

**Tauherenikau:** 1878-1936 by the Tin Hut Hotel at Tauherenikau. Mrs Evelyn Shepherd, a friend of my Grandmother Carlyon taught here. I remember her well. Makes one feel very old.



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## 1869

22<sup>nd</sup> July 1869 THE EDUCATION QUESTION. Last year there were some thirty-five schools in the province receiving grants in aid from the Provincial Treasury. Since these grants have been withheld many of those schools were temporarily closed, though some of them have since been re-opened in consequence of a circular received from the Government to the effect that a grant for June quarter, after the rate of £25 per annum, would be given to such

schools as raised £50 each for educational purposes. Owing, however, to the uncertainty which exists whether the grant for the ensuing quarter will be continued, the Tauherenikau, the Kaiwairai, and the Moroa schools, in this immediate district, have either been closed or about being so, and this at a season when children can be best spared from home. Doubtless there are other schools in thinly peopled places which will also have to be shut up, so that the effect will be that only schools which could do without Government aid will have any assistance under the present system. Suppose the Government finds that it has only £750 per annum at its disposal for the promotion of education, instead of equally dividing this amongst thirty schools at the rate of £6 6s per quarter each, would it not be better, as proposed by his Honor in his opening speech to the Council, to withhold altogether the grant to those schools, to which such a small assistance would be of no consequence, in order that - a larger grant might be given to such schools as could not be kept open without it? This question is one well worthy the consideration of the Provincial Executive. Parents in thinly peopled districts would even under this arrangement still have to pay higher fees for their children's education than would be required in town and village schools, if the grant to such schools was entirely withdrawn, while they are prevented from sending their children to school at all under the present system

8<sup>th</sup> July 1869 In the full expectation that the Provincial Government will be in a position to give at least country schools as liberal a grant as formerly, the committee of the Moroa School District have resolved on re-opening the school on the first Monday in October, and in celebrating the event by a tea and dancing party on Friday,

the 1st of the month, the profits to go towards school improvements. Mr T. Wakelin has been unanimously chosen teacher. I regret to add that two other schools in the neighbourhood — that at Kaiwaiwai, and that at Tauherenikau—have been closed owing to the withdrawal of the Government grant. Even with that grant, parents in such districts have to pay much higher fees than would have to be paid in village schools without it

## 1870

14<sup>th</sup> April 1870 CHURCH RATES IN GREYTOWN. The school rate in Greytown resembles in more senses than one a church rate at home. It is imposed without the direct assent of the inhabitants for the support, in effect, of denominational teaching of which the majority disapprove. No wonder under the circumstances the rate is a most obnoxious one, and that its payment has in some cases to be enforced through the Resident Magistrate's Court;. For some years the schoolmaster was a member of the Church of England, and the members of the Wesleyan body having taken objection rather to himself than to his mode of instruction, endeavoured to starve him out by declining to impose a rate at the annual school meeting. He was eventually discharged and set up a private school, another teacher being appointed for the public school in his stead. The same tactics which had been so successfully adopted by the opposition were adopted towards them when they had the administration of affairs. A rate was refused on the ground that one school was already supported by voluntary contributions or school fees, and that, therefore, there was no reason why the other should not be

supported in the same manner. But in the last session the Provincial Council passed an act which rendered the payment of school rates in a school district compulsory, and hence the proceedings in the Resident Magistrate's Court; referred to by your German correspondent. This is much to be lamented. Mr Bowden endeavoured to pour oil upon the troubled waters by delivering a lecture on the subject, but he spoke to empty benches, and left matters much as he found them. But in the present state of the provincial funds the question suggests itself whether, in such towns and villages as Wellington, Wanganui, Lower Hutt, Taita and Greytown, any aid should be given for educational purposes from the provincial chest, and whether a maximum house tax of £1 per annum is really necessary for the support of schools in such comparatively populous places. In the event of this question being decided in the negative, the Government would be able to bring the means of education within the reach of the inhabitants of such places as Tauherenikau, and Kaiwaiwai, which have school houses, but no teachers, the population being too scattered to support one, though the fees charged per scholar should be quadruple those paid at the Taita or Greytown. Independently of all such arguments and considerations usually brought forward in this and the mother country in favour of Government aid for education, I conceive that liberal grants for schools in outlying districts, particularly- in this province, could be justified and demanded on the grounds that it is the duty of the Government to place these pioneers of settlement and civilisation, as regards the means of education for their children, on terms of equality with their more favoured fellow settlers living in more densely populated districts and because inducements should be

held out for persons to push into the wilderness and settle therein, and not one of the least of these would be the conviction that they could secure an education for their children on fair and reasonable terms. Under the existing system grants are given to schools not requiring them, and withheld from those which cannot be kept open without them.

### 1871

10<sup>th</sup> May 1871 At Tauherenikau, the school-house is at present without either a teacher or scholars

18<sup>th</sup> May 1871 The subject is one likely to create much discussion and ill feeling, as a uniform rate of £1 per house is felt not to be equitable, and it will not bring the means of education within the reach of those parts of the province which most require Government aid. At the Tauherenikau school, double the sum would not pay a teacher's salary

31 Oct 1871 Mr Waterhouse, though it is not impossible that it may be sought to be directed to other purposes. It may, however, be well to remind the trustees, that under the Provincial Education Act, the Education Board, out of general funds and school rates, will provide school-houses, as well as teachers, books, and stationery, for the several schools throughout the province.

### 1872

11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1872 A Letter received from Tauherenikau . Wakelin, Tauherenikau, asking for information as to salaries for quarter ending 30th Sept

### 1878

5<sup>th</sup> August 1878. Mrs Hansen promoted from Tauherenikau to Tenui  
26 Feb 1879 Mrs Hansen head mistress on the 3<sup>rd</sup> class teachers list  
5<sup>th</sup> August 1895 News has just arrived of the death of Mrs. Hester Hanson, at the Ashburn Hall Asylum, where- she has been confined for the past two years. Mrs. Hanson was for a number of years a teacher in the Wairarapa State schools, and then resided for several years in Wellington and at Island Bay

1895/3500 Hanson	Hester	54Y
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### 1881

14<sup>th</sup> April 1881 Besides these there were, including two half-time schools, eleven in the Wairarapa, all held in very poor buildings, that at Tauherenikau being about the best, and the only one now remaining in use. These eleven schools presented 401 children, of whom 127 were classed in Standard 1, and 43 in Standard 11. Thus in seven years the attendance at the examination increased from 1651 to 5188 children

29 June 1881 It was stated that the attendance of scholars at some of the country schools, notably, Tenui, Waingawa Tauherenikau, and Wainui-o-mata, was falling off to a considerable extent, the average attendance at each of the schools named being under 25 A resolution was passed to the effect that the committees of the schools mentioned be communicated with, informing them that these schools would be placed on the footing of aided schools unless the attendances improved,

21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1881 and 6 pound each to Tauherenikau and Pahautanui, for repairs to teachers' residences.

## 1883

31<sup>st</sup> Jan 1883 There having been no election of a School Committee at Tauherenikau, it was resolved that an election be fixed to take place on Monday week.

18<sup>th</sup> April 1883 The Kaitoke and Tauherenikau schools were the least satisfactory

29<sup>th</sup> March 1884 Tauherenikau School (Mrs Fugle- Mistress) on books, 16; percentage of passes, 75. Generally satisfactory,; The failures were principally dull, children, and there was evidence of honest work. The working condition of the school was satisfactory, and the teaching staff competent

## 1885

30<sup>th</sup> April 1885 The application of Mrs Fugle of the Tauherenikau school to attend the Training School was orders to stand over till next meeting

27 May 1885 At the conclusion of the business at the meeting of the Education Board to-day, Mr. H. Bunny mentioned that he had recently paid a visit to Tauherenikau, where he had seen Mrs. Fugle ; the mistress of the local school. Some misunderstanding had arisen between that lady and the parents of some of the pupils, which had induced Mrs. Fugle to express the wish that she might be removed to the city. As the Board were assured that the breach could not

possibly be healed, it was decided that Mrs. Fugle should be transferred to town on the first vacancy occurring.

1903/1376 Fugle Matilda 79Y

Matilda Fugle buried at Nelson Cemetery

This makes Mrs Fugle about 61 when at Tauherenikau and applying to become trained.

In 1885 Mrs Fugle was at Whiteman's School (Upper Hutt),She was there for 3 years

29<sup>th</sup> March 1886 Mr. Robert Lee, the Inspector of the Board of Education, leaves for the Wairarapa by the late train to-day for the purpose of commencing his annual examination of the up country schools. He will visit the Tauherenikau School to-morrow. The examination of the various schools in the Wairarapa will occupy seven or eight weeks

## 1888

11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1888 An extensive bush fire is burning on the side of the range between here and the Tauherenikau river. Messrs Lucas and Kelly's homestead and stacks are in great danger, the fire completely surrounding them. Mr Levin's homestead, also, should the wind continue, will be seriously threatened, the gorse fence on the opposite side of the road having been on fire several times. Men are now employed in cutting the fence down to keep the fire from spreading.

31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1888 Particulars of repairs required at Tauherenikau were forwarded by the local committee. The Board decided that the works



		Thomas	
1884/16864	Wollstein Minna	Elizabeth	
1876/1086	Wollstein Fredericka	2M	
1882/1638	Wollstein Wilfrid	6M	
1880/1105	Wollstein Mildred Elizabeth	5W	
1879/1979	Wollstein Winifred Margaret	5W	

## 1902

26<sup>th</sup> May 1902 Sole Teacher, Tauherenikau School ; average attendance, 19 ; salary, £96 and residence.

4<sup>th</sup> July 1902 Miss Usher promoted from Bideford

1891	101	Clareville	Ussher	Martha Jane	Female Teacher	Pupil
1892	100	Clareville	Ussher	Martha Jane	Female Teacher	Pupil
1893	80	Clareville	Ussher	Mary T	Female Teacher	Pupil
1894	112	Clareville	Ussher	Mary T	Female Teacher	Pupil
1895	274	Carterton	Ussher	Mary T	Female Teacher	Pupil
1896	277	Carterton	Ussher	Martha T	Female Teacher	Pupil
1897	265	Carterton	Ussher	Martha J	Female Teacher	Pupil
1898	268	Carterton	Ussher	Martha J	Female Teacher	Pupil
1899	17	Bideford	Ussher	Martha J	Female	
1900	14	Bideford	Ussher	Martha J	Female	
1901	16	Bideford	Ussher	Martha J	Female	

1902	17	Tauherenikau	Ussher	Martha J	Female
1903	20	Tauherenikau	Ussher	Martha J	Female
1904	21	Tauherenikau	Ussher	Martha J	Female
1905	18	Tauherenikau	Ussher	Martha J	Female
1906	23	Matarawa	Ussher	Martha J	Female
1907	23	Matarawa	Ussher	Martha J	Female
1908	28	Matarawa	Ussher	Martha J	Female
1909	21	Matarawa	Ussher	Martha J	
1910	30	Kaitara	Ussher	Martha J	

1911	30	Kaitara	Ussher	Martha J	
1912	26	Kaitara	Ussher	Martha J	
1913	26	Kaitara	Ussher		
1914	28	Kaitara	Ussher		
1915	30	Kaitara	Ussher		

30<sup>th</sup> May 1902 TAUHERENIKAU. Messrs W. J. Nix (chairman), Q. Donald, W. Davis, A. M. Wilkinson (all re-elected), E, Merlet

## 1906

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1906 Mrs Bland Tauherenikau *It is probable that this was a reliving position*

## 1907

24<sup>th</sup> December 1907 The following received prizes at the annual distribution in connection with the Tauherenikau School:  
Standard VI., Hilda Lyford



Standard V., Myrtle Nix;  
 Standard .IV., Philip Liddie;  
 Standard 111., Ella Davis, James Donald, Ida Burt, Olive Nix, Ruby Lyford;  
 Standard 11., Clara Lyford, Ronald Nitz;  
 Standard 1. Winnie Sadler, Joan Ross, Quentin Donald, Irelene Nitz, Francis Lyford, Gyrtle Barak, Lionea Nitz, Effie Burt, and Jack Lyford.

### 1908

28<sup>th</sup> April 1908 School Committee W J Nix,(Chairman), W Sadler, F Burt, Q Donald, W Davis

### 1910

13<sup>th</sup> May 1910 Tauherenikau Featherston ST 120 to 150 pounds and house

1<sup>st</sup> June 1910 Mrs Barak resigns

BARAK- -OXBY-- Feb. 12. 1901, at St Michael's and All Angels, Christchurch, by the Rev A. W. Averill, Marcus, second son of Major Barak, to Mary Caroline, eldest daughter of Mrs Oxby, Etonville, Glebe Point. Sydney

1908.16561 Barak Victor Sidney Mary Caroline Marcus

1901/12529 Barak Gertrude Mabel Montefiore Mary Caroline Marcus

1904/10580 Barak Joseph Mary Caroline Marcus

### Montefiore

22<sup>nd</sup> March 1902 At a special meeting of the Broadfield (*Canterbury*) School Committee held on Thursday evening, it was decided to Te cammend **Mrs M. Barak** for the position of mistress of the Broadfield School.

Montefiore became a Rhodes Scholar

1944/24015 Barak Mary Caroline 73Y

1915 Teaching at Warea Taranaki

Mr Marcus Barak was an itinerant jeweller and watchmaker who appeared in court a few times either complaining about or being charged with financial matters. He was also arrested on returning from Suva

12<sup>th</sup> November 1910 Marcus Barak some time ago conducted a small jewellery business at Clevedon, and on some days worked at Papakura. Presently he disappeared, and it was alleged he took with him articles entrusted to him. Barak was eventually located at Suva, and was brought back to Auckland. He appeared at the Court to answer charges of obtaining, by false pretences, 15s in money, a gold watch, valued at £4, and jewellery valued at £2 10s, and 7s 6d in money. The accused pleaded not guilty, and was committed to the Supreme Court for .trial.

30<sup>th</sup> Nov 1910 Application for fencing renewals at Brooklyn, "an application from Pahiatua for various contributions, and one from Tauherenikau for construction of bath at the residence there — these were declined PP

## 1913

19 December 1913 (By TELEGRAPH SPECIAL TO THE POST.)  
FEATHERSTON, 18th December. A largely-attended and successful Christmas Carnival, organised by Miss Pattle in aid of the funds of the Tauherenikau school, was held in the Town Hall last night. Numerous attractions incidental to such events and a concert programme were provided, and a very enjoyable function resulted. Mrs. C. W. Henry, of Wellington, was one of the vocal contributors.

22<sup>nd</sup> December 1913 Miss Pattle, teacher of the Tauherenikau school, has obtained extra leave of two months in addition to the usual summer holidays, and will take an extended trip to the South Island.

## 1914

29 July 1914 Resigned Miss Pattle Sole Teacher Went to Pahiatua and then Pirinoa

## 1915

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1915 Mr W. Proctor, of the Tauherenikau school, has received notice of his appointment to Te Waotu, which is off from Putaruru railway station on the way to Auckland.

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11<sup>th</sup> March Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department of Education

- a) I am instructed to write to you for a lodging allowance for teacher in place of the school residence
- b) The building appears to be erected some time before 1868 and before that part of it was actually used as a school
- c) Two rooms have low ceiling 7.2 foot studs and only a portion of the building is built on piles
- d) The lack of proper air space under the floor besides making the building very damp has resulted in the building being very damp has resulted in the decay of practically all the lower timbers
- e) The windows are too small and furnish very little light and the ventilation is defective, all ceilings are unlined and the chimney is not boxed in.
- f) Further the borer has recently made such inroads that further expenditure is money thrown away
- g) My Board had indeed designed to erect a wash house and bath and to make other improvements but on re-examination shows that it would be very bad business to carry out this work
- h) The last teacher at first refused to put her furniture in it and consequently left rather than suffer the risk of destruction of the furniture



- i) A statement has been made that 500 borers were destroyed in two rooms in 1 week
- j) Below in handwriting According to Board's return of Buildings 1903 also 1902 Tauherenikau residence was built on 1896 and contains 4 rooms and domestic offices, school is also said to have been erected in 1896

11<sup>th</sup> March Memo Tauherenikau residence to be abandoned. Attendance 1912 20, 1913, 19, 1914, 22

House allowance to be at rate of £20 per annum

19<sup>th</sup> March Letter from Department In your memo you state building erected some time before 1868. In your 1903 buildings, return for 1902 and 1903 they are shown as erected in 1896. I shall be glad to have an explanation. *No reply found*

28 April 1915 The Education Department authorised house allowances for Tauherenikau and Tawa Flat. On the motion of Sir Walter Buchanan it was resolved to protest to the head of the Department against the allowance being regarded as a permanent substitute for the residence PP

15<sup>th</sup> June 1915 Miss K. Pattle, at present teaching at Whiteman's Valley, has been appointed by the Wellington Education Board as sole teacher at the Tauherenikau school PP

## 1916

8<sup>th</sup> September I have to report the residence has been sold but there is some difficulty over the title and we have not yet got settlement

## 1917

7<sup>th</sup> July Letter to Wellington Education Board included

- a) Owing to influx of population I draw your attention to the difficulties of accommodation in the schools around the Tauherenikau and Featherston Camps
- b) Tauherenikau roll has varied between 42 to 46
- c) The room is quite too small for so large a number of pupils
- d) If they continue to attend then the school will rise to grade 3 Is not good both in regard to accommodation and the fact that the teacher is just out of training college
- e) Room cannot be found at Featherston but there is room at Greytown
- f) Proposed that Standard 4-5-6 (15 in number) go to Greytown school at a cost of 12/6d per day

21<sup>st</sup> July Memo to Director of Education included

- a) The fact that the roll will sink after the war
- b) The area of the school is 408 square feet It is very old and low roofed altogether unfitted for 45 children

- c) The management of the school is rather beyond the powers of the present teacher and it would be hopeless to look for lodgings if he was sent elsewhere. He was appointed partly because he resides in the area
- d) The additional numbers will not effect Greytown's Grading.
- e) 25 July 1917 What may be termed a war-school exists at Tauherenikau. Families of members of the Defence Forces have settled in this locality, and the school is over-crowded. The Education Board proposed to carry senior pupils to Greytown instead of asking for funds to enlarge the present Tauherenikau School. To-day a deputation, Messrs. Donald and Mitchell, waited upon the board to urge that this proposal was unwise in view of the fact that the war would yet last for a long time, so that it would be cheaper in the end to erect a new room instead of paying the cost of conveyance. The Chairman of the board (Mr. Aitken) said that he was satisfied that when the camp broke up an enlarged school would not be required. It was decided to write to the Education Department regarding the request for increased accommodation
- f) 26<sup>th</sup> July 1917 Messrs. Donald and Nix, members of the Tauherenikau School Committee, waited upon the Wellington Education Board yesterday to urge the extension of the school premises. Mr. Donald said that he did not think that the members of the board knew where the Tauherenikau School really was. It was situated half way between the

Tauherenikau and Featherston military camps, and was not adequate to accommodate the increased number of children' in the district. The Inspector, he was aware, favoured conveying the children of the higher standards to another school, but he pointed out that the cost of so doing would more than cover the expenditure which would be involved in making an addition to the school. He did not think that the war would be over for at least another twelve months.

- g) Mr. H. A. Wright: Not a chance! When the deputation had withdrawn the chairman explained that owing to the presence of the camps there had been an influx of population, and there were children who had to be educated whilst they were there. Personally he thought that a larger school would not be needed in the district once, the war was over. The alternative was to convey some of the children to Greytown, to a District High School, a better school than they could ever hope to gain at Tauherenikau. Mr Thomas Forsyth said that it seemed to him that the position had been created by the Defence authorities, and he thought they should be approached to see if they could not do something in the matter. He also pointed out that the cost of conveying the children to, Greytown (some five or six miles), would more than pay for the erection of another room. On the motion of Mr. Forsyth it was decided to approach the Defence authorities to see if they could afford any relief in this regard.
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2<sup>nd</sup> August Proposed new classroom  
 Cost £590. 15

22 dual desks £53

New Shelter shed £30

New Classroom 24 x 22

Corridor 30 x 8

Section Part Secretary II Block 12 Moroa Plain Block 9 Acres 3  
roads 2 perches

Board Title freehold

2<sup>nd</sup> August Following discussions with Commandant of camp there will be an increase in children when the members of the Second Division enter camps. This would make conveyance difficult therefore, we expect to build an addition to Tauherenikau. Though there is no provision to have a school of Primers to Standard 3 while the others are conveyed to Greytown. This is unusual times and the Department would have no objections to it.

10<sup>th</sup> September Conveyance is withdrawn, as the Department can't make cheap enough costs to convey children to Greytown.

14<sup>th</sup> November The Board has now obtained settlement and will pay the amount of £75/9/4 at the end of the present month.

## 1918

4<sup>th</sup> February 1918 In a recent casualty list appeared the name of Lance-corporal Charles Gomer Jenkins- (next-of-kin, Mrs Smith, Pahiatua, sister), who was killed in action. In his civil life he had followed the profession of teaching, his first school in the Dominion being at Mangahoe, and at the time of volunteering his services had

charge of the Tauherenikau school. He was also, a very useful member in connection with church affairs, and frequently acted as lay reader at St. John's Church, Featherston.

1908	9	Mangaone	Jenkins	Charles G	Licensed	Master
1909	13	Mangaone	Jenkins	Charles G	Licensed	Master
1910	22	Waione	Jenkins	Charles G	Licensed	Master
1911	24	Waione	Jenkins	Charles G	Licensed	Master
1912	24	Waione	Jenkins	Charles G	Licensed	Master
1913	25	Makuri	Jenkins	Charles G	Licensed	Master
1914	24	Makuri	Jenkins	Charles G	Licensed	Master
1915	25	Tauherenikau	Jenkins	Charles G		Master

10<sup>th</sup> August 1918 Mr Thos. Beard, who has been in charge of the Tauherenikau school for some time, has received an appointment to one of the masterships in Victoria College (*Wellington University*)

9<sup>th</sup> Oct 1918 Tauherenikau Sole Teacher Miss Rita Fellingham

WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD. VACANCY LIST. Sole

Teacherships

2<sup>nd</sup> November 1918 £140 to £190 and £20 house allowance,'

Tauherenikau

## 1919

11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1919 Miss L M Smart Sole Teacher

26 July 1919 The Tauherenikau School Committee has passed a motion strongly protesting against a proposal of the Education Board to close the local school.

24<sup>th</sup> July 1919 TAUHERENIKAU SCHOOL.  
STRONG PROTEST AGAINST CLOSING

With respect to the proposal to close the Tauherenikau school, which was to be visited, Mr Hogg has been advised that the School Committee has passed the following resolution:—That they strongly protest against the action of the Board to close the school on the following grounds:

1st. That the number of scholars on the roll warrants the continuance of the school.

2nd. That a large number of the scholars are very young, and that a number of new scholars are likely to attend.

3rd. The possibility of the Government farm at Tauherenikau being cut up into poultry farms in the near future for returned soldiers.

4th. The difficulty of getting anyone to convey the children.

21<sup>st</sup> August 1919 PROTEST BY EDUCATION BOARD,

Vigorous protests were entered by several members of the Education Board meeting yesterday against the proposal of the Department to close down the Tauherenikau School, at any rate, until such time as proper arrangements could be made for the conveyance of the children to Featherston. Mr. Hogg objected to the whole idea of closing down small schools, in furtherance of the system of centralisation. The small schools, many of which were old-established institutions, were doing most useful work, and the closing down of those schools would be at the expense of the pupils and of the settlers. He instanced the case of the Te Ore Ore School, which was recently burned down, and said that all the settlers in the district were up in arms over the idea of the transferring of the children to the Lansdowne School. Mr. Harkness said the experience of Levin was that the conveyance of children by coach was unsatisfactory. His own idea was that the conveyance should be a motor lorry, and that both coming and going the children should be under the care of a teacher. Mr. London said there might be

difficulties in centralisation of schools, but there could be no doubt about its advantages to the great mass of the pupils. The Tauherenikau School Committee, in protesting against the proposed action of the Department, said it would be extremely difficult to get transport for the children. Mr. Shand said the Inspector had reported that the children would be better served under a scheme of centralisation. The people of the district appeared to have taken little interest in the matter until it had been decided to close the school. Mr. Moss said he was in favour of centralisation, but he pointed out that the Featherston School is already crowded and that there is great difficulty in getting a conveyance.

It was eventually moved by Mr. Moss and seconded by Mr. Shand, that the Tauherenikau School be continued. Mr. Penny urged that it would be better to pass a motion in general terms expressing the opinion of the Board that the centralisation policy should not be carried out until the problem of conveyance had been solved. .

Mr. Field supported that view, and Mr. Penny moved and Mr. Field seconded an amendment to that effect, and it was carried, the original motion being withdrawn.

24 Sept 1919 CRUSHED TO DEATH

(BY TELEGRAPH.—PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

MASTERTON, 23rd September. A distressing accident occurred at the junction of Morrison's Bush and Featherston-road this afternoon, when a schoolboy named Leslie Munn, son of Mr. Munn, of Tauherenikau, came to a frightful end. The lad, who was nine years of age, was returning from school, when he stopped to watch a telegraph linesmen erecting an ironbark pole by means of a motor derrick. When the pole was ready to be "lowered, the hook in the

derrick snapped, and the whole fell with a crash, the pole falling on the boy, reducing him to pulp. Death was instantaneous. An inquest will be held to-morrow. PP

## 1921

28<sup>th</sup> May telegram to Sadler Please wire immediately whether suitable lodgings available for relieving teacher

Reply None Suitable Nearest Featherston

30<sup>th</sup> May letter to Mr. W H Sadler, Chairman School Committee from Wellington Education Board

- a) No reliever is available to relieve Miss Deveraux who is absent on sick leave
- b) It hoped to arrange for Miss Coneys to proceed to Tauherenikau on Monday next
- c) But only if conveyance can be arranged from Featherston each day
- d) The Board regret that no accommodation is available in the district
- e) Must hear by Friday as Miss Coneys can receive final instructions before proceeding on Saturday

1<sup>st</sup> June reply from Mr. Sadler

A Mrs Marsden has promised to take her providing Miss Coney is satisfied with what accommodation Mrs Marsden can provide

If she is not satisfied, she may get accommodation at the Hotel

But if she is to be conveyed back and forward to Featherston it will have to be at the expense of the Board

Mrs Marsden's residence is close to the school

15 June 1921 A proposal for the conveyance of school children from Tauherenikau to Featherston was contained in a letter from the Featherston committee. The secretary of- the board said that the reason for the suggestion appeared to be that the attendance at Featherston was diminishing. He was not aware that the Tauherenikau people were agreeable to the proposal, or that there would be a suitable means of conveyance. "The matter was held over. PP

## 1922

8<sup>th</sup> February Mr. Richardson to take temporary charge. Obligated if you will provide accommodation

7<sup>th</sup> December Mrs Evelyn Shepherd Sole Teacher Letter from Mr. Stewart Secretary Wellington Education Board I shall be obliged if you will kindly forward to me the names and ages of children who have been absent

## 1923

11<sup>th</sup> August 1923 The Tauherenikau School has closed down for the term holidays. This is a little earlier than usual, and is due to illness among the children.

## 1924

28<sup>th</sup> Feb 1924 Mrs E Sheppard resigned as teacher. *Evelyn Shepherd was married to Norman Shepherd who had taken over the many secretaryships including the Wairarapa Racing Club when my grandfather was made bankrupt. Mrs Shepherd continued a friendship with my grandmother until she went to Sydney after separating from Norm. I remember once while I was holidaying at Penrith, my grandparents' home. Mrs Shepherd took me to Waingawa Freezing works to get her meat (There were 2 butchers in Featherston) and I had to get some brains as a special treat for my grandfather. Mrs Shepherd didn't take me home and I had to walk across the railway line and up Harrison Street to Watt Street. I dropped the brains on the gravel road, as the packet was damp. Dusted it off and hopefully my grandfather enjoyed them*

1<sup>st</sup> March Appointment of Mrs M A Johnston

Grading No 140 Service 32 years Present position Assistant Picton School

6<sup>th</sup> March Letter from Mr. Sadler The School Committee, want to lodge an objection to M A Johnston chiefly on account of her age and the difficulty in procuring lodging near the school. Other than the hotel which we think is not quite suitable for a female teacher. For this reason, we prefer a male teacher. We should be glad if you could appoint S M Hancox

29<sup>th</sup> March Appointment of Miss R Murray

Grading 193 , 10 1/4 service, Assistant Marshlands

31<sup>st</sup> March Reply to letter of 6<sup>th</sup> We learn that Mrs Johnston has been appointed to a position In another area

Miss R Murphy has been selected. Miss Murphy is a most promising young teacher and we trust you will secure suitable lodgings for her

6<sup>th</sup> May Further letter to Mr. Sadler. We have not yet been able to proceed with appointment of Miss Murphy as the school is falling to a Grade 1 School. We will readvertise the position

21<sup>st</sup> May Mrs R I Smith Grade 175 18 years service Unemployed

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1924 Mrs R I Smith Sole Teacher Resigned 20 May 1926

19<sup>th</sup> August Letter to Mr. C J Nic chairman of Tauherenikau School Committee. I beg to direct your attention to the Inspector's report of the state of the school grounds and to suggest that something be done to effect an improvement

9<sup>th</sup> Nov 1925 Wairarapa's roll of pioneers is now rapidly, diminishing, and the number of those who have passed away was added to on Friday, when Mr. W. J- Nix, of Tauherenikau, died after a short illness. The late Mr., Nix was born in the ship Royal Albert at the Wellington Heads on 30th May, 1853. His parents resided at the Hutt for a few months, later removing to the Wairarapa. They established, their home at Tauherenikau, where deceased had resided ever since. He, thus saw 72 years of Wairarapa's development from a well-bushed plain to one of New Zealand's most thriving pastoral and dairying districts, states the " Wairarapa Age." To the Wairarapa Racing Club Mr. Nix gave long and faithful service. He was one of its oldest stewards, a past vice-president and its first patron, an



office that was conferred on him last year in recognition of his past services. Deceased was a member of the Tauherenikau School Committee for 32 years, 21 of which he was chairman. Entering the old Featherston Road Board in 1889, deceased was a member until the board merged with the Featherston County Council, on which he served almost continuously until his resignation in 1923. He was also an active member of the Featherston Bowling Club. PP

## 1926

28<sup>th</sup> May Appointment of Miss E Kelly as relieving sole teacher  
Vice Miss Alexander who is now not available

1<sup>st</sup> June Letter from Miss E Kelly to Wellington Education Board I beg to inform you that I opened school here this morning in accordance with instructions received from you

There were 17 children present out of a roll number of 33

The absentees had been conveyed to school by the former teacher and at present have not any means of getting to school A movement is being organised to have them conveyed by car

14<sup>th</sup> June Letter from Miss Kelly to the Board. I beg to inform you that having marked off all the pupils living at a distance of over three miles from the school who were formerly conveyed by Mrs Smith and having no means of being conveyed are not now attending. The roll is 19. The attendance for this week was 17.7

2<sup>nd</sup> October A family of five have come into the area and we anticipate there will be an increase of the roll

11<sup>th</sup> December The present roll number is 1 and there are four children who are now of school age and will attend after the Christmas holidays. Roll will be 25. E J Kelly

## 1927

1<sup>st</sup> March Telegram to Miss Kraft Mr. Williams succeeds you  
Tauherenikau Thursday morning Please inform School Committee

8<sup>th</sup> April The undersigned residents of Tauherenikau beg to ask you to retain the services of Mr. Williams the teacher at our school

We are satisfied that under his tuition, the children have done remarkably well and also he has joined in the children's games and sports. We consider it would be a great drawback to the education of the children as they are used to him and understand him thoroughly

Signed

A Raeside, J Braggins, E Braggins, N Bryden, S Bryden, C G Bennetts, M O'Halloran, I Regan, F Anderson, I Anderson, R J Behrent, M A Behrent, S Raeside, A Regan

14<sup>th</sup> April reply Because there were higher graded applicants could not agree to your request

20<sup>th</sup> April Letter to Mr. C J Williams Re average attendance for March Quarter

12<sup>th</sup> May Roll 23

7<sup>th</sup> May Appointment of Mr. R G Mckenzie vice Miss Grant who is not now available

Grading 201 Service 4 years Sub Assistant Central School Palmerston North

29<sup>th</sup> July Inspectors report included

- a) Mr. R G McKenzie grading 201
- b) Roll 24
- c) Order, tone and discipline are satisfactory
- d) Accommodation is sufficient
- e) I am pleased to notice that a commencement has been made to trim the hedges and improve the tidiness of the playground
- f) The interior of the classroom should be repainted

26<sup>th</sup> October School to be closed for Carterton Show

## 1928

23<sup>rd</sup> October Inspectors report included

- a) Mr. R G McKenzie Grading 197
- b) Roll 33
- c) The work is well prepared and efficiently carried out

- d) A great improvement has been made by topping some trees and clearing an untidy corner. The children are taking keen interest in their gardens

## 1929

29<sup>th</sup> July Inspectors report included

- a) Mr. R G Mackenzie Grading 189
- b) Roll 23
- c) The general efficiency of the teaching is good. It is difficult to raise the standard of work to a high level as most of the pupils have a poor foundation to build on
- d) One large family who came from another school has lowered the average quality considerably
- e) There is a pleasing spirit of cooperation between pupils and teacher

*All material above is from Papers Past or National archives. The Tauherenikau log book starts in 1930*

## 1930

2<sup>nd</sup> February Mr R G McKenzie

February School reopened

1<sup>st</sup> March School picnic held on Tauherenikau Racecourse. Prizes presented. Sports held

16<sup>th</sup> March Dental treatment commenced here for the first time

15<sup>th</sup> April Inspector Stubbs visited this school

16<sup>th</sup> April Received inspector's report. Very satisfactory

17<sup>th</sup> April School closed for Easter Holidays and to reopen on the 25<sup>th</sup>

Today the boys will be taken outside to work in the gardens

28<sup>th</sup> April Following withdrawals Albert Jack, Jim Grace, Constance, Auda and George Connelly Jean, Olive, Hazel and Linda Greeding?

Admissions Percy and Victor Henderson, Annette Hamilton, Barbara Bish. Roll 16

23<sup>rd</sup> June Total Roll now 18

In accordance with the recommendations made by F C Brockett (Board instructor in agriculture), a start has been made to get some flowerbeds showing. The Committee has at my suggestion commenced to trim up the front fence. No action however has been taken with regard to a new post for the front gate

The open drain in the playground has been filled with boulders and covered over in accordance with the suggestions received from Mr. Brockett

The girls report to me that they were interfered with by a man on the road as they were going home after 3 pm

I have made enquiries it seems likely that the man's name is Tomlinson and that he lives in Featherston. I shall this afternoon interview Mr. Tomlinson

## Improvements to Grounds

1<sup>st</sup> July 1927- 15<sup>th</sup> August 1930 R G Mackenzie

1927 Large hedge between pump and road pulled out also flower garden done away with

Drains dug in front of school from tank down and across path (Culvert Made). Gorse hedges trimmed

1928 Old fence round flower garden pulled down New vegetable garden made at rear of school. New fence constructed on site of flower garden dug up. Gorse hedges trimmed. Path formed from road to school

1929 Pine trees topped along side of school. Area round school covered with riverbed shingle and enclosed with stones. Path lined with boulders and shingled. trees topped. Gorse hedges trimmed.. Trees (Fruit Trees ) in site of old garden cut down. Concrete stands in front of school laid. Gorse cleared from grounds.

1930 Formation of six flower beds undertaken

- 1) Along path by gate (Oblong) 23 feet 6 x 3 feet
- 2) Along path by school (Oblong) 37 ½ ' ( ' symbol for feet), " symbol for inches) x 3'
- 3) Between pump and shelter shed (Oblong) 14' x 23 1.' X 3 ½'
- 4) By porch raised bed banked (Oblong) 8' x 4 ½ ' ' symbol for inches)
- 5) Between No 3 and shelter shed (Circular) 8' 3" in diameter
- 6) On site of old flower garden. Triangular 11' x 16' x 24' 6"

Crushed metal 1 load spread round the pump and enclosed by stones

Four dray loads of shingle spread round school and on reformed paths

198 feet of open drain filled with boulders and covered over with branches covered again with soil

Sump 6' x 6' x 6' dug, filled with boulders and covered in  
Extensive clearing – digging up of fruit tree roots off site of old  
garden

Levelling at present being carried out

The whole of the front left half of the school is being systematically  
levelled in readiness for the use of a lawn mower (A fund has been  
commenced for purchase of same, arrangements are in hand of  
School Committee)

Large Macrocarpa tree by gate has been trimmed back logs and  
branches cleared away

In the remainder of the year the following programme of  
improvements will be undertaken

- 1) Old decayed hedge of tree lucerne from school to boys  
latrine is to be removed
- 2) Circular flower plot is to be formed around the flagpole.
- 3) Miniature rockeries are to be formed halfway down the path  
forming a finish to the present gap
- 4) Small flower bed to be formed immediately on netting  
small gate right hand side
- 5) Path from school to boy's latrine to be formed- shingled and  
lined with boulders (to commence soon after holidays
- 6) Several dray loads of soil to be spread over areas in left front  
half of school to fill in depressions which occur there which  
are too deep to be filled in by skimming
- 7) With roll number of 18 (No Standard VI), one standard IV  
boy, two standard III, two primer III boys the above  
programme completed and projected will be all that can be  
managed as it involves some sacrifice of indoor work

(Handwork- drawing, hygiene, Nature Study, - occasionally  
Geography) being the subjects that have suffered by having  
time taken from them.

8) R G Mackenzie Sole Teacher 10<sup>th</sup> August 1930

*Order as in Log*

Agriculture instructor's report 11<sup>th</sup> February 1930

Suitable course in preparation based on Board Scheme

Condition of school grounds leaves much to be desired, at present  
one half of the front is a jungle of tall grass and thistles. In view of  
the fact that there are no big boys at the school I would suggest that  
the Committee be approached in view to getting the heavy work  
done after which the children might reasonably be expected to keep  
the grounds in order. When the rough grass has been cleared away  
something might be done to provide a flower bed and to beautify the  
fence to some extent. A lawnmower would be found very useful and  
if money were raised locally and an application for a subsidy would  
receive favourable consideration

In view of the shortage of labour it will be found advisable to  
discard one of the experimental plots behind the school

I would recommend that the one behind the school at present  
containing lupins be allowed to grass. In that case however it would  
be advisable to remove the present fence

Prompt action necessary to improve the present state of affairs as far  
as the grounds are concerned

Undated Letter from Jas A McIlwraith Senior Inspector of Schools  
Agriculture Instructor's Report.

The following remark in the Agriculture Report on your school cannot be considered very satisfactory, "Condition of grounds leaves a good deal to be desired-..... a jungle of tall grass and thistles.

Signed etc

7<sup>th</sup> May Agriculture instructors report

A great improvement has been made in grounds since my last visit. Rough grass has been cleared a way, paths have been tidied up and the grounds made neater all round

The progress made with the grounds should be followed up. Though tidy the school is by no means beautiful. Something should be done to provide flower beds if only on a small scale. When the preliminary digging is done there should be little difficulty in maintain a flower garden

The open drains in front of the school might well be converted into stone or scrub drains and filled in.

At present these spoil the appearance of what could be made a fair lawn. Unsightly tree lucerne stumps behind the school are to be removed as soon as possible. The fence round the garden would look better if lightened up

F C Brockett

21<sup>st</sup> August Agriculture Instructor's Report

Further improvement has been made in improvement of school grounds. Trees have been trimmed and rough grass removed and uneven ground levelled. Flower beds have been made. Unsightly stumps remaining from the hedge grubbed. Further improvements are planned and when completed the general appearance of the school should be much better. Area by the school looks more attractive

Practically all the recommendations made at my last visit would have been or are being adopted

F C Brockett

22<sup>nd</sup> August Because the grade of the school has dropped Mr. R G McKenzie is to be transferred to Ballance School. Can Mr. McKenzie get a transfer as from next term if the Board can appoint an efficient relieving teacher

2<sup>nd</sup> September Appointment of Miss J Ahradsen as relieving sole teacher letter to Mr. C J Nix

1<sup>st</sup> September Letter from Mr. C J Nix Transfer of Mr. McKenzie approved

We wish to place on record the excellent service rendered by Mr. McKenzie during his period of teaching at Tauherenikau

My Committee wish to inquire whether the Education Board would consider the advisability of transferring the children from the district to the Featherston School

4<sup>th</sup> September Reply from Education Board The School Committee must come back with definite proposals

6<sup>th</sup> September R G Mckenzie hands over charge to the chairman having been transferred to Ballance School where I commence duties on September 8<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> September Joyce Ahradsen (relieving) Roll 18

19<sup>th</sup> September A dray load of gravel arrived today. It was spread over the path and entrance flat in front of the school as previous gravel was almost worn in

Received a parcel of reading books for all classes from the Education Board. I wrote for handwork material and books on the 16<sup>th</sup> September. No received. 34 for all classes

29<sup>th</sup> September Received a parcel of handwork materials from the Education Board

30<sup>th</sup> September Dug a circular plot and filled it with bulbs

3<sup>rd</sup> October Dug a plot around the flagpole ready to receive plants

4<sup>th</sup> October Received a parcel of woodwork tools from the Education Board. These have been locked in the box with the first few.

6<sup>th</sup> October Appointment of Miss A E R Cattnach

Grading 185 7 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years service Assistant Tokorangi School.  
*Presumably school in backblocks of Wanganui*

14<sup>th</sup> October A Cattnach applied for leave for Carterton Show

21<sup>st</sup> Oct 1930 Miss A E Cattnach Sole Teacher PP

7<sup>th</sup> November Visited by Mr. Brockett- advised to spend all time in garden to get it ready for holidays

10<sup>th</sup> November Visited by Mr. Stubbs- inspector

1<sup>st</sup> December A E R Cattnach Took charge of school today. Roll 14 present 12

1999/15797 Cattnach Agnes Ella Rose 8 October 1906

Born At Denmark Street Dannevirke

Bachelor of Arts 1928 Capping ceremony

5<sup>th</sup> December Visited by Miss Blackbourne (Physical Instructor) who reports Take all the posture connections with these children, plenty of activity exercises and as many of the simple folk dances as possible

8<sup>th</sup> December At 2.30 the children attended the official welcome to the Governor General, Lord Bledisloe at Featherston

12<sup>th</sup> December Receive a parcel containing 2 ½ lbs of blue lupin seed and 5 lbs of manure from the Education Board

17<sup>th</sup> December Received a letter from the Board stating The proposal to close on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December in compliance with the request of his Excellency the Governor General; is approved

The garden was weeded, manure used on part of the vegetable plot and lupin seed planted, and the implements cleaned and smeared with Vaseline in preparation for the holidays

18<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Christmas Holidays

## 1931

2<sup>nd</sup> February School reopened

12<sup>th</sup> February Visited by Mr. Brockett who reports good progress has been made with cleaning up of school grounds. All grass has been mown and garden plots weeded. Experimental plots should have the present crops removed and be sown as soon as possible in lupins. A nursery plot should be prepared for autumn sowing of flower seeds for blooms in spring and early summer

17<sup>th</sup> February Received parcel from the Education Board consisting of chalk, brushwork materials, plasticene, sticks and blocks. Also had a letter advising more material is to follow

6<sup>th</sup> March Received a parcel from Education Board consisting of pastel books, wool, weaving mats, a punch, a box of coins  
Also received a supply of flower seeds for which a bed is being prepared.



26<sup>th</sup> March School picnic held at Tauherenikau Racecourse

31<sup>st</sup> March Forwarded woodwork tools, no longer used to Education Board

1<sup>st</sup> April Received a parcel of large sheets of white cardboard from Education Board

13<sup>th</sup> April Visited by Inspector Mr. Stubbs

15<sup>th</sup> April Visited by Physical Instructor Miss Blackbourne whose report says Good, The gribil posture shows a marked improvement. The spirit of the work is good, though the response in some cases is slow.

Base work from the tables in the Education Gazette introducing variety by change of activity exercises, dancing steps and games

13<sup>th</sup> April Inspectors Noted included

- a) Roll 18
- b) Scheme of work complete and thoughtfully set out. Amplify throughout the year
- c) There exists quite a good working spirit and under the organisation the pupils are kept busily occupied
- d) The control is effective and the response is fairly keen
- e) As discussed the speech needs special attention. Continue the work you are doing in this direction and give muscular exercises to get cleaner articulation
- f) Arithmetic. The standard 6 girl is weak in the knowledge of fundamentals. The Standard 5 boy is fairly good, the remainder evince a fair response
- g) Reading Standard 1 is backward. Standard 2 fairly fluent, The primers are being well trained in phonics and you are wise in continuing this work in Standard 1

h) English This is being conducted along right lines. Exploit a method of oral expression and give copious examples of synthesis to get a more varied and colourful sentence structure. The essays are fairly neatly done and carefully supervised

i) Writing. This is quite good. Give occasional lessons to all on print script. Watch a, o, c etc

j) Drawing With crayon work keep to simple symmetrical objects for a while to get a representation in light and shade with diminishing outline. Include some outside sketching

k) You are managing this school quite well and happy cooperation secured the results should be very gratifying

l) G H Stubbs

7<sup>th</sup> May Visited by Mr. Brockett who reports included

a) Good progress being made. Some of the notebook drawings are very good. Gardens are neat and tidy

b) Lesson given by Instructor Tending flower seedlings starch (experimental)

c) The Committee has agreed to buy a lawn mower for use of the school. This should prove particularly useful as the grass in front of the building has always proved troublesome

d) Flower gardens are well cared for

e) F C Brockett

3<sup>rd</sup> June Holiday- King's Birthday

12<sup>th</sup> June Received a parcel of test tubes, glass tubing, corks and a measuring cylinder from the Education Board

23<sup>rd</sup> June Received some tools, two spades, a drag hoe and two push hoes

22<sup>nd</sup> July Religious Instruction under the Nelson System began in this school by Rev Duriad

30<sup>th</sup> July School closed at noon to enable teacher to attend Education Board class in Physical Instruction held at Featherston School

19<sup>th</sup> August Received a new lawnmower from School Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> September School reopened after holidays. Visited by Mr. Stubbs, inspector

14<sup>th</sup> September Received inspection report included

- a) A Cattanach
- b) School graded as good
- c) This school is capably managed
- d) The tone and spirit are very good. The pupils are kept happily and industriously employed
- e) The teaching is characterised by careful preparations and thoughtful preparation
- f) The standard of work is good
- g) The room is very clean and brightly attractive with pictures and suitable posters
- h) The grounds are being improved; the flower garden is a pleasing feature.
- i) A start has already been made with the new lawn mower towards tidying the grass area
- j) G H Stubbs

27<sup>th</sup> September-16<sup>th</sup> October The attendance during the period has been very low owing to an epidemic of chicken pox in the district

29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> October Holiday Carterton Show. Labour Day holiday has with the Board's permission been observed instead of on 26<sup>th</sup> October

5<sup>th</sup> November Received visit of Mr. Brockett whose report included

- a) Very full scheme drawn up along the lines discussed in my last report
- b) One or two bright children in Standard 4 and 5 but Standard 6 is rather heavy
- c) Flower beds are well cared for. The school now owns a lawn mower and is making good use of it. Approach to school is quite attractive
- d) Experimental plot has failed. Soil has caked over the seeds and very few have germinated. I would recommend the ground be dug over again as soon as possible, converted into two plots, one to be sown in a crop, The other made into a grass plot
- e) Lesson given by instructor – use of notebooks
- f) Capillarity and conservation of soil moisture- soil analysis

1<sup>st</sup> December School closed for holiday for proficiency exam

2<sup>nd</sup> December School closed general election

9<sup>th</sup> December Received results of proficiency exam. Jean Gredig Proficiency

## 1932

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 18

5<sup>th</sup> May The school was presented with a basketball by Mr. A McKenzie of Tauherenikau

23<sup>rd</sup> May School reopened after holidays with a roll of 23

22<sup>nd</sup> June Three spare No 1 desks forwarded to Kaitara School

6<sup>th</sup> July Received an easel from the Education Board

20<sup>th</sup> July Received three packets of carrot seeds from the Education Board

25<sup>th</sup> July Inspectors report included

- a) Miss A Cattanach
- b) Roll 23
- c) The grounds are tidy. A new garden is being laid out
- d) The outhouses require more careful attention to ensure a reasonable degree of cleanliness
- e) In general a good standard of work is obtained

8<sup>th</sup> September Received six packets of flower seeds from the agriculture instructor

19<sup>th</sup> October Medical inspection of the children by Dr Anderson, School medical officer

21<sup>st</sup> October Holiday Carterton Show

29<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day holiday transferred from Monday with the approval of the Education Board

1<sup>st</sup> December School closed for proficiency exam

12<sup>th</sup> December Received results of exam. Helen Howlett Proficiency

16<sup>th</sup> December School closed for summer holidays

## 1933

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 22

22<sup>nd</sup> May During the term holidays the lawnmower and a spade were stolen from the school porch. This matter was reported to the police, Committee and Education Board

14<sup>th</sup> August Received one desk, size 5 from Education Board

4<sup>th</sup> September Roll 22

8<sup>th</sup> September Received a Qualcast lawnmower from the School Committee

27<sup>th</sup> September Inspectors Report included

- a) Miss A Cattanach
  - b) Roll 22
  - c) This school continues to make steady progress under the sound and systematic instruction given by Miss Cattanach
  - d) Throughout the school no class weakness is evident
  - e) The aesthetic subjects, Singing, Art and Elocution are receiving full attention. The quality of the work is good
  - f) Order, tone and discipline are very good. The pupils are mannerly and responsive
  - g) The grounds are bright and attractive and the buildings carefully supervised
- 18<sup>th</sup> October Letter to Miss A E R Cattanach school to be kept at its current grade
- 24<sup>th</sup> November Visited by the school medical officer Dr Anderson
- 30<sup>th</sup> November Synchronous Proficiency Exam. School closed
- 12<sup>th</sup> December Results Proficiency Noela Reed, Olive Gredig. Competency Myrtle Morris

## 1934

7<sup>th</sup> April Letter from Miss Caattanach As the Tauherenikau school are to attend a combined school sports meeting at 1 pm on Friday

13<sup>th</sup> April the school subject to the Board's approval be closed

9<sup>th</sup> August Inspectors Report included

- a) Miss A Cattanach
- b) Roll 24
- c) The work is characterised by earnestness and painstaking effort and all branches of instruction are receiving due attention
- d) There is an amount of uphill work to do in this school and although the general level of achievement is rated as very fair it is the result of no mean effort on the part of the teacher
- e) The behaviour of the pupils is very good which is a reflex of very good discipline

5<sup>th</sup> October Closed for Carterton Show

12<sup>th</sup> December Miss A Foster appointed

Grading 149. 18 1/2 years service Currently Assistant Petone West  
C J Nix still chairman

## 1935

24<sup>th</sup> July Inspectors Report included

- a) Miss A M Foster

b) Roll 14

c) I found the behaviour of the children much better than it was in April

d) They are all doing neat work

e) The walls are attractive

16<sup>th</sup> September Letter from A M Foster School roll is 15. There will be 4 admissions in 1936

One Standard 6 pupil will be leaving

16<sup>th</sup> October Appointment Mrs Ellen Guildford

Grading 156 11 years service. Currently Sole Teacher at Wairongomai School. Mrs Guildford is being transferred as she is losing her current position at Wairongomai because of a change of grade (*NB Personal notes on Mrs Ellen Guildford's inspections are held at national Archives ABDM W3569 Box 419*)

Letter to Mr. Nix As the grade of the school has dropped Miss Foster is to be transferred

31<sup>st</sup> October Letter from Miss Foster Roll is now 12

Letter from Mr. McCuaghey re whether her child could start school before 5 if her birthday was in April . Reply New rules state that the child can only be enrolled on date of birthday

## 1936

16<sup>th</sup> April Letter from Mrs Guildford

a) The annual school picnic will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April subject to the weather being favourable

b) I regret we have not been able to give the usual fourteen days notice because of the uncertainty of the weather

28<sup>th</sup> August Letter to Mr. F Anderson chairman of School Committee

That as there are only 5 children on the roll, Mrs Guildford will be transferred and the School will become Grade O school

3<sup>rd</sup> September Mr. W H Sadler back on scene

The chairman has interviewed three of the four parents at the school The other being 3 miles from school and under no account will the parents be responsible for Board and Lodging of a Grade O Teacher

We suggest the school be closed and the children transferred to Featherston as was suggested at the last Householders meeting

Robb Family 3, 2 1/2 miles from Featherston Children 's ages 15, 13, 9

McCaughey 1 aged 5, 2 1/2 miles from Featherston

Anderson, 1, 10, 2 3/4 miles

Varnham 1, 6, 3 1/4 miles

Grading 1, 12, 5 miles from Featherston 3 from Greytown

Fraser, 4 Shifting to Carterton

18<sup>th</sup> September School to be closed. Mr. Donald Board Member to arrange transport to Featherston

## 1938

23<sup>rd</sup> August Wellington Education Board to invite tenders for the removal of the building The building was erected in 1896 and comprises one room 24' x 18'

26<sup>th</sup> October The locals never use the school building at Tauherenikau for social or religious purposes

Pt 11 Block !X Waiohine Survey

The block is 1/4 mile from Tauherenikau Hotel on the Main Highway Level section in grass well sheltered by trees

The soil is good quality Loam

## 1939

Letter from Herbert Baillie 18 Fitzroy Terrace Wellington has a photo of Tauherenikau school in 1868

## 1941

Section sold to Wyvurn and Trevor Reed Neighbours for 100 pound

**Sam Kilsby's Booklet.** *Sam Kilsby was an Head Teacher at Featherston School and wrote a book about the history of Featherston school with a brief history of Tauherenikau and Kaiwairangi Schools. Mrs Kilsby was a friend of my grandmother*

- a) First mention 31<sup>st</sup> March 1864 when the teacher was Robert Lucas who taught 8 pupils in 18' x 12' schoolroom
- b) 1867 Mr Poole had 28 pupils (Featherston had 28)
- c) 1874 Mr Blade (1873- 1876) 15 pupils
- d) 1914 Mr Jenkins who enrolled in the war and was killed.
- e) Miss Deveraux (Mrs N C C Shepherd Married 1921) Had a reputation of a first class teacher and champion of the under privileged

- f) School closed in 1936, Children transported in Miss Bicknell's Bus to Featherston
- g) School was on the west of the main highway a few chains North of the corner by the hotel. Later owned by Mr W V Reid. (*A chain was 66 feet or 21.11 metres*)

1878		Tauherenikau	Hansen	Mrs	Head Female	£100
1879		Tauherenikau	Fugle	Mrs	Female	£100
1880		Tauherenikau	Fugle	Matilda	Female	£100
1881	15	Tauherenikau	Fugle	Matilda	Female	£100
1882	10	Tauherenikau	Fugle	Matilda	Female	£100
1883	13	Tauherenikau	Fugle	Matilda	Female	£100
1884	11	Tauherenikau	Fugle	Matilda	Female	£100
1885	20	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£100
1886	21	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£100
1887	11	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£100
1888	14	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£100
1889	15	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£52
1890	18	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£71
1891	14	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£52
1892	12	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£45
1893	13	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£45
1894	16	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£60
1895	21	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£100
1896	22	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias	Female	£100



1897	23	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias E E		Female	£100
1898	8	Tauherenikau	Heaney	Lillias E E		Female	£100
1899	11	Tauherenikau	Wolstein	William		Master	£37
1900	12	Tauherenikau	Wolstein	William		Master	£45
1901	19	Tauherenikau	Wolstein	William		Master	£100
1902	17	Tauherenikau	Ussher	Martha J		Female	£96
1903	20	Tauherenikau	Ussher	Martha J		Female	£88
1904	21	Tauherenikau	Ussher	Martha J		Female	£100
1905	18	Tauherenikau	Ussher	Martha J	E1	Female	£114
1906	19	Tauherenikau	Barak	Mary C Mrs	E2	Female	£110
1907	18	Tauherenikau	Barak	Mary C Mrs	E2	Female	£110
1908	20	Tauherenikau	Barak	Mary C Mrs	E2	Female	£110
1909	20	Tauherenikau	Barak	Mary C Mrs	C2	Female	£125
1910	14	Tauherenikau	Pattle	Kate Alice	D4	Female	£120
1911	13	Tauherenikau	Pattle	Katie Alice	D4	Female	£125
1912	20	Tauherenikau	Pattle	Kate Alice	D3	Female	£130
1913	19	Tauherenikau	Pattle	Kate Alice	D3	Female	£120
1914	22	Tauherenikau	Proctor	Florence M Mrs	C1	Female	£120
1915	25	Tauherenikau	Jenkins	Charles G		Master	£162
1917	36	Tauherenikau	Beard	Thomas E	Sole	C-92	£140
1919	29	Tauherenikau	Sankey	Arthur W	Sole	Licensed	£160
1921	23	Tauherenikau	Shepherd	Evelyn M	Sole	C	£260
1923	22	Tauherenikau	Shepherd	Evelyn M Mrs	Sole	C-169	£263