August 1915 Wounded soldier's fund Porirua School £2

1916-1919

1917	99	Porirua	Bennett	William D	C-52	Head	£240.00
1917	99	Porirua	Taylor	Lillias O	D-71	Assistant	£140.00
1917	99	Porirua	Waters	Annie A B	D-105	Assistant	£120.00

1919	95	Porirua	Bennett	William B		Head	£330.00
1919	99	Porirua	Nutsford	Enid	C-89	Assistant	£205.00
1919	99	Porirua	Waters	Annie A B	D-101	Assistant	£175.00

William D Bennett

1894-1899 Pupil Teacher at Manakau

1900 Pupil Teacher at Hutt Didn't teach in 1901 maybe at Training college

1903-1907 Sole teacher at Bideford North East of Masterton

1908-1914 Reikiorangi Sole Teacher

1915 Tawa Flat

1917- to at least 1921 Porirua

1923 at Newtown school when my records end

Annie A B Waters only taught for Wellington Education Board at Porirua.

1895/6771	Waters	Annie Augusta Barbara	Tresa	Thomas Pine
1920/5566	Annie Augusta Barbara	Waters	John Edward	Hunt

As there was no Barbara Waters born in New Zealand at this period Barbara Waters who was a pupil teacher at Karori in 1912 and 1913 was probably have been the same person. See 12th February 1916 entry

Enid Nutsford Only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Porirua.

In 1917 Enid was at Ponsonby school and by March 1920 Appointed to Waihi East School

12th January 1916 Porirua Assistant £110 to £120

12th February 1916 Porirua assistant Miss B Waters.

22nd June 1916 Association [Soccer or Football as it is now known as] The Porirua School wrote asking that the competition between Porirua, Tawa Flat, and Johnsonville be started, and it was decided to commence same.

4th July 1916 Countess of Liverpool Fund: Porirua public school 2 boxes gifts.

15th July 1916 Makara County Council: Councillor Taylor, who had been instructed to report on the Porirua school access, stated that it would cause more harm than good if a kerbing was put down. The school committee had cut down the overhanging trees. —It was decided to inform the committee that the council could not see its way clear to put down a kerbing, and that it had already effected some improvements to the road in front of the school.

20th July 1916 Association: letter was received from the headmaster of the Porirua School, entering another team Johnsonville v. Porirua (B), at Johnsonville (Mr. Mason)..

27th July 1916 Association: A letter was received from Mr. F. A. Mason, headmaster of the Porirua School, who thanked the committee for accepting his suggestion that a representative match should be played between the country and city schools divisions. It was also stated in the letter that the masters of the schools in the country district would do their best to further any effort being made to send a team to Canterbury this season.'

4th September 1916 The Soccer Game: Regarding the schools competition, it was arranged that Island Bay should meet Porirua on Saturday next at 10 a.m. at Duppa Street, Mr. A. Wells to referee

18th September 1916 SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS. In the semi-final for the schools competition, Island Bay v. the winners of the country districts, the former met their Waterloo on Duppa Street ground on Saturday. The boys from the Porirua districts. played much better

football than their opponents, and defeated them by six goals to nil. – On Wednesday, Marist T, winners of the north district competitions, go to Porirua to play the final. The game will be played at the Hospital grounds. This match will decide the winners of the W.F.A. Banner and Thistle Cup. The representative school-team for the south will leave Wellington for Lyttelton by the Patea on Thursday, September 21. The boys will be in charge of Mr. Mason; schoolmaster at Porirua. On Friday, Wellington will meet Dunedin at Christchurch, and on Saturday the local representatives will play Canterbury.

22nd September 1916 The final of the Wellington school championship was played at Porirua on "Wednesday afternoon, the contesting teams being Porirua, winners of the country division, and Marist (Thorndon), winners of the South Division. There was no score in first half. The second spell opened with an attack by Porirua, which was kept up until Lambert shot a beautiful goal from outside left. Porirua, 1; Marist, 0. Marist made two shots, which struck the cross-bar, and bounded into play. These efforts spurred the local lads on, and Lambert, obtaining possession, excellently centred to Wi Neera, who had little difficulty in beating the keeper. Porirua, 2; Marist, 0. Marist now pressed, but could not break through the fine defence put up by Davis and Thompson. When time was called the local lads were again going strong, and the game ended with Porirua champions for 1916, and winners of the W.F.A. School Banner, the Thistle Cup, and a set of medals—one for each member of the team. • Mr. E. Windley was referee. The Porirua boys' record in school matches for the season is Played 7, won 7, lost none, 52 goals for, 1 goal against, points 14.

12th October 1916 Football Association In reference to the schools' championship medals, it was decided to send a letter to Mr Mason, headmaster of the Porirua School, asking him to arrange for the committeemen to journey to Porirua on Wednesday night next, for the purpose of presenting the medals to the Porirua School players, who were the winners of the country district championship. On Tuesday the committeemen will journey to the Island Bay School and to the Marist (T) School for a similar purpose.

15th December 1916 The annual "breaking-up" concert was held on Wednesday evening in the presence of a crowded audience and was an unprecedented success. As usual, the talent of the children was excellent, and rarely is such a high-class entertainment offered by juvenile performers. The proceeds of these concerts usually go to provide prizes for the pupils, but for the last two years these patriotic little people have given their prize money to the Belgian Relief Fund, to the extent of £34 12s 8d, and it was decided to endeavour to raise a further amount to make a total of £50 for the three concerts. As a result, £15 7s 4d will be forwarded to the Belgian Relief Fund. The Chairman paid a high tribute to Mr. Mason, Miss Taylor, and Miss Waters, the teachers at the school, for their untiring efforts in training the children, both for the concert and their general education, a result of which was clearly shown by the performance given and the high state of efficiency in the school. Miss R. Dear was also accorded a hearty vote of thanks for assisting as pianist to the children, as also were Mr. Fred. Brady and daughters, who provided the music for the dance. The teachers and committee received profuse congratulations on the successful results of their efforts. Dancing followed the concert.

30th April 1917 PORIRUA. : The annual report of the Porirua! School Committee states that on Anzac Day, 1916, a collection of gifts was made by the children to the value of £4 1s. 7d. These were forwarded to the Countess of Liverpool Fund for Soldiers at the front. It is

pleasing to note that acknowledgments has been received from soldiers' fighting in Palestine. On July 14, £6 was collected for the Belgian Relief Fund, and produce was also collected to the value of £13 10s and sent to the Town Hall for sale. The report stated that as the result of the annual concert the amount of £15 7s. 4d was forwarded for Belgian relief. All candidates for proficiency certificates from the school were successful. The school football team succeeded in winning the Wellington school championship. The average number of pupils on the roll for the year was 109, and the average attendance 99. The committee thank parents for 'the continued good attendance and express the hope that the incoming committee will continue the work of improving the school and grounds, particularly in regard to sanitation, thereby ensuring increased comfort for pupils attending the school.

28th May 1917 Association At Porirua, South Wellington defeated Porirua by two goals to nil. This- is the first time that Porirua has been beaten in the past two seasons. .The match was keenly contested. Mr. C. Webster was referee. .

28th May 1917 On Thursday last a farewell tea was given by pupils and ex-pupils to Mr. F 'A. Mason of the Porirua State School, who is leaving to take up. tie position at. Clyde-quay School., vacated by Mr. Thwaites [Deputy Headmaster]; After a short concert, the: pupils presented Mr. Mason with a silver-wristlet watch and matchbox, and from the School Committee he received a gold-mounted fountain pen. Regret is felt by the pupils and their friends at the departure of Mr. Mason from the district

29th October 1917 'Having met and played a drawn game in the schools' final, Porirua and Marist (Thorndon) met in the replay on the Hospital Ground, Porirua, on Saturday. The many supporters of both schools who attended the match were fortunate in witnessing one of the best exhibitions of Association seen in Wellington this season. The game ended in a win for the suburban school by one goal to nil— one of the most pleasing features being the few times the referee found it necessary to penalise the players for broaches of the rules. From the word "go" both teams showed they were out to uphold the honour of their respective schools, and Porirua were early on the attack,.....

11th December 1917 The football prizes won by the Porirua School will be presented at a concert and dance to be held on the evening of December 19. This school has done remarkably well this season, winning the public schools soccer championship, and now hold the banner, cup, silver medals for each member of the champion team, and silver medals for annexing the six-aside tournament. The trophies will be presented during the evening by Mr. H. A. W. McKenzie.

21st December 1917 An enjoyable concert was given by the Porirua State School in the local hall on 'Wednesday evening. The programme included the stirring choruses, "New Zealand Will be There" and "Our Flag Never Shall Go Down"; a debate among senior boys and girls; "Are We Over-educating our Girls?" dialogues, recitations, songs, and a comical drill by the girls. At the interval in the programme Mr. Windley (chairman of the School Committee) asked Mr. H. A. W. McKenzie to present the champion soccer banner, silver cup, and seventeen silver medals to the winners, which was done in a very happy vein, interspersed with historic remembrances of the district. Mr. McKenzie mentioned that Mr. Levi Sandy and his wife won trophies as far back as 1852 for an heroic rescue at the mouth of the Porirua harbour. Cheers were given for Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Windley, Mr. W. D. Bennett

(headmaster) and teachers, also for the champions. At the close of the concert the proficiency and attendance certificates were presented.

24th January 1919 Wellington Education Board The sum of £180 was granted- for additions to the teachers' residence at Porirua. The Department declined a grant for additions at Porirua, and it was decided to wait- on the Minister respecting the matter.

2nd February 1918 Red Cross Shop Pupils from Porirua 19 shillings.

20th April 1918 A concert party organised by Mr. H. A. W. McKenzie, motored to Porirua. last evening and gave a performance in aid of the local school funds. The hall was filled, among those assisting who received encores from an enthusiastic audience were Miss Dere, "Mr. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Peek,. Miss Mavis King, Miss McLellan, and Mr. W. Brown, Miss C. Sanders, and Miss W. Churchill. Mr. McKenzie presented to the- chairman of the committee, Mr. Windley, the football he promised in the event of the school winning the championship. A very enjoyable dance followed.

2nd July 1918 Wellington Education Board Assistantship—Assistantships — £120 to £140, Khandallah, Picton, Porirua, Tokomaru.

2nd August 1918 Miss E Nutsford Appointed Assistant

10th August 1918 Prior to leaving the Porirua School to take- a position on the staff of the Berhampore School, -Miss L. O. Taylor was accorded a farewell social by the residents of Porirua. Miss Taylor, who was senior assistant, had been on the staff of the Porirua School for just over five years. Her popularity and ability as a teacher was testified to by the very large and representative gathering that met in the Town Hall to bid good-bye to her, and to wish her good luck in her future work. The first portion of the evening was taken up by songs and recitations by the school children. Mr. E. Windley chairman of the School Committee, on behalf of the residents of the district, presented Miss Taylor with a travelling-case, and on behalf of the school children with a manicure set. In doing so, he spoke in very eulogistic terms on the work done by Miss Taylor during her stay in Porirua. A pleasing feature, of the' social was the presentation of a memento from each of . the Maori . children in Miss Taylor's class. The rest of the evening was devoted to dancing, eventually ending with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and three cheers for Miss Taylor.

13th December 1918 Proficiency certificates in Standard VI were gained by L. Eastwood, C. Leckie, H. Mungavin, G. Stunell, Matoe Wi Neera, C. Woodman, Enid Chambers, Amy Harris, Maggie Harris. Endorsed Competency—T. Herlihy Competency.—Una Whitehouse.

17th December 1918

17th December 1918 THE SCHOOLS PORIRUA The following is the list of promotions in the various classes for the year :—

Promoted to Standard VI.—Boys : E. Barnes, F. Buick, C. Bennett, W. Conrick, J. Hassall, R. Mildenhall, L. Morgan, H. Nicol, C. Whitehouse, V. Windley. Girls: M. Knight, E. Pack, D. Teague.

Promoted to Standard V.—Boys: W. Bennett, J. Conrick, J. Herlihy, E. Knight, C. Sloane, E. Vickers. H. Vickers, A. Wi Neera, W. Wi Neera. Girls: M. Chambers, M. Herlihy, R. Windley. Promoted to Standard IV.—Boys: W. Barnes, C. Cocker, G. Cross,, R. Knight. Girls: A. Brown, S. Mexted, E. Noble, A. Whitehouse.

Promoted to Standard III.—Boys: C. Briggs, C. Hasse, K. Moses, S. Tyrer. Girls: A. Barnes, I. Cross, A. Knight. R. Mildenhall, N. Sloane.

Promoted to Standard II.—Boys: J. Buckland, L. Matthews, R. Mildenhall. Girls: J. Cochrane, H. Hasse, I. Nicol, M. Noble, E. Morgan, D. Richmond, R. Whitehouse. Promoted to Standard I. —Boys: H. Arthur. G. Dent, G. Grant, R. Hill, R. Leith, R. McTaggart. Girls: R. Briggs, F. Morevan, G. Pack, S. Pack, D. Sloane, P. Wi Neera.

16th April 1919 Mr. E. Windley presided at the annual meeting of householders at Porirua. At the opening of the meeting the chairman unveiled a Roll of Honour Board, with 41 names of old boys of the school who did their duty at the front. Five of these had laid down their lives. The following committee was elected:—Messrs. E. Windley' (chairman), F. Hassall (secretary), G. Carter, E. Whitehouse, J. Richmond, C. Morgan, W. B. Hicks.

25th June 1919 Wellington Rugby union: The Porirua School was granted permission to enter a team for the fifth grade competition, and it was decided to make a grant of a football to the school.

29th November 1919 On Wednesday next the ladies of Porirua interested in the school are holding a bazaar. Improvements are being carried out—asphalting footpaths, basket-ball ground, etc. This work has been delayed during the war owing to patriotic efforts, and when the work is finished it will be a great improvement on the old conditions. -Although the work will cost a considerable sum, it is hoped that sufficient money will be raised by the bazaar, together with a subsidy, for all voluntary efforts for school improvements. The ladies, who have done so much hard work towards making the bazaar a success, are deserving of much credit in their effort to add to the comfort and health of the children attending the school.

17th December 1919 Annual Concert of the Porirua School. The breaking-up concert held in the Porirua Hall proved a most successful one from all standpoints-. Choruses, dialogues, recitations and songs were rendered by the children, who by the excellent manner in which they performed their parts amply, repaid their teachers for the labour and patience expended in training them. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of the proficiency certificates won by the scholars of the Sixth Standard, by the chairman (Mr. B. Windley). Out of sixteen scholars who sat fourteen gained the full certificate, this being a record for the school and reflecting great credit on the headmaster (Mr. W. D. Bennett). A hearty vote- of thanks was recorded the teachers and Miss Dear, who accompanied for the concert. A dance was held afterwards, Misses Dear and Whitehouse being the accompanists.

22nd December 1919 The following children of the Porirua School gained promotion: Standard VI—Proficiency : F. Buick C. Bennett, M. Conrick, j. Hassall, T. Hook, E. Mildenhall, L. Morgan, H Nicol, V. Windley. E. Boyle, M. Harris, E. Pack, W. Whitehouse, W. Windley. Competency: D Teague.

Promoted to Standard VI.—W. Bennett. J. Herlihy, C. Sloane, E. Vickers, H. Vickers, W. Wilkes. W. Wi Neera' A. Quill, L. Buckland, M. Chambers, R. Windley.

Promoted to Standard V.—C. Cocker, G. Cross, B. Matthews, V. Buckland, A. Brown, M. Herlihy, S. Mexted, V. Mounsey, E. Noble/ A. Whitehouse, E Windley

Promoted to Standard IV.—C. Briggs, H. Eastwood, S. Tyrer, V. Sloane.

Promoted to Standard III.—D. Daily, L. Matthews, F. McTaggart, L. Nepham. A. Mexted, J. Walton, G. Hook, W. Richmond,' R. Whitehouse, T. Katene.

Promoted to .Standard II—J. Buckland, G. Dent, R. Hi!!, K. Leith, H. Hicks, F. Morgan, R. McTaggart, S. Pack, G. Pack, D. Sloane.

Promoted to .Standard 1.—L. Brown, K. Conrick, S. Cross. K. Briggs, O. Garner, L. Mounsey, G. Richmond, V. Katene, E. Mexted, K. Wi Neera, C. Greer. .
 Good Attendance Certificates. —A. Brown, C. Cocker, G. Cross, D. Daily, H. Eastwood, S. Mexted, B. Matthews, S. Tyrer, E. Windley, V. Windley.

1920-1923

1921	88	Porirua	Bennett	William D	C	Head	£390.00	
1921	88	Porirua	Wadsworth	Bertha E	D	Assistant	£270.00	
1921	88	Porirua	Burns	Ellen Mrs	D	Reliever	£210.00	
1921	88	Porirua	Maitland	Hazel M R		Assistant	£180.00	
1923	86	Porirua	Mickle	Paul A D	C-97	Head	£375.00	
1923	86	Porirua	Liddell	Jessie S M Mrs	D	Assistant	£223.00	
1923	86	Porirua	Mickle	Elualie Mrs		Reliever	£105.00	

Jessie S M Trott taught as an assistant at Porirua from 1917 to 1921 and then as Mrs Liddell at Porirua by 1923

Bertha E Wadsworth In 1915 was teaching for the Marlborough Education Board at Canvastown was teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Canvastown Marlborough in 1917 to at least 1919. By 1921 she was at Porirua and in 1923 she was at Manakau

1924/2134	Bertha Wadsworth	William Gilliver
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Mrs Ellen Burns taught at Porirua in 1921 and Shannon by 1923

Hazel M R Maitland also taught in Marlborough being at Ward in 1919 and Porirua by 1921.

Hazel Muriel Ruppehu [Sic] Maitland was only registered in the Huranui electorate in 1919. Presume she went overseas

Paul A D Mickle In 1905 he was Neudorf on the Motueka area for the Nelson Education Board. He started teaching for the Wellington Education Board in 1907 at Greytown as an assistant. By 1910 he was sole teacher at Hamua between Eketahuna and Pahiatua. From 1917 to 1921 he was at Manukau and In 1923 was at Porirua. By 1928 they had shifted to Akaroa.

Started teaching with the Hawkes Bay Education Board in 1899

1905/6201	Eulalie Louisa Ellen	Rothall	Paul Alexander Douglas	Mickle
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Mrs Elualie Mickle

1906/11058	Mickle	Pauline Constance Ellen	Eulalie Louisa Ellen	Paul Alexander Douglas
1907/21418	Mickle	Eric Albert	Eulalie Louisa Ellen	Paul Alexander Douglas
1913/11396	Mickle	Thelma Eileen Athola	Eulalie	Paul Alexander Douglas

17th January 1920 Wellington Education Board Assistantship Porirua £140 to £160

5th February 1920 Nave league had 22 members at Porirua

17th March 1920 Miss A A B Waters resignation accepted by Wellington Education Board

3rd May 1920 At the annual report of the Porirua School Committee it was stated that asphalt paths and a tennis court had been completed during the year, to provide funds for which a ladies' committee had been formed and had held a bazaar, resulting in a sum of £135 being available for the use of the committee. The ladies were thanked for their valuable assistance.

The committee had provided hot cocoa for the scholars during the winter months which had been greatly appreciated. The committee also presented each scholar with a book as a peace souvenir in recognition of their services at patriotic concerts and giving their prize-money to patriotic funds during the war. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £28 16s 6d. The following committee was appointed:—Messer's. E. Windley (chairman), F Hassall (secretary), F Whitehouse, C Morgan, T Hook

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17th December 1920 Dux of School Albyn Quills

Proficiency Certificates.—Wilfred Bennett, Lily Buckland, Marjory Chambers. Albyn Quill. Charles Sloane, Harold Vickers, Eric Vickers. and Rita Windley.

Competency.—John Herlihy Wera Wi Neera, and Wm. Wilkes

20th December 1920 The annual breaking-up concert of the Porirua State School was held in the Porirua Hall on Wednesday last, and proved to be a great success, being quite up to the high standard usually attained by the Porirua children. Great credit is due to Miss Wadsworth (infant mistress) and Miss Maitland for the able manner in which the children had been trained to the various choruses, songs, etc., also to Mr. Bennett in training the senior boys. Two items were given by the Porirua Glee Society, which were well received. A feature of the evening was the presentation of badges and photos of H.'R.H. the Prince of Wales by Mi\ Wiren.. of the Navy League. Mr. E. Windley (chairman of the School Committee) presented the attendance and proficiency certificates gained during the year. Out of eleven scholars presented eight gained proficiencies and three competencies. The concert was followed by a dance for which Miss Mungavin provided the music. ,.

23rd July 1921 A measure of success has been achieved by Mr. W.: H. Field, M.P., in his effort to secure additional playground area for Porirua School. In a letter to Mr. Field, the Minister of Education states: "With further reference to your letter regarding the acquisition of 10 acres of land adjoining the, Porirua School for school and recreation purposes, I have to say that I have made inquiries, and find that the Wellington Education Board has approached the Health Department with a view to securing an ' extension of the school grounds at the same time that the latter acquires the property adjoining the Mental Hospital. The extension to the school grounds asked for will bring the total area of the school site up to 4 acres. There is, however, so far as I am aware, no proposal before the Government with regard to the acquisition of an area for recreation purposes. It appears that this is a matter for local effort, and that any . representations should be made by the residents to the Health Department."

Mr. Field is also endeavouring to have. »s suitable' area set apart for a school at Pukerua.

14th December 1921 School sports at the basin Reserve Wellington in a long report included: An indication of the increased interest is obtained from the fact that the number of entrants (totalling about 1700) is 50 per cent, greater than last year, and: the schools represented

include those as far away from the city as Muritai, Upper Hutt, and Porirua. Each school is permitted to send only two entries for each event, and in order to be eligible for the championship—at present held by the Clyde-quay School— schools must compete in every event.

20th December 1921 The following pupils gained proficiency certificates:—Boys: C. Cocker, G. Cross, J. Herlihy. A. McKenzie. Girls: A. Brown, M. Herlihy, S. Mexted, R. Windley,- E. Windley, A. Whitehouse.

28th April 1922 At the meeting at Porirua the secretary's report and balance-sheet, which showed the finances to be in a satisfactory position, were read and adopted. The headmaster's report showed that both the attendance and general efficiency of the school work were good. The chairman, in commenting on the report, referred particularly to the excellent results obtained by the Standard VI. pupils at the proficiency examination, the whole ten candidates presented obtaining certificates. The chairman also spoke in appreciative terms of the services of the retiring secretary, Mr. F. Hassall, who had occupied the position for the past four years. The following were elected as the new committee:—Messrs. Windley (Chairman), Morgan, Hook, Philip, and Riach (secretary)

28th April 1922 Sales of Poppies around Anzac Day: The headmaster of the Porirua Schools and the senior pupils gathered £3 10s on Monday, and the sum of £3 12s 5d, collected at a church service in the same town on Anzac Day; was forwarded to augment the- fund

14th December 1922 The following pupils gained Proficiency Certificates at the Porirua School: Colin Briggs, Harry Eastwood, Herbert Matthews, Sidney Tyer, Dulcie Baker, 'Vena Riach, Nancy' Sloane, Laura Trewick. Competency: James Philip

9th March 1923 TENDERS will be received until Monday, 19th inst., by the Chairman, Porirua School Committee, for Labour Only, in connection with laying finishing Coat of Asphalt on School Tennis Court, also for the Erection of Fence in timber and netting around the court. Further particulars may be had on application to the chairman or secretary

2nd May 1923 Porirua.—There was a very poor attendance at the meeting of householders at Porirua. The annual report of the committee showed that, in addition to other improvements effected during the year, the new tennis court had been completed. The following were elected as the committee:—Dr. Prins, Messrs. Windley, Morgan; Philip, and, Riach. Mr. Windley was re-elected chairman (for the tenth year in succession) and Mr. Riach was re-elected secretary.

14th May 1923 A pleasant little ceremony took place at the Porirua School on Friday afternoon when the children met the. headmaster, Mr. Bennett, to say goodbye, and to present him with a small token of their esteem on his leaving the district to take up an appointment at the Newtown School. Mr. Bennett, who has been in charge of the school for the past six years, was a very popular and efficient headmaster, and his loss will be keenly felt both by the parents and pupils. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman of the committee (Mr. Windley) Dr. Prins made the presentation on behalf of the children, and in doing so expressed the regret felt by all at Mr. Bennett's departure from the district and wished him success in his new sphere. Mr. Bennett, in returning thanks for the memento and for the expressions of goodwill, said he had enjoyed every day of his six years in Porirua, to which the children had contributed in no. small degree by their good conduct and loyalty to school and teachers.

6th July 1923 Mr. and Mrs. Mickle and family well known residents of Manakau for some years were farewelled at a gathering in the Manakau Town Hall recently. Mr. Mickle has been transferred to the headmastership of Porirua School. Both were prominent church workers and received many parting gifts from admirers .

30th November 1923 Miss G K Marshall has been appointed assistant at Porirua.

19th December 1923 Porirua: Proficiency Certificates.—Boys: Daily David; Hicks, Henry; Matthews, Lionel; Mexted, Alfred; Watson, John Girls: Baker, Dulcie; Cross, Ivy Richmond, . Dorothy; Whitehouse, Rachel.