

Reikiorangi

Also used Rikiorangi by Newspapers of the time.

1895-1898

1895		Reikiorangi	Killing	Helena C		Female	£88.10	
1896	22	Reikiorangi	Brock	Janet		Female	£80.00	
1897	28	Reikiorangi	Richards	Janet	E5	Female	£100.00	
1898	28	Reikiorangi	Feist	Adolph M	D2	Master	£120.00	

Though Killing is the Surname used in the official records in 1895 Helena Killery is her correct name. She was a teacher on the Westland in 1890 at a School called Rangiriri. After Reikiorangi Helena taught at Bideford, North East of Masterton for three years; 10th May 1899 she married into the Percy Family of Te Ore Ore Masterton

10th May 1899 A very quiet wedding took place at the Masterton Catholic Church this morning, the principals being Mr Joseph Percy, fourth son of Mr Henry Percy, of Te Ore Ore, and Miss Helena Killery, late school mistress at Bideford. The bride wore a handsome navy blue travelling costume, and was attended by Miss Nellie Percy, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a pretty costume of brown cloth with blue silk trimmings. The Rev Dean McKenna performed the ceremony.

Janet Brock taught for Wellington Education Board at Shannon in 1892 and Reikiorangi in 1896

1897/1548	Janet	Brock	James Musgrove	Richards
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Adolph M Feist was a male pupil teacher at Fernridge just West of Masterton from 1883 to 1891. In 1892 He was at Clyde Quay. From 1893 to 1895 he was sole teacher at Wainuiomata . The followed one year at Levin, 1 year at Reikiorangi Before going to Ohau in 1899 till 1908. He then moved to the Auckland area as he had given up teaching because of his eyes.

30th October 1895 Wellington Education Board Miss Killery was appointed to the charge of the aided school Rikiorangi

7th November 1895 Waikanae One noticeable feature here is the steady influx of people who have settled in the district within the last six months. Rikiorangi, close by, has now become quite an important place, simply because land has been available for settlement, and a school will be opened in a fortnight there. Miss Killery has been appointed teacher.

2nd April 1896 Wellington Education Board The chairman was requested to make arrangements for the appointment of Mr Gregory at Rikiorangi,

28th October 1896 Alterations and repairs asked for in reference to the Mungaroa, Rikiorangi, and Khandallah schools, were arranged for

27th May 1897 Wellington Education Board A request from Rikiorangi for a grant for the extension of the school was left in the hands of the chairman

‘26th January 1898 . It was decided to call for tenders for fencing at the Rikiorangi School,

27th January 1898 Wellington Education Board The resignations of Mrs Richards, teacher at Rikiorangi. and of the Mangatainoka committee were accepted,

1899-1901

1899	32	Reikiorangi	Holm	Annie A	D4	Female	£ 110.00	
1900	29	Reikiorangi	Holm	Annie A	D4	Female	£ 145.00	
1901	27	Reikiorangi	Holm	Annie A	D3	Female	£ 117.00	£10.00

The £10.00 was for board as no house was provided by the Wellington Education Board until 1909.

Annie Holm was a pupil teacher at Newtown from 1893 to 1898. After her three years at Reikiorangi she went back to Wellington at Karori. In 1907 she was at Mt Cook girls until 1915 as an assistant. In 1937 Miss A A Holm was Head of the St Mark's Church school which celebrated its twentieth birthday.

13th February 1899 Wellington Education Board Teacher Rikiorangi School; average, 23. Salary, .£90

13th February 1899 The school at Rikiorangi, near Waikanae, which has been closed since Mr. Feist was transferred to the Ohau School, was reopened to-day by Miss Holm, from the Newtown School.

23rd February 1899 and Miss Annie A. Holm was promoted to the charge of the Rikiorangi School. –

26th April 1900 School Committee Rikiorangi— Messrs. Alfred Smith (Chairman), R. Stubbings, H. Clifton, R. Tees, and A. Collier.

27th February 1901 In a long list of teachers: A Holm Reikiorangi Paid £145 amount in excess of regulations £35

1902-1905

1902	21	Reikiorangi	Burns	John C	D3	Master	£ 124.10	£20.00
1903	23	Reikiorangi	Banks	Annie L	D2	Female	£ 103.10	£ 20.00
1904	27	Reikiorangi	Banks	Annie L	D2	Female	£ 124.10	£ 20.00
1905	34	Reikiorangi	Banks	Annie L	D2	Female	£ 132.00	£20.00

John C Burns started as a pupil Teacher in 1896 at Petone and in 1900 & 1901 at The Terrace School as an assistant manager. Then after his year at Reikiorangi He was at Levin DHS until 1910. And after 3 years at Mt Cook Boys he was from 1913 to at least 1917 at Newtown Boys before in 1919 he was head of Karori. In 1921 he was a school inspector and by 1923 he was headmaster of Karori School.

Annie Banks had a long career with the Wellington Education Board In 1893 & 1895 she was a pupil teacher at Clyde Quay. In 1895 she was sole teacher at Pencarrow Lighthouse. In 1896 at Shannon. Then from 1897 to 1902 she was at Worser Bay. From 1903 to 1905 and 1907 she taught at Reikiorangi. In 1908 to 1910 at Mount Cook Girls' Then 1911 and 1912 at Mungaroa followed by 1913 to at least 1917 at Te Marua North of Upper Hutt

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30th January 1902 Among a long list of salary changes for Wellington Education Board Teachers

Rikiorangi John E Thwaites Present salary £150 Colonial Salary £151 10s

17th February 1902 The appointment of Mr. J. C. Burns, now of the Terrace, to the Rikiorangi School, has been confirmed

23rd July 1903 School committees are to be elected this evening by the householders of Petone, Pahautanui, Rikiorangi, and Wangaehu [No School Committee was elected at the first attempt in April]]

21st August 1903 Mr. J. C. Burns, formerly of Wellington, has received the appointment of first assistant master at the new Levin School. The residents of Rikiorangi, where he has been last stationed, on Monday met Mr. and Mrs. Burns, and presented them with several articles of plate, etc., as an evidence of the esteem in which they were held in the district

11th November 1903 Miss Banks, who has been transferred from the charge of the Worser Bay School to Reikiorangi, has been presented with a very handsome diamond and sapphire bangle and ring, as a mark of esteem from the scholars attending the school and the residents of Worser Bay.

30th March 1904 Wellington Education Board A grant of £3 (half-cost) was made to the Rikiorangi School Committee for the purpose of erecting a dividing fence.

5th July 1905 Education Board The following tenders have been accepted since last Board meeting:—(1) F. C. Fox, repairs and painting Newman School, £22; (2) W. Warn, Reikiorangi School, £37 15s

15th September Mr George : Southee, writing from Reikiorangi, contradicts the statement, reported to have been made by Mr Field at last meeting of the Education Board, to the effect that a family is living close to the school in that district not one of whose children has ever attended school, though the eldest is about sixteen years of age. He says he would be obliged if Mr Field would give the name of the family he referred to.

1906-1909

1906	36	Reikiorangi	Wilkinson	D J	D3	Female	£160.00	\$ 20.00
1907	41	Reikiorangi	Banks	Annie L	D2	Female	£160.00	\$20.00
1908	41	Reikiorangi	Bennett	William D	D2	Head Master	£165.00	\$20.00
1908	41	Reikiorangi	Olansen	Bertha		Assistant Female	£85.00	
1909	36	Reikiorangi	Bennett	William D	D2	Head Master	£185.00	House
1909	36	Reikiorangi	Jamieson	Catherine		Assistant Female	£90.00	

By 1909 a house was provided for the head teacher

In 1899 D J Wilkinson taught at Petone. Then she next taught for the Wellington Education Board at Terrace DHs in the secondary Department in 1905 Then at Reikiorangi in 1906 and in 1907 as Dorothy J at Masterton and the following year back at the Terrace

William D Bennett was a male pupil teacher 1894 to 1899, 1900 he was a pupil teacher at Taita and in 1901 at Hutt DHS. He wasn't teaching for the Wellington Education Board in 1903 but in 1904 he was sole teacher at Bideford North east of Masterton until 1907. He then came to Reikiorangi in 190 and stayed till 1914 when he went to Tawa Flat as headmaster followed by a period as head of Porirua. In 1923 he was teaching as an assistant at Newtown School

Bertha Olausen taught two years at South Wellington as a pupil teacher and in 1908 at Reikiorangi for the 1 year as Olausen 13th April 1912 The New Zealand Times reports that a very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, April 3, at St. Peter's Church, Wellington, when Miss Bertha Olausen, lately teacher at Denbigh School, was married to Mr. S. M. Mills of Whangamomona, son of Mr. W. T. Mills, of Midhirst. [there is a Denbigh Road North East of Stratford]

Catherine Jamieson taught as a pupil teacher at Clyde Quay school in 1905 and 1906. Then 1909 and 1910 at Reikiorangi. Presumably the middle years were spent at Wellington Training College.

28th February 1906 Wellington Education Board Leave of absence was granted Annie L Banks Reikiorangi

1st May 1906 Miss Addle Banks, formerly of Wellington and Worsler Bay, , but now schoolteacher at Reikiorangi, leaves on a trip round the world (via Vancouver) during the present month.

26th October 1906 Wellington Education Board Works approved included £27 for improvements at Reikiorangi School and £21 at Waikanae

22nd November 1906 Wellington Education Board Tenders called for Latrines at Reikiorangi

5th December 1906 Wellington Education Board Tenders are called for enlargement of Porch etc.

14th December 1906 Wellington Education Board For works at Reikiorangi no tenders received.

13th December 1907 Wellington Education Board Metalling

16th January 1908 Reikiorangi Assistant mistress £85

19th February 1908 Bush Fires . It was further reported that at Reikiorangi, up the valley from Waikanae, three families had camped in the school house[That is the school not the residence]

1st May 1908 Teachers' residences.—Applications from Reikiorangi and Hastwell for teachers' residences drew from Mr. Hogg the suggestion that rooms might be attached to school buildings. He mentioned certain districts where this had been done, and the teachers were very comfortable. The idea was an economical one. ; . The Chairman observed 'that experience had proved that such an arrangement was not a desirable one. [Ponatahi School east of Carterton was one of these]

1st May 1908 Miss A S Dale resigned from Reikiorangi

13th May 1908 Reikiorangi (near Waikanae, Manawatu Lino) — Assistant Mistress, £85.

13th July 1908 The need of a school teacher's resident here is badly felt, as there is no accommodation house, and the place where they are staying is only a temporary accommodation. The concerts and dances, in aid of the school piano, -are; well patronised. The teacher (Miss Banks) has something like £15 or £20 in hand.'

8th October 1908 Reikiorangi —[Roll] (42) (near Waikanae) — Head Teacher— £165 and £20 h.a [Housing allowance]

11th November 1908 Mr. W. Bennett, of Bideford, has been appointed headmaster of Reikiorangi School by the Wellington Education Board,

15th January 1909 Five grants have been authorised for school teachers' residences. The districts with their specified amounts are as follow : — Rikiorangi, £410 ; ' Waikanae, ,£400 ; Muhunoa East, £410 ; Tokomaru, £425; and Hastwell, £410.

11th March 1909 Wellington Education Board REIKIORANGI (Manawatu Line-)-Assistant Mistress £90

26th March 1909 Resignation Miss B Clausen Reikiorangi 31st March

24th June 1909 Education Board Reikiorangi, grant for removal and re-erection of old school, Waikanae

3rd November 1909 The annual. Rikiorangi -School concert took place at the school room on Friday night, when the building was packed to the doors, visitors from Otaki Te Horo Waikanae, and Paraparaumu being present. , . Much credit is due to the headmaster (Mr W.D. Bennett) and Miss Jamieson assistant teacher, for the success, of the. entertainment. . The programme was. as follows: Overture by the Reikiorangi Orchestra—Messrs. Brown (cornet), Stubbings (violin) ; and Miss Mary Stubbings (piano);; song, "Come, let us make our voices ring," children (38 voices); , songs by Messrs. Kirk(Te Horo), Penn - (Otaki), Green (Wellington),, Brewer (Waikanae), and Mrs. Boyd; pianoforte, solo, Miss Buck; recitation, Mr. Austin; Miss Buck and, Messrs. Connor and Stubbings played the accompaniments. A dance, in which 70-couples took part,-concluded, the evening.... Mrs. W. D. Bennett,, who. has been indisposed 'for; some weeks in Wellington, returned- home last week

1910-1913

1910	38	Reikiorangi	Bennett	William D	D2	Head Master	£190.00	House
1910	38	Reikiorangi	Jamieson	Catherine		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1911	36	Reikiorangi	Bennett	William D	D1	Head Master	£195.00	House
1911	36	Reikiorangi	White	Augustina	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1912	39	Reikiorangi	Bennett	William D	D1	Head Master	£200.00	House
1912	39	Reikiorangi	Shand	Florence J	Licensed	Assistant Female	£90.50	
1913	41	Reikiorangi	Bennett	William D	D1	Head Master	£205.00	House
1913	41	Reikiorangi	Shand	Florence J	Licensed	Assistant Female	£95.00	

Angusina White started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Reikiorangi in 1911. In 1912 she was at Mungaroa and then at Te Marua renamed from Mungaroa. Then from 1914 to at least 1917 she was at Johnsonville. In 1919 at Masterton DHS, 1921 at Levin DHS and by 1923 she was back at Wellington at Karori School

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Florence J Shand MISS FLORENCE SHAND. The death Occurred suddenly at her residence, Winton, Southland, on Monday, September 25, of Miss Florence Jane Shand, who was well known in the teaching profession throughout the Dominion. The late Miss Shand was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Shand, Lime hills, Southland; her father was a well-known schoolmaster in the Southland district in the early days, coming originally from the Taieri, where the family were among the first settlers. The late Miss Shand held

appointments in the Wairarapa, Manawatu, and Wellington districts before her retirement a few years ago, and much regret will be felt by friends all over New Zealand at her unexpected death. A brother, Mr. George Shand, resides in Wellington.

Florence J Shand taught at Horokiwi in 1910 and 1911. Reikiorangi from 1912 to 1914. Then she went to Kaitawa just out of Pahiatua. And from 1919 to at least 1921 she was sole teacher Mauriceville East

1st June 1910 Wellington Education Board Repairs Reikiorangi approved

29th June 1910 Wellington Education Board Applications relating to Newlands, Levin, Reikiorangi, Kaiwarra. and Te Aro were referred to the staff, officers to report.

31st August 1910 Wellington Education Board It was decided to make 'application for an additional room at Reikiorangi. [The Education Board had to ask the Department of Education for money for new structures]

3rd February 1911 Reikiorangi • (near Waikanae),—Assistant Mistress, ' £90 to .£120

28th February 1912 Wellington Education Board. In reply to an invitation of the Reikiorangi School Committee, it was agreed that the chairman (Mr. Lee), with other members who might desire to be present, should represent the board at the official opening of the new school building

14th May 1912 Wellington Education Board Reikiorangi (near Paraparaumu) — Assistant Mistress; £90 to £120.

14th June 1912 Wellington Education Board Reikiorangi (Waikanae Railway Station)—Assistant Mistress; £90 to £120.

14th August 1912 Miss F Shand appointed assistant

26th February 1913 Education Board Mr W Bennett granted leave of absence

1914-1923

1914	39	Reikiorangi	Bennett	William D	D1	Head Master	£210.00	House
1914	39	Reikiorangi	Shand	Florence J	Licensed	Assistant Female	£104.10	
1915	32	Reikiorangi	Rockel	Felix E S	D3	Master	£200.00	House
1917	32	Reikiorangi	Rockel	Felix E S	D3	Master	£200.00	House
1919	33	Reikiorangi	Johnson	Edith M	D-74	Sole	£250.00	
1921	40	Reikiorangi	Batt	Charles A	D	Sole	£310.00	
1923	39	Reikiorangi	Howard	Harry J	D-122	Head	£345.00	
1923	39	Reikiorangi	Thomas	Florence H M	C-207	Assistant	£213.00	

In 1907 Felix Rockel was teaching at Pohonui west of Taihape and taught to 1911 for the Wanganui Education Board

In 1912 Felix Rockel was Sole Teacher at Cross Creek on the Rimutaka railway line. The next two Years he was at Kaitawa just out of Pahiatua. Following Reikiorangi he went to Kaiwaiwai School half way between Featherston and Martinborough. In 1925 He was head master of the Kelvin Grove school in Palmerston North

In 1899 Edith M Johnson was teaching at Bush grove school with 2 pupils East of Martinborough near the coast. From 1900 to 1904 she was at Horokiwi school as sole charge.

From 1905 to 1907 Edith was teaching at Tane 18 Kilometres East of Eketahuna. Then from 1908 to 1912 she was at Akatarawa. From 1913 to at least 1917 she was teaching sole charge at Wallaceville in the Upper Hutt district. Then after her year at Reikiorangi she taught at Kaiparoro South of Eketahuna until at least 1923.

Charles A Batt taught at Pukehinau and Korora in 1917 to at least 1919 as two part time schools North of Pongaroa and then taught at Reikiorangi in 1921. In 1923 he was in Wellington teaching at the Normal School, where teachers were trained.

9th March 1926 Ellesmere Guardian The opening paragraph of a long article: Most Southbridge residents will remember Mr Charles A. Batt, who spent his boyhood days at Southbridge, where -he obtained his primary school education. After achieving a substantial measure of success at other occupations,, Mr Batt turned his attention to teaching ,a few years ago, and his splendid work amongst backward children has. attracted a great deal of attention. Recently Mr Batt wrote a booklet entitled "The Kingdom of Cram," based upon his experiences as a teacher. The matter has been written in a crisp, refreshing style, and has considerable literary merit. We publish below a review written by Mr F. L. Combs, M.A.

Harry J Howard Started teaching for the Wellington Education Board in 1917 at the Springlands school,(Marlborough) in 1917 and transferred to be at Reikiorangi when my records end by 1923

Florence H M Thomas was a Probationer at Pahiatua in 1915 and in 1919 was teaching at Eastern Hutt. In 1923 was at Reikiorangi school as an assistant. By 1924 she was teaching at South Featherston

11th September 1914 Ambulance Equipment fund for Expeditionary Force Reikiorangi 16 shillings and 9 pennies.

15th April 1915 Poor of Great Britain & Ireland and Belgian Relief Fund. Teachers and Pupils Reikiorangi School £9

18th September 1915 Wellington Education Board The Wellington Education Board invites tenders for painting and repair work to Makerua, Waikanae and Reikiorangi public schools;

10th July 1916 St Johns Ambulance Committee acknowledges Reikiorangi School 27 face Clothes 3 bath cloths

9th May 1918 Wellington Education Board No School Committee was elected so a new meeting called for. 27th May

15th January 1919 WANTED. —Competent Lady Help or General Servant; all duties, but easy place. Apply MRS ROCKEL, School, Rikiorangi.

13th June 1919 Mr F. E. S. Rockel, who has been headmaster of the Reikiorangi school for a considerable time past, has been . transferred to the Wairarapa, and a leaves Reikiorangi shortly.

3rd July 1919 Miss E M Johnson appointed sole teacher

28th November 1919 LOST. —From Rikiorangi School playshed on 25th, a Boy's Valuable RAINCOAT. Please return to school.

20th December 1919 School Concert. The Reikiorangi School children assisted by the local Choral Society gave a very enjoyable concert hist Tuesday night in the school hall. The children, who had been trained by their teacher, .Miss Johnson, gave a varied programme of dialogues, recitations, dances, songs in character, character recitations, and choruses. The

children who took the principal parts in the different items were: F. Kent, M. Bannatyne, E. Carter, H. Smith, V. Carter, E. Monk, D. McLeon, Manu Parata, S. Carter, J. Drew, M. Cudby, .T. Neilson, L. Corner, D. Thomas, R. Greig, O. Symonds, G. Smith, S. Cudby, A. Monk, R. Carter, C. Moyer, and J. Monk. The children's efforts were much appreciated. The selections by the Choral Society were very enjoyable. Mrs. J. Stubbings and Miss R. Kent sang very effectively, and Mr. King gave a series of Hawaanan melodies, accompanied by the ukulele. Mr. Meyer and Mr, Rigby also sang, and many of the songs choruses were encored. At the conclusion of the concert the prizes were presented to the children by Mr. Meyer, the chairman of committee. The two sixth standard pupils, E. Carter and W. Bannatyne, gained proficiency certificates. The National Anthem was then sung by parents and children.

15th June 1921 Miss F Wake resigns from Reikiorangi. [My records show she was at Tokomaru School]

7th March 1922 Petone High School The board also stated that Miss Ullmer was to be transferred to, the temporary charge of the school at Reikiorangi, and asked that she be released. By 1923 Miss Frederica Ullmer was sole teacher at Makuri. Between Pahiatua and Pongaroa.

13th December 1922 SCHOOL CONCERT. A most. enjoyable entertainment was held in the Rikiorangi School on Saturday last. Unfortunately the wet weather spoilt what would otherwise have been. bumper attendance. The first part of the evening consisted of a very fine display of lantern slides, by Mr C. Batt. of Wellington, the gem of the series being views of Killarney. Mrs G. Higgie and Miss J. Monk kindly obliged with the well-known song of that name during the. exhibition or the views-. The second part of the entertainment was chiefly in the hand, of the pupils of the school, and consisted of songs in unison and in parts, rounds, and dialogues. Messrs -J. Stubbings, E. Meyer. And H. Howard contributed songs, the former winning a well-deserved encore. Mr G. Higgie presided at the piano during the children's, items, and Miss Stubbing- for the adults

The Chairman of the School Committee then distributed the prizes—one for each child. The singing of the National Anthem brought the concert to a close. Refreshments were then handed round and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. Mr F. Meyer provided the music.

20th December 1922 RIKIORANGI SCHOOL.

A MATINEE. Owing to the inclement weather on Saturday. 9th, and the consequent disappointment of a number of parents and children, by special request, the school concert was repeated on Thursday afternoon, when the whole of the performers .were present. The items were as previously .reported (with the exception of Mr Bath'. lantern slides). Among the vocalists Mrs H. Meyer pleased the audience with a fine rendering of "Killarney," and Mr Howard contributed "Mandalay." Community singing was introduced for the first time is Rikiorangi and proved a great success. The children 'e dialogues, "A Warm Day." "Fishing," and "A New Use for Peddlers" went without a hitch, among the best ' performers being Miss Alma Nielsen. Master Theo Meyer, and Miss Doris Mallear.' Mrs G. Heggie again officiate! efficiently at the piano. Afternoon tea was afterwards, provided by the pupils, and an impromptu dance among the latter brought a pleasing wind-up to the year's work.

7th March 1923 SCHOOL PICNIC. The annual picnic of the Rikiorangi State School was held on Mr Higgins' ground on Friday last. The outing was favoured with glorious weather and was well attended by young and old. A Number of athletic events were run off and every child received something in the way of prize money. Ample provision was made for the "inner man," and to see the way the good things provided disappeared was a treat to the beholders, and a joy to the generous members of the School Committee and other donors. Mr L. Howell, of Paraparaumu, kindly officiated as starter of the races, and is to be thanked for a present of a case of pears for the kiddies who quite effectually accounted for same. At the close of the day's proceedings, the camera presented to the school by the Paraparaumu Athletic Club was handed to Leslie Cudby for his powers in winning four "firsts" at Paraparaumu on the occasion of the inter-school sports recently held there and thereby having done more than any other competitor towards winning the camera. The day's outing terminated in three hearty cheers for the Paraparaumu Athletic Club, the donors of the prize.

26th March 1923 Miss Martin, M.A., assistant at the Rikiorangi school, will scale Ruapehu with a party from Victoria College at Easter time.

23rd April 1923 A little boy, "Willie Warnock, broke his arm just after school was over on Friday. Several boys were clearing a ground for football and the little fellow jumped on the back of one of his mates. The latter turned suddenly and the boy was thrown, with the above result. Mrs Howard and Miss Martin took the lad home and afterwards had him conveyed to the Otaki hospital.

14th May 1923 VALEDICTORY. On Friday last the pupils of the state school and their parents met in school room to say farewell to the infant mistress Miss A. M. Martin, M.A., who is taking a position in the Stratford Technical School. The whole of the proceeding- were left in the hands of the older pupils by their special request. A sumptuous afternoon tea was provided, and songs were given by the children, also recitation- by the infant school pupils, and dancing by two small girls was much appreciated, which helped to enliven the proceeding-. Mr F. Meyer, Chairman of the Committee, contributed a song, while Miss E. Nielsen pleased the audience with two fine- songs. Her rich, tuneful voice was much liked, and the- "Riki" public would love- to hear her often on future occasions. Mr Howard, the headmaster. then spoke eulogistically of Miss Martin and her work at the school, also the deep interest she had always taken in her pupils both in and out of the class-rooms, and then called on the Chairman to present Miss Martin with a useful thermos flask, from the children of the school. "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a typical "Riki" send-off to a close.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION The householders' meeting at Rikiorangi failed to elect a committee on the 30th ultimo, so that the present committee remain in office for another month, when a new election takes place.

11th June 1923 Miss Thomas, daughter of the headmaster of the Wellington South School has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the- retirement of Miss Martin.

Inspector Blackie- paid a surprise to the Waikanae and Rikiorangi school. last week. As, far as is known everything at both places is highly satisfactory. but Mr Blackie openly praised the boys of "Riki." for their physical drill.

Miss Neilson, who is now in the Training College, is reported to be doing splendidly.

12th June 1923 Miss F H Thomas appointed to Reikiorangi

18th June 1923 The Waikanae school boys defeated •'Riki.' on Thursday by 15 —13 after a great game. Cudby scored for Rikiorangi. Thomas kicked a goal from a free kick, while Symonds potted a goal, and kicked a goal from a free kick, Mr Udy was referee. It is now hoped that Riki. and Waikanae will amalgamate to play Paraparaumu There were three degrees of frost on Saturday but with a further fall of snow we may safely expect much more severe frosts

16th July 1923 On July 2nd. the pupils of the Rikiorangi School much appreciated the opportunity given them of hearing the speeches of the King and Queen as recorded by "His Master's Voice" Company on a gramophone, kindly lent by the head master (Mr. Howard). Both speeches could be clearly heard, and it is hoped that the good advice, given therein, will be taken to heart by the boys and girls. The rest of the afternoon was given to the hearing of the best records of world-famous singers Caruso, Clara Butt, Melba, etc.