

## Rakaunui

16 Kilometres from Pongaroa on State Highway 52 south towards Tiraumea.

Note: The spellings Rakaunui and Rakanui were both used for the name of the area and school. I have kept the spelling as published

### 1895-1896

1896	6	Rakaunui	Benn	Arthur		Master	£22	\$3,973
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31<sup>st</sup> January 1895 RAKAUNUI VILLAGE HOMESTEAD SETTLEMENT--24 sections, containing 359 acres

29<sup>th</sup> May 1895 The Alfredton-Weber Road is in fair order through to Dogtown or Rakanui.

23<sup>rd</sup> December 1895 Wellington Education Board Mr. J. R. Blair. Chairman of the Education Board will leave for Pahiatua on Thursday morning, to meet Mr. McCardle [member of Wellington Education Board], and deal with questions of starting aided schools at Coonor, Rakaunui, and Neatitipu[?], and the exchange of the present school site at Makuri.

10<sup>th</sup> July 1896 and Mr. Arthur Benn as Postmaster at Rakanui, Wellington, are gazetted. ,

18<sup>th</sup> November 1896 Election Rally November 4. Mr G. Whitcombe addressed the electors in the schoolhouse, Mr Benn in the chair. who was m favor of a free breakfast table and would abolish the duty on kerosene.....

28<sup>th</sup> November 1896 As the schoolmistress [Sic] at Rakanui was also the post-mistress the Board allowed the placing of a postal box in the school.

30<sup>th</sup> November 1896 Polling Place The Schoolhouse, Rakaunui

9<sup>th</sup> December 1896 It was decided to constitute the following School Districts; included Rakanui [ this meant it became a public school rather than an aided school]

### 1897

1897	10	Rakaunui	Benn	Arthur		Master	£56	\$9,994
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6<sup>th</sup> January 1897 Mr Ridd, Public Vaccinator, is through here vaccinating several of the settlers children, as owing to the bad state of the roads last winter they were unable to get out to Pahiatua to be inoculated.

11<sup>th</sup> January 1897 Through the efforts of Mr A. Benn, schoolmaster, a most enjoyable sports were given to the children of this district on New Year's day, which .were a splendid success. Several well-known faces came from Pongaroa and other places. The luncheon, which was provided by the several ladies, including Mesdames Whittaker, West, Bellshaw, Weatherby, and others, was served in a marquee erected at the schoolhouse. The tables were prettily decorated with flowers and ferns, Everything in the shape of the good things of this life were liberally handed round by the ladies, and it was not their fault if anyone was left out. About 17 races for the juveniles were put through during the afternoon. Mr J, Berry acted as , , starter and the handicapper for the older boys. Races for cash prizes, mutton &c were provided for them. Everyone said the handicapper deserved credit for the way in which he . placed his men. The ladies were not forgotten, as two races, for a box. of tea, flour, &c., were set apart for them. Messrs Smith and Brady were judges for the several races, Messrs

Weatherly and Archer acted as stewards, all of which carried out their several duties satisfactorily.

A hammer throwing competition was got off during the day for which Mr Taylor was awarded first prize, Leary second, and Berry third. Mr West worked hard all the day helping the ladies and also adding to the enjoyment of the visitors. Mr Benn provided the toys, and for which he deserves special praise. The cash prizes were contributed by several others. Mr Martell provided lollies, &c for the children.

After the sports were over, tea was partaken of, and a dance was held in the schoolhouse in the evening Mr Berry made an efficient M.C. Messrs Newcombe, Berry, Archer, and others contributed songs, and Mr Bellshaw sang some comic songs, including a local one, which brought the house down with laughter. Just before breaking up. Cheers were given for the several ladies who had, by their several kindnesses, so largely helped to make the day's outing such a success, Cheers were given for Mr Benn, who had so liberally helped in every possible way. After the cheering had subsided, Mr Benn returned thanks. He said that he hoped everyone had enjoyed themselves, but it was the ladies they had to thank also. Cheers were also given for Mr Berry, Mr Whitcombe (the chairman), and the School Committee After which a move was made towards home, everyone having spent a most enjoyable and happy dry, which we all hope will not be the last in our little village.

20<sup>th</sup> January 1897 [Own correspondent Woodville Examiner ] have to thank the Chairman of the school committee for a complimentary ticket for the social and dance, which is to be held on Anniversary Day in aid of the school funds, and which, judging by the way the tickets are going off, should be a monster success

The schoolhouse is shortly to be enlarged, which no doubt is proof that the population is steadily on the increase.

29<sup>th</sup> January 1897 SOCIAL AND DANCE. January 23rd, 1897. The social and dance on Friday in aid of the school funds was the best that has yet taken place within several miles of the township. The want of a much larger floor for such an immense gathering was seen as soon as the banjo gave the starting notes. And no doubt several were absent that otherwise would have been present but were away attending the Alfredton sports. A very fair number of ladies put in an appearance, several being strangers to the town, and Mr Benn had a busy few minutes introducing them. Mr Berry acted as M. C., and there is no need for me to say anything as to this gentleman's efficiency for this particular office, as he is said to be the best M.C. for miles around. The dancing was interspersed with songs, and the following interesting programme was successfully gone through:—Song, " A Soldier's Tear," " Rock me to sleep," Mrs Weatherly; Mr McMillan, "Eldermen," "Every inch a Sailor," and several other songs; Mr Perrin, recitations, " O'Hara, J.P.," and " Maloney's Fenian Cat; C Smith, "Comrades " ; A. West, " Village Bells " ; A. Spring, recitation, " The House that Jack built" ; Mr Weatherly, " The Gallant 24th." Mr Bellshaw gave several comic songs during the evening. Messrs Bellshaw, C. Smith, McMillan, and Jorgensen supplied the music. Messrs McMillan, St. Crosse and Sayers, gave an exhibition of step dancing. Supper was partaken of about 10.30. The good things of this life were provided by the several ladies around the township, and by the quantity their motto must have been, " That none should go empty away." Mesdames Whittaker, Ling, and Bellshaw had charge of the tables, assisted by Mr Jensen, the ladies having a very busy time handing the several goodies around. Mr A. Cheer's

song, " The Bold Soldier Boy," was sang with splendid effect. The law was represented by the local constable and a J .P., but their services were not required. Messrs Archer, Spring, and Robinson contributed songs at intervals. The belle of the ball I must leave for the ladies to decide. Dancing was kept up till a few minutes after four a.m. The floor of the schoolhouse was in excellent condition for dancing. A temporary marque had been erected at the side of the building, the floor of which was somewhat rough, but several dances were put through in it. The Chairman, Mr Whittaker, and the school committee, Messrs Smith, Warner, Martilli, and Bellshaw, were highly pleased at the result of their labors, which proved a financial success. Everyone appeared to be sorry when daylight appeared and were compelled to wend their way homeward once, more. I might say the township was very quiet on Saturday, and very few moving about, but that is generally the way—after the ball is over.

Mr Perrin, of the Pahiatua Herald staff, is among us at present. Some of his well-known pen and ink sketches may be seen at our local store.

I omitted in my report of the sports held on New Year's Day to mention the names of the following ladies who contributed very largely the good things of this life, for which I must apologise to them. I did my best to include all, but I know the ladies will forgive me this time. The ladies are :—Mesdames A. Smith, Jensen, and Warner. I thank the gentleman that drew my attention to the omission.

7<sup>th</sup> April 1897 A social and dance is to be held in this township on Easter Monday, in aid of the school funds. Some of the best talent in the district has been secured for this auspicious occasion. The school committee are making every preparation, and no doubt should the weather be favorable a large gathering will be present. The ladies around the district are as usual working harmoniously together for the object, and they deserve every credit for the way they provide for the wants of the inner man.

8<sup>th</sup> April 1897 In its annual report the Wellington Education Board acknowledged the building and opening of the Rakanui School

28<sup>th</sup> April 1897 April 10. SOCIAL AND DANOE. Notwithstanding the temptuous weather of late, a large gathering assembled on Easter Monday at the schoolhouse, about sixty persona being present, including a very fair sprinkling of ladies, some of whom had journeyed several miles. A permanent floor, 16 x 20, had been put down during the day by the Committee, Messrs Whittaker, Warner, Smith, and Bellshaw having to work all the day getting things ready for the social. Mr St. Crosse acted as M. C. and gave every satisfaction. He having two floors to attend to, his duties were at times most arduous. Some excellent music was provided by Mr Bellshaw (banjo), and Messrs Smith and Jorgensen (accordion), who kept the dancers going till after 7 o'clock next morning with their merry strains. Although the extra floor was down, the number of guests was too large for everyone to dance at the same time, and the M.C. had several times to repeat the dance for those who did not get on the floor on the first occasion. The result was happiness for all.

Messrs McMillan, C. Smith, Roadley, Robertson, Bellshaw, and others contributed several songs during the evening, all of which were encored, and most responded to. Supper was partaken of at 11.30 p.m. The tables were prettily decorated with flowers, ferns, and also niceties of every description for the hungry and thirsty ones. The attackers on the supper tables were easily kept going by the following ladies : Mesdames Whittaker, West, Bellshaw, and Strokes, who kept replenishing the tables time after time, being assisted by Mr J. Dixon.

An agreeable innovation on a lengthy programme was supplying the visitors with herb beer at intervals, which was very acceptable. The supper, thanks to the ladies of Rakaunui, could not be surpassed for excellence. The gathering was a very smart and brilliant one, and most lovely dresses were worn by the ladies present. Mr Brady lent valuable assistance during the day assisting the Committee, who are deserving of great praise for the excellent programme provided. The financial result of the social will be .£7 added to the school funds.

GENERAL. Some excellent improvements has been made by the Committee during their term of office. About three acres of bush has been felled, and other improvements made to the school ground, which has quite a pleasant appearance now. The scholars have made exceptional progress under the master, Mr Benn, since the school started, and I hope the Committee will find ways or means of securing a better attendance than there has been of late. Parents who take their children away from school before they have passed the proper Standard are deserving of the severest censure. The late heavy rains have done considerable damage to the several roads in this district. A large staff of men are now engaged removing the slips. The bullock drivers are having a rest in the meantime.

25<sup>th</sup> Jun 1897 money order office at Hukanui; and a postal note office at Rakaunui have been opened

29<sup>th</sup> October 1897 A social and dance takes place at Rakaunui on the 9th November, and there are indications that the Committee will break all previous records.

15<sup>th</sup> November 1897 The concert and dance which took place at the Schoolhouse was a splendid success financially, but owing to the unsettled weather of late, such a number did not roll up as generally do on such auspicious occasions. However, it was a very representative gathering. A fine body of mounted troopers called. Brannigan's Bruisers came from Makuri, and that township need have no fear of an invasion as long as they have such a fine body of men there. The night turned out very wet and cold, and the covered-in floor adjoining the School was a total failure, owing to its temporary covering getting partially blown off. Mr J. Berry as M.G. gave universal satisfaction, and under the most difficult circumstances saw that all got a share of the floor. Several dances had to be repeated. The belle of the ball was Miss Nellie Hays, who looked very fascinating dressed in electric blue and lavender. The music was provided by Messrs Brannigan and Sampson, whose playing was excellent, although there was not very much variety. The settlers one and all had provided an excellent supper, some supplying eatables others £' s. d. according to their means. Messrs Welsh, Newcombe and Gardiner contributed songs, which were loudly applauded. Mr Bellshaw sang some comic songs which brought the house down. Mr Jensen rendered valuable assistance during the evening, helping to the enjoyment of others. After the dance a Dutch auction was held, all the eatables left being sold under the hammer, and they ail realized good prices. Mr acted as auctioneer. success of the social was due Whittaker and Bellshaw, the only two of the School Committee; who worked heart and soul to make the affair the success it was.

I must not forget to thank M r Giraud for his hospitality to the visitors in the absence of our esteemed schoolmaster, Mr Benn, who is away enjoying a well-earned holiday. Mr Giraud is acting as postmaster in his absence.

## 1898

1898	15	Rakaunui	Benn	Arthur		Master	£80	\$13,704
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1921/4214	Benn	Arthur	75y
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Maybe the above. I could find no other certain information about this Arthur Benn  
10<sup>th</sup> March 1898 Mr T R Fleming to inspect Rakaunui on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
30<sup>th</sup> November 1898 A RAKAUNUI TROUBLE.

(to the editor)

Sir, —Our settlement has been thrown into a state of ferment during the past few days owing to a dastardly attempt to blast the character of one of the members of our local cricket team, viz., the Rakaunui school teacher, who was one of the eleven who rode through to Aohanga and played a match against the shearers from Messrs Handyside's and Sheath's stations, from whose hands he received rather rough usage, being struck in the mouth and leg, the former blow knocking out a tooth and otherwise cutting his face. The game ended, and he with the remainder of his team returned to Pongaroa, arriving at a late hour. Mr Benn, anxious to be at his duties notwithstanding his being physically unfit for work, left for Rakaunui about 6 a.m., so that he might reach there in ample time to open the school at the usual hour, which he did. It appears that at the play interval he felt so unwell that he retired to a friend's house close by to rest and dozed off to sleep. The Chairman of the School Committee, for reasons known to himself, entered the house where Mr Benn was, and finding him asleep, sent his son round the country to collect the other members of the Committee. He informed them that Mr Benn was under the influence of liquor. It is evident to me, after making the most careful and searching enquiries, that the accusation was pure spite, which seems to be shared not only by the vindictive Chairman, but also by the majority of the Committee, who wish to dismiss the teacher. However, had they succeeded, the whole of the settlers in the district, with one or two exceptions, were prepared to fight his battle, and intended to have insisted on the resignation of the Committee, which is to be hoped they will yet do, or else give Mr Benn a public apology for their most disgraceful treatment of one of the most capable and trustworthy teachers that live on the eastern slopes of the Puketois.—I am, &c., G. Norman. Pongaroa, Nov. 28th.

21<sup>st</sup> December 1898 In answer to a letter signed G. Norman, Pongaroa, and headed " A Rakaunui Trouble," I think, Sir, that Mr G. Norman, of Pongaroa, had not the slightest knowledge of the matter, that he wrote about, and through him poking his nose into other people's business he has made matters worse, and stirred up an unpleasant affair that was settled before he rushed into print. As I do not wish to make the master's position any worse, I will refrain from publishing any particulars of the master's position here, and the cause of the same. But if Mr G. Norman, of Pongaroa, wants any further information or satisfaction, he can have the same by applying personally to any one of the Rakaunui School Committee.—I am, &c, G. W. West, Chairman of Committee. Rakaunui, Dec. 14.

## 1899-1900

1899	17	Rakaunui	Lamb	Marcelly		Female	£80	\$14,195
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1900	23	Rakanui	Lamb	Marcelly		Female	£90	\$15,647
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1901/4100	Marcilly	Lamb	Thomas W	Kercher
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Thomas William Kercher was only on the Electoral Roll in 1900 in the Pahiatua Electorate  
 Thomas William Kircher and Marcelly had four children between 1902 and 1908 . Marcelly  
 died in 1912 aged 41 years/ Thomas William on the electoral rolls was always after 1900 in  
 the South Island

10<sup>th</sup> December 1912 KIRCHER.—On December 10, at Ashburton, Marcelly beloved wife of  
 Thomas Williams Kircher; aged 41 years. ....

10<sup>th</sup> January 1899 Part of a long article on Puketoi Area was this: Oh Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, ye  
 proceeded to Rakanui and on to Alfredton. A .good deal ,of the road over the soft papa is  
 corduroyed with split timber wide enough for a. horse track', but not sufficiently wide for  
 wheels..., A portion' has been dressed; with burnt, papa. The kiln is alongside the road ready  
 for use. There is no doubt that this material will answer well enough for road making if it is  
 not too costly. Between Pongaroa and Waterfalls [Tiraumea]—fifteen miles —the- land  
 improves, and some of the settlers who, have sections of one hundred to two hundred acres  
 appear ;td. be highly satisfied, with their prosperity Thefts are quite a number of families  
 living on their sections here. At Rakanui, although there is an abundance of level or  
 undulating country, the villagers have been treated as if they were goats—placed on the hills  
 —where they must have a difficulty in remaining. The village store might be mistaken for a  
 cottage, and it had its blinds down; but the post office opposite revealed an active  
 postmistress on the verandah making things lively for the Christmas spiders.....

25<sup>th</sup> February 1899 Mr F H Bakewell Inspector to inspect Rakanui on 9<sup>th</sup> March

1<sup>st</sup> June 1899 Wellington Education Board to postpone consideration of the erection of a  
 school at Rakaunui;

1<sup>st</sup> June 1899 To postpone for more information application from Rakaunui for erection of a  
 school on reserve

31<sup>st</sup> August 1899 Wellington Education Board accepted the lowest tender for improvements  
 at Rakanui

7<sup>th</sup> September 1899 Teacher Rakanui School Average 15 Salary £80

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1899 Mr. Burgess appeared in support of an application by Max Eberhard for an  
 order of discharge. The debtor, who- had carried on a medical store in Rakanui, stated that  
 since his bankruptcy he had been employed on Cooperative works. He was a married man  
 with three children. Order of discharge granted

3<sup>rd</sup> November 1899 In reply to a petition from the residents of Rakaunui, asking that  
 telephonic communication should be granted to them, the Department stated that as the line  
 would cost £1200, and interest on that would amount to £141, the revenue would only  
 amount to £50, leaving a deficiency of £91 to be met by the Department, the request could  
 not be granted

21<sup>st</sup> November 1899 On November 9th a social and dance was held in the Schoolroom to  
 welcome Miss Lamb, the new schoolmistress, and was a great success, being numerously  
 attended, everybody present enjoying the evening thoroughly.

14<sup>th</sup> December 1899 Wellington Education Board Rakaunui, additions to school, brick chimney and fencing;

11<sup>th</sup> January 1900 Wellington Education Board Tender accepted £94 9s 6d additions to school. E W West Rakanui

4<sup>th</sup> December 1900 APPLICATTONS, which must be made on forma to be obtained at this office, will be received up to MONDAY, the 10th inst, for the position of Head Teacher of the Rakaunui School. Average attendance 23, for half-year ended 30th June. Salary, £89 and £10 house allowance

13<sup>th</sup> December 1900 Fresh applications were called for the position of teacher for the Hukanui School

13<sup>th</sup> December 1900 Resignation of Miss Lamb accepted

Marcella Lamb taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1897 and 1898 at Te Whiti school and then was at Rakaunui School for just over a year

## 1901-1902

1901	25	Rakanui	Dowling	Johannah		Female	£100	\$16,882
1902	25	Rakanui	Dowling	Johannah		Female	£105	\$17,324

In 1899 and 1900 Johanne Dowling taught at Hinemoa School. In 1903 Johannah M Dowling was teaching at Greenstone for the Grey Education Board In 1906 she was Sole Teacher at the Marsden Public school with a roll of 14 In 1913 she was at Paroa School [South of Greymouth] still on the West Coast and was still there in 1917

1878/4877	Dowling	Johanna Margaret	Ellen	John
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1918/2120	Johanna Margaret	Dowling	Thomas Arthur	Roberts
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14<sup>th</sup> January 1901 Teacher Rakaunui School; average, 23. Salary £90

31<sup>st</sup> January 1901 Teacher's salaries M Lamb Current salary £80 expected rise £25 10s

20<sup>th</sup> February 1901 Mr T R Fleming to inspect the school on 6<sup>th</sup> March

21<sup>st</sup> March 1901 More on salaries Rakaunui roll 23 Sole Teacher £110 a rise of £20

15<sup>th</sup> April 1901 The extension of telephone communication in country districts is proceeding apace. A line from Alfredton to Pongaroa, taking in Waterfalls, Pori and Rakaunui, has been finished.

26<sup>th</sup> April 1901 Mr Jones, of Eketahuna, has built a commodious store at Rakaunui. It is evident that he has faith in the possibilities of this locality.

6<sup>th</sup> May 1901 he meeting to form a School Committee fell through, owing to the settlers being full up of the mud. It is hard to get the people to gather together now, as the roads are getting very bad

25<sup>th</sup> July 1901 Wellington Education Board that the Rakanui Committee be allowed a grant of £7 for fencing and levelling,

20<sup>th</sup> June 1902 The Tiraumea road is blocked. There is now no communication with Rakanui from this end, and vehicular traffic only as far as Saunders'. It will probably be some months before the road is opened to Rakaunui.

### 1903-1904

1903	26	Rakaunui	Murray	William T		Headmaster	£128	\$21,208
1904	25	Rakaunui	Murray	William T		Master	£121	\$20,036

29<sup>th</sup> January 1903 Wellington Education Board The following grants were sanctioned for effecting repairs, etc., at the schools mentioned included—Rakaunui, £2;

1<sup>st</sup> April 1903 Leave of absence granted to Miss Dowling of the Rakaunui School

28<sup>th</sup> May 1903 In regard to an application for a teacher's residence at Rakaunui, it was agreed to reply that the Board could safely promise a grant when it had the funds.

13<sup>th</sup> June 1903 Sole Teacher, Rakaunui ; average 28. Salary £128 and £20 house allowance.

2<sup>nd</sup> July 1903 Wellington Education Board appointment Mr William Murray (recently from Auckland) appointed to Rakanui [See Pongaroa school for the interesting story about about William T Murray]

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1904 Word has been received that two settlers, named Northcroft and Winteringham, have been burnt out at Rakanui;

### 1905-1906

1905	26	Rakaunui	Combs	Frank L	D4	Master	£130	\$:
1906	28	Rakaunui	Combs	Frank L	D3	Master	£144	\$:

F L Combs taught the researcher's father at Featherston school and we have a letter he wrote to my Father on his passing of examinations. See Mangatainoka School in the Pahiatua Schools section for a history of his career

31<sup>st</sup> January 1905 Scholarship H L Murray Rakaunui Scored 390 marks in the examination but failing to win a scholarship

7<sup>th</sup> February 1905 Mr. W. T. "Murray, of the Rakaunui School, has just been appointed head teacher at the Opaki School, in succession to Miss Evans, who has joined the staff of the Clyde-quay School. [was only there for a short time before going to Pongaroa School]

10<sup>th</sup> February 1905 Rakaunui Sole teacher £130 and £20 House allowance

24<sup>th</sup> February 1905 The Education Board granted an extra scholarship to H L Murray Rakaunui £15

10<sup>th</sup> March 1905 Masterton School Committee The Education Board has made one of its scholarships tenable as this school, the winner being a boy from the Rakanui school.

1<sup>st</sup> September 1905 The Education Board yesterday approved the nomination of Air E. West to be School Commissioner at Rakanui, where the householders failed to elect a committee.

29<sup>th</sup> January 1906 Premier Visits backblocks included At Rakaunui there was another halt at the schoolhouse , where Mr J. McCardle introduced Mr Seddon to a large gathering of children and parents.



Mr Seddon said he was surprised when he came to the district to see the amount of work that had been done by the settlers in so short a time. He had a lively recollection of deputations that had brought under his notice the requirements of the settlers. He realised their troubles and was glad to find now that they were over. (A voice : Except the roads.) Yes, their greatest trouble now was the want of two or three miles of metal. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated the people on having a piece of good country for grazing cattle and sheep. It was a very choice piece of New Zealand and had a great future before it. The trouble about getting roads was that settlers forgot theirs was only a very small portion of the vast area of land that had been settled. Personally, he hoped the time was not far distant when they could announce that there was not a settler in the country who had not a good metalled road to his door. (Applause.)

The party were entertained at afternoon tea, and after Mr Seddon had discussed a few local matters he took his departure, amidst cheers.

6<sup>th</sup> March 1906 Wellington Education Board During the coming year the Wellington Education Board proposes to effect repairs to the schools at Mangahao. Mangamahoe, Tane, Wairere, Kakariki. Pongaroa, Alfredton, Hamua, Hastwell, Ihuraua, Mangamaire, Nikau, Scarborough, Eketahuna and Rakaunui.

30<sup>th</sup> March 1906 Rakaunui makes an application to being recognised of agriculture classes included Rakanui

28<sup>th</sup> September 1906 Wellington Education Board The Works and Finance Committee recommended that the following be approved: Rakaunui, application for subsidy on £9 18s

26<sup>th</sup> October Wellington Education Board Rakanui school had painting and repairs authorised.

### 1907-1909

1907	27	Rakaunui	Jenks	Francis L	C4	Master	£144	\$22,575
1908	22	Rakaunui	Larsen	Richard C	D4	Master	£144	\$22,575
1909	15	Rakaunui	Larsen	Christian R	D3	Master	£149	\$23,678

The Christian names are accurately recorded but I strongly expect that they are the same person as Richard Larsen was at Pahiatua as a pupil Teacher in 1903 At Masterton as Richard O and Richard C. Then at Rakaunui for 2 years before being at Makomako as Christian R as Headmaster until at least 1912. In 1913 he was at Okato in Taranaki as Headmaster as Richard C and in 1919 still at Okato but as Christian C . According to the Electoral Rolls he was Christian Richard Larsen

11<sup>th</sup> October 1918 Taranaki Education Board applied for exemption from war duty for Christian Richard Larsen and won

Francis L Jenks only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1907 at Rakaunui. He was only on the 1911 Electoral Roll There were no newspaper references to him after 1911 and no Death registered for Francis Llewelyn Jenks in NZ

### 1910-1911

1910	15	Rakaunui	Ainsworth	Lilian A J	D3	Female	£120	\$18,812
1911	14	Rakaunui	Gilmour	James A		Master	£108	\$17,080

9<sup>th</sup> August 1911 Rakaunui Pahiatua District sole teacher £120 to £130 and £15 Housing allowance

30<sup>th</sup> August 1911 Wellington Education Board Grant Rakaunui tank, fencing etc £13

30<sup>th</sup> August 1911 Miss Ainsworth resigns

1950/19506	Ainsworth	Lilian Ada Jane	80Y
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15<sup>th</sup> September 11 Mr J A Gilmour appointed sole teacher

Lilian Ainsworth was at Saunders Road in 1907 and at Nireaha in 1909 and finished teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Rakaunui. She was successful at a teachers examination in 1910 at Masterton . In 1912 and 1913 She was teaching at Waipatiki School for the Hawkes Bay Education Board just North of Horoeoka in the Wellington Education Board In 1915 she was at the Mangatahi [West of Otane] School still working for the Hawkes Bay Education Board

Lilian Ada Jane Ainsworth was registered in the Nelson Electorate in 1896 and In Otaki and Electorate in 1946 and 1949 and probably in Otaki electorate from 1928 to 1938

James A Gilmour only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Rakaunui and I cannot find any more information about him. Possibly James Alexander Gilmour

## 1912-1915

1912	15	Rakaunui	Knox	Emmeline		Female	£90	\$13,802	
1913	16	Rakaunui	Knox	Emmeline		Female	£90	\$13,500	£10.00
1914	21	Rakaunui	Knox	Emmeline		Female	£108	\$15,462	£15.00
1915	21	Rakaunui	Knox	Emmeline		Female	£126	\$16,878	£20.00

Extra totals on right hand column shows that a Teachers' residence has not been provided

24<sup>th</sup> April 1912 Rakanui —Messrs. A. J. Streak (chairman), G. H. Bryant (treasurer), TJ Isles, T. Hickey, R. B. Robertson

26<sup>th</sup> June 1912 Wellington Education Board Repairs

28<sup>th</sup> August 1912 Mr J A Gilmour sole teacher Rakaunui resigned

10<sup>th</sup> September 1912 Rakaunui (Pahiatua district) — Sole Teacher, £90 to £120 and £10 housing allowance .

25<sup>th</sup> September 1912 Miss E Knox has been appointed Sole teacher at Rakaunui

1<sup>st</sup> February 1913 A most enjoyable picnic was held a few days back at Waikereru, when settlers were present from the whole of the surrounding districts. In the evening a dance was held in the Rakaunui Hall, at which there was a large gathering. A feature of the function was" the large number of well-dressed ladies, including visitors from Auckland, Hawke's Bay and elsewhere

5<sup>th</sup> November 1914 Wellington Education Board Ambulance equipment fund Rakanui £1 1 shilling

## 1917-1923

1917	17	Rakaunui	Tregurtha	Richard H		Sole	£126	\$14,122	
1919	21	Rakaunui	Tregurtha	Richard H		Sole	£160	\$14,454	
1921	18	Rakaunui	Taylor	Jessie E		Sole	£170	\$14,635	
1923	17	Rakaunui	Hill	Annie Mrs		Sole	£155	\$14,246	

28<sup>th</sup> June 1917 Mrs E Flaws resigns  
Emmeline only had one child Stillborn in 1917

1915/1155	Emmeline	Knox	John Clifford	Flaws
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1918/5782	Flaws	Emmeline	35Y
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10<sup>th</sup> July 1917 Rakanui (Pahiatua. District)— Sole Teacher, £140 to £190' and £20 house allowance

11<sup>th</sup> August 1917 Mr R H Tregarthen appointed sole teacher

Richard Tregurtha Taught as head of Mauriceville West until at Least 1923

1<sup>st</sup> October 1918 Copper Trail ; Rakanui, Red Cross Guild, 18s. 6d.; Rakanui School, 11s. .7d

19<sup>th</sup> March 1920 Wellington Education Board Rakanui, overhaul, W. Robertson;

16<sup>th</sup> March 1921 Miss J Taylor appointed sole teacher

Jessie Taylor only taught for Wellington Education Board at Rakanui

Mrs Annie Hill had not taught under her married name for the Wellington Education Board

### Post 1923

27<sup>th</sup> January 1929 Rakaunui Sole Teacher Miss D M J Orr

20<sup>th</sup> August 1931 Wellington Education Board Advice was received that grants had been approved to carry out measures to minimise earthquake risks at the following schools:—Muritai, Northland, Rakaunui,.....

29<sup>th</sup> September 1936 Mr A D Wallace sole teacher Rakaunui

15<sup>th</sup> February 1938 Miss F M Lane from Ngahape to Rakanui as Sole Teacher

25<sup>th</sup> June 1945 Mr A Anderson appointed sole teacher Rakanui (on military service)

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Section 27 Area 2 acres 2 Roods 24 perches

Consolidated on Pongaroa 2/2/1950