

Poroporo: 1915-1959. Another school established after land was taken off Brancepath Station for settlement. About half way along Westmere Road off the Masterton Stronvar Road 25 kilometres from Masterton In 1959 moved to new site and name changed to Wainuioru



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School erected 1920, 288 square feet

House 1956 1121 sq. feet

Settlement area 4 acres

1950 517 square feet prefab added

Land To Bersford Estate. when school moved to Wainuioru Site

1915

C M Rains

11th November 1915 I opened the school at 9 am. There were only four children present.

16th November Absence of teacher through sickness.

Received from Wellington Education Board books and papers for school

24th November Received 1 map of NZ

1st December. Received 1 map of the world. 1 abacus 1 bell 1 box white chalk ½ pound plasticene

16th December. Average roll 9

1916

1st February Roll 11. 9 boys and 2 girls

16th February School closed for Solway Show

March Received 1 clock

17th March School Committee formed. ___ C Taylor chairman. Held their first meeting.

3rd May Inspectors report of 12th April inspection.

a) Miss Rains Teacher

- b) Total Roll 12
 - Standard 4 1
 - Standard 3 1
 - Standard 2 2
 - Standard 1 2
 - Primers 6
- c) Reading satisfactory to good.
- d) This school was opened in a building belonging to Mr Taylor
- e) The room is large enough to accommodate the number of children attending but another window is required for lighting purposes There is a school site in the settlement but the present accommodation will meet requirements probably for some time until the district develops.
- f) Miss Rains took charge on the 11th November. She has worked with earnestness
- g) The attendance has been very satisfactory. Three of the children live about 5 miles from the school
- h) T R Fleming

4th May 1916

Letter from T R Fleming (*Senior Inspector*) to director of Education included

- a) Poroporo is a new settlement about 16 miles from Masterton
- b) The nearest school is Taueru about 11 miles distance
- c) No provision of a school was made until Mr Taylor offered a small room for school purposes
- d) A teacher was sent, Miss Rains who took charge on the 11th of last year
- e) As the average roll was 9 it was placed in Grade 1

- f) I was shown a school site about 1/2 mile from Mr Taylors residence situated about the centre of the settlement which extends from Brancepath to Westmere a distance of about 6 miles
- g) The room provided by Mr Taylor is not well enough lighted but another window would make it suitable and would provide sufficient light
- h) I recommend this be used as a temporary school
- i) Mr Taylor has suggested a fare off of 5/- (shillings per week), provided the Board undertook the expense of putting in another window

5th May Received from Wellington Education Board books

- a) 4 Copies Highroads of history
- b) 1 copy selections from Dickens
- c) 1 Copy Tom Brown's Schooldays
- d) 6 Copies Little Red Riding Hood
- e) Etc. etc.

9th May Wellington Education Board applies for a school at Poroporo Mr Taylor's

9th May 1916 POROPORO SETTLEMENT. NOTICE is hereby given that Section 13, Block XV., Otahoua S.D., situated about 18 miles from Masterton, will be open for application on Renewable Lease, on Wednesday, 24th May, 1916. Plans, with full particulars, may be obtained at the principal Post Offices, and from the District Lands Office, Wellington G H M. McClure, Commissioner of Crown Lands PP

12th May Received parcel from Whitcombe and Tombs containing a Dozen plasticene boards- 1 box beads-1 box white chalk- 1 box coloured chalk- 1 tin ink powder.

19th May Received from C E Daniel 1 chair

21st May Received 1 set Black Board set squares.

28 June 1916 New works and additions for Poroporo School PP

4th August School closed on account of storms and floods.

15th 23rd August Winter vacation taken earlier on account of rough weather and the roads being in a rough state. School closed for an extra week on account of sickness and the weather still very rough.

The school was reopened on August 30th and there was a great improvement in the attendance the roads having dried, and several children having recovered from sickness.

25th September Holiday Dominion day

1st November School closed for ½ day through teacher's absence-sickness.

9th November Inspectors report

- a) Teacher Miss M Scott. Took charge May 2nd
- b) Roll !6 All Standard 4 and under
- c) During the winter the attendance is not very regular as some of the children have to travel a considerable distance over unmetalled roads,
- d) The room has been improved by the addition of a window as recommended in the last visit
- e) Three dual desks (Standard 4) are required.

1917

8th January Roll 17 10 boys and 7 girls.

26th January School closed. *Presumably a planned break so that teacher could go to Training College for a month*

27th February School work resumed

5th April Received from Wellington Education Board three dual desks

4th April Received ½ dozen bead frames. 3 packets coloured paper. Plasticene, Red Blue and Grey

25th April Anzac day. School closed by School Committee on account of heavy rain and floods.

July Received from Wellington Education Board ½ Dozen boxes of cubes

3rd September The Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. wishes to acknowledge receipt of £16 8s 4d from the school children at Poroporo, per Miss Scott, School Mistress This was subscribed through the efforts of the School children and is highly appreciated PP

26th October 1917

Standard	Total	
5	2	
4	2	
3	3	
2	1	
1	1	
Primers	8	

I classified the pupils for the ensuing year. A satisfactory year's work has been done

F G A Stuckey

1918

2nd May 1918 At a meeting' of householders, held in the Poroporo school, the following school committee was elected:—Messrs J Thomas (chairman and secretary) J Johnston, T. N. Glover, J. O'Brien, H Renall and E. G. Allsworth PP

18th May THE PORO PORO SCHOOL.

The settlers of PoroPoro, which is the name given to a block of land purchased by the Government four or five years ago, and situated between Masterton and the East, Coast, appear to be fulfilling the best expectations of the Lands Department. Some time ago, the settlers established an aided school in a whare, for which the Education Department agreed to pay -5 shillings a week. With about thirty children of school age, and the prospect of further development, this has become overcrowded, and the recently elected school committee asked that a schoolroom be erected on the site provided for that purpose. The application came before the Education Board this week, but, although the committee urged that they were prepared to improve the site and help in the erection of the school as far as practicable with their own labour, nothing was done, the Department's inspector having decided that the work was not one of urgency, and might be delayed. If the building at present in use is overcrowded, then the providing of better conditions under which to teach the children is a matter of urgency. We trust that the settlers of Poro Poro will not let the matter drop. PP

20th May POROPORO SCHOOL

[To the Editor.]

Sir, Your issue of Saturday evening contained a sub-leader on the Poroporo school, in which were some statements that were more than

a little misleading. The "whare" in which you say this school is conducted is a lined room with two windows and a fireplace. The floor space is more than 297 square feet, sufficient on the old basis of 12 sq. ft. per child for 25 pupils and on the war allowance of 10 sq. ft. per child for 30 pupils. The room is said to be overcrowded. As a matter of fact, there are, 15 pupils now on the roll—half the number for which accommodation is provided. Two of these pupils live about halfway between Poroporo and Taueru, and could just as easily attend the Taueru school. It is said that there are 30 pupils of school age in the district. This is certainly a misstatement. Thirty children there may be, but not of school age. As far as I can ascertain, there are five children between the ages of 5 and 7 who are not on the school roll. Of the other ten, how many will for certain be in the district when they arrive at school age In October, 1914, it was alleged that there were 29 pupils of school age or thereabouts in the Poroporo district. On investigation, I discovered four, the remainder having left the district. It is quite on the cards that history may repeat itself with respect to the young children now residing in the district. There may be, as your article says, prospect of further development, but the school roll is not increasing. There were once 18 pupils, there are now 15. Such, Sir, was the evidence before me when I was asked to make a recommendation, and on this evidence I could not reasonably recommend any further expenditure of public funds.—I am, etc., F. G. A. STUCKEY,

Inspector of Schools, PP

25th June Mr Hogg gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Board that the resolution vetoing the erection of a school at Poroporo be rescinded PP

7th August Another Poroporo Letter from FGA Stuckey

Note at bottom The Poroporo settlement is regarded as a failure by Masterton people. There is some loose talk more land in the district being acquired for soldier settlement

5th August Note from Chief Inspector F G A Stuckey

- a) Met teacher of Poroporo School Miss M Scott
- b) She has 15 on the roll
- c) Two of these are her brother and sister Their homes are in a place halfway between two schools Te Parae I think They go to Poroporo to drive with their sister, thus saving on conveyance If Miss Scott was shifted these children would go back to Taueru
- d) Taueru has two rooms one would be easily shifted to Poroporo

Application for new school

Nearest School Gladstone 9 1/2 miles Taueru 9 1/2 Te Whiti 10 miles

Size of classroom 18x6 Total area 288 square feet

2 w c s and urinal Section 7 Block XV Otahuaio SD 8 acres 1 rood 24 perches

School reserve

The attendance is 14

19th September School closed Teachers absence through rough weather. Snowstorm

28th October At Poro Poro (Sic), the settlers have had to make a stout fight for a school. Now they are getting one manufactured after the manner of Mother Eve, out or a rib';" from the school at Taueru, which appears to be on the decline. The idea is being forced upon the country settlers that their schools are receiving scant attention, But for the resignation of teachers, which is frequent, and the occasional visit of an inspector, many of our small country schools would be

non-existent. The proposed closing of schools such as those at Cross Creek, Belvedere, Parkvale, Te Ore Ore and Newman, indicates a desire on the part of the .Department to get rid of the small country school. The manifest reluctance to provide- a little money for the erection of schools where new settlements demand them proves incontestable that the importance of the. country school is not fairly recognised. PP

11th November School closed on account of influenza epidemic.

12th December 1918 Application for £466 includes fencing £60 for fencing 8 1/4 acres

1919

14th February 1919 It would be cheaper to build a new school than to transfer a room from Taueru Letter to department

Head of Family	Occupation	Child	Age		
Thomas Glover	Farmer	John Glover	8		
		James Glover	8		
		Janet Glover	5		
		Thomas Glover	6		
		Jeanie Glover	2		
John O'Brien	Farmer	Jack O'Brien	8		

		Don O'Brien	7		
		Marjorie O'Brien	6		
		Dolly O'Brien	5		
		Pat O'Brien	3		
		Kathleen O'Brien	9 months		
		Doreen O'Brien	9 months		
Herbert Renall	Farmer	Olive Renall	8		
James Johnston	Farmer	Wilfred Johnston	12		
		Caroline Johnston	7		
		Vera Johnston	2		
Edward Allsworth	Shepherd	Ivy Allsworth	8		
		Elsie Allsworth	4		
John Weir	Station Manager	Walter Weir	11		

		William Weir	9		
		Spence Weir	6		
		Myrtle Weir	7		

24th March 1919 Letter to Department to speed up decision or roads will be too bad. Department think 8 acres too big to keep

The valuation of the section is £115

Propose again to take a room from Taueru

3rd March School resumed Roll 21

22nd April PORO PORO SCHOOL.

A TOUGH JOB

Poro Poro settlers will be interested to learn that there is a prospect of another hurdle being jumped, and their school being built before their teacher dies from disappointment. A year or two ago, as the children occupied a dilapidated shed, the School Committee asked that a school should be built. Their application was urged before the Education Board, but the Inspector reported that this shed was quite good enough in the meantime. The parents demanded that their olive branches should be properly housed, and a controversy, extending over six months, ensued, resulting in the admission by the Board that a new school was needed. Time rolled on, and acting under pressure the machinery of the Board decided to explore the remote sheep stations and see if the site provided was centrally situated. No sooner were the objections of one or two squatters, who wanted the school at their back door, over-ridden, than the plague came along and removed the chairman of the school committee, Mr Thomas,

acknowledged to be one of the best and most active residents of the district.

The remnant of the families, nearly heartbroken, were prepared to take anything the Department could offer, and when the economical administrators of the Education Department offered to saw the Taueru school house in two and cart the half of it to Poro Poro, the distracted mothers agreed to the compromise. At this stage it began to dawn on the engineers and chief architect that it would cost less to erect a little dovecot of forty or fifty boy and girl capacity after the style of" the school at Pukenui, near Martinborough, which cost £500, than to cobble up the ruins of a transported schoolroom. There was a fair prospect of the school going up, but two hurdles hove in sight. The money had to be voted by the Department, and Mr McDougal, the Board's architect, had to produce the design. An excellent design was forthcoming, but alas! There was no grant, and Mr Powell, Clerk of Works, could find no carpenters. Weeks passed, months passed, the weather became inclement, the teacher, unable to live longer in the dilapidated shed, became ill, applied for leave of absence, and much to the grief and dismay of the .parents, threatened to resign, and the owner of the Educational shed spurned the rent and gave notice to quit. One would have thought that at last the Poro Poro school would have reached bottom rock, but a new hurdle stood in the way. It was found that the Land Department, in surveying the promising young settlement, had allocated eight acres ,and the Education Department objected to the school being erected on such a large area of good soil The difficulty has been solved by a well-known member of the Education Board applying the term "rot" to the latest Departmental objection, and insisting that a sum of £300 shall be voted for Poro Poro, before the new Committee and the teacher

and the families, in the absence of educational facilities, have to desert their homesteads. PP

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22nd May 1919 Department approves with 4 acres to be set apart

Department will pay cost of survey of £10

18th June 1919 Poroporo, new school, £466 PP

26 June 1920 Poroporo immediate necessities reinstatement of buildings destroyed by fire PP *There are no other reports on the fire in any papers*

16th July 1919 Accommodation is now urgently required at Berhampore, Eastern Hutt, Lansdowne, Poroporo, PP

10th August 1921 New school erected at Poroporo (one room) PP

2nd October Inspectors report The building does not belong to the board There is no shelter sheds and the latrine accommodation is inadequate.

21st July. School closed Children's peace celebrations

3rd November 24th November, School closed. Building required by shearers.

3rd November Inspectors report. Included.

a) Roll 18. Teacher Miss Scott

b) The school was closed during my first round of visits the teacher being absent on sick leave. The school is conducted in a building on the estate of Mr N Williams. This was required for shearers. This was required for shearers on my

examination visit and the examination was held under difficulty in a room kindly lent by Mrs Weir

1920

12th March School closed for school picnic.

22nd March 1920 Tender was £751

30th October 1920

Classroom 18'x16' (=foot) (5.48 metres x 4.87 meters = 26.75 square metres

Corridor 10'x 6'

Shelter porch 8' x6'

19th April School closed on account of illness in teacher's family

28th April Mr T N Glover Chairman. Messrs A Geddes, J O'Brien, H Renall, W G Bilton School Committee

May 4 and 7 The School closed on account of the Prince of Wales's visit to Masterton

21st October 1920 Building finished

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Wellington Education Board said shed is divided into two two thirds available for the children and 1 third for the teacher's gig

26th November Inspectors report included .School closed indefinitely on account of schoolroom being required for use of shearers

Teacher remains on premises all day.

1921

Very good improvements have been made. Shelter trees have been planted.

13th December School closed on account of very severe storm. No children present.

21st December. School closed for Christmas vacations.

1922

7th February School reopened

Keverne Duffy withdrawn. Absent suffering from Infantile Paralysis.

Jack and Esma Duffy withdrawn

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31st March received school globe.

19th October Inspectors report

- a) This school is under good management and control
- b) The pupils are well mannered and very keen to work.
- c) The buildings are in good order and ample provision is made for heating, ventilation and cleaning
- d) The road from Brancepath junction on South is now in excellent condition
- e) The work of the infant classes is commended

1923

1st February Schoolwork resumed. One family being absent through whooping cough.

21 Feb 1923 Poroporo, £18 16s 5d for shelter shed. PP

Mr. Harkness said, in connection with Poroporo, that this was the sort of return they got for self-help. The building had been put up by the settlers, and was worth £100, and all the Department offered was £18. Mr. White said the action of the Department in making such a small grant was a glaring breach of what it stated was its policy, viz., to help those who help themselves.

It was decided to protest against the small grants. PP

22nd February School was dismissed in the morning through teacher and three pupils getting wet through in an unusual heavy downpour, when coming to school

9th April School closed on account of snowstorms and heavy rain.

25th April School closed for Anzac Day Celebrations in Masterton attended by some of the children.

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28th May Keverne and Jack Duffy transferred to Gladstone School. Four new pupils from Ponatahi

9th November Outdoor work done from 2 pm until 3 pm. Small seed beds were prepared and the playground was tidied, The pupils brought tools for the preparation of the gardens.

2nd October Inspectors Report included

- a) Roll 20 Miss M Scott teacher
- b) The inspection showed that the teacher has been painstaking in her efforts and the general progress of the children has been very fair.

- c) 21st December Department to Board How come they were charged full price for shelter shed with Ngaumu is shown as being built by the settlers
- d) Reply It is correct that the settlers built it. It is 10' x 20' The accounts paid by the Board were £56'9'9
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1924

5th February School reopened. Roll 22 All present

13th March. I closed school at 11 am on account of the cold stormy day. The attendance was 14, but most of those were very late in coming to school.

3rd May On Saturday May 3rd 14 pupils were taken to Wellington to visit the warships.

5th May Holiday observed- Sailor's visit to Masterton.

5th May School Committee elected. Mr Glover, Chairman. Messrs Geddes, W Carroll, O Sykes, W Bannister.

26th May During winter months school at 9.30 am and closes at 3.30

1st August Received 2 dual desks Size 4. 2 dual desks Size 1. Table, Chair, Linoleum for wall

22nd September I closed school on account of my sister having the measles. I went round to all of the parents of the children attending

school and they all said they would send their children to school as they were not afraid of their children coming into contact with me. I informed the Secretary of the Wellington Education Board about the matter and he said that I could continue to teach as the parents knew the position

Eight pupils are away with whooping cough and one with measles.

3rd October 1924 Director of Education Board Form G-8 states the dimensions of the classroom to Wellington Education Board are 15' X 16' whereas the plan shows 18' x 19' Which is correct?

12th November Inspectors report

- a) Roll 23
- b) The Standard 5 children should not be promoted to Standard 6 at the end of the year.
- c) Buildings satisfactory: except that a large part of the playground is overgrown with thistles and cannot be used by the children.

18th December There were no children present yesterday on account of very rough weather

1925

15th April 5 new pupils were admitted. Roll number 22

11th May The children were dismissed at dinner time, on account of Mr Massey's death. The flag was hoisted half-mast in the morning and school work was continued until word was received re closing of school.

10th July Received from Wellington Education Board

40 Beads 6 test Tubes 3 foot glass tubing 2 ounces Iodine Solution 4 ounces Nitric Acid 2 ounces each Fehling's Solution A + B

14th July Received from Wellington Education Board 1 Spade, 1 rake
2 hand forks

Inspectors report A N Burns

- a) Margaret Scott
- b) Roll 23
- c) The general efficiency of the teaching is very good.

1926.

1st February School reopened

3rd February School closed. I have arranged to make up the time lost
by teaching on Saturday. The Board approved of the arrangements.

1st March Commenced Duties today. Grace Ashton Warner.

10th March Surprise visit from Mr Blackie inspector.

31st March Grace Finished

12th April Unknown relieving teacher. Children arrived at different
hours during the day as few seemed to know school was to open.
Buildings and out buildings in very tidy condition.

20th April Mr Hopkirk drill instructor took school- unable to do so
myself owing to bad shoulder and neck.

14th May Unknown Finished as reliever

31st May F B Perry started 21 children present

11th October School reopened after being closed for a fortnight.
Teacher absent on sick leave.

5th November Received from Wellington Education Board 2 packets
auto modelling cards, 4 skeins wool, 28 pastel books, 30 cards 4 x 2
½, 50 eyeletted cards 6 ¼ x 4

21st October Inspectors Report.included

Class	Roll
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Standard 6	4
Standard 5	4
Standard 4	2
Standard 3	4
Standard 2	1
Standard 1	1
Primers	7

- a) Teacher Miss F B Perry Grading No 177
- b) Commendable interest in the welfare of the school is shown
by the School Committee.
- c) On the occasion of my visit the members were engaged in
laying drains throughout the grounds

1927

1st February School reopened with a roll of 24

7th and 8th March School closed in honour of visit of Duke and
Duchess of York

27th October School closed for Carterton Show. This day was taken
instead of labour day

- a) 19th October Inspector's report included W J Broden
(Inspector)

In spite of having, long distances to travel the children attend very
regularly

The pupils are making very satisfactory progress

1928

1st February Roll 21. During the holidays, school and outbuildings were painted.

13 March 1928 Miss R F Murphy Sole Teacher PP

19th July Temporary teacher A J Mackie

Full attendances impossible owing to all pupils not being informed of reopening. Two pupils at least not returning to next term- gone to another school during closure of school

13th September School visited by Dr Dougall. Medical Inspector

17th October Roll 19 Inspectors Report A J Mackie. Grading no 172

As this school was closed for several months this year the work of the pupils is very backward. Very satisfactory progress has been made since the reopening

19 Nov 1928 Mrs A I Mackie Sole Teacher PP

1929

4th February Roll 19

8th October Mrs A J Mackie Grading 172 Temporary Teacher

- a) 4 pupils appear too backwards to earn promotion
- b) Reasonable attention is paid to gardening

The paths become very muddy in wet weather with the result that it is difficult to keep the floor of the school clean. Concreting or gravelling is an urgent necessity.

1930

17th October Agnes I Mackie Grading 166 ST
Inspectors Report.

- a) The pupils do not display sufficient keenness in work and fail to work independently
- b) The standard of work is only fair
- c) The buildings are well cared for and the flower plots

1932

1st February Maude B Bright relieving. Roll no 25

27th May School closed for teacher's physical culture refresher course.

1st August Commenced Duties today E M Clare

30th September. Received confidential report from Inspector

22nd November Received envelope containing proficiency exam papers.

1st December. Proficiency exam conducted.

1933

1st February Roll 18

17th February Received approval for my leave of absence for 3 weeks from February 20th

20th February M W, Blair appointed reliever

13th March Resumed duties today.

4th August 100 pine trees from Forestry Department.

6th October Mangle seeds

3rd December. Received notification of my possible transfer to Waingawa.

1934

5th February J Feist relieving

5th March New teacher commenced duty. Miss R C Hunter

1st October School closed owing to great windstorm

1935

5th February School reopened On account of intense summer heat school open on mornings (9 a m- 12.30)

1st July R Martin relieving

5th July Very stormy day. Attendance 14. Excepted half day.

Joan McGuinness also withdrawn. This girl was in the primers and suffers from ill health so her parents have enrolled her in the Correspondence School for this year. Otherwise she would have had to ride 5 miles to school each day

21st August. There have been 18 excepted half days this term owing to weather and the result that the Te Parae children who live five miles away are badly handicapped by missing work at school in this way

7th November New cupboard built in playshed by members of the School Committee

27th November School closed in order to be a polling booth.

Lawn mower purchased for school by committee

1936

3rd February School reopened

13th March School Picnic held at Mamaku. Dance held by School Committee in aid of school funds.

4th May School Committee Elections. Mr O L Sykes (Chairman) E Williams, W Kjestrup, W Bannister, W McGuinness

11th June. The two Coulson boys who live 8 miles away at Ngaumu left today

11th September Miss J Bannister began her work in needlework instruction today.

2nd November School visited by Inspector Watson Attendance 13

15th December School closed today instead of the 18th because owing to infantile paralysis epidemic.

1937

22nd February Reported for duty today. Owing to infantile paralysis, the children will not return till 1st March. This week will be devoted to revision of scheme and timetable, workbooks etc. and to planning work for the year.

Received resignation from Miss Bannister as sewing mistress. Have consulted with committee and owing to the small number of girls this year at the school have decided not to appoint another mistress in her place.

1st March School reopened after Xmas Holidays... Roll for new year 15. Grounds and gardens are overgrown and considerable work will have to be done to restore them in order again

20th April School closed today because of infantile paralysis. All schools in Wellington Education Board area except Marlborough not already closed to be closed forthwith.

Work has been set and will be carried on by correspondence to by visits to the homes of children. Wellington Education Board did not agree to visits so work done by correspondence

24th May School reopened Roll 14
16th July School closed today for a week. Special vacation for New Education Fellowship conference in Wellington
11th August Arbor Day Eight new shrubs planted in shrubbery in front of the school
17th December. Three Standard 6 pupils leaving. Roll 14

1938

1st February Roll 10. I Talbot teacher

David Johnstone did not return after the holidays. Moved with his parents to Feilding

5th September Attendance of 2 girls and 5 boys. Low attendance of account of measles, which are evident in the district and a cold southerly day

9th September Only 3 present on account of measles

13th September Rang Secretary of Board. Received instructions re contacts of measles. Found one pupil who had been staying away had already had measles and is therefore not a contact.

14th September Ascertained that this pupil will return to school tomorrow.

1939

1st February Service commenced for transporting children from Te Parae end of valley. Roll 13

12th September A visit received from Mr Jenkins, Inspector of Buildings for Wellington Education Board in connection with cutting

off of corner of school grounds to be used as a road for sections behind school

1940

6th February Roll 13

14th March Half Holiday in morning to allow children to go to Centennial Celebration. Children took part in procession

28th- 19th March School closed as a mark of respect on the death of the late Prime Minister. Rt. Hon. M J Savage

22nd April School elections. Mr Sykes (Chairman), D E Williams, M Berrill, W Bannister, W Kjestrup

15th July One Maori pupil admitted. Total now 14

30th July received spade handle from Wellington Education Board

6th- August School closed owing to illness of sole teacher

16th August Interior of School is to be painted during the holidays so that all desks, pictures etc. were removed.

3rd September. James Bannister has been placed on the roll temporarily. He is to attend school in the mornings and go home in the afternoon.

26th November Roll 16

1941

3rd February C N O'Kane relieving

3rd March L J Coop Commenced. Recommenced transport of children from both sides of school Roll 12

30th May Mr Brockett visited Agricultural Club crops of school children. Results not up to expectations.

4th July Received supply of science equipment today. The following are the goods received.

1 Evaporating basins

3 Test tubes

1 Dozen assorted corks

4 ounces Hydrochloric acid

Fehling's Salt No 1 and 2 4 Ounces each

Methylated spirits 1 quart

23rd July the School Committee for the drive and the ground near the swings procured A load of fine metal. Two committee members spread the gravel

The hand basin drainage pipe has been blocked several times and we now have a piece of rubber hose attached temporarily. The present arrangement is however, most unsanitary... A new hand basin is recommended. The present one is too shallow and water is splashed over the edge when the plug is in.

25th July Gerald Holmes withdrawn from the roll

29th July Judith Hill withdrawn from the roll

4th August Received tin of glue and a reel of linen thread from Wellington Education Board

18th August The school was closed on four days of last week owing to the illness of the teacher

8th September Received some pea and bean seeds to be planted as experimental crop for 1941-42

Peas Harrison Glory. Beans Lima Dwarf

17th October Sports afternoon held with pupils of Ngahape School at Poroporo. This was the first sports day which has ever been held in conjunction with another school. There was a large number of parents and friends present. Afternoon Tea being served in Kumukumu

dining room. The day was showery and chilly. Rain cleared at 4 pm. The parents participated in some games. The afternoon was a great success.

4th December At the School Committee meeting it was decided to adopt the proposal of the teachers of the Ngahape and Poroporo Schools to have a combined sports picnic in the last week of the year.

12th December Today I received notice from the Wellington Education Board granting a special holiday on the 18th December 1941 to be known as the Governor Generals holiday granted by the Governor General on the occasion of his vice regal visit to Masterton 17th December. All oil fuel licences were cancelled on Saturday last 13th December 1941. This action of the controller of oil fuel left me without sufficient petrol to finish the week, hence the school was closed on Tuesday instead of Wednesday

Leonard J Coup

1942

3rd February Roll 14 10 Present 8 Boys and 2 Girls

School should have reopened yesterday but I had to obtain a petrol licence from the Oil Fuel Controller on Monday morning

13th March Half hour lunch period School closed at 2.30 pm since I had to be at Post Office Savings Bank before 4.00 in order to cash some committees POSB withdrawal receipts.

24th March. School closed early so that I could have car in town to be repaired.

1st April Senior pupils proceed on a hike from Ngahape School to Homewood (*Okautete*) School in company with pupils of Ngahape school They were met at Mr G N Bennetts by the head teacher of

Homewood- Mr Nepia. And Mr Wilson Paku who had cars ready to take us to the beach where we had lunch. We left Bennetts at 2.20 pm and arrived back at the cars at 4.10 pm Mr and Mrs T Cooper then generously entertained all to afternoon tea.

Digby Sykes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Nepia and Walker and again to Mr and Mrs Cooper and Mrs O'Brien

8th April Miss J Norman Relieving.

27th -29th Very poor attendance no school car and children from Te Parae unable to attend.

25th- 26th June School closed after very severe earthquake on June 24th. Fireplace broken, tank pipes wrenched a part several science implements broken

1st July Commenced as sole teacher (War appointment only)

16th July School Committee closed school because of snowfall. And no fireplace at school. Several children sick

17th – 24th July School closed because of illness of teacher

1st August School closed because of snowfall. No children present

3rd August. School closed, another severe earthquake on August 2nd causing further damage- window broken, tank out of order and general disorder.

29th October -3 November School closed because of teachers illness

2nd Dec Half holiday following earthquake

1943

1st February Roll 9

1st March School picnic held at river on Mr Syke's property.

5th March School closed to enable teacher to attend a demonstration of Physical Education in Masterton

6th July School went to Masterton to welcome General Freyberg and attended Civic Reception at Regent Theatre. In the afternoon, we visited the Central School Museum. The headmaster took the children to their respective classrooms at the Central School and let them take part in the school's activities for half an hour. We visited the Times Age office at 2.50 in time to see the 3 O'clock edition of the paper going to press.

10th September School given a holiday to celebrate the capitulation of Italy

8th December School Committee gave me permission to close the school in the morning in order to attend a demonstration of the new infant play activity period at Whatman School. The period was supervised by Miss Lowrie

1944

25th School commenced 11 am owing to trouble with school car.

17th February School closed at 12.15 pm. To enable teacher, as Red Cross Transport Driver, to meet furlough men in Masterton School commenced 8.30 a.m. and the time short is to be made up in the lunch hour at 10 minutes per day.

15th March School closed at 1.45 p.m. Children had been outdoors for nature study and were caught in sudden severe shower, and were wet right through.

30th May School closed at 12.00. Teacher given permission to attend demonstration, given by Miss Lawrie (*Infant Adviser*) of Play Activity

7th July No children present. School closed

a) 5 children absent with whooping cough

b) Allan and Beverley Cordy, Evan Williams, Jill McKenzie and Vernon Morgan, Cathie Bannister, Graeme Kjestrup and Eric Horner with colds.

c) May Sime in town to dentist

d) Sally and Maurice Carroll in town with parents

e) Geoffrey Parker in town for Whooping Cough injections

25th July Mid year exams commenced. Have been put off until the attendance better. 9/12 present

4th August Mrs Parker presented 2 shrubs to school for Arbor day. An Azaria and Banksea

5th September Country Library Service books (20) arrived for exchange

19th September W F C A sent out 7/6d order of mixed flower seedlings

13th November School commenced at 10.10 a.m. owing to trouble with car

12th December. School car broke down- school commenced 1 p.m.

1945

M Forbes teacher

4th February School reopened day late owing to the change of registration of the car

9th February School Committee held a working bee- to clear away grass Part by swing to be mown.

19th February One pupil withdrawn until six years of age, - nervous temperament

27th February Received coal for school

3rd May. School closed for victory holiday.

29th June Received balls and basketball (Netball) from Wellington Education Board

7th July School closed car trouble. (Brakes jammed- not finished until 2.00 pm

13th August Put Holyoake and Violet plants in gardens

15th- 16th August V J Holidays (*Victory over Japan*)

3rd September School commenced today, heavy snow fall in morning- five children absent- bulbs are making a lovely show,

20th September Received Soya Bean seeds

9th October. Received Maize seeds from Wellington Education Board

23rd November Planted soya bean seeds, tomato plants, bean and vegetable seeds in garden. Dry weather effecting growth of earlier plants, rabbits attack flower gardens.

1st December Commence to practice for school concert.

1946

4th February School reopened gardens and lawns in disorder- vegetable plants have shown little progress owing to dry season and string winds.

Flowers in front garden and by back fence nearly all dead. Weeded gardens and mowed lawns etc.

11th February Severe frost cut tomatoes, beans and soya bean plants

29th March Talk on fungi- also several helpful suggestions for project work.

8th July. Lawsonia's planted by School Committee. Garden trowels received

1st August Radio installed in school

12th August. School closed car trouble.

9th September. School reopened- double car run- 5 new pupils.

4th October. M Forbes resigned.

7th October Double car run taken over by Mrs Williams. M R W Grigg relieving

10th October. Mr Maloney visited school today and spoke to children on Puriri plants, carrot and beetroot seed and sweet yellow lupin.

9th October. Beginning of mumps epidemic at this school- 5 children away. Three Maori Children of Carroll family left the district. Roll 18

27th November. School closed for election. Used as a polling booth.

1947

3rd February Miss D, M Heckler commenced relieving duties. Outbuildings have been painted during the holidays- cream, red roof and green facings.

13th February School bus broke battery connection on Te Parae Road last night.

20th February School opened 9.30 am Bus broke down on way to school- many of us walked part of the way to school. Parents collected us from 2.30 p m

21st February School closed – no bus

3rd March Mrs Williams resigned from driving own car as school bus last Friday. Only 3 pupils at school today as a result of no bus. Teacher bikes from Te Parae (5 Miles)

4th March 4 pupils present. Have had a box of leeks, celery and winter cabbage plants given to school so spent an hour planting them

6th March While gardening this Morning Miss Heckler cut her foot with spade. This necessitated a visit to Doctor- school closed for remainder of day.

7th March School Picnic. A very happy day has been spent by pupils, parents, and friends at the school grounds. All events went off very well under the capable leadership of Mr Williams and Miss Heckler. Miss Heckler has finished her time as relieving teacher

10th March Education Department bus taken over by Mr W L Wright.

11th March School reopened Bus driven by Mr Wright. Mail delivery: two sacks of coal

14th March Defect in bus. Shortened lunchtime to enable bus to be taken to agent.

26th March On account of wet day children elected to have ¾ hour lunch, dismissing at 2.45

1st April One case of apple delivered for school use.

30th April Two boys Vernon and Neville Morgan have been trouble makers while teacher is away in the bus, From today they will be carried on the bus on the Tyneside trip to prevent further mischief.

26th May L L Griffiths relieving

Three new entrants Janice McGregor, Ruth McGregor, Graham Waddell. Attendance 19

27th May Applied to correspondence school for Janice McGregor's progress Card... School visited by AA patrol who gave a short talk on Road Safety.

30th May Received B18 from Whatman School requesting progress cards for Beverley and Doris Smith.

30th May School closed 2 pm to allow school bus to be refuelled in Masterton

3rd June. Letter from Secretary of School Committee re playground supervision during teacher's absence on his run.

17th June 1 case of apples for school

20th June School closed 2 pm bus to be serviced.

23rd Bus broke down. Closing at 2.30 pm to take bus to Masterton for repairs Bus reached Puke Terrace? Towed into Masterton and repaired by 10 pm.

27th June Received forms for bus driving payments. No registration sticker for school bus. Due on 1st July and no mail before then,

30th June Only 10 pupils at school. Owing to slips on the road the school bus was unable to collect children from Tyneside end.

1st July. School closed in the morning to enable me to register school bus on authority Mr Charles, Secretary Wellington Education Board. Letter received re school bus servicing and registration.

8th July Permission to obtain petrol weekly from Shell Company

16th July Visit by Mr Hood, Transport Department. Films at Puke Te in conjunction with Te Wharau school Safety First, French Canadian Children, Princess Elizabeth. *No Power until 1957*

28th July Fire extinguishers arrived

30th July School visited by District Nurse who tested for eyesight trouble.

1st August. Warrant of fitness for school bus from the Department

15th August. Received 20 books from Country Library Service. Returned the same number.

19th August. Geoffrey Parker punished (6) for answering back. Have warned him on previous occasions

20th August Robert Strong cut lip and was taken to hospital for treatment. Report forwarded to the Wellington Education Board

8th September Received receipt from Country Library Service. Had been to Poroporo Whakatane before coming here.

Roll 29. Two new entrants Tony Duffy and Richard Williams. Urgent telegram from Wellington Education Board Conveyance approved

from Morland's Gateway, Brancepath Road to commence immediately

10th September .Received 12 desk size blackboards 16 inches by 12 inches.

Wrote to Correspondence School work for Jill Taylor for 1948

16th September Earthquake during night. No structural damage but cupboards, desks etc. emptied on floor.

16th September 1947 To move existing school around to face magnetic north and new concrete piles underneath

15th September 1947 Bus been provided for transport The roll has increased to 27 There are two soldier settlements in the area the roll will be maintained

4th December 1947 The present facilities are inadequate at the Poroporo School

1948

30th January 1948 Work approved by Department

2nd February L L Griffiths No children at school to Health Department restrictions *Infantile Paralysis*

11th February Two basketballs received.

13th February Correspondence work received for Primers 3 & 4 and Standard 4

16th February Other correspondence courses arrive

10th March Received Broadcast to Schools Booklets

22nd March All children present Letter from Secretary

Wellington Education Board re instructress for needlework handed to chairman of committee for action

1st April School Bus broke down did not open until 10.45 a.m.
13th April Mss R Carroll commenced duties as sewing instructress.
26th April King and Queen celebrate silver wedding. Short talk given by teacher
28th April School visited by Miss Steptoe Physical Education Specialist
3rd May New School Committee D E Williams (Chairman) Messrs O Parker, R Duffy, M Berrill, and D Martin
3rd June School opened 9.45 as road was blocked for ¾ hours. Bus unable to get through
1st July Tank cleaned out by Mr B A Washer
7th July Safety First films at Y M C A in Masterton 1pm to 2pm
15th July 1948 Wellington Education Board couldn't get tenders
22nd July 7/6d per week for temporary accommodation while work is done
29th July Started lunch hour 12-12.30 on account of weather and to enable puncture in spare tyre to be mended.
19th August Mr B Allwood of Training College Wellington commenced duties as relieving teacher driver.
11th August McGregor's whare opened as a second classroom. Mr Allwood to teacher infants down there.
20th August. Mr Allwood returned to training College
6th September. School reopened Mr G Knighton appointed relieving teacher driver. Received Board By laws and Education Act.
8th September. Shortened lunch hour 12.00 12.30 to enable Mr Knighton to take the bus to town for his driving test.
20th September. Carrot seed planted

22nd September Alan Tretheway hurt in accident with swing. Taken to hospital for attention in school bus. Mr Knighton's class at main school for afternoon
13th October Mr Knighton's Class at the school for day as school bus had to be examined by vehicle inspector Quirke in Masterton
Bus had puncture on afternoon run. Children late in reaching homes
20th October Letter from Mr D E Williams Chairman of School Committee requesting that small gate be kept closed all day to keep sheep out.
2nd November Mr Knighton returned at 11.45 am to collect belongings prior to his return to Training College. All children still in this classroom.
10th November School closed for morning to enable teacher to be interviewed by Mr Davie's Officer for Islands Education re appointment to Fiji
17th December. Finish duty at the school today.

1949

1st February 1949 Roll is 30 A price of £800 from a Wellington builder is accepted
1st February 29 Children present. Mr J Wareing relieving teacher.
Bus broke down on two occasions this morning due to faulty generator. Apparently, Fagan's have neglected to service the engine over the holiday period.
14th February School picnic held at Brancepath the property of Mr Beetham.
28th February Moved from present school to Mr McGregor's Whare. This to be the school for the next month as school is being altered.

25th March Sports Day in Masterton Team taken from this school.

4th April Moved back to school

26th April Arrival of New School bus No 204 from Wellington

6th May J Wareing finished

23rd May Permanent Teacher Mr A R Stedman starts

During the winter term school begins at 9.15 am with three quarters of an hour for lunch. This is to allow children travelling from a distance more time to walk in inclement weather

16th July Children's conveyed to Masterton for 7 aside football tournament. Won the first game with West B 3-0 but lost second with Whatman 6-0. Arrangements to play other games with Lansdowne and Solway later on.

19th July Visit by Major General Sir Howard Kippenberger to the district resulted in a tea and gathering in the Wainuioru Hall. Children assembled there at 2.45 and enjoyed the afternoon

9th August Heavy rains for the last two days resulted in slips on the road. The bus was held up on the Patakawa Hill by a slip for ¾ hour. As the slip was very slowly being cleared the bus returned to Onahu and set out again at 10.30 This time we passed the slip, met other minor slips and flooding. We eventually reached school at 12.15

17th August Visited Lansdowne School. Saw films, entertained at a concert. Visited Hansell's factory and played basketball (netball) and football. Won the basketball and drew the football.

5th September Roll up to 41 with four new entrants

6th September News received of an assistant Miss Mckay by phone

12th September Assistant arrived Miss Mckay given charge of primers (14)

27th September Mr Lish mechanical supervisor visited the school to inspect the school bus

Some repairs and adjustments necessary to the bus will be done this coming weekend. Cleaning of the bus was discussed- approach to be made to a cleaning firm in Masterton.

4th November. Miss McKay Relieving assistant teacher returned to training college

30th November. School closed for Triennial General Election

10th December School concert held in Wainuioru Hall. Large number of parents and family in attendance. Approximately 120-140 including 40 school children

Programme

- a) Dances by Annette Williams and Judith Hill
- b) Songs British Grenadiers, Hey Ho the Morning Dew; John Peel; Good King Wenceslas; Away in a manger; National Anthem
- c) Plays; Red Riding Hood – Primers; Dick Whittington- Standard 1-4; Tom Sawyer Standard 5 and 6
- d) Poems Ngaumu Road,
- e) Cornet Solo
- f) Commenced at 8.10 advertised for 7.45. and finished about 10.30. Supper after. Admission Silver Coin for men- Ladies a plate

9th December 1949 Upgrade of Poroporo School of £953.10.0 An addition to room of 9 foot 8 inches. Including moving building to new piles Aluminium roofing used instead of corrugated iron

1950

26th January 1950 Application for new classroom and store from Wellington Education Board to Director of Ed

- a) A grant of £3266.0.0 for an additional classroom at Poroporo and furniture
- b) Demolish existing latrines
- c) Alterations to staffroom
- d) Staffed on a roll of 41 and the number is steadily increasing due to soldier settlements being developed in two areas of the district
- e) A larger departmental bus has been provided in February
- f) It is likely children will be drawn by an area being developed by the forestry Department

Wellington Education Board Notes The school is one roomed 28 foot by 16 foot The original building was built in 1920 Last year the building was turned to give proper lighting and enlarged to 28 foot 16 inches Roll 1946, 11 1947 21, 1948 , 31 1949 , 30 1950, 41

Roll requires two teachers

No staffroom is allowed for

1st February Roll 35. Some children still on holiday

Also news received of a relieving teacher

2nd February Miss Osborn relieving teacher arrived

14th February Staff attended an Inspector's meeting at Masterton Central School closed by permission of the board.

24th February School closed early to enable bus to be serviced.

3rd March School picnic held at Brancepath. A fine day with a "weak cold front". A good number attended. Nail Driving, Pea Guessing. Stepping the distance, and races for children.

Races. Flat races, sack races, wheelbarrow race (Boys) Skipping race (Girls) Egg and spoon, three legged, Bun race, ball and plate, biscuit feeding A treasure hunt was also held in the morning

13th March. School began at 10.30 am as the bus was stuck in a slip at Brancepath

22nd March A visit was made to the State Theatre Masterton to see the Empire Games film

28th March Add a classroom, a teacher's room letter from Department to the Building Controller

29th March A country schools sports meeting was held at South Park. The school went in by bus. The weather in the morning at Omaha was thick drizzle but at Masterton it was fine and warm

3rd April Standards 2 to Form 2 moved to Mr McGregor's where indefinitely till a new room is provided at the school. The student teacher occupies the school with Primer 1 to Standard 1

5th April Mr Stubbs (inspector) visited the school in the morning to discuss educational problems. Mrs O'Conner took the children for games and Physical Education while Mr Stubbs and the teachers were engaged in discussion.

12th April Patrick Harden received a cut on the chin and was taken by bus to the hospital for stitching. The cut was shallow and minor only.

24th-26th Miss Osborne absent with 'Flu. School carried on as best as possible in the main school

5th May Miss Osborne completes duty at this school

22nd May School recommences. Patrick and Terry Harden went to Boarding School. John Langfear to Paraparaumu

Miss Macalister permanent assistant teacher began duties here in Miss Osborne's place.

Late start as petrol float in bus was punctured causing carburettor to over choke and drip petrol on hay above manifold.

Serviced by mechanic who came from Masterton and bus was taken to Masterton for a new float before the run began. Arrived at school at 10.45 am. Roll 38.

22nd June. First copy of school newspaper- journal "The Wainuioru Times" published, to be published fortnightly

6th July The school Standard 2 to Form 2 shifted to Kumu Kumu shearer's whare. Conditions are better rooms, warmer and lighter. More room available.

17th July Late arriving to school as snow was falling rendering driving difficult, in addition to which bus played up. Wiper fell off, muffler came adrift and iced windows made frequent stops necessary.

31st July Assisted a motorist whose van ran off the road and finished on its side. With a rope the van was pulled back on to the road, at Longridge holding paddocks.

4th August Miss Macalister absent with an attack of lumbago

4th September. Several (6) children went to Ngaumu Road School

12th September. The bus had to go to Harcombes for break relining today. The head teacher took the bus in and returned to school on the motorbike. Only 8 children were at school as the usual bus transport was not available. Time was spent in art and going through work that was difficult for the children.

19th September The district nurse from Carterton Miss P Hubbard visited the school and examined the children's eyes and teeth. She made arrangements for the visit of Doctor McKendrick on October 12th

27th September. Mr Deavoll, Secretary of Wellington Education Board visited the school in regard to a new classroom.

8th October Tender from A R Morgan accepted for £4500 plus £1198 items for cartage and board for men etc.

Reply from Director, price seems very high suggest you get a price for a prefabricated room as the job is urgent

10th October.

- a) Lansdowne pupils from Standard 3 to Form 2 came with Mr Lamond, First Assistant
- b) A dog demonstration was given first
- c) Visit to Forestry (Which was not as successful as hoped) and then to a wool shed with shearing, blower, footrot cradle
- d) A lunch was supplied by the School Committee and ladies of the district
- e) In the afternoon softball was played for 45 minutes. Poroporo 27 Lansdowne 11
- f) Football. Lansdowne 12 Poroporo 9
- g) Afternoon tea was served and visitors left at 2.30 to be able to meet school bus at 3.00
- h) The day was cloudless, with brilliant sunshine and hot, with a light cool southerly breeze

17th October Standard 2 to Form 2 pupils visited Wellington in the school bus. The day was wet and stormy particularly in Wellington. The object was to visit the Jubilee Industrial Exhibition... A visit to a ship the Waiwera could not be made because of the weather conditions. But a visit to the Coalgate Palmolive factory was made in the afternoon. Altogether the children had a very enjoyable and instructive day. Ngaumu School also accompanied the Poroporo School on the visit

19th October 1950 Reply from Wellington Education Board Mr Morgan quotes £820 for a prefabricated room with addition for toilets, wash basin etc.

28th October A fancy Dress party was held in the Wainuioru Hall. The Judges were Mrs Donald, Mrs Falloon and Mrs Maddever. Games and Folk Dancing took up the evening.

Mrs B Schofield, Kenmore supplied the music.

The evening was finalised with supper, Auld Lang Syne and National Anthem (God Save the King)

20th November Telegram from School Committee Positon at Poroporo becoming desperate, Roll now 41. Where do we accommodate children when we evacuate temporary quarters

28th November a grant of £810 for a prefabricated classroom at Poroporo granted by Department

4th December School shifted from Parker's Whare to the main school Two man classes using the one room.

7th December. The annual school concert was held tonight. A very windy night with an attendance of about 100 adults, Ngaumu Road did not join with us although invited.

The concert started at 8.25 and closed at 9.40 followed by speeches, presentations etc.

On Friday, the children were tired, listless but they enjoyed the concert.

14th December. Pets and parents day was held at the school. The children brought lambs, calves, dogs cats. Birds to school and paraded the before their parents.

Garden Prizes

- A) Vegetable Senior Annette Williams. Mathews garden Dictionary

B) 2nd Graeme Kjestrup, Hoe

C) Vegetable children Rex Pyne Hand Fork, 2nd Barrie Martin

D) Flowers- Jill McKenzie- Tulip Bulbs

E) 2nd Dianne McKenzie- Planting trowel

F) Molly McDonald Trowel

1951

5th February All children present except one who has recently had appendicitis. Roll today 33 A prefabricated classroom is just about ready for occupation in a day or two. Meanwhile outdoor activities are the day's programme.

14th February Painters arrived at school to paint the prefab. We had to move outside on Thursday or Friday for indoor painting.

19th February Bus broke down and had to be repaired. Some 11 children attended school, coming in Mr Stedman's car Room cleaned after painters left.

Miss Macalister resumed duties.

20th February. Bus back on duty after cylinder head gasket renewed.

6th March. Bus went to the garage for repairs to a spring. 11 children present, coming by bike and car. The head teacher bringing 4 children and the assistant in his car.

7th March. Bus was back on the run today with a full attendance of children

20th March While the lower school continued schoolwork, the upper school went to Bideford School on an educational visit and played a cricket match (Mixed Sex Teams)

1st Innings Poroporo 30 Bideford 49

2nd innings Poroporo 49 Match was called off in the middle of the 2nd innings due to time.

A fine day was experienced although a Southerly blew up late in the day and an interesting day was spent by all

22nd March. Bus had a puncture on the 22nd and 28th which meant that half an hour was lost on the road while the tyres were changed.

30th March A day for the combined country school sports The programme went off without a hitch although the programme was rather long finishing about 4 pm.

19th April Mr Len Sissons visited the school to discuss Physical Education problems, including swimming at Masterton next summer and the provision of a swimming pool.

The School Committee spent a day at the school also, to dismantle swings, erect fences and put in drains for the prefab

6th June Mr F E Rot an educational missionary from the Belgian Congo, visited the school, on the Head Teacher's request and addressed the children on life in the Congo

20th June Our school played Taueru at Football and Basketball. We won both games boys' football 12-0 and Girls' Basketball (Netball) 17-1

14th August School went to Taueru to see some traffic films.

15th August School (Standard 1- Standard 6) went to Masterton for football basketball tournament

17th March. End of term. Mr Stedman completes duties today

. School Committee working bee held at school to mole drain the school grounds.

3rd September School reopened after August vacation. 9 children present , as no teacher available for driving school bus.

11th September Mr Duncan completed duties as relieving teacher

19th September M R A Stonyer permanent teacher and bus driver.

2nd October Visit of Mr Harbutt of School Savings Bank Branch to tell children about School Savings Bank.

3rd October School savings bank books issued and first deposits made. Friday is to be banking day.

4th October School Committee meeting. Teacher requested new tank stand and washing facilities in prefab classroom as being badly needed.

5th November Visit to school of Wellington Education Board and Department Transport Officers to investigate school bus and possible future extensions

13th November School closed in afternoon to enable bus to be taken to Masterton for necessary adjustments and repairs.

6th December. No bus service as Head Teacher on leave for a visit to Wellington to interview R N Z A F

11th December. Many children absent today. Taken by parents to non official swimming lessons in Masterton. Departmental permission refused when asked if bus could take children to lessons

12th December. Children again absent for reason above. Took remaining children to river on Mr Williams's property for lunch.

19th December Finish duties at Poroporo. Good luck to my successor.

1952

4th February Mr A Duncan commenced duties as relieving headmaster and bus driver.

7th February Death of King George VI School closed.

25th February School bus run inspected by Mr Deavoll Secretary Manager Wellington Education Board and Mr Cunliffe Department

Transport Officer. A meeting of the residents with these two men present was held at 8 pm in the school to discuss bus running and boarding of the Teacher

27th February Annual sports in Masterton .Bus ran to Masterton for the occasion

28th February Swimming instruction for all children this day at Masterton East School Baths. 9.30-10.30 Mr Sisson from Wellington organised it. Bus taken to Masterton for this occasion.

29th February Swimming as for yesterday.

Mr A Duncan ceased relieving duties

3rd March. Mr M A Pagani commenced duties as permanent teacher and bus driver.

10th March Bus in Masterton for repairs till afternoon. Parents arranged for most children to be present. Both teachers present. Bus took pupils home.

19th May Standard 1 to 6 visited Regent Theatre Masterton to see film Royal Tour of Canada, Children were conveyed by school bus. Miss Macalister kept infant school open.

21st June 7 aside Rugby tournament held at Wairarapa College.

17th July School opened late due to breakdown of bus. Part was brought from Masterton and fitted on roadside.

21st July Head Teacher delayed in returning to district by breakdown of car. School opened by Miss Macalister. Bus ran in afternoon taking some children to school and returning all at end of day.

8th August School closed 7th 8th as bus broke down on run home 6th August no transport available. Teachers prepared work for own classes.

11th August School reopened. No bus but children conveyed by parents and teacher attendance 18

September 1952 Proposed new site on the corner of Westmere Road and Ngaumu Road

Owned by Mr Adrian Oregard Beetham "Morland"

The total property is 60 acres 2 roods and an area of approximately 6 acres is required

The Board is anxious to arrange for a residence and bus garage on the new site

A note This corner is the best place for a teacher's house for Poroporo Probably the school should be shifted also but that is not certain

18th October Three sent home on instruction of health inspector contacts of polio suspect

20th October Exchanged bus 109 for bus 108.

4th November Agreement signed with Mr Beetham to purchase, land price £20 per acre

The crown is to fence the boundaries

Note Kuma Kuma building was used at Poroporo as emergency accommodation pending the completion of a new prefab

17th November Barbara Tretheway sat for country school scholarship offered for first time for Wairarapa College.

25th November received notice of Barbara's success!!

10th December School concert held at Wainuioru Hall. Ngaumu Road School under Mr Greenlees (HT) combined with us.

17th December. Parent's day at School

Received notice that Maurice Carroll accepted for Maori Scholarship at Wairarapa College

19th December 1952 New site purchased from Mr Beetham

1953

2nd February Miss Macalister was posted to Petone Central relieving

5th February. Miss Leslie arrived to relieve in infant Department.

25th February 1953 application for new school on new site 2 rooms

1950, 41, 1951, 36, 1952, 42, 1953, 51

Expected Grading roll 1954, 54, 1955, 58, 1956, 67

Proposed school to be moved to Marima (*Didn't happen*)

4th March ladies baths for swimming certificates.

5th March 1953 Fencing will cost £320 for 7 wire fence with concrete posts. Cost of land £120. Department want Board to call tenders for fencing

29th May Coronation ceremony held- tree planted and Department booklets issued.

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12th October 1953 Land now gazetted as a school site

23rd October The district was visited by his excellency the Governor General (Sir Willoughby Norrie) who met and talked with the children and granted Tuesday 27 October as a holiday.

25th November 1953 Letter to Department from Wellington Education Board included

- a) Mr McGregor's Whare was being used as an extra classroom the rental was approved on 6th August 1948
- b) This arrangement continued until 31st June 1950 when notice was received that the whare was let to a serviceman and would not be available

c) Messrs. Williams and Williams allowed use of a building at Kumu Kumu at a rental of £2 per week

12th December About 200 people attended school concert. Ngaumu Road joined in.

1954

1st February Miss Leslie continuing as relieving teacher\

25th March Annual School Picnic was held at Brancepath in conjunction with Ngaumu Road and Fernyhurst Road Schools

25th March 1954 The Board to build a bus garage on new site for £326 asking for approval from Director of Education

28th April The school was presented with a Union Jack by the Masterton sub branch of the Navy League

25th April Mr Arkinstall (Board Architect's Office) visited school re heating. Thermometer reading 40 degrees F had been 26 (-3.33 Celsius) degrees at 9.00

3rd May 1954 Application for new residence

- a) Teacher proposes to get married as soon as a house is ready or perhaps beforehand
- b) In addition he supports his aged father whom he intends taking into the house
- c) School Committee have made representations over a house for a long time
- d) He is boarding at a farmhouse 6 miles from the school Teacher drives school bus which has no shelter at farm
- e) No house is available for renting in the district

29th April 1954 Tendered price of building £4533

Second time applications have been called Only one tender from Coradine and Gregory

The cost includes fencing off all the site fencing off the house

27th May 1954 Erection of house approved

24th May A full report on present school Final comment The present school although not centrally situated is meeting present needs and the Department could not support the proposal for a new school ahead of other buildings which are required to house children where no accommodation exists

Inspection included

- a) There is only one hand basin No towels or soap are provided
- b) Refuse from the school is disposed of by burning
- c) No liquid milk is available for children
- d) The prefabricated room is very cold and the pinex lining becomes soiled very easily
- e) The pit privy is insanitary but unless sub soil water is available then a septic tank is out of the question
- f) The only solution would be the provision of a properly constructed pan with disposal of night soil in shallow burial

1st June Miss Leslie on bereavement leave.

8th June Received advice that Mrs Leslie will not return. Notified board.

10th June Infant Department closed by School Committee as no infant teacher.

13th June Mr Burling Wellington Education Board member for district visited school and house site.

15th June Visited Gladstone School in company with Fernyhurst and Te Whiti for rugby and basketball

21st June Mrs Beryl McKenzie commenced duties as relieving assistant (Uncertificated) in the infant school, which was reopened on this date on orders of the Senior Inspector.

29th June Working Bee at new school site- draining.

30th June Mr Wenham as relieving assistant.

2nd July In response to urgent pleas, the board sent and had installed 2 new Romesse heaters. Thus ends the modern ice age

2nd July Mrs McKenzie completed duties as Relieving assistant

5th July Mr Ian Wenham commenced duties as Relieving Assistant

11th August Standard 1 – Form II in company with children from Fernyhurst, Ngaumu and Ngahape schools visited Wellington for the day. We divided into 3 groups and visited Parliament, T E V Maori, the Museum, Adams Bruce Ltd, Bryant and May (Match Factory) Bell and Co, the Milk Depot, Central Fire Station and the Zoo

20th August A grant of £750 the cost of drilling a bore for a water supply

10th September Owing to the bus breaking down necessitating repairs in town there was a small attendance, only 19 being present.

17th September Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department It might be wise to leave the fencing of the new site until the new school is built Sheep are keeping the grass down

20th September At a meeting called by the Head teacher, a parent teachers Association was formed

18th October Further letter. The Wellington Education Board will try and get the teacher to graze sheep to keep the grass down

15th December Ngaumu and Fernyhurst combined with Poroporo in a highly successful school concert

1955

2nd February. Bus celebrated our return by breaking down once more

7th February 1955 New School of 2 classrooms

Poroporo Roll 1952, 42, 1953 51, 1954, 57, 1955 57

1956 estimated 65, 1957 75 1958 78

A report from the Medical Officer has been submitted to the Department

The main classroom is too small for Poroporo but could be shifted as could the prefab

24th February School closed for school picnic. Ngaumu and Fernyhurst joining in. weather fine and a good attendance Champion Girl Roslyn McKie, Champion Boy Lynton Pine.

28th February School closed shopping Day

7th March. Mr Aplin began his bus service in place of the Departments bus previously operated by the Head Teacher. The relief is tremendous.

4th March. Half day. Teachers attended Masterton Hospital for chest x-rays.

25th March Mr Lindford Health Department Inspector visited school in connection with lavatories

7th April M A Pagani finished

13th April I H Wenham relieving head teacher and Miss Hinde as relieving assistant

2nd May The chairman reported on the building of the new school which he said was off the list at present

Mr H M Cameron was appointed Head teacher by the Wellington Education Board and was to start after the holidays

The School Committee at its earliest convenience will drain the present playground.

23rd May Mr H Cameron as Head Teacher and Mr I Wenham to cover the assistant position.

11th July Secretary to write to Secretary of Wellington Education Board asking for an extension of the bus run for Kathleen Wiley of Tamakau

Write also about schoolhouse to ask them to shift windows as there are no windows on the sunny side of the house also ask them to shift bus shed, to ask for School Committee to meet architect on site.

Mr Wilton said he had received no word from Mr Masters Wellington Education Board About consolidation of 3 schools. Mr Wilton also reported on the drainage at the present school.

26th July Mr Wilton had talked with Mr Masters and the Boards Architect might be up in the next week... The consolidation of the three schools has not been discussed yet

6th September The Board had agreed to put new windows in the new school house.

The proposed consolidation scheme will be on the 1956-57 building programme.

The proposed Manual Training Scheme will not work in with the programme.

Mr Cameron asked for the fence around the school garden be fixed.

Mr Wilton asked for 2 cricket balls and a bottle of Rockgas.

Mr Wilton said as far as the new school house was not at present being wired for power, so he is going to look into it.

4th October It appears that the Wellington Education Board has not drawn up an agreement about water with Mr Wilton

Mr Cameron wanted more shelves and the lawnmower sharpened.

November 1955 Letter from L J H Wilton, Hikawai to Wellington Education Board included

- a) We are directed by the 3 School Committee to draw attention to amalgamating the schools
- b) Expenditure on the current unhygienic buildings is an improper use of public money
- c) Because of the unsanitary conditions of all 13 schools it is imperative that some immediate action take place
- d) The following RE WORKS THAT ARE REQUIRED at the schools
- e) Poroporo Water supply and sanitary block, Painting, Electricity installed, fencing £ 1290
- f) Ngaumu Road Water supply and sanitary, repairs to buildings, painting, fencing concrete work £550
- g) Ferneyhurst Road, water supply, hand basin and drainage interior painting £102.10.0

13th December 1955 from Wellington Education Board to Department to Education Department included

- a) To erect a 3 classroom school on the site on Wainuioru Corner
- b) Consolidate 3 school Poroporo (51), Ngaumu Road (12) Ferneyhurst Road 14
- c) There would be a saving in teachers' salaries Teacher at Poroporo is paid £1762.10.0 the other 2 £962.10.0 New principal will be paid £1862.10 of if roll is over 80 £2662.10
- d) All other costs including cleaning and transport will be reduced

15th December Presentation to Mr Ian Wenham who was taking up a permanent position at Maungaraki.

1956

1st February Mr R Golder took up position as reliever for infant part of the school

Flag honoured Gardens tidied

2nd February That after a meeting with Wellington Education Board members that everything Mr Pledger (Who) had promised has not been fulfilled.

The School Committee agreed to put in for a telephone for the school and also one for the new school house.

New teacher Mr Golder is boarding in town

Mr Cameron asked for wireless batteries to be recharged also said the bus driver wanted the bus timetable to come back ¼ an hour while summertime was around.

Mr Peake to supply one ton of coal for lighting of fire.

Mr Cameron asked for quite a lot more sports gear so that they will be prepared for winter.

16th March School Picnic Masterton

27th June 1956 Blinds supplied for house at Poroporo

31st July. School closed Springboks match

16th August Primer Concert. Farewell to Mr Golder.

3rd September Miss M Cole relieving

4th September Mr Wilton reported on the bus shed and the School Committee are not satisfied and Secretary asked to write to Board and ask for removal of shed altogether.

Mrs Morgan the Cleaner has been underpaid.

Mr Wilton to ring Mr Deavoll (*Secretary Wellington Education Board*), the School Committee doesn't see any point in filling in the maintenance report as we expect the new school in the future.

15th October Mr Wilton gave a report on the bus run up Ruakiwi Road. Mr Cameron sent in a report of all the children but we are still waiting on a reply.

Mr Wilton gave his opinion re water supply for the new school also for swimming baths. Mr Wilton said for the new School Committee to give a report after two summers from the time the school is open.

That if the PTA run the concert a charge be suggested.

29th October Stock Day at School Lambs 16 Calves 5 ponies 5 lambs

8th November The four settlers along the Ruakiwi Road were present re the bus extension twice a day.

Mr Williams reported that Mrs Martin could no longer board the school teacher from 23rd November

Mr Wilton reported on the pump required for the water supply from his spring to the new school site.

Following the discussion on the extension re bus it was moved that a letter be written to the Wellington Education Board complaining about the reply received on the 7th November and that Mr Wilton be asked to bring this up at the next board meeting.

5th December 1956 Another application to Department from Wellington Education Board

Combined Rolls 1954, 83, 1955, 79, 1956, 77 1957, 90

Ferneyhurst 1 prefab 1950 517 Square feet

Ngaumu Road Wood 1922 241 square feet

Notes There will be over 100 pupils when the school starts

The people at Ferneyhurst and Ngaumu Road have agreed to amalgamation

The existing classrooms could be shifted elsewhere

17th December, Parents Day. Garden judging and flower competition.

1957

30th January 1957 Tender for £15530.13.9 let to F A Clark Masterton

4 tenders received

4th February H Cameron Head Teacher. Miss J Squire relieving teacher.

1st March. School picnic held at Rathkeale.

4th April Visit to A William's property. Perch Fishing

15th March Mr Wilton reported on his discussions re bus run. The bus now into Mr McKellers twice daily

As tenders had been called twice for the new school Mr Wilton was asked what was happenings it looked as though this matter would go on for a long time.

Mr Wilton replied the ploughing of the new site would be happening soon.

That Mrs Duffy be thanked for doing up the school books.

Mr Cameron raised the matter of the bus running to the Tyneside end was overloaded and too many children were standing. Mr Peake said the metal lorries are very dangerous and The Secretary has undertaken to ring the contractors and warn them that we are reporting them to the traffic Department

Mr Cameron wants two small brooms for cleaning the school during the week. and that they (Children and teacher) should receive some payment for it.

Mr Cameron wants a grant of £5 plus £5 subsidy to buy books for the children.

Radio wants repairing.

Mr Cameron wants the floor covered before the winter

5th April Miss J M Squires appointed permanent teacher

15th April householders meeting

Mr Peake asked why the new school site had not been ploughed. And sown down long before this. Mr Wilton replied there is no money until the new school is underway.

Mr Peake asked the chairman to give the householders an outline of what he had to put up with in dealing with the Wellington Education Board

The question was asked repeatedly how many letters does one have to write before getting a reply.

The chairman told the Householders about the cleaning of the school and its problems. Mr Cameron said the children sweep the school out every day and they should receive payment for this. It was left to the School Committee to act accordingly.

New School Committee Mr Wilton, Mr Duffy, Mr Kjestrup, Mr Edgeworth and Mr Saunders.

Mr Wilton (New chairman) thanked the retiring members and hoped they would turn up at working bees.

Mrs Pyne asked if the present sickness in the junior room might be due to the water tanks. Mr Edgeworth said he would undertake to look at the water in the tanks.

Mr Wilton will make urgent enquiries whether the Wellington Education Board would take it when the school becomes consolidated and report to the next PTA meeting.

Mr Cameron reported on the football for season and Mr Ross said he would help with transport... Meeting closed at 10.15

12th June The school needed new goalposts as the old ones were rotten

Had anything been done for paying the children for sweeping out the school each day.

Mr Wilton and Staff would bring along their own wirelesses for the classrooms

Mr Edgeworth said he would look into the possibility of getting a daylight projection unit.

Mr Cameron wants something done about fencing the creek off.

Working Bee Monday 17th June 1 pm.

Mr Cameron also wants four planks to make their own games.

Navy League meeting would be held in Masterton on 17th June.

Mr Kjestrup wanted to know now that the lawns are in order who was going to keep them.

30th July Mr Wilton made arrangements for paying the children to sweep the room with Mr Cunliffe (Caretaker) for sweeping the rooms 1 ½ hours per week

Mr Wilton has received no information about building the new school.

Mr Cameron could do with another load of firewood.

Mr Saunders asked that Board be arranged for Miss Squires before the term ended so she would know before leaving on holiday. Mr Saunders offered her board for next term, which was accepted with thanks.

24th April 1957 New tender let to Randell and palmer Pahiātua for £14283.16.0

24th May 1957v letter from Mr Wilton Chairman Poroporo School to Mr Algie Minister of Education included

- a) Following a meeting of the three School Committee I have been instructed to make urgent representation direct to you
- b) Mr Cooksley our former M P is away overseas and the Hon K J Holyoake our new MP (Electorate change) is in Great Britain

- c) That tenders having been called three times are in the hands of the Department
- d) This school was originally on the 1956/57 programme
- e) Sanitary arrangements in two of the school consist only of a hole in the ground which tend to become flooded in winter
- f) All requests for improvements have been refused

14th June reply from an acting minister. Tenders are before the Department and will be considered

19th June Assistant Director have agreed to see a deputation from the Poroporo School Committee

June 1957 A sheet of all the work amounting to over £700 worth of preparatory work by the residents on the new site including fencing drainage planting etc.

31st July 1957 Cabinet works Committee approved Poroporo School for a cost of £15072,16.0

2nd August Mr Algie writes to Mr Cooksley MP informing him of new school at Poroporo

11th September Mr Wilton read 3 letters from Wellington Education Board about new school

A new daylight projection unit would cost about 4 pounds. (*Probably just a screen*)

There was big discussion on changing the name of the school and the new school be called Wainuioru and letters be sent to the Wellington Education Board as soon as possible.

Also ask the Board to replace 160 3 inch tiles which he had supplied 2 years ago.

A letter to be written to the PTA re closing of the Poroporo School that every child attending school at time of closing get a badge or book etc. with Poroporo stamped on it.

Mr Cameron said he did not think he could get a cricket team this year but we are waiting on Ngaumu School teacher

There was a lengthy discussion on the transporting of children by parents to sport fixtures and that a speed limit not exceeding 50 miles per hour be asked for by all drivers and this subject be raised at the next PTA meeting.

Mr Kjestrup said he was not satisfied with the cleaners duties, he said he should be made to mow the lawn and keep the playing field tidy. There was a lengthy discussion on this subject but nothing shown an improvement came of it.

1st October That the Little bus run by Mr Aplin would be available every Wednesday at 1/- per mile

That the PTA put aside the sum of £30 for transporting children to sporting fixtures and when it is exhausted that parents be asked to stand the cost

Mr Cameron to be in charge and one parent to go along to take charge of one team

12th September Health Nurse (Mrs King) preparation for Polio vaccination 4th October

4th October polio vaccination injections to school pupils

1st November Polio injections 2nd visit

4th November School Stock Day 23 lambs 3 calves

1958

4th February H Cameron J Squires

13th February School Committee could not see any advantage in joining the Wairarapa School Committee Association.

That a letter be sent to Mr Cooke thanking him for cutting and pressing of hay on school grounds.

Mr Edgecumbe asked for a deposit on a projector as they are going to be very short in the future .The School Committee thought it was quite a sticky proposition and asked for it to be brought up at the next School Committee Meeting

Mr Cameron wanted to know when we hold the school picnic

Mr Cameron read a letter on Corporal Punishment

4th March School picnic at Rathkeale. Ngaumu School associated.

21st April Poliomyelitis Vaccination- pre schools- Other schools coming in Ngaumu, Fernyhurst Road Ngahape, Te Wharau and Correspondence.

23rd April Mr Edgecumbe said that no film projectors were available at the moment

That I thank my wife for doing the accounts,\Mr Cameron said he would observe Anzac Day.

Miss Squire's board next term will be at Tyneside. Mr and Mrs Duffy were thanked for offering board.

Mr Cameron spoke on the backward child attending school and what would be the best thing to adopt.

That the Poroporo School Committee sincerely appreciates the fact that water has been successfully obtained on the new school property,

28th May The department are going to run 2 departmental buses and Mr Aplin will still run the Westmere run

The chairman of the PTA wants to test the flow of the new bore of the new school.

That this matter be deferred until the new commissioners are appointed.

The chairman received a cheque of £15-18 from Wright Stephenson's re sale of hay from the school

That the trees in the new school should be inspected and see what have died.

4th June A combined meeting of the new School Committee was held in the Wainuioru Hall

The chairman Mr Wilton gave a rough out line of this present position. That Mr Deavoll would be coming up from Wellington Education Board to set up a commission of seven to run the new school until the new school gets underway.

28th July Mr Cameron resigns at the end of the term.

8th September Bill Farland Head Teacher Miss J Squires assistant. Commenced duties until such time as Wainuioru is open.

Roll Junior 12 Boys 13 Girls total 25

Senior 22 Girls 16 Boys 38

Total 63

22nd September Meeting held at Mr Farland's House.

That the £2-10-0 paid by Mr Farland to have the phone connected at the house by paid by School Committee

Mr Wilton suggested that all the equipment from the other schools be massed at the Wainuioru Hall and sort up what was going back to the Wellington Education Board

5th December School closed to transfer furniture and effects to Wainuioru School

4th December. Ceremony held Certificates presented to Last day pupils

Commencement of School Building £ 750 (Drainage, filling in gully ploughing levelling sowing plantation (Indian Cedar, Japanese Cedar)

A grant of £250 by Wellington Education Board by Wellington Education Board was used to construct concrete area of double code size. This grant was made in recognition of voluntary work done by district residents.

Wainuioru School opened on 8th December, See Wainuioru for details.

2nd April 1961 Old site to be sold

15th May 1961 Old Poroporo school to be removed to Masterton Central

Note Poroporo became Wainuioru School in 1958

1959

30th June 1959 Letter to Maddever who wants to acquire old Poroporo site

1915	9	Poroporo	Rains	Catherine M		Female	£110
1917	14	Poroporo	Scott	Margaret M	Sole		£110
1919	17	Poroporo	Scott	Margaret M	Sole		£170
1921	14	Poroporo	Scott	Margaret M	Sole		£220
1923	18	Poroporo	Scott	Margaret M	Sole	D-201	£225