

Waingawa Taratahi East

East Taratahi: 1873 to 1930 Up to September 1918 this school was called the Waingawa School, but then the Kaituna School became the Waingawa School presumably because there was another Kaituna School in Marlborough. Though right from the start this was referred to as the East Taratahi school by locals rather than the Waingawa School. Only the Wellington Education Board would do such a thing with meaningless names. 10 Kilometres south east of Masterton on Corner of East Taratahi Road and Perry's Road



1873

29th March A school has been opened under the Education Board in East Taratahi Another is in contemplation in East Taratahi. *The first*

school was at Taratahi and the 2nd one mentioned is the Clareville School

15th October At a meeting of the Education Board held on Monday, a letter from Mr Stewart, Foxton, was read in reference to the proposed new school there, when the secretary was instructed to forward a plan of proposed model school for country districts, and ask the local committee to obtain estimates for the erection of a suitable school building. A letter from Mr Corpe, of South-east Taratahi (*Clareville*) was read, asking that the Board would erect a schoolhouse there. Similar instructions to those in the last case were given, but at the same time to inquire what amount of assistance the settlers were prepared to give, as also what site was available, seeing that in every instance where a new school was erected the settlers had contributed either in land or money or both. A letter from Mr J. V. Smith, East Masterton, was read, enclosing tender for the East Masterton school for the sum of £150, and the tender agreed to, the Board at the same time expressing similar opinions as in the case of the Taratahi School 21st October Mr Reynolds, of East Taratahi forwarded estimate of the cost of a schoolhouse as £133. The local committee were authorised to call for tenders for the erection of the building.

7th Nov 1873 The consideration of a number of applications for the erection of new schools in various parts of the province was postponed until the decision of the Provincial Council in regard to the loans proposed to be raised aid the £9000 grant to the Board had been received. Subject to this decision a tender for the erection of a new school at South East Taratahi (*Clareville*) was accepted, and the Board adjourned till next day at noon.

1874

18th February Education Board resolved to go on with the school building at Carterton East, Masterton, Featherston, Waihenga, Karori East, Taratahi, and Turakina

30th March 1874 TARATAHI. A few years ago a small school was built at Taratahi, but the district has since then received such an increase in the number of little ones that the little school is not able to contain the number of scholars, and the teacher has to admit the children in turn to receive their lessons, a portion of them remaining outside for their turn to be taught. I imagine this state of things to be a neat approach, to a hedge-school. It is to be hoped that some energy will be shown in getting schools erected where parents are willing to lead their children to school.

7th May 1874 The Board has also applications for schools at Wairatnra, Bonny Glen, Turakina Upper Valley, Woodside, Gladstone, Wharoara, and the Taratahi, which the want of funds alone has caused the Board to postpone till now

16th November 1874 It was resolved that the appointment to the Hutt school should be kept open, Mr. Hansard, of Taratahi, taking temporary charge

1875

It was decided to erect teachers' residences at Waingawa, Pahautanui, and Makirikiri. The Board adjourned at noon. PP

1877

School Building built 1877 Square Feet = 578

No alterations through life of school

1879

House erected 4 rooms

28th May 1890 The petition of Taratahi residents for a school was referred to Messrs. Buchanan and Bunny for a report.

11th April 1894 Carterton,. A horse and trap containing several school children was upset yesterday at Taratahi. The horse, frightened at a passing traction engine, ran- against a telegraph post, pitching the occupants into the road and smashing the trap. Only one is much hurt — Ethel Kiddie, with a contused head

Now some of these above could be about Clareville School

1880

14th June 1880 At the Waingawa school on Wednesday last a pleasing ceremony took place of presenting prizes by the School Committee to the children who passed the various Standards at the last examination by Mr Lee, the Inspector. The Committee were anxious to obtain some useful books as prizes which would be of service to them after they leave school—in fact, something they will value all their lives—and hence the delay in awarding them.

1881

18th April Inspector Report The Waingawa school showed very poor work this year, the reading and spelling being very weak throughout

1882

20th March 1882 The Annual examination of the Waingawa school took place on Tuesday last, and out of 21 pupils present 16 passed.

1883

24th January 1883 Reynold J, Wayte, Pleage, Rayner . Daysh, Exel, Exel. School Committee elected

18th April 1883 The Waingawa school has been in a reduced condition for Several years, and the few children, who should have been present for examination^ f were mostly kept away, by a heater rainfall. The Kaitoke and Tauherenikau schools were the least satisfactory,

1884

30th January 1884 WAINGAWA SCHOOL.

The meeting of householders at the Waingawa School last night resulted in the following being elected F Quaentrill, P. Daysh , T.Wayte, J. Rayner, F. Gray, E. Pledge; J. Reynolds. At a subsequent meeting of the committee, Mr J. Reynold's was appointed chairman and treasurer.

20th February 1884 On the occasion of Mr Berry (the master of the Waingawa School) leaving last week for Porirua, to which place he has been promoted, the late and present scholars attending the school presented him and Mrs Berry with a handsome teapot as a token of their esteem and kind regard for them during the last five years they have been at the school

20th February 1884 THE WAINGAWA SCHOOL. TO THE EDITOR, piece of intelligence that the school' master at the

Waingawa school has within the past week been removed to a more extended sphere of usefulness at Porirua, There is, however, a circumstance connected with his removal which, to all right-minded person, and particularly to masters who have the interest of pupils at heart should possess an interest of its own. On the day previous to that fixed for Mr Berry's departure the children assembled at the school and presented him with a tea service and a short address, expressive of their esteem and regret at his departure. This was, I must add, got up exclusively among themselves and paid for out of their own pocket money, This, Sir, was no flaunting testimonial, got up to make a show and attract public notice, but a simple and unobtrusive token of the good feeling existing between master and pupils, and as such should be of some interest to your readers. Apart from the natural aim of every schoolmaster to pass as many children through the various standards visible, it should be his object to cultivate the confidence and esteem of his pupils. This done, the pons asinorum of teaching is passed. Trusting that you will find a corner in you valuable space for this, I am, &c A Bachelor,

It does not appear that Mr John Berry went to Porirua to teach there is a John T Berry teaching at Okaramio in Marlborough in 1885

1888

28th November Miss O. Jupp, assistant at Waingawa, wrote applying to be appointed head teacher in succession to her father. It was decided to refer the letter to the local committee

29th November 1888 Waingawa to become an aided school *An aided school is run by the School Committee and the Wellington Education Board paid a per head capitation grant and the locals paid the rest of*

the teacher's wages and if there was no residence then they provided board

20th December 1888 Mr E Jupp will retain charge of the Waingawa School until relieved

1889

February 1889 A master for the Waingawa school at £100 per annum, -with residence

1891

25th February Miss Gray was appointed teacher to an aided school at Waingawa

1895

24th April 1895 WAINGAWA SCHOOL.

The following are the names of the scholars who passed at the late examination:—

Standard VII,—Alexander Gray, Lewis Rayner.

Standard VI,—Elsie Carman.

Standard V.—Daisy Carman, John Gray, Henry Kilminster .

Standard IV,—Maud Kilminster, Gertrude Smith, Arthur Taplin,

Standard III,—Ada Kilminster, Kate Sievers, Ernest Taplin.

Standard II.—Mabel Carman, Constance Smith, Percy Southey.

Standard I.—Arthur Kilminster, Lewis Sievers, Harriet Smith, George Taplin

27th April 1892. School committee elected

3rd November 1892 First Grade State Drawing Exam Results G Gray H Reynolds

24th April 1895 Election of School Committee, Rayner B, Daysh R, Sievers T, Gray R WDT

1898 Map shows Waingawa school sit on Corner.

1883 School Committee called for.

1907 Teacher John Harvey Waingawa School Grade 0 1907

1900

25th April Waingawa. Messrs. Gray (Chairman), Bland, Rayner, William Rayner, John Kilminster, G. Seivers.

1901

31st January Resignation Miss Jamesina Gray, sole teacher, Waingawa;

11th February Head teacher Waingawa School average 17. Salary £70 and residence

1902

7th October 1902 Head teacher Waingawa School Salary £72 and residence

1906

30th January Mr A. Roydhouse, of this town, has been appointed teacher at the Waingawa school. He commenced his duties on Monday last

29th September 1906 It is reported that a petition from residents at Waingawa, asking to have the East Taratahi school moved nearer, has been sent to the Education Board. A counter-petition is in circulation by the parents of children at present attending the school, asking that the school be not removed. It is understood that Mr Hogg is being asked to advocate the central Waingawa petition and Mr Buchanan the East Taratahi petition WTPP

22nd December At the Waingawa School, on Thursday night, Mr A. P. Roydhouse, who has been teacher at the school, and is leaving to take a position on the Carterton State school staff, was presented with a gold watch chain by the settlers and children.

1913

24th December At the breaking up of the Waingawa School for the summer vacation, the children presented a solid silver trinket box and a hatpin stand to Miss Harvey, the teacher, as a token of esteem

1914

9th May Waingawa School Committee Messrs. A. E. Anderson (chairman, secretary, and treasurer), A. Downes, M. Marshall, J. Mason, G. Allen

1915

4th May The doll donated by the Waingawa school, and now on view at the W.F.C.A (*Department store with branches throughout Wairarapa*), will be sold to-night, at the Town Hall, by Miss Beatrice Day, in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund

23rd December ALLIES RELIEF FUND.

The secretary (Mr D. Hebenton) acknowledges the following additional donations to the Poor of Great Britain. and Allies' Relief Fund: Previously acknowledged £56,635.4.7 Trentham Kiosk Hospital.. £5 0 0 Wounded Soldiers' Fund: Mr A. P. Whatman, proceeds sale 2 bags wool, £62; Kopuaranga flag bid 15s Belgian children, donated by the Waingawa school children £11.3.6

1916

9th November Mrs Barclay (nee Miss Mary Pearson, of Masterton) has been appointed sole teacher at the Waingawa school

1917

PROPOSED SOLWAY SCHOOL.

WHERE THE MATTER STANDS.

A few months ago some of the residents of Solway applied to the Education Board for a school, and the application was referred to your committee, states the annual report of the Masterton school committee. After consultation with the applicants, and very careful consideration, your committee re-commended the Board to provide a school on the Manaia road, as this would serve, not only the Solway people, but also a number of people living around the Waingawa meat works.

There the matter stands. So far as your committee is aware, no action has been taken, although it is known that the Board's officials have inspected various sites round the "Upper Plain. Your committee believes that the board intends to build a new school —somewhere—but neither our representative on the Board, nor the Board itself, have seen fit to give the committee any information.

1918

26th February 1918 Letter from Wellington Education Board formally noting change of name from Waingawa to East Taratahi

18th June 1918 Mrs. M. Barclay, sole teacher, Taratahi East

12th September 1918 Prior to the commencement of the East Taratahi school concert to-morrow night, the Central Band will, in memory of the late Private Daysh and other East Taratahi soldiers who have been killed, play "The Garland of Flowers.

23rd September 1918 An entertainment by East Taratahi juvenile and Clareville adult talent is to be given in the Clareville Hall tomorrow evening. Half of the proceeds are in aid of the Red Cross funds, and half in aid of improving the surroundings of the East Taratahi school. Ten comic and interesting items are on the programme. The entertainment is to be followed by a dance.

26th September 1918 A very successful entertainment was given in the Clareville hall on Tuesday night by the children of the East Taratahi school, in aid of the Red Cross funds and the, improvement of their school grounds. They were trained by Mrs Barclay, their teacher, and the result reflected great credit upon her and upon their own application and capability. The entertainment was organised by Mr G. E. Allen, and effective assistance was given by the ladies of

the district and an energetic committee. The sum netted was about £11, the result for the small prices of admission

1919

7th June 1919 A working been organised ,by the recently elected chairman (Mr Chas. Reynolds.) met at the East Taratahi school on Saturday, and much necessary work was done- to improve the surroundings of the school and residence. Among those who gave their time were Messrs Stanley, Green, Downes, G. and Reynolds and Behrent.

19th June The Wellington Education Board yesterday accepted the following resignations of Wairarapa teachers: —Mr P. C. Everton, head teacher, Featherston; Miss M. Simmonds, assistant, Belvedere; and Mrs M. Barclay, sole teacher, Taratahi East

1st August The following Education Board appointments are announced: —Fernridge, head teacher, Mr H. G. Hall; Scarborough, head teacher, Mr E. S. Warwick; East Taratahi, sole teacher

13th August Miss Phillips, of the Mako Mako school, has been appointed to be mistress of the East Taratahi school.

19th September 1919 The Wellington. Education Board resolved yesterday that the name of the Kaituna school should be changed to Waingawa, and that the present Waingawa school should be known as East Taratahi.

1920

5th August 1920 The New Zealand School Journal for July is a special souvenir number, dealing particularly with the visit of His

Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. A facsimile of the Prince's farewell message to the boys and girls of New Zealand is a feature of the issue. Prominence is also given to a very fine ode to the Prince, written by Miss C. R. Phillips, teacher at the East Taratahi School. The contribution of Miss Phillips is of high literary merit, and worthy of the place it has received in the Journal

1921

1st March Letter to Mr G H Allen from Wellington Education Board hand carried by bearer. Mr F H Cornish to act as reliever Miss Phillips has been transferred to a different position. I hope you can find suitable lodgings

11th March CARTERTON, This Day. In the Magistrate's Court at Carterton yesterday, Miss Catherine R. Phillips, formerly school mistress at East Taratahi, proceeded against Percy Southey and his wife, and Stanley Green and his wife, claiming £200 damages for alleged assault in September last. The evidence, disclosed that a certain amount of friction had arisen between the parties over the alleged harsh treatment of defendant children by the plaintiff, and the closing of the school on certain days without authority. On the night of the alleged assault, defendants' wives visited plaintiff for an explanation, but denied that an assault took place. The plaintiff, had since resigned the position, and had been appointed to the West End school at Masterton. Several witnesses were heard on each side, and the Magistrate reserved his decision.

27th May Letter from Wellington Education Board I am obliged to transfer Mr Cornish to Carterton please arrange lodgings for Miss Bradford, Relieving teacher

16th June. Appointment of Miss J A Freeman. Grading No 147, D Certificate, Age 36, 19 years in service, Present Position Infant Mistress Shannon

21st June Letter from Mr G E Allen, chairman of the School Committee to Wellington Education Board. My committee direct me to say that they are in favour of a permanent teacher and prefer one that will occupy the schoolhouse. PS I am not able to secure accommodation for a teacher close to the school I had a lot of trouble for Miss Bradford.

5th July Letter from Mr Allan to Wellington Education Board.

- a) I have made an inspection of the school residence
- b) There is a quantity of bedding and clothing
- c) A Sofa and a table. So far as I know they are the property of Miss Phillips.
- d) The residence needs a good scrub out, in other respects it is on good order,
- e) Since Miss Phillips left we cannot find the key to the front door, It was unlocked when Mr Cornish took charge.
- f) We hope that Miss Freeman can have someone in the residence with her.

21st September. Note at Wellington Education Board Mr Cornish called in. The key of the residence was hanging in the passage of

the school house.. Mr Cornish explained that he was slow in replying as he had only received the letter two or three days ago

1923

14th November Selection of Mrs E M Baillie as sole teacher.
Grading No 151 Service 14 years. Present position Relieving
27th November Mrs Baillie to commence duties 1st December

1924

26th June Miss J Coneys appointed relieving teacher
17th July. Letter from Mrs Baillie to Wellington Education Board.
a) Please find enclosed Miss Anderson's application for relieving position
b) Miss Anderson wishes me to refer you to Mr Cowles as he knows the details of her scholastic Career
c) If Miss Anderson is appointed I will help her become acquainted with the curriculum
d) Furthermore I should be glad if I could stay here another week so that I may conduct the term exams and Give Miss Anderson an insight into school routine- should she be considered sufficiently competent to take temporary charge.
29th July Miss V Curtis appointed Reliever commencing 1st August

1925

18th May. Letter from G E Allen .Mrs Bailie has resigned. I don't know if she informed the Wellington Education Board. Just how is the best to carry on I am unable to say. The roll is down to about 13 and is not likely to rise.
19th May Letter from Wellington Education Board to Mr Allen. Mrs Baillie has already resigned. We are taking steps to advertise the position.
28th May Miss E L Sear appointed as reliever to start on 1st June.
18th June Appointment of Mrs J B Ward. Grading No 203. 8 1/2 years service. Current Position Relieving.
29th July Mrs Ward will now start on 3rd August

1926

10th April . Letter from J B Ward to Wellington Education Board Stating that she had mislaid the Wellington Education Board's request for a roll return and had now sent revised figures
7th July Temporary Teacher Mrs C Gibson (Taking Mrs Hill's place, who is now not available.)
9th October. Mrs J B Ward present. Re application for Carterton Show day holiday. The committee want to take this day instead of taking labour day.

11th October. Wellington Education Board writes to Mrs Ward approving of show day being held instead of Labour Day. But letter must be countersigned by chairman of School Committee.

Wellington Education Board Notes. Site 1 acre

Roll 1923, 26. 1924, 19, 1925 16, 1926 17

Floor space per pupil 34 square feet

1927

9th February Letter from J B Ward notifying that the School Committee want to take the 15th and 16th as holidays

18th October. A Letter taking two days holiday for Carterton Show one to be instead of labour day as is the practice in the district.

20th December Appointment of Miss F K C F Wallace Grading 200. C Certificate. 6 Years service. Sole Teacher at Ponatahi

1928

30th Letter from Mr G B Allen. Stating that Mrs J B Ward has left the school residence in good order.

30th February Letter from Tipua, Mr G E Allen

- a) Complaining about mail addressed to Mr Green arrived
- b) I called about two years ago and discussed the matter with Mr Hylton (*Wellington Education Board Officer*)
- c) At last election we did not have a chairman and I agreed to continue

8th January Note. Miss Wallace's appointment is recommended in view of the fact that she is losing her position on account of a fall in grade of Ponatahi School. Mr S C Green Chairman East Taratahi
8th February F. K. Wallace,, sole teacher, East Taratahi PP

1929

14th February. School is holding a picnic on the 19th February and on 20th attending the Masterton Show.

1930

29th August Letter to Wellington Education Board from P M Compton Chairman School Committee

- a) The average attendance at East Taratahi is now 5
- b) What are the future prospects of the school? And is it desirable the school be closed.
- c) The Wellington Education Board would not be able to Keep Miss Wallace on her present salary and if the school is continued it will have to be on a Grade O basis. The parents will be required to provide free board and lodgings and make to salary up to £ 90 per annum.
- d) The Government capitation rate is £15 for each child.

Reply from Mr Compton. To Wellington Education Board. School Committee wish the school be closed and the children transported to Solway

Footnote. The architect will use the surplus furniture for the Glendonald School

1932

June 1932 The holding is about half a mile away from the old Waingawa school, but the children of the area are now being conveyed to Solway school

June 1932 Head Teacher, Waingawa School, average 17. Salary £70 and residence

2nd June 1932 At the meeting held in Masterton yesterday to hear an address by Mr. A. H. Cockayne, Assistant Director-General of Agriculture, on the small farm plan for the settlement of unemployed married men on the land, it was announced that Mr. William Perry, of Penrose, had presented to the Government an area of ten acres to be settled as a small holding, and located on the western boundary of his Penrose property, on the East Taratahi road, adjoining the land of Messrs. A. and J. Gray. The holding is about half a mile away from the old Waingawa school, but the children of the area are now being conveyed to Solway school. A power line and a telephone line are close at hand.

4th June. Training Farm E Knight to Wellington Education Board. Mr Hylton. We are having trouble conveying our children to Solway School. Asking for the East Taratahi school to be reopened so as to do away with the uncomfortable and overcrowded motor conveyance.

4th June. Letter to Mr E Knight asking that a petition be circulated in the district for the reopening of East Taratahi. No further correspondence listed

1935

30th September Residence was let by Board

1936

2nd May Sale of land and buildings sold for £ 210 Only tender received from Mr R Gray.

Payment for land received 30th May 1937

1879		Waingawa	Berry	J	Master	£100
		Waingarua	Berry	John	Master	£100
1880						
1881	15	Waingawa	Berry	John	Master	£100
1882	14	Waingawa	Berry	John	Master	£100
1883	10	Waingawa	Berry	John	Master	£100
1884	16	Waingawa	Jupp	Edmund	Master	£100
1884	16	Waingawa	Jupp	Susanna	Sewing	£20
1885	13	Waingawa	Jupp	Edmund	Master	£100
1885	13	Waingawa	Jupp	Susanna	Sewing	£20
1886	13	Waingawa	Jupp	Edmund	Master	£100
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1887	17	Waingawa	Jupp	Edmund	Master	£100
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1888	15	Waingawa	Jupp	Edmund	Master	£100
1888	15	Waingawa	Jupp	Susanna	Sewing	£20
1889	22	Waingawa	Bowie	Annie	Female	£100
1890	19	Waingawa	Bowie	Annie	Female	£100
1891	19	Waingawa	Gray	Jamesina	Female	£71
1892	14	Waingawa	Gray	Jamesina	Female	£52
1893	15	Waingawa	Gray	Jamesina	Female	£52
1894	18	Waingawa	Gray	Jamesina	Female	£67
1895	18	Waingawa	Gray	Jamesina	Female	£63
1896	13	Waingawa	Gray	Jamesina	Female	£70
1897	13	Waingawa	Gray	Jamesina	Female	£70
1898	10	Waingawa	Gray	Jamesina	Female	£56
1899	16	Waingawa	Gray	Jamesina	Female	£80
1900	15	Waingawa	Gray	Jamesina	Female	£70
1901	13	Waingawa	Stanton	Alice J	Female	£90

1902	11	Waingawa	Stanton	Alice J		Female	£72
1903	8	Waingawa	Stanton	Alice J		Female	£64
1904	9	Waingawa	Stanton	Alice J		Female	£60
1905		Waingawa	Closed				
1906	11	Waingawa	Roydhouse	A P		Master	£66
1907	9	Waingawa	Harvey	John		Master	£66
1908	10	Waingawa	Harvey	Charlotte		Female	£66
1909	12	Waingawa	Harvey	Charlotte		Female	£90
1910	14	Waingawa	Harvey	Charlotte T		Female	£90
1911	14	Waingawa	Harvey	Charlotte T		Female	£94
1912	16	Waingawa	Harvey	Charlotte T	D5	Female	£110
1913	24	Waingawa	Harvey	Charlotte T	D4	Female	£120
1914	34	Waingawa	Harvey	Charlotte T	C4	Female	£130
1915	31	Waingawa	Harvey	Charlotte T	C4	Female	£150
1917	21	Waingawa	Barclay	Mary	Sole		£126
1919	17	East Taratahi	Phillips	Catherine R	Sole	D-81	£205
1921	22	East Taratahi	Freeman	Jessie A	Sole	D	£320
1923	26	East Taratahi	Baillie	Ellen M Mrs	Sole	D	£303