



Section 26 Waipaura Survey

Freehold gift

Section 24 Block 1

Area 5 acres

New Present site donated by settlers, 3 Acres

Old site sold for £90 26th August 1926

Building 224 square feet

Destroyed by Fire 22/9/19

193 sq feet new building

1930 Removed to Ruakokoputuna

Pukenui: 1918-1929 For some of the time was a part time school with Ruakokoputuna School . Papers Past 19th November 1919 Each school sharing a teacher The sub-committee which was appointed to consider the re-building of the Pukenui School destroyed by fire on 22nd September, stated that there are two settlements- (a) Pukenui and (b) Ruakokoputuna, about two miles further on.

1917

21st November 1917 Pukenui, for new school, £340

1918

28th October 1918 After two or three years of vigorous agitation, and the assistance of Mr Hornsby, M.P , ., and some of his colleagues the settlers of Pukenui, in the wilds behind Martinborough, have got a small but presentable school erected. The Minister provided the money, but the vote: had to be supplemented, and it took months, if not years, of solicitation before sufficient for the Board's architect and clerk of works could be extracted PP

1919

Memo front page of Log The Pukenui School was first opened on 4th October 1918 Signed E Gallop

1891/10281	Gallop	Eliza	Margaret	William Francis
1929/3033	Eliza	Gallop	Joseph Tempest	Dudgeon
1947/21910	Dudgeon	Eliza	55Y	

22nd September The school was destroyed by fire at about 4 a.m. School closed till end of week

23rd September About 4 o'clock yesterday another Wairarapa school was down, and, as usual, the cause of of the outbreak is a mystery, as no one had been in the building since Friday afternoon. In this instance it is the new **school** at **Pukenui** that has been. destroyed. Nothing could be done to save the building,; which in a short time was burned to the ground. PP

29th September Resumed teaching at Mr McLeod's Whare. Attendance 14. Roll 15

Received from Board. Registers, Log Book, Work book and forms etc. delivered by mistake to Martinborough and signed for by Mr Edie (*Head Master Martinborough School*). No daily register Pupils

Standard 6	Charles Badland
Standard 4	Charles Harris
Standard 3	Maisie Latimer
Standard 4	Flora McLeod
Standard 2	Maggie Adamson

Standard 2	Thea Taylor
Standard 2	William Taylor
Standard 2	Agnes McLeod
Standard 1	Mavis Badland
Standard 1	Jane Adamson
Standard 1	Tom Petersen
Standard 1	May Petersen
Primer 2	Joyce Harris
Primer 1	Edna Evans
Primer 1	Kenneth McLeod

30th September Received from Committee 1 bowl, towelling, 1 broom

1st October Received from Education Board 1 map of world, 2 reading sheets, 1 box of nibs, 1 box of chalk, 5 quires of foolscap, 1 dozen penholders, 1 tin ink powder

2nd October Received from Education Board 6 dual desks and forwarded receipt for same to Board

3rd October Received 1 Big Ben Clock from Board and signed for same

6th October Received from Education Board 1 map of NZ and 1 map of the world

7th October 1 globe and 1 map of Australia. Also 1 cheque book

10th October Received Beaver Board 3 foot by 6 foot (*Presumably some form of Blackboard*)

20th to 24th Quarterly examination Third term

30th October Committee granted a holiday for Carterton Show

November Received easel from Education Board

19th November 1919 The sub-committee which was appointed to consider the re-building of the Pukenui School, destroyed by fire on 22nd September, stated that there are two settlements- (a) Pukenui, and (b) Ruakokoputuna, about two miles further on. The school destroyed was more suitable in position for Pukenui. The Pukenui settlers wished to have it a mile nearer to Martinborough, but this would leave some settlers out of reach. On the other hand, the existence of a school at Ruakokoputuna would be too far in the opposite direction. The numbers of children were not sufficient to maintain two good schools. The committee recommended that a school be erected on a site which Mr. E. C. Hathaway was good enough to offer, about 1 ¼ miles towards Ruakokoputuna. This left the extreme limit of distance at each end of the district at approximately four miles. It was situated on a terrace, was flat and sunny, and would serve very well. It would satisfy the Ruakokoputuna settlers, but the Pukenui settlers, having had a **school**, would not approve of the removal to a more remote site. Nevertheless, that appeared to be the only reasonable course to pursue. The only alternative to this was to rebuild the Pukenui School, at the junction of the East Coast road with the Pukenui Road, or on the former site, and a second school on the reserve at Hathaway's, using temporarily the cottage presented by Mr. Hathaway. The objection to this latter course was that the Board would have two small schools, probably of not more than 10 to 15 children, for which it would be impossible to guarantee the services of competent teachers. The report was adopted. PP

16th December School closed for vacation

1920

19th February School reopened

Received from W McKay the following continuous readers 5 copies of the 5th Form at St Dominic's. 8 copies of The adventures of so Far and The new. 4 copies of the North Wind. 5 copies of Beauty and the Beast

Received cheque book from Board

24th February Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department included the following

- a) Delay is because of the necessity of finding the location of a replacement school
- b) The Board had to give consideration to the claims of newer settlers on the side remote from Martinborough who have come to the district since the original school was built
- c) The settlement is somewhat scattered and it has been very difficult to satisfy both ends of the district without the establishment of a second school
- d) The numbers do not appear to justify this
- e) Through the generosity of Mr Carlton Holmes the board has been provided with a very good site 5 acres very much better than that which the Board previously possessed
- f) It is central but a part of the road to be traversed by the children is winding and narrow presenting some little danger

- g) The land is on fine dry terrace elevated above the road and the Board will require to pay for survey and about £15 for metalling
- h) The conveniences and such fencing as are on the old site can be removed and used again
- i) The furniture was destroyed

27th February Received bead frame from Whitcombe and Tombs

4th March 500 sheets Brown paper from Jeffrey's, 1 box coloured chalk

19th March Received from Jeffrey's from Education Board 4 lbs grey plasticene (2 Lots), 1 box coloured chalk (2nd Lot), 500 brown paper (2nd Lot)

19th March Cubes and plasticene boards have not come to hand

19th March Received 250 sheets coloured paper

22nd March Received Chair from W F C A (*Wairarapa Farmers Cooperative Association*)

April Received plasticene.

E Gallop still teaching

15 Plasticene Boards, 12 plasticene boards

14th April Grant of £529 for a new school The sum includes £55 for new fencing

10th May Received 1 ½ dozen boxes cubes

31st May I am resigning my position as the Sole teacher of the Pukenui School on this day. I have had a very pleasant time here with the children who seem willing to learn and very attentive

E Gallop

7th June I arrived at Pukenui on the 1st June intending to take up my duties yesterday. Upon arrival I found it would be a few days before school would be opened on account of the school desks and necessary materials having been moved to Mr Badland whare where we intend holding school until a new school is granted by the Education Board

School opened today and I am sorry to say the attendance is very small but hope as time goes on to have the former pupils back again
M Orsman

16th June Letter from unknown but probably a Board Member (Maybe Board Secretary) for Wairarapa included

- a) The school to serve the Pukenui and Dry River districts
- b) This arrangement has not satisfied any residents with the result that the settlers have decided not to send their children if the school is erected in the position proposed
- c) The difficulties were placed before the Board when the previous decision was given, so it is no use going over old ground again To overcome the deadlock I arranged with Mr A D McLeod for the settlers to meet at Pukenui to discuss the position
- d) Mr McLeod kindly met me at Featherston and on the way I visited Featherston, South Featherston and Kaiwawai Schools and five temporary buildings used for school purposes in Martinborough

- e) There was a good attendance of settlers at Pukenui and the following details were supplied of children to attend if school was built at the Dry Valley end of the district
- f) Hathaway 2, Petersen 2, Gaskin 2, Walton 3, Spiers 4, Dryden 1
- g) There also in the district children under school age Hathaway 1, Walton 2, McLean 1, Upton 1, Spiers 3
- h) Mr Hathaway made the offer of a building for school purposes
- i) Mr Holmes a landowner offered £25 towards the cost of fencing and school requirements
- j) The number that would attend the school if re-established at Pukenui would be 15. Harris 2, Badland 1 and 1 under school age), Evans 2, Adamson 2, Taylor 2, Baghurst 1 (1), Coban 1 (2), R McLeod 3, Basset 1
- k) The settlers interested in this school are prepared to purchase 3 acres of ground and fence it free of cost to the Board
- l) Mr McLeod a county council member said he believed that the County would offer a site directly opposite to the one suggested by the settlers
- m) The Three acres would then be a horse paddock for the school

- n) The objection to the central site is the necessity of children travelling along roads which are considered unsafe especially the Gorge
- o) I also visited the building in which the school is at present being conducted. It is a small room attached to a long open shed which has been divided into feeding stalls for horses
- p) I recommend that the Board again seriously consider at first erecting an inexpensive building in Pukenui which could be removed to another site if required
- q) The Dry River end of the District would be well served for the time being the building offered by Mr Hathaway. The Board would have to find desks and furniture
- r) The settlers have agreed to find good board for the teacher
- s) One of the settlers advised me he was paying as much as £400 a year for the education of his children He had to send them away
- t) Settlers have the tendency to sell out their holdings in order to reside nearer to town

27th June School was closed all last week The School Committee men were renovating the whare in which school is being held therefore we were unable to attend. School reopened today I am pleased to say there is an attendance of 11 children

16th July Letter from Wellington Education Board to Director of Education

- a) The Pukenui School should be built on the 3 acres offered by the settlers at the Junction of The Ruakokoputuna and east Coast Roads
- b) Hoped to meet the needs of Ruakokoputuna by a mid way school but the extreme distance limits are too great
- c) The danger of a narrow sharply winding gorge road over which a good deal of stock travel and considerable motor traffic has deterred the parents of Ruakokoputuna from using the Pukenui School and would also deter the Pukenui children from making a school at the other end
- d) A number of children have been boarded in reach of another school
- e) Although it is recognised the ultimate need of a school at Ruakokoputuna it is not proposed to ask for a school at Ruakokoputuna
- f) The children are present occupying a leaky whare

24th June 1920 Besides money, gifts of land' were received from generous donors' at Featherston , Pukenui,' Castlepoint .and Waterfalls *In Education Board Report of School Committee assistance*

25th June At Wednesday's meeting of the Wellington Education Board it was decided to rescind the motion embodying a decision to build one central school at Pukenui (near Martinborough), and in place thereof to establish two schools, one at Dry River (where Mr. Hathaway has offered the use of a building for school purposes), and to-re-establish a school at Pukenui (where the settlers interested

have offered to purchase three acres, of ground and to fence and drain it free of cost to the board).

At the latter place, too, Mr. A. D. McLeod had stated that he believed the County Council would be prepared to offer a site opposite the former block, which would be suitable for the school building. The objection to the central site was the necessity for the children to travel along roads which were considered unsafe, particularly in the gorge. The new proposal was the result of the visit of Mr. T. Moss to the district, and on his motion, seconded by Mr. O. Harkness, the new proposal was unanimously agreed to PP

4th August R J Frain Commenced duties today with a roll number of 12 and an attendance of 9. This School and Ruakokoputuna are to be worked on the part time system- three days a week at each

16th August I am considerably hampered in my work at this school by the absence of a scheme of work

21st August Closed school today for the term holidays. As the building which the school has been held lately will no longer be available for use as such, the desks and the furniture are to be removed into the shed adjoining, pending the erection of a school building

12th October Resumed teaching today in the new school building which was formally opened yesterday Roll 11

13th April 1920 Owing to The . difference. of" opinion between the .parents of children attending the Pukenui (Lower-Valley) School and the education authorities as to the site of the school, several parents have now refused to send their children to school. There is consequently a strike of parents against constitutional authority PP

26th October School closed yesterday for Labour Day

1st November Owing to the presence of measles the attendance was only 5

9th November Received from Education Board 3 pieces of Beaver Board

15th December Closed school for Summer vacation

1921

3rd February Reopened School today

2nd March School closed for school picnic

21st March Received 1 table from W F C A

19th April Last Night the Annual meeting of householders was held for the election of a School Committee for the ensuing year.

21st May reopened School today Attendance 9

10th June Mr Anderson Organising teacher wrote Visited the school on the 7th and 8th June work was very carefully done and good progress is being made

20th July Alfred Cowles, Inspector Annual Visit

31st July The members of the School Committee assembled this afternoon for the purpose of tree planting. Some 10 dozen Pinus Insignia trees were planted around the playground which in the course of a few years will greatly improve the appearance of the ground and also secure a protection from the prevailing winds

12th August Received from the Education Board portrait and autographed letter of Prince of Wales

6th September Reopened School Today attendance 10

7th September Received from Whitcombe and Tombs 1 pair Blackboard Compasses, set squares and 1 box imitation coins

12th September Miss Frayne a teacher lately engaged in the Cook Islands visited the school today in an unofficial capacity and gave the children an interesting and instructive lesson about Rarotonga

13th September Received from W Wilson and Co 1 rain gauge and thermometer

15th October School closed yesterday for Labour Day

19th November Yesterday the Standard 6 pupils went to Martinborough School for the purpose of taking the Proficiency Examination. They were both successful

14th November Held the Annual examination Today

15th December School closed yesterday on account of wet weather

23rd December Closed school for summer vacation

Inspection report 20th July included

- a) Teacher R Frain
- b) Roll 9 3 primers, 1 Standard 2, 2 Standard 3, 2 Standard 4, 1 Standard 6
- c) Good schemes
- d) Reading and recitation very good
- e) Comprehension Good
- f) Essay Standard 6 Good, others satisfactory
- g) Arithmetic good Standard 5 Very good
- h) Geography good (Standard 6 Very Good) This subject is treated on very good lines
- i) Singing not taken
- j) Mr Frain is commended for the efficiency of the school
- k) Alfred Cowles Inspector

1922

9th February Reopened school today after summer vacation. On entering school this morning I found that two panes of glass were shattered evidently by a bullet. The teacher's letter box has also suffered, having been pierced by three bullets

24th February Mr Cowles, Inspector visited school

26th March School closed on Wed 22nd March for school picnic

21st April Received from G W Wilton 1 barometer tube and mercury

1st May Received from Committee 1 NZ Ensign. Yesterday a flagpole was erected on the school and certain repairs effected by Mr W Hore builder.

16th August Mr Mountford experimental Physical Instructor visited the school

23rd August Held half yearly examination today

12th September Attendance 12

16th October Mr A Cowles visited school today

18th October School closed yesterday for Inspectors Holiday

7th November Held the annual examination today

8th December School closed yesterday for Election Day

13th December This being my last day as sole charge of Pukenui School I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the courtesy and kindness that has been extended to me at all times by the School Committee during my term here as teacher

17th October letter to Mr R J Frain Teacher Pukenui from Wellington Education Board stating that unless the combined

Rolls of Pukenui and Ruakokoputuna should be over 20 the part time schools will fall to Grade 1

20th October Reply by Mr Frain That current roll is 22 which should maintain average of 21

There will be three leaving at end of year and one admission

1923

1st February Alice M Robinson Commenced duties this morning with a roll of 8 and attendance of 8

27th February Appointment of Miss A M Robinson

Aged 36, 19 1/2 years' service previously Infant Mistress Kaiwairua School

At present Miss Robinson is filling the temporary position

Mr H Adamson Chairman of School Committee Lives at Tirau Martinborough

6th March The appointment of Miss Robinson was supported by Mr Adamson. As far as we at this end of the district are concerned Miss Robinson's appointment permanently will give us satisfaction

7th March School closed Annual Picnic

10th May School closed on account of the road being washed away between Pukenui and Ruakokoputuna school. The teacher unable to get through from Ruakokoputuna School

6th August School closed on account of influenza. Term holidays taken at same time

10th August Letter from Mr Adamson to Wellington Education Board

Just a line to let you know we have closed the school owing to the influenza

Miss Robinson has been laid up since last Sunday but is now on the way to getting better

As Mrs Hathaway was buried yesterday, the result of the Flu we decided that we had better close both schools and reopen when the Martinborough School reopens

28th August Letter to Mr Adamson Martinborough School reopens on 28th August and it is assumed your school will do likewise

12th September Mr Cowles inspector visited the school today

24th September Dominion Day School Closed

1st October School closed teacher ill

16th October School closed for peoples at Carterton Show

24th November 17th November Ruakokoputuna Chairman J A McDougall that the Ruakokoputuna School would close on 19th December for annual school picnic

17th November Held Annual Examination today

20th December School closed for Summer Holidays

Alice M Robinson

1924

7th February Alice Robinson opened school after summer vacation

Received School Journals and Education Gazette

11th February Letter from Mr Adamson to Wellington Education Board included

- a) I have been sick since before Christmas and am still too unwell to do anything
- b) But the upset of the Death of Miss Robinson and my having no one here to help me put me back into bed again and I have just got up to drop these few lines
- c) I take it that Miss Robinson's relatives have called on you by the time you receive this and explain how suddenly she expired
- d) It was not more than 20 minutes from the time she had her tea until she was dead
- e) She had a seizure on the way to school on Thursday Morning and had to be driven home, but seemed quite well on Friday and wanted to go to the school on Saturday as the Doctor had told with a day in bed and the medicine that she would be alright on Saturday morning
- f) However that was not to be as about 7.10 she had another seizure (Chocking for Breath) and was dead before the Doctor Could arrive
- g) I think that when the Board is paying her relatives that they should refund the £1 Miss Robinson had just paid for the Mail Delivery

15th February Miss Robinson died suddenly today

20th February Letter to Mr Adamson The circumstances of Miss Robinson's family are known to us.

We are trying to arrange for a Mr Bruce a certificated ex-student for the purpose of taking over the duties of teacher at the Pukenui – Ruakokoputuna part time schools

29th February Mr A H Kerr appointed as reliever

10th March Arthur M Kerr commenced duties as relieving teacher in this school today. Roll 6 present 6

Received from the Education Board I parcel of handwork material etc. for this school. Contents

- a) 1 box of white chalk
- b) 1 box coloured chalk
- c) 6 packets of Glyptokes
- d) 4 bundles of sticks
- e) 3 tubes of secotine
- f) 6 tubes of colour
- g) 11 brushes
- h) 12 colour wells
- i) 250 sheets of white paper
- j) 300 sheets of coloured paper for paper folding

28th March Appointment of Mr B V Daws

Grading no 215 3 years Sole Teacher Ngawaka is a school North of Taihape appointed

31st March Edna Evans Standard 3 and Gwendoline Evans Standard 2 enrolled today Roll number 8

Received from Whitcombe and Tombs parcel of stationery for this school- 6 drawing books, 10 exercise books, 3 note books, 6 sheets blotting paper, 6 pencils and 6 rubbers

5th April Inspector Burns visited school today

29th April Reopened school after the Easter Holidays. Two pupils absent on account of scarlet fever

30th April Received a parcel of supplementary readers from Board's offices

7th May I cease my duties in this school today

26th May B V Daws started Attendance of 9 one new girl Jessie Baghurst

Everything is in order. Roll 10

28th June Received from Board examination cards for Standard 1 and 6

Am closing school at 2.30 today to be in town before 3 pm. We had a short lunch hour returning to school at 12.30 p.m.

26th June Mavis Badland returns after an illness of Scarlet Fever.

31st July Change over in schools – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Pukenui.

Ruakokoputuna Thursday, Friday, Saturday

August Completed term exams.

Standard 6 weak in spelling, Mavis Arithmetic greatly improved.

Usually Janet is better

Standard 5 needs to improve in neatness, spelling and reading

Standard 4 W T very good in all work. The remainder weak

Standard 2 Writing, sums and composition could be improved

Standard 1 Writing and Sums

Attention will be paid to the weak subjects of each during the ensuing months

13th August Received from Education Board envelopes for correspondence over school matters

20th August Break up at Pukenui for spring holidays. Breakup at Ruakokoputuna on Saturday

9th September Reopened One new pupil; and another has returned after winter months. Total 10

Received journals and Gazette

30th September Average attendance for quarter Boys 2.3 Girls 6.8
Total 9.1

23rd October Notified Board through Chairman that school will be closed for Carterton Show October 30th

31st October Mr Cowles, Inspector visited school

The two schools were in attendance

2 in proficiency class failed

13th November received Inspectors report. Holding the final exams today

Received exam papers to be filled in

20th November Returned the examination reports to Wellington

Received Education Board circulars Re Pictures and Bird Life

29th November Received from Education Board clerical books for next year

2 workbooks, 2 scheme books, 2 daily attendance registers, 1 exam register, 1 Dozen good attendance forms, 1 Summary of Attendance,

1 dozen quarterly return forms

B V Daws

19th December Break up today Weather stormy Floods on road

Number on roll 3 boys and 6 girls

If weather permitting a picnic and prize giving will be held tomorrow

1925

16th March Teachers resume duties School work by correspondence on account of infantile paralysis. Personally I am going to visit each house and hope to be able to pay two visits each week to the children. This method I believe will be more advantageous to the children B V Daws

1982/37732 Daws Bernard Vincent 18 May 1902

1932/7585 Loretto Johanna O'Driscoll Bernard Vincent Daws

Mr Burns paid a visit to the school and agreed that better results should be obtained by visiting them than by correspondence

17th April School reopens today Attendance 6, 3 pupils left last year and three new arrivals are here

3rd April Received note re Anzac Day

24th April Holiday tomorrow in commemoration of fallen soldiers. Anzac Day There will be no meeting here but the children are permitted to attend Martinborough

14th May Holiday in memory of the Prime Minister. His funeral is today

31st August Resumed work on 31st

1st September Work resumes at other school yesterday. Change over for the next two months to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

12th October Received new cheque book from Board in return for the completed book

23rd October Notified the children of school holiday on Monday Labour Day

9th December Proficiency held in Martinborough today Mr McKenzie the examiner. J Harris Competency . The two boys at the other school gained their proficiency

17th December Break up today. Arrangements had been made to have a parents afternoon but it was postponed. The chairman came and distributed the prizes among the children. Then with many happy greetings for Xmas we left the school.

1926

1st February School reopened We muster 9 pupils but two are not sure if they intend coming after some weeks

9th February School picnic was to be held yesterday but the weather was against it. The picnic was held today. A successful day in all events

17th February As most children are going to the show in Masterton today, the chairman granted a holiday

12th March A girl left last day and today a new boy has come for a fortnight or so. I put him on the roll. Total 4 Boys and 4 Girls

Mr Brockett (*Agricultural Instructor*) called on the 8th and had a talk on his part of the work

31st March The first term exam is completed. Today we break up for Easter. Cut lunch hour short by ½ hour to permit me to get to Martinborough by 3 o'clock

8th April Return after Easter Holiday. Attendance is gradually decreasing. Roll of 7. Attendance 5

Average attendance for last quarter. Boys 2.2 Girls 4.5 Total 6.7

Received Telegram from Board to forward quarterly returns in duplicate Others mislaid in transit. Sent them today

29th April Letter from Bernard Daws I received the return for correction and made a special trip to Martinborough to post it

The only explanation is that it has gone astray in transit

5th May Following a number of letters to and from re returns Mr Daws writes(a) two boys obtained their proficiency December 1925. One left at the end of the year The other is still attending as a Standard VII pupil

Please explain how that section of the return should be filled in as it is not self-explanatory

Re Pukenui School You must have received the letter because it was forwarded with the Ruakokoputuna return dated March 30th

Which you have acknowledged

It was not returned to me for correction so I judged it must have been correct

However please find duplicate copy of Pukenui return also

13th May Mr Blackie Inspector paid a visit to the school today

We break up for term holidays today. Ruakokoputuna closes tomorrow

31st May Return from holidays. Weather is completely winter time. Full attendance today 2 boys 5 girls

23rd June This afternoon after school the parents of the school children came up to the school a presentation of an engraved cigarette case and match box together with a handsome pipe was made to me.

I wish to thank the parents for being so kind as I am afraid my reply of thanks was insufficient due to the suddenness of the surprise party

30th June As this is my last day teaching at this school I should like to thank the parents and children for my pleasant time at this school

I have been here just over 2 years when teaching 6 days a week the time goes quickly. The children have been willing to work and I thank them

Bernard V Daws

5th July I Hamilton commenced my duties at this school today

Roll number 7, 4 girls and 3 boys. All present

The parents arranged a pleasant little afternoon meeting at the school so that I could meet the people of the district

7th September Resumed duty today. All pupils present

28th October School closed for Carterton Show

2nd December Proficiency examination in Martinborough today.

Both candidates gained their proficiency

17th December We close school today for summer vacation, Ruakokoputuna closed yesterday

This is my last day in this district I must thank the children at both schools for their willingness and readiness to work so well- and I must thank both parents and children for my pleasant time during the short time I have been present with them

I Hamilton

1927

28th January Appointment of Mr L N Smith

Grading No 202, Service 3 years Unemployed

Mr Smith has been asked to take position as a reliever until his appointment is made permanently

L N Smith took charge of school and commenced duties 4 children present and on roll 2 boys and 2 girls

9th February Received school journals and supply of chalk, paper for handwork etc.

10th February Letter from accepting Permanent appointment asking who has to provide text books for children School or Pupils There is no School Committee in this district and last year's acting chairman has since left. Hence I am to appeal to you re school matters

Reply parents have to pay for Text books used in school

6th March Letter from Mr Smith suggesting a plan for the satisfactory working of Pukenui and Ruakokoputuna Schools

- a) There are four children at the Pukenui School. One of whom has passed proficiency
- b) The others are 2 Standard 1 and 1 Standard 4
- c) At Ruakokoputuna there are ten children one of whom has passed proficiency and one who is under school age
- d) It seems unfair that I work three days at each school

- e) I propose to take all the children to the Ruakokoputuna school. I could quite easily take the 3 Pukenui Children in my car
- f) I am certain the children would benefit greatly by this
- g) If you will agree I will communicate with the parents about the matter
- h) There are very poor facilities for a teacher to board in the district. I propose to live in the Pukenui school provided that step meets with your approval
- i) Will the board grant me allowance for the use of my car

8th March Holiday in honour of visit of Duke and Duchess of York

18th March Reply from Wellington Education Board You should have gone through School Committee however if this proposal is adopted your status would be reduced to a grade 1 teacher and your salary would be affected accordingly.

Probably this aspect has been overlooked by you

26th March Holiday Teacher had business to transact in town (Quarterly Holiday)

3rd June King's Birthday

28th July Telegram To Baghurst Pukenui Martinborough Board requesting Mr Lamason take temporary charge on understanding parents arrange conveyance between schools. Inform Smith Subject this condition leave granted

Reply Telegram

Agreeable to teacher Smith Leave of Absence if Send Relieving teacher

J Baghurst

26th August Am finishing here today after one month's relieving service

4th October Letter from J R Lamason to Wellington Education Board

- a) Holiday for Peoples day at Carterton Show
- b) I Should like to inquire how long it is intended to keep me in this position
- c) My Question arises out of a question of boarding arrangements

18th October Your Services will be required at least until the end of November

20th October Appointment of Mr T A Hardie (*In 1962 Head Master of Carterton School*)

Graded no 209 4 ³/₄ years' service, sub Assistant Bulls School

2nd December Commenced duties Pukenui School (*Presumably T A Hardie*) having been at Ruakokoputuna school yesterday

16th December Break up for summer vacation

1928

2nd February Resumed duty today. Ruakokoputuna yesterday. Two children admitted making roll of 5. All present

4th February Received supplies of chalk, plasticene, paper and pastels from Board. Also Journals and Gazette

One pupil withdrawn making roll 4

28th April Commenced term examinations today

3rd May Completed examinations today Breaking up for term holidays here. Ruakokoputuna breaks up tomorrow. Today we scrubbed the school floors

5th July Mr Jackson supplied wood today

19th July Miss Adamson resigned today from position of sewing instructress

16th August break up here attendance only 1 owing to very wet weather

4th September Returned to find roll 4 All present

5th October Both schools were in attendance today. Mr Burns inspector visited the school and examined all classes. Mela Hathaway of Ruakokoputuna School gained her proficiency

1st November School was closed today, there being no attendance

18th October Tom Hardie still at Pukenui applying for Carterton Show day

Also signed J Baghurst Correspondent for Pukenui School

27th November Commenced annual examination day

1st December Completed Examinations

6th December Sent class lists to Education Board

2nd December received supplies of registers etc from Education Board

Inspectors report 3rd October 1928 included

- a) Teacher T A Hardie
- b) Pukenui

Class	Roll	Present
Standard 5	2	2
Standard 2	1	1
Primers	1	1

c) Ruakokoputuna

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

d) All subjects have received due attention considering that pupils only attend three days a week, their progress is very satisfactory

e) Order, tone and discipline Very good

f) Attendance Good

g) The efficiency of the teaching is good

h) The buildings at Pukenui are in good order

17th December Changed over days of attendance This week in order that Pukenui receives the two days Monday and Wednesday

19th December Break up for term holidays

1929

4th February Resumed at Pukenui Roll 4 present 4

5th May Commenced examination today

10th May Sent attendance returns to Board today

I relinquish duties here today I thank the residents for the kind words spoken and the splendid with which I was presented yesterday

T A Hardie

Tom Hardie's daughter told me that he biked between the two schools

5th April A N Burns inspector to Secretary Wellington Education Board The school has closed. There are only 4 children on the roll. One is leaving soon, One lives half way between Ruakokoputuna and Pukenui and could as easily attend the latter

The remaining two are four miles from Martinborough along a good road and 2 1/2 miles from Pukenui

10th April Letter from Wellington Education Board to J Baghurst, School Correspondent Pukenui School Martinborough

The distribution of the teachers time three days a week at each school is hardly fair on the larger number of children attending Ruakokoputuna

The question of closing the school will be presented to the Board

It is not suggested that at the present time the Pukenui School should be moved as subdivision of the land may take place

Note School closed at end of first term

The teacher was removed

21st May Letter to Mr Baghurst asking him to undertake charge of the Pukenui School and properties

1930

8th November 1930 Pukenui school, Martinborough, is being removed from the present site to one of four acres at Ruakokoputuna round which now centres the population of the district. Pukenui school has been closed for some years

1921	9	Pukenui	Frain	Roderick	Sole	D
1923	7	Pukenui	Robinson	Alice M	Sole	D-193