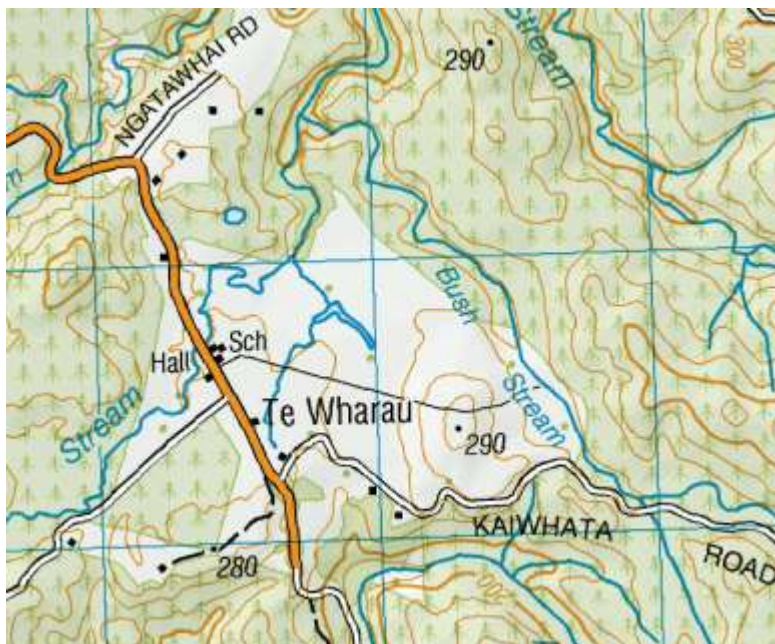


Te Wharau: 1918. 1926-1947, 1953- May 1999

Wharau: 1898-1899, 1902-1917 The Wellington Education Board and Ministry until 1917 called this school Wharau even though the locals called it Te Wharau from at least 1902. 42 Kilometres from Masterton on the Te Wharau Road which starts at Gladstone



Writing in Times New Roman 12 black is School Log Book
Writing in Times New Roman 12 blue is School Committee Minutes
Writing in Tempus Sans 12 is from National Archives
Writing in italics are comments by Robin Carlyon
Writing with PP or WTPP is from Papers Past Website

Te Wharau

Buildings erected 1898 396 square Feet

Area 2 acres being part Section 249 Pahaua Block

1937 added shelter sheds for £50

Note school closed 31/1/1948

1898

26th January 1898 It was resolved that schools be established as soon as possible in the Wharau PP

28th January 1898 On Saturday afternoon last, a large number of the bush settlers in the Wainuioru District assembled at the Wharau to meet Mr Buchanan, M.H R., and discuss the question of establishing a school in the district, After considerable discussion it was decided that the most suitable locality would be at the Wharau, and I learn that a site is available near the store There are, however, some heart burnings on the score of the site chosen. But it must be borne in mind that in a scattered community, it is almost impossible to select such a site as would be available for every settler's children. Your humble correspondent's opinion (perhaps not worth much) is that two aided schools—one at Wharau and the other in the vicinity of Messrs Barrer's and Yorke's homesteads—would best meet the requirements of the settlers. During the summer months when the roads are in good order and the days long—it is possible for children to travel considerable distances to school; but in the winter months—when the roads in this district are little less than quagmires—this would be impossible PP

23rd Feb 1898 The Chairman was authorised to open tenders for schools at Wharau, Te Ore Ore, and Penton, to accept the lowest tender, and report at next meeting. PP

1st March 1898 Tenders for the Erection of the Roseneath School, and Tenders for the Erection of School Buildings at Mangapakeha, To Ore Ore, and Wharau, near Gladstone, Will be received at this office up to Wednesday, the 16th March. Plans and specifications at my office, Wellington, and at the Schools, Masterton and Carterton. Plans for Mangapakeha School may also be seen at the residence of Mr. McLeay Penton, Mangapakeha. THOMAS TURNBULL, Architect to the Board PP

22nd March 1898 Wharau CE Daniell 180 pound accepted 30000 dollars Oct 2010 PP

8th June 1898 Mr C E Daniell of Masterton is vigorously proceeding with his contract to erect the new school house at Wharau PP

23rd June 1898 The erection of the State school at the Wharau shows manifest signs of progress, The frame-work being completed and placed in position. Mr King has been effecting some improvements to his store and accommodation house, having built a stable and shed, The travelling public speak highly of the manner in which Mr and Mrs Higgs conduct the accommodation-house attached to Mr King's store at the Wharau. PP

25th August 1898 So far there has been a failure to elect a School Committee at the Wharau, there being no attendance of settlers on Saturday last at the meeting called for that date, It is said that the meeting of householders has now been postponed for a month PP

22nd September 1898 THE WHARAU SCHOOL.

A COMMITTEE ELECTED. From Our Own Correspondent). Wednesday, The meeting of residents convened to take place at the

Wharau on Saturday Last (17th) to elect a School Committee duly eventuated. About fourteen householders attended and the following gentlemen were chosen a Committee, viz., Messrs Moody, Galbraith, Simpson, A. Nitz, Richards senr., Higgs and E. Vennell subsequently Mr Higgs was appointed Chairman and Mr E. Vennell, Secretary. The Committee have guaranteed the sum of £40 towards a teacher's salary, but there is, I am informed, some hitch on the part of the Education Board finding the balance to make up such a stipend as will induce a teacher to accept the situation.

It seems a hardship that settlers who are just beginning the battle of life, on rough bush sections, when every penny is of the utmost importance to put into clearing the land, should be called upon to pay a considerable sum of money towards education, while others in more favoured localities get all they require free, even to what may be called luxuries. Free education is a misnomer so far as the back blocks are concerned. Surely the pioneers of civilization, warring against stupendous difficulties should receive the utmost help and consideration from the State in such matters as the education of their children! PP

21st October 1898 The Wharau School is still without a teacher. It may be found that the erection of this school is somewhat premature, as apparently but few children will attend. It would have been more economical and useful to have aided settlers in the neighbourhood of Mr Barrer's and the Wharau with a grant of money than to have built a school. The building certainly adds to the beauty and importance of the rising township of Wharau, and may if not useful as a school, serve for public meetings, church services, and even dances. PP

22nd October 1898 Teacher is Wanted for an Aided School at Wharau. beyond Gladstone, Wairarapa; salary, .£45. Applications to be sent to Mr. E. S. Vennell, Wharau, Gladstone PP

1st December 1898 To-night a dance is to take place in the Schoolroom at-the Wharau, which promises to be well-attended. I am informed him the Wharau School Committee have selected Miss Phillpotts, a young lady who has been governess in several of the settlers' families in the district, as teacher. The appointment has yet to be approved by the Education Board. It is proposed to open the school shortly after New Year. Mr Scott, who has erected a store at the Wharau, has made arrangement to commence business at once.

8th December 1898 Residents at Wainuioru (*This is not the site of the Wainuioru School in 2014, but on a site on the Wainuioru River on the Gladstone Glenburn Road*) are not a united family as regards matters educational, for I am informed that several of the settlers in the vicinity of Mr York's contemplate taking steps to obtain a school in that neighbourhood instead of sending their children to the Wharau. Should this eventuate there is every probability of the Wharau School being a failure, as very few children will attend. the dance which took place at the Wharau on Monday last was well attended, not only by local residents, but quite a number of persons from Gladstone and Carterton graced it with their presence. Mr Silk, of piano-tuning fame,. was present, and contributed largely to the pleasure of the evening by playing the major portion of the dance music PP

23rd December 1898 After considerable delay a teacher has been appointed to the Wharau School, the successful applicant being Miss Drake. The school was duly opened last week, the attendance of children however being very meagre, only three putting in an appearance, but I learn that there will be an increase after the Xmas holidays. The trouble in connection with the school is that settlers were not unanimous as to the best site, as it could not be placed at

everyone's back door there is heart-burning in some quarters. Let us hope that after the New Year that the calumet (*North American Indian Peace Pipe*) of peace will be smoked and that settlers will endeavour to let their offspring receive the benefits of education as far as possible PP

1899

16th January 1899 The Wharau School has now been formally opened under the control of Miss Drake. The attendance is very meagre, the greatest number putting in an appearance being five. PP

4th February 1899 The attendance at the Wharau School is slowly—very slowly—improving, about seven children now putting in an appearance. There is a great deal of discontent among some of the settlers at being called upon to pay a portion of the teacher's salary PP

10th FEBRUARY 1899 At the last meeting of the Education Board the question of a reduction in salaries of teachers at schools where the number of children had decreased, came under notice, and is to be further discussed at next meeting, The Wharau School was mentioned as a school where the attendance had not come up to anticipation. The main cause of this is that some parents are discontented be-, cause the school was not erected adjacent to their homesteads and consequently will not allow their children to attend, while one settler with a family has left the neighbourhood. Should there be any attempt to reduce the teacher's salary the upshot will be that the school will be closed, as already those parents who send their children have to pay a quarter of the salary which they are not able to afford, and would no doubt decline to bear any further burdens. The recent appeal for a reduction in rents by the Wainuioru settlers should convince the Education Board that struggling Crown tenants on third rate bush land are not in aa position to pay much towards education., The

question is, are the children of settlers, who take up remote sections of land and undergo all sorts of privations, to be placed at a serious disadvantage as regards education as compared with, the more fortunately situated townfolk: and those in old settled districts? It would appear that such is to be the case you may judge by the sentiments expressed by some members of the Board. PP

9th May 1899 TEACHER is required for the Aided School at Wharau. Salary, £45. Applications to be made to Mr. E. S. Vennell, Secretary School Committee, Wharau, via Gladstone PP

14th June, 1899. ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES. IT is hereby publicly notified that Meetings of Householders for the Annual Election of the New School Committees will be held on MONDAY, the 26th June, at 8 p.m., in the respective School Buildings of the following districts :— Wharau, Taueru, Dyerville, Wallaceville, Korokoro, and Paikakariki. A. DORSET, Secretary., PP
15th June 1899 From Our Own Education Board, Wellington Correspondent). Monday, There appears to be some prospect of the Wharau school being re-opened at an early date, as it is reported a teacher is about to be selected by the Education Board. With the roads in such bad condition it is a question if the school is not as well closed, for it is all but impossible for children living within even a moderate distance being able to attend PP

1st July 1899 A meeting of householders to appoint a School Committee at the Wharau took place last evening, and I am informed that the following were appointed:— Messrs Higgs, Vennell, King, Moody, W, Adams, Simpson and Malta Matinha, Mr Higgs being elected Chairman.

8th July 1899 The Wharau School is to be re-opened, Mr Olphert having been appointed teacher. It is almost too much to expect a good attendance of children in the face of the all-but impassable condition of the roads. An innovation in the composition of the local School Committee is the inclusion of Maori members. This will allay some slight annoyance which existed in the minds of the Natives at being excluded from the former Committee, and may probably tend to a greater number of their children attending the school.

28th July 1899 The Wharau School still remains closed, the gentleman who was recently appointed having, through illness, been obliged to relinquish the position. It is said that a gentleman well-known in Masterton musical circles has applied for the teachership.

8th September 1899 DORSET, Secretary. A TEACHER is required for, the Aided School at Wharau, near Gladstone. Salary, .£45. Applications to be sent to Mr. C. Higgs, Chairman Wharau School Committee, Gladstone PP

11th September 1899 The Education Board has decided to establish an aided school at Mr York's Wainuioru; perhaps this is the best solution of the school question in that neighbourhood, as under the winter conditions of the roads and long distance some settlers are from the Wharau, there is but little prospect of a satisfactory attendance at that school for some years to come.

15th November 1899 (From Our Own Correspondent). Monday. The newly -appointed school-teacher, Mr Powell, arrived at the Wharau last week. Settlers complain bitterly of having to pay such a large proportion of the teacher's stipend. Residents in the back blocks certainly have a good deal to complain of in the matter of education, and are very heavily handicapped as compared to the more fortunate town residents, At the Wharau, now that a number of Maori families

have settled in the neighbourhood, hopes are entertained that there will be a considerable increase in the attendance at the school, in which case settlers will probably be relieved from paying towards the teacher's salary. Many improvements are visible on the settlers' holdings in the Wainuioru, new sheds, outbuildings, fencing, and sheep yards being much in evidence. So well patronised is the Wharau accommodation house and store under the capable management of Mr and Mrs Higgs that Mr King, the proprietor, is making large additions to it, several bed-rooms, a dining-room, and store accommodation being erected. The Maoris who recently acquired land in the Wainuioru are now located on their holdings, and are busily engaged in erecting dwellings and fencing.

1900

20th February 1900 The Wharau school is not a very progressive institution, only three children attending just now

29th March 1900 Mr Robert Lee (*School Inspector*) leaves the press of the Wellington School District but little to say when he himself exhibits so great a measure of honesty. First of all he points out that an undue haste is displayed in erecting new school buildings, and quotes the Mangapakeha and Wharau premises as abortive undertakings PP

16th August 1900 Tonight a dance takes place at the Wharau in aid of the school fund PP

24th November 1900 Mr. J. Powell is to be transferred from the Wharau Aided School, South Wairarapa, to the Aided School at Whiteman's Valley PP

1901

31st January 1901 Wharau J L Power Current wage 18 pound 15 shillings rise 6 pound 5 shillings PP

28th November 1901 What was Mr. Lee employed for? ; Mr. Hogg— To inspect the schools. ; Mr. Buchanan urged that Mr. Lee's duty was to criticise where he differed, from the action of the Board. With regard to the site of the Wharau school, he (Mr. Buchanan) only erred, if- he did err, in common with all the residents but one, who had decided that the site selected was the most suitable. He had nothing to do with the site of the Mangapakeha school. The Chairman — The residents selected the site of that school. All interested were in favour of it, | Mr. Buchanan, referring to Mr. Hogg's remarks, recorded his protest against Mr. Hogg's manner, as Chairman of the Discussion on the future....PP

6th December 1901 A Post Office has been opened up at Te Wharau PP

1902

27th February 1902 It was decided to reopen the Wharau School PP

13th March 1902 WANTED, for Wharau Aided School, a Qualified Teacher ; minimum salary, £50. Full particulars on application to G, A. Fairbrother, Carterton, or C. Higgs, Chairman, Wharau. PP

19th March 1902 After being closed for over twelve months, there is some prospect of the Wharau School being reopened, as steps are now being taken to procure a teacher. PP

25th March 1902 Miss Barstow has been appointed at Wharau and will start after the holidays PP

2nd April School opened roll 7 and by 20th June the number had increased to 15

30th September roll increased to 18 Average 12. The amount of rough weather prevented a higher average

15th October The roll number increased to 19 and as the roads are now good the weekly average has been 15 and over

8th November Observed King's Birthday on the 10th and as we had neither show or demonstration Day

Sent out two first notices for irregular children's attendance

Foolscap blotting paper slates from School Committee. School cleaned out 15th November

18th November Log Book Received

27th November School closed for elections

One pupil in Carterton on account of ill health and one native at Flat Point during shearing

19th December Break up today for Midsummer holidays

1903

26th January Attendance 12. The weather has been very stormy .The roll was 18

9th February One case of measles in the district 3 or 4 present. As a consequence

23rd February Only 2 in attendance. All the rest suffer from measles or staying away as a prevention.

9th March Maori meeting at the coast and the two native children away from school to attend it. All the week there was no attendance at all

16th March 5 Children returned to school and there was average of 6 for the week and there are still cases of measles in the district.

23rd March. Not much improvement in attendance for the weather has been changeable

27th March F H Bakewell Inspector writes. Owing to an epidemic of measles very few children (4) were present for examination. In the circumstances I accepted the teacher's promotions Later on 4 more children arrived making a total of 8 out of a roll of 18

Previously to Miss Bairstow's taking charge in April Last the school had been closed for 3 years and the children had naturally gone back in their work. I have recommended that all standards be grouped for Standard 3 classwork for the coming year.

31st March 30th March taken as Examination holiday

7th April Attendance is improving a little.

15th April School reopened after Easter Holidays with an attendance of 9

28th April Election of School Committee

R Barren Esq. Chairman and Secretary

Messrs R Vennell, S Liddington, H Beck, A Nitz and ? Renata

30th April Received pass cards for 7 children

1 Standard 4, 1 Standard 3, 4 Standard 2 and 1 Standard 1. Thus all pupils presented at the exam were promoted. There are 11 pupils in the preparatory classes.

Received 1 set of classes reading books also. History and Geography and table books from School Committee

29th May 1903 The very peculiar position of our school, which is situated at Te Wharau, has been placed before the Education Board. The school was erected, it appears, on a site according to some old survey plan. As it now stands it has no legal frontage to the East

Coast-road. The Committee are now moving in the matter, to have the plot on which the school stands re-surveyed according to the present road. PP

15th May The attendance has improved this week there being a working average of 13. One day was exempt owing to stormy weather (Exempt means that the day was not counted as a school day as less than half present), The school was washed throughout and is to be swept thrice weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

22nd May Average for week 12. Two exempt days.

25th May School closed for Empire Day

1st June School floor washed. Attendance improving. School closed

June 3rd for Prince of Wales's Birthday

19th June Firewood was supplied to the school last week 19th August.

On the 17th and 18th the weather was very stormy and I was suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia. I did not open school

7th September School closed on 3rd September owing to indisposition of teacher. 4th no attendance stormy weather

9th September School closed 8th as weather was bad and teacher suffering from neuralgia

18th December Average for year 13

1904

26th January School reopened with an attendance of 3. But has increased to 11. 2 Former pupils have left A native family of 5 arrived in the district as well as one former pupil being admitted Thursday bringing the roll up to 18 and there are still two children over 7 years of age within two miles of the school who have not attended yet. First notices served on Mr Mordy and Mrs Vennell as

their children have been absent from this school this week more than the number of times allowed for by the act

3rd February There are now 21 children on roll, last week there were 18 but on Monday was augmented by 3 more native children The attendance has been good as none of the scholars live far from the school

10th February Four more Maori children attended school for the first time This brings the number on the roll to 25

8th March Inspectors Report included T R Fleming

The standard 3 class is not too advanced enough to proceed to Standard 4 work

I would advise the committee to buy a few reading books for the use of the school instead of confining themselves to the use of the Imperial Reader

The classwork was not strong I would advise Mrs Knutson (Nee Bairstow) to attempt only the work required for Standard 3 in addition to the work of the lower standards

Suggested analysis each week

Subject	Hours
English	10
Arithmetic	5
Drawing and Needlework	3 ½ or 4
Drill and Singing	2
Geography Health History	2 ½
Recreation and Registers will complete the time	

14th March 1904 The telephone is to be extended to Wharau PP
 18th March The attendance has been less than half the roll number for the whole week owing to the death of a Maori
 22nd April Admitted 4 more. Roll 33
 2nd June. School Committee elected Messrs Liddington (Chairman), Patterson, Knutson, Haeata Renata, Simon Scott
 24th June Two excepted days this week owing to rough weather. The attendance on remaining days good
 18th July Opened school with attendance of 15. Most of absentees not having returned from holidays.
 Procured and paid for 9 Historical readers, 1 Object lessons on geography and 1 song book Total 12/10
 School washed out during holidays and windows cleaned
 9th July An attendance of under half for the whole week nearly all the native children being away to attend a wedding.
 5th August Snow fell for two days this week.
 9th September School washed out at end of week. 3 Native Children left the school for Te Ore Ore.
 17th October No attendance on Thursday and Friday owing to extremely inclement weather
 21st October. School not swept out all week.
 28th October School not swept out on Thursday and Friday.
 4th November Two boys away 2 days helping at Shearing Sheds.
 15th November School closed on 10th, 11th, 12th. The two latter dates in lieu of Labour Day and Show Day. Was out in town for holidays but owing to the weather could not return in time for Monday's School. Only 4 children attended on Tuesday owing to a misunderstanding.

1905

Sent by Wellington Education Board to assume control of school pro tem M Lavery
 3rd February Roll 13
 14th March Inclement weather only 1 attended
 20th March Inspectors Report included. F Bakewell
 The attendance is very irregular and much of the work is below requirements
 I have recommended the teacher in charge to give careful attention to English and arithmetic
 All classes may be grouped for geography and History
 Mr Lavery has been in temporary charge since the beginning of the year I am favourably impressed with his work and should judge with experience he will make a very satisfactory teacher in a school of this class.
 21st March Teacher writes Inspector recommends plenty of oral work. May give physical drill. Singing etc. may be omitted.
 Roll 14
 3rd April School not cleaned out for over a week.
 27th April No School Committee elected last night
 28th April Roll 15
 19th May. Roll 11
 27th May 1905 Ada Knutson resigns (Nee Ada Barstow) PP
 1st June No attendance Very Bad Snow
 2nd June No attendance Snowing
 12th June Meeting held for purpose of electing School Committee the following persons elected D Douglas Chairman, Scott, Patterson, Vennell, Nicholson
 30th June Roll 11

1st July During the week I examined all the children in the school. The papers of Standard 1, 2, 3, and 4 have been put by for reference if needed. I promoted M Scott to the 1st Standard in all subjects. V Vennell in all subjects except arithmetic in which subject he seems to have a failing to learn.

I promoted I M Patterson from 1st to 2nd primer. The papers will not show marked improvement yet all the children have made distinct improvement in observing faculties and have always learned fairly well any task given to them

The children in the standards have been at a great disadvantage owing to the unpardonable action of the last School Committee in not providing books ordered by the inspector.

However a School Committee was elected on the 12th June. I am in hope that the members will see after the real wants of the school

7th July Roll 12 One boy returned after 4 months out of school

11th August The list of required for the school has given to the Chairman immediately after the new committees election yet nothing has been done in the matter This is now over two months. Some of the children are without copy books. The 1st and 2nd standards have not the school reads. I have been using the Crown Series.

25th August Roll 14

15th September Received from Secretary of Wellington Education Board application forms for university and teacher exams

Also notified by Chairman School Committee that in future no books to be delivered free to children but must be charged

During weeks holiday tank arrived The strainer overflow did not come.

19th September. The weather exceptionally rough. No attendance

27th September received strainer overflow and tap for tanks.

29th September In consequence of the chairman residing over 5 Miles from the school house it is difficult for me to get the quarterly returns sent within prescribed time to Wellington Education Board

7th October School Committee meeting held (*First mention of same*) Decided to allow the teacher to get books when required and to account to School Committee for them.

The teacher agreed that if children could not pay for books he would make these children a present of them paying for some out of his own pocket.

Decided that the teacher be allowed to take prescribed holidays in his own discretion as they come or all together.

The teacher attended the School Committee meeting and explained all matters in connection with the school

20th October received news today that Trafalgar Day be observed. Notice too late Highest attendance for week 18

24th October Very wet 1 pupil attended.

1st November Tanks fixed in place

8th November As teacher was not well He elected to take the accumulated holidays for Arbor day, King's Birthday, Labour Day, Trafalgar Day, These days not being taken when they came.

The Chairman Mr D Douglas has kindly offered to give a prize of about the value of £1 to the child who attends most often during the next 12 months.

17th November It may be seen from Inspectors' reports from time to time much of the works in the school has been below the requirements and some of the pupils are far above the ages of children usually in the respective classes. I have last month made a general examination and the result that I concluded that some of the children might well be promoted. I have therefore promoted Guy

Patterson, Maggie Patterson, Gordon Nicolson, to the infant reader. I have promoted Maud Vennell to the 3rd Standard. Robert Patterson to the 4th and James Moody to the 5th Standard. Those above have almost 6 months before the annual examination and I consider they will be well fir for their respective standards at the end of that time. Assuming they continue to progress as they have done.

24th November School fence partly fenced. Some wires have to be stapled

25th November School outhouse blown down.

28th November school fence finished.

6th December Election day Observed as a holiday

I also received from Wellington Education Board (Personally) 4 pictures I have today nailed them up in school

1906

23rd January 1906 The work of continuing the metalling on the Gladstone-East Coast road from the eastern foot of the Maungaraki towards Te Wharau has (writes a correspondent) been commenced. So good is the condition of the road generally that Mr G. Fairbrother and a friend travelled from Carterton to Te Wharau in a motor car this week, the first vehicle of the kind to essay the journey. Though not quite arrived at the dignity of a township, Te Wharau is showing signs of advancement, to which the regular coach services are adding a good deal. Another token of progress is that some of the land in the vicinity of the school is being cut up into quarter acre allotments for sale. PP

1st February School opened

2nd February Week ended Poor attendance last two days. Most of the children affected with influenza. Highest attendance 8

5th February No attendance Day extremely wet.

16th February Roll 18

26th February No school holiday in lieu of show day

3rd April J Tennant Inspector

Examined the school today Was very well satisfied with the work of the school.

Mr Lavery has apparently spared no pains to advance his pupils in their work.

Several in fact have covered two standards in the year.

I should like to committee to have the shed now overturned put back in its place and if they have any funds in hand to arrange for some tree planting within the school grounds

17th April Received inspectors report

All compulsory subjects taken are marked satisfactory, very fair or good

Instruction order etc. Is marked good.

“There is an admirable spirit of work throughout the school

“The district is a very scattered one and roads very bad. In spite of this Mr Lavery has worked his school into an extremely satisfactory condition. No less than 5 of his pupils have been advanced two standards during the year.

The children deserve special praise for the splendid work they have done, seeing that previous reports of the school were bad. I have much pleasure in placing on record the above very complimentary remarks and at the same time expressing my deepest gratitude to the children for their earnest and praiseworthy efforts which brought about the creditable condition of the school

23rd April Annual meeting of Householders has been held this evening Messrs Vennell (Chairman) Bridgewater, Nicolson, Patterson and Scott

4th May School Closed for holidays. The Board allowed the teacher to take the needed prescribed holiday earlier in May and also gave an extra weeks leave of absence

12th May 1906 Mr H Knutson's Store sold to Mr F Cotter Masterton PP

21st May Roll 19 Average 17

15th June Received notice from Wellington Education Board that Monday and Tuesday would be observed as holiday out of respect of the late premier the Right Honourable R J Seddon who was minister of Education at time of his decease.

16th June Further notified that a funeral would not take place until Thursday 21st would also been a holiday.

22nd June No attendance today.

13th July The School Committee has decided to hold a picnic for children on tomorrow should the day be fine. Some future day will be later as a holiday.

16th – 25th July Days very wet No attendance

17th August Roll 26 4 new pupils

2nd September School closed for weeks holiday. During last week some trees were planted by some members of the School Committee

7th December During the week I examined the years' work of the children for the 2nd term I have kept the papers of all pupils

21st December Roll 19

1907

4th February Attendance 11

8th February Roll 19

8th March Roll 15 Highest attendance 12

Received today "Code of Suggestions"

Suggestions for consideration of teachers

Examination of classification of teachers

Regulations for Inspection and examination of schools

Special report on educational Subjects

13th March. Completed the term examination today. Nothing special need be referred except that the Cotter Children have progressed very well since coming to this school. Mostly all the children at present have come during the past year, consequently the teacher gets very little opportunity of demonstrating that his pupils have a continuous of the meritorious work done by his pupils who were present at the last annual exam.

22nd March During the week received 20 victory medals for sale

24th March T R Fleming Inspector.

Work generally ranges from satisfactory to good. Mr Lavery has done good work since he took charge of the school.

The Offices (*Toilets*) should be in separate parts of the grounds Girls' on one side boys' on the opposite. Some more trees should be planted.

M Lavery writes: At my request the 1st standard pupils are to remain where they are until they go thro' their books another time. I have wished this so that justice may be done to an incoming teacher. This will explain one turn in the annual report and progress books.

12th April Roll 13.

16th April Received 3 parcels of books reading matter for pupils from Mr Fleming Chief Inspector

22nd April No meeting of householders consequently no committee elected,

1st May The teacher today sent in resignation as Sole teacher of this (Wharau) School

6th May Circular re medals (Victory) Communication should be sent not to Wellington Education Board but to Rev Mr Mathews, Secretary Sailors Society Christchurch

Received reports for inspector Mr T R Fleming. Two statements in inspection report is important for the purpose of correction of the teacher. I think advisable to enter in this book the following statements

Attendance District Scattered. Road unmetalled. Average attendance is consequently not good.

Of 15 children present only 4 were present at last annual visit,

But not withstanding this the work done was generally satisfactory Mr Lavery's work in this school has been very satisfactory.

16th March Received Circular re Empire Day containing information for proper observation of that day.

Received circular re Franking privileges- The effect is that the Wellington Education Board will now pay for strictly official business transmitted by Chairman, Secretary and Head teacher.

24th May School closed for Empire Day. School closed for weeks prescribed holiday.

4th- 6th June Unavoidably absent

7th June Day wet No attendance

My resignation has been in Board's hands for a considerable time. But I have agreed to come back to take charge to give Board

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opportunity of getting some teacher to take my place. I consented to remain until the end of June Having been down South Island during very rough weather- shipping service was disrupted- consequently I could not return to open on 4th June.

I am not aware that any School Committee has been elected on the day appointed consequently I have not notified Board.

12th June 1907 Mr. W. Bowie (Hinemoa), to be sole teacher at Wharau PP

28th June Some of the children are without Copy Books I have not made an effort to procure other copy books as a new style of copy books is now being used in the schools. Prefer to leave to my successor the selection of writing books to be used. The School Committee Copy Book has been used during my time.

As I am leaving the service of the board I wish to place on record my appreciation and gratitude for the courteous treatment I have received the members, inspectors and staff,

I also wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the children for the admirable way in which they worked under me And to the parents Guardians and People of Wharau for their many acts of kindness, M Lavery

1st July William Bowie Started

Open school today Seven children present I was not expected until the 2nd inst. consequently some children did not attend

5th July Weather cold and wet Roads are bad Average for week 10.4

12th July Have introduced the Vere Fowler style of copy book in place of the Southern Cross Series

16th July Rose Barnes enrolled was previously attending Ohau Primary School

18th July School dismissed for three week to enable teacher to attend the special course at the Wellington training college

12th August School reopened today after teachers return from Wellington. Weather bad and roads in a dreadful state.

Aileen Nicholson readmitted.

16th August Weather still bad Richard Moody made only one attendance this week Have accordingly cautioned him that he must attend more regularly in the future

26th August Rose Barnes left the school today as she is returning home to Ohau

30th August Teacher went to See Mrs Moody with regard to her son's frequent absences from school, when she was informed it was a serious matter and the case would have to be put into the hands of the truant officer unless she took steps to send boy to school regularly. She promised to do what is required under the Education Act.

Weather still very unsettled and roads in a terrible state. Attendance fairly good in the circumstances

20th September Influenza very bad in the district. On one day only did the attendance amount to half the roll number

1st October Maud Vennell attended this afternoon. This is her first attendance since April 26th .She has been away owing to ill health.

25th October Filled in and sent to Wellington Education Board forms for certain kinds of manual work, which I intend to adopt here. Want of kindergarten material keenly felt by teacher Also wrote as to the necessity of another blackboard.

8th November Received note from Secretary stating that certain material for handwork classes had been granted to the school

10th November Received note from Wellington Education Board that a blackboard and easel would be forwarded as desired

18th November Readmitted Mary Cole (native) who is expected to attend school for about a month,

25th November Elvina Simpson absent all last week being kept home to help with shearing.

12th December Percy Reeves taken sick on opening of morning school and had to be sent home.

Inventory of School Furniture Etc.

1	Abacus	3	Charts Reading
1	Modulation	5	Charts Drawing
1	B B Compass	2	Set Squares
1	T Square	1	Globe
1	Barometer	1	Thermometer
1	Rain Gauge	1	Models small set
20	Readers on Loan	14	Ink wells
1	Bells	2	Blackboards
3	Easels	1	Chair
1	Cupboard	1	Clock
1	Tables Teachers	1	Desk
10	Pictures mounted	10	Pocket Compasses
12	Registers	1	Logbook
3	Library Books	1	Bucket
1	Scrubbing Brush	1	Swing Lamp
1	Bracket Lamp	1	Broom
1	Hand brush	1	Fire Shovels
18	Drawing Boards	1 box	Dummy Coins
6	Boxes of Bricks	4	
1	Bundle of sticks	1	Map World
1	Map Europe	1	Map NZ

1	School District Map		
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Inspectors report Included T R Fleming

Mr W S Bowie Roll 20 Present 16

The children were well employed and appeared to be making satisfactory progress.

As there are 12 girls. The School Committee should recommend some competent lady for the position of sewing mistress. Instruction has to be given for 2 hours per week

Two panes of glass should be replaced. The tank is leaking. The window sashes require painting.

A little gravel at the gate would improve the approach during winter.

Some trees should be planted and the children might be encouraged to make small gardens

The offices should be in separate parts of the grounds

Mr Bowie will endeavour to secure the assistance of the School Committee in making these improvements

20th December. School closed today for Xmas holidays. Keys handed to Mr Cotter member of the School Committee

The School Committee has decided to open on January 20th to make up for the fortnight in the winter during which the school was closed to enable the teacher to attend training college.

Committee undertakes to inform the Board; also the parents.

1908

20th January School opened today as per arrangements with School Committee. None of the improvements mentioned as necessary by the inspector have been effected during the vacation. Attendance. Morning 11 Afternoon 12 out of a roll of 18

Mr Cotter informs teacher that he has mislaid the school keys consequently cannot lock the porch, The teacher has an additional key for the inner door so that the schoolroom can be made secure.

30th January As all the children on this date attended the Settlers' Picnic the school was closed

3rd February Received a wall chart continuing the ten commandments also copy of the King's Proclamation of the Dominion of NZ, which have been placed on the wall

4th February Filled barometer and rain gauge placed in position

11th February Wrote Secretary requesting him to send Copy of Education Act. Regulations for conveyance of school children

14th February Saw Mrs McKelvie re children and whether Government could do anything on behalf of her children

School visited by Mr Cotter and Mr Simpson, members of the School Committee

17th February Maggie Galbraith, May McKelvie, and Annie Wi absent the whole week having been taken to the Masterton Show.

Mary Vennell return after fortnight's absence having been kept away with a slight cold.

18th February Mr Cotter and myself commenced the formation of a path from gate to school

Spencer Cotter absent all week to get a tooth extracted

19th February Culvert placed in position at school gate

23rd February School Committee meeting held Messrs Vennell, Cotter, Nicolson and self-present. School and Grounds inspected. Arrangements discussed as to cleaning, metalling path, building playshed, repairing guttering (badly needed), tree planting, painting window sashes, removing boys latrine, hinges for flap of girls latrines, obtaining firewood. The School Committee expressed

themselves desirous of carrying out these improvements as soon as possible (Funds Permitting)

24th February Received £1 from School Committee for cleaning done by children. The amount has been handed to school sports fund.

25th February At request of committee made arrangements with Steve Downey to give school a thorough clean Which has accordingly been done. Also to take over the cleaning permanently., which he promised to do.

2nd March Connie Johns commenced here today,

5th March 8 Loads of metal spread on path from culvert to school door. This was very necessary as last winter the approaches to the school were in a terrible state.

7th March Teacher went 3 miles up Turner's Road to cut load of firewood for the school Members of the School Committee promised to assist but no one turned up. Mr Reeves promised to cut wood at first opportunity

8th March Cut two inches of the bottom of wicket gate to allow it to ride over the metal. Big gate also fixed up'

9th March School keys found by Mr Cotter and Lock refixed by teacher

The children (Standard 2 to 6) have now commenced to keep weather charts .

17th March St Patrick's day. R Moody returned to school after weeks absence with toothache. I sent a note in the morning pointing out necessity. This boy bears a bad record in this respect

20th March. School should have been inspected by Mr Fleming who was not able to come on account of bad weather. Copy of Wire(*Telegram*) received from Mr Fleming. Not coming today. Will visit later on

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25th March Weather still continues wet. The school roof leaks in several places during heavy rain.

30th March Received memo from Mr Fleming that he would not be able to visit the school for a week or two, but that work was to proceed as usual

31st March Wrote Mr Fleming in reply that Children had been examined at Xmas and also recently in anticipation of his visit

2nd April Elvin's Simpson (Standard 6) left to go to St Patrick's College Wellington

6th April Maggie and Jessie Scott left the school as they are now going to live in Carterton

Received wire to say Mr Tennant further delayed.

8th April Load of firewood delivered for winter use.

23rd April Inspection Day Roll 15. Attendance 15. Mr Tennant arrived at 3 O'clock and examined the children all of whom are present and succeeded in passing their respective Standard's

27th April New School Committee Mr. Vennell, Mr Cotter, Mr Reeves, Mr Simpson, Mr Scott

1st June Spent £1 received from cleaning the school by children on twenty Books to form school library

19th June Dicky Moody absent all the week with toothache

1st July Quarterly returns made up and sent to Chairman

3rd July Quarterly returns signed by Mr Cotter owing to absence of Mr Vennell

15th July We are experiencing very wintry weather now. Attendances have not been very satisfactory lately. Some children who live a considerable distance attend very regularly others who live within a few chains of the school are frequently absent, and in the teacher's

opinion quite unnecessarily so. Mr Vennell's (the Chairman) children are the worst in this respect

22nd July Today taken as a holiday as Arbor Day

31st August Several parents keep children away on slightest pretence

14th September The school was reopened today after the weeks holiday. All the children were present with the exception of R Moody who pretended he did not know that there was any school today. He informed me that he came up to school door but did not discover that school was in session.

17th September R Moody still evading school I happened to catch sight of him on the road this afternoon when school was in progress, and went out brought him in. It appears he was on his way home after paying a visit to Mr Cottle's store. I sent a letter to his mother informing her that her son's case would now be put into the Truant officers hands for him to deal with.

21st February Teacher went to see Mrs Moody about her son's absence from school. The boy told his mother he had been to school but had to confess he had hidden in the bush instead of attending.

Mrs Moody promised to send his eldest son with the boy each morning to see him safely on the school premises

25th September Received 15 Dominion Day medals from Wellington Education Board. These were distributed by Mr Cotter after signification of the celebration had been pointed out to the children

1st October Sewing class started today 11 children in attendance. Mrs McGovern has taken charge

12th October Kathleen and Lucy Cottle have been taken to town for a month's holiday

22nd October Maud McKelvie returned to school today after an absence of one month. She had to go home to look after the house during the illness of her mother.

4th November Political Meeting in the school (Mr Hornsby)

17th November School used as a polling booth for national election

11th December Inspectors Report included

Roll 15 Present 14

Mrs McGovern who was conducting a lesson

The exercise books and examination papers of the children showed that satisfactory progress is being made,

An intelligent scheme of work has been drafted by Mr Bowie

The tank still leaks

The spouting should be repaired

The offices should be in separate parts of the grounds

The chimney is in dangerous condition and should be repaired at once certainly before a fire is lighted

It has been twisted by an earthquake

A Fire back and a fire guard is required.

With regard to the condition of the building I had an interview with the chairman of the School Committee and he undertook to forward a further letter to the Board and making some proposals to improve the school property.

11th December Dicky Moody played truant 4 days this week.

1909

1st February 14 children on roll

3rd February Settlers picnic which children attended, school closed

19th February Maggie Galbraith still away from school with sore throat. Elsie Reeves absent for a fortnight also with bad throat. Annie Wi absent for fortnight owing to accident and death of Mr Wi.

16th February Wi Whatakorari buried at Te Wharau. School closed at 2 O'clock on receiving word that funeral was to take place during the afternoon.

27th April Received copy of Education Act 1908 from Wellington Education Board

25th March Inspectors report J S Tennant

	Boys	Girls	Present	Average Age
Standard 6	1	1	2	13 Yr. 11 months
Standard 4	2	2	3	12 Yr. 5 months
Standard 3	1	2	3	11 Yr. 6 month
Standard 2		2	2	9 Yr. 5 months
Standard 1	4	3	6	8 Yr. 3 months

24th June Wrote Truant Officer with particulars of R Moody's attendance

6th July R Moody has commenced to attend school again, The truant officer's warning has evidently had a salutary effect. This boy must be kept strictly up to the mark in this matter of attendance otherwise he will lapse into his old ways.

7th July Received word from Secretary Wellington Education Board that Mr I M Grant will arrive here about the 12th inst. to take charge until the arrival of Mr Gordon McIntosh

12th July Mr Gordon McIntosh paid a visit to Te Wharau on the 10th inst. and I was thus able to show him over the school and give him a general idea of my scheme and methods. He has my heartiest wishes for success in his new sphere of work

Mr Grant arrived yesterday and has today taken charge of the school pending the arrival of Mr McIntosh

12th July Mr Grant took over Roll 19

19th July Richard Moody is again absent. He seems to be a bad attender

21st July Arbor Day. Interviewed member of School Committee on advisability of planting trees in playground and was informed that it was practically useless as trees would not grow in the soil. Children however have planted several native shrubs

Re Richard Moody. This boy has been absent since last Friday. Have written to the Truant Inspector

23rd July Richard Moody has been absent all week. Mary Vennell has not been attending well.

26th July The weather today fine. Two children absent. Richard Moody is present today says he has been laid up with a cold.

4th August Weather has improved 2 children absent. Richard Moodie(sic) absent all week

Three new children arrived. Eileen, Leonard, Ronald Nitz

Received from Stores 1 Dozen Penholders, 5 lead pencils, blotting paper, Box pen nibs

6th August I visited Mrs Moodie with regard to absence of Richard. Informed that boy was delicate and subject to sick headaches. Am writing to Wellington Education Board re this case.

27th August The three Nitz children are absent all week owing to their mother being away from home.

The School Committee have asked to close the school at 2.30 p m as a dance is to be held in the school room tonight

31st August Richard Moodie has been attending much better

2nd September Weather cold- snow falling 13 children present in morning and 9 in the afternoon

Fred Cotter and Margaret Galbraith left today for the holidays

Mr I M Grant Finished

13th September Mr McIntosh

Several children have not yet returned to the district. I desire to mention here my appreciation of the thorough and painstaking manner in which Mr Bowie has detailed to me the work of the school.

16th September. Mrs McGovern the sewing mistress attended today.

17th September Roll 22

20th September Fred Cotter and Joe Hoki absent from home.

25th September Interviewed the School Committee and gained consent for the starting of a garden, the planting of trees around the grounds, and the making of a swing.. Mr Cotter offered one cwt (*Hundredweight*) of potatoes for garden. A list for subscription has been prepared. I mentioned to committee about the fowls in the school ground. I closed school a quarter of an hour earlier. Saw Mrs Moodie re Richard

27th September I start boys at cricket and girls at rounders

28th September. Full attendance. Mary Vennell at home first hour, I sent sister to bring her over and kept her in part of the dinner hour.

Received illustrations of N Z Flora

29th September. Wrote Mrs Nicholson re Fowls

1st October. Finished examination. R Moody only child absent this morning. Rode to house at dinner hour and secured afternoon attendance.

Sent sample of garden soil to agricultural Department.

4th October Interviewed Mrs Moody re Richard. The mother intends taking son from school on 10 October as he will be 14. Saw Mrs

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Nicholson re fowls She is doing nothing. Letter sent to Wellington Education Board re this matter.

6th October 3 Nitz children absent in Masterton

7th October Mrs McGovern attended this afternoon I employed the boys all afternoon Clearing the ground thoroughly and weeding the paths. From this date the school will be swept out in the middle of each week by the monitor.

9th October I painted about 17 square yards of wall after taking down old blackboards

11th October R Moody withdrawn

14th October Labour Day School not closed as holiday will be taken at my examination.

Received free school books from S & W Mackay. Letter from Department of Agriculture soil sent to Fields & Experimental Farmers Division of the Department

20th October A swing has now been erected

21st October Received donation of seeds for the garden from F Robbins, Masterton and R W Cook Masterton

29th October Children absent on account of illness and show week.

2nd November received notice from Wellington Education Board re rifle ranges (Miniature)

4th November Received donation of seeds from F Horton Ltd Hastings

18th November Mrs McGowan sewing mistress attended today. I took the boys (9) for their first swimming lesson and wrote to the board re shooting for the boys. Received Board's consent for leave of absence on 25th and 26th Inst. (Exams)

29th November Inspectors report included T R Fleming

Mr McIntosh Sole Teacher

Roll 21 present 21.

Fairly satisfactory

Mr Bowie was promoted to another school on July 12th

September 13th Mr McIntosh started. Has had very little experience but he has begun his work enthusiastically and is working hard to maintain a satisfactory standard of efficiency.

Practical gardening has been added to the school work for which the committee has made a grant for tools

The children have undertaken the work with enthusiasm but if the garden is to be a success a fence will be required. Provided the Committee or any member gives a grant or donation for this purpose

29th November received board's letter re swimming

30th November Examination finished. All children have passed at least one class during 1909 and 5 children have passed 2 classes. Ted Cotter Standard 6 should be granted proficiency and Maud Vennell Standard 6 Competency

3rd December. Boys swimming 12.12.30 and 3 to 3.30. Swimming pool about 350 yards from school

7th December Maud and Mary Vennell left school during my absence after being ordered there. Not punished because relative interfered.

8th December Maud and Mary Vennell sent home until father gives satisfaction.

10th December received fire guard

1910

I M Grant Started as reliever.

7th December Found everything in fair order. Last year's school registers are missing and I presume Mr McIntosh has sent to Wellington Education Board.

The attendance has been quite low. Many of the parents not being acquainted with my arrival.

Mr McIntosh has had a garden but it hasn't been fenced and has been allowed to get into great disorder. I do not think it is necessary to continue the work until a fence is arranged for.

9th February All children at home are present. Several Children Viz: Maggie Galbraith, Beatrice Vennell, and Lucy Cotter are away from home with their parents but will be home this week. The two Maori Children Anne Paku and Joe Kohi will attend after the Maori meeting to be held next week. Joe Kohi is suffering from boils rather severely. I find that hardly any of the children are well enough up in Arithmetic to be promoted so they will continue in the same work for some time.

I have received a new register from Board but am considerably handicapped owing to the absence of last year's register which have been sent to Wellington

9th February 1910 Wharau (Carterton)— Sole Teacher, £120 to £150, and £15 housing allowance. PP

11th February There have been 16 children present for the last three days. I expect a full attendance on Monday except for the Maori Children

Mrs M McKelvie has asked me to write to the Board for payment of board of Katie McKelvie who is boarding at Mrs McGovern's.

15th February Lucy Cotter and Beatrice Vennell have returned home and both present today.

16th February This is people's day at Masterton Show, consequently several children are absent. The school is generally closed. The Nitz children are about having a considerable distance to travel and the day is wet and boisterous

17th February Weather fine, The School Committee have asked me to close school tomorrow to enable children to see Maori Tangi which is being held in the neighbourhood.

The two Maori children are still absent. Maggie Galbraith is still away from home.. Annie Paku has gone to Kaiwhata School.

Have received from store (Mr Cotter) box pen nibs- blotting paper.

23rd February 1910 Mr Gordon McIntosh, who has been teaching at the Te Wharau School, has resigned. Mr Grant has taken up the duties temporarily

Mr Gordon McIntosh, who, to the great regret of all concerned has severed his connection with the Te Wharau School, has taken up a position as agent under the Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Co., Ltd. Mr McIntosh visited Te Wharau this week in his new capacity, and reports business as fairly brisk. PP

24th February The school observes a holiday tomorrow in honour of Lord Kitchener's visit to Wellington

4th March The Nitz children are absent having to travel over 3 Miles The weather is wet and cold

8th March Mr Tennant school inspector visited the school today and did not hold the annual examination owing to the absence of December examination .schedules which are not to be found in the school. Advised going on with the work which I have begun

All children excepting Maggie Galbraith were present.

Recommended freehand drawing from natural objects in preference to copies. Also deep breathing exercises

23rd March Found it necessary to punish two girls for fighting in playground

30th March Reopened school after Easter Vacation. Several children have not returned from Masterton Received notice of my appointment to Te Wharau School.

31st March Several children have not returned after the Christmas Holidays. Maggie Galbraith has not attended this quarter owing to illness.

The present roll contains 8 boys 12 girls.

Percy Reeves has been absent for 3 weeks with bad foot. One school blind needs repairing

7th April Mr Cotter, Committee man visited school yesterday. Examined offices- require immediate attention.

11th April School Committee convened for Saturday Night. Only 2 members present. Consequently no meetings

13th April 1910 A peculiar circumstance in connection with a "head" brought in by a Te Wharau sportsman may be worth relating. On the jaws of the animal being examined the teeth were found to be covered by a layer of velvety substance, which good judges have declared to be gold. The teeth have been forwarded to the Government Analyst, and some interesting developments may result from his analysis. PP

19th April Joe Kohi has gone to town with parents to consult a doctor, suffering from boils on the body

22nd April Have announced to children that meeting of householders to form School Committee will be held on Monday 25th inst.

26th April The election of School Committee had to be postponed owing to roughness of weather.

21st June Mrs August interviewed today re her children who are unable to attend regularly because of bad roads. Have written to Board to inquire whether a grant for travelling is allowed.

5th July Received from Board copies of December and January Examinations

11th July Maud McKelvie absent again today. Her mother is seriously ill and someone is required to see to children

School Committee meeting last Saturday. Only two members present no meeting

20th July The School Committee met last Saturday and decided that owing to complaints from parents and that the McKelvie children May and Maud are suffering from an infectious skin disease They should be prevented from coming. Both are now absent. Presumably on that account

21st July Have decided with sanction of School Committee to celebrate Arbor Day tomorrow Friday

28th July. Have received word from chairman of School Committee that Katie McKelvie had better leave school for the present. She is also suffering from the troubles affecting her sisters. Have written to Wellington Education Board re this matter

12th September Eileen Nitz has left destination Auckland

23rd September Board intimates that Monday be observed as Dominion day holiday. Have addressed children on meaning of Dominion Day.

4th October Received School clock from Wellington Education Board today

7th October. Victoria Vennell has been absent all the week. The Baby is ill and she is required at home.

26th October Mr E Vennell applied for exemption certificate for Victoria who has been absent during past 9 days.

Roll 18

7th November Have been notified by Board that Victoria Vennell be exempt from school till Xmas

10th November Joe Kohai is absent owing to relative dying and parents being away from home.

23rd November Received word from Wellington Education Board an average was required to maintain grade 2 status

25th November Word received yesterday from Wellington Education Board that as schools were closing one week earlier than at first arranged the annual examination would be held on the 28th November. Am holding final examinations today.

Have not examined May McKelvie as I consider her too backward to put in another class.

28th November Held annual examination today. There were three children absent, One through illness, one through exemption. Lionel Nitz has gone to town and not returned. Classes 5 and 6 have not done well especially in arithmetic and composition due I consider to being promoted too quickly. They should have remained in same classes for another year. The other classes have done better and most of them may be promoted to a higher standard. Have filled and returned all papers to the Board

29th November Lionel Nitz is present today and I have examined him in Standard 2 work which on the whole is satisfactory.

6th December return of Maori Children returned to Wellington Education Board

Closing school for half day to attend funeral of late Mr Nitz

14th Received letter from Mrs McKelvie re capitation for boarding of children. Am writing to Board re matter.

1911

31st January The three Nitz children have left school as the parents have gone to live in Masterton

Mary Keepa (Native) was admitted today.

16 children on roll

8th February Mrs McGovern who has been acting as sewing mistress and also has been attending to the cleaning of school is away at present and the work is being neglected.

Victoria Vennell is still absent for no apparent reason

10th February Interviewed Mr Vennell re Victoria's continued absence

15th February School holiday Masterton Show

16th February Mrs McGovern sewing mistress is present today.

21st February Interviewed Mr Vennell re his daughter Victoria who has been absent since Xmas Opening.

28th February Have sent to Board monthly attendance figures Four children reported for irregular attendance

14th March. Mr Thompson of Carterton is conducting a series of meetings in the school room this week.

17th March. Spencer Cotter and Victoria Vennell still absent from school

21st March Received 3 temperance sheets from Wellington Education Board

6th April Received £4-13/- capitation for sewing class

Have handed same to Mrs McGovern and forwarded signed voucher to Board

14th April Have removed Victoria Vennell from the roll

21st April Joe Kohai has been absent all week but has been attending school in Carterton

25th April The weather being very wet and cold the school committee election was postponed.

27th April Gordon Nicholson has left this school for Homewood.

28th April Box of pen nibs received from store.

Inspectors Report included

Mr I M Grant Teacher

Roll 16

The work of the school was satisfactory

The order and attention of pupils were both very satisfactory

J S Tennant

11th May, May McKelvie has gone to Board with Mrs McGowan from May 8th

12th May Have received from Board cheque for McKelvie children amount £2-5-0

18th May Weather very wet and stormy No attendance.

24th May School closed Empire Day

25th May Note received from Wellington Education Board to effect that school holidays be changed from May 29th to June 19th when school would be closed for two weeks to combine winter holidays with Coronation Holidays

The meeting of householders on Monday to appoint a School Committee lapsed owing to absence of intending members.

26th May Joe Kohai has apparently left the district having been absent for 3 weeks.

1st June Showed Mr Clark (Who is about to take up work under the board) the general routine of school work

9th June Have removed Spencer Cotter's name from the School

4th July Received from Wellington Education Board notification to effect that Mr McGregor has been appointed Commissioner of this school.

Coronation medals received and presented to children with suitable address.

21st July Mr F C Cotter has offered prize for sewing among girls

4th August Received cheque for Board of McKelvie Children £3-12-6

17th August Spencer Cottle re-entered on roll 14th August

Received from Board Circular Re Free Books for Next Year

1st September. Spencer Cottle has been absent all the week and is very likely to be leaving for good.

20th September Notification received that Monday 25th inst. be observed as holiday to celebrate Dominion Day

22nd September School firewood run out borrowed two barrow loads from Mr Cotter. To be returned when school wood arrives.

Monday observed as Dominion Day Have explained to children meaning of Holiday in reference in reference to Dominion day.

26th September Kathleen Cotter has had to visit doctor on account of toothache

29th September Roll 13. Spencer Cotter attended for 2 weeks during quarter. Margaret Galbraith was re-entered after several months absence 8th week

9th October Have completed term examination. Composition still remains weak subject in other compulsory subjects. Pupils are satisfactory except in one or two cases which are backward owing to absence from school

17th October Notification from Board to effect that an average of 22 is required during present quarter to prevent school from dropping a grade,

20th October School to be used tomorrow for No Licence Meeting

23rd October Lester Reeves absent with cut foot

25th October Attendance poor. Several children have gone to the Carterton show

26th October Carterton show Peoples day

6th November School visited by Mr Grundy inspector who was well satisfied with the working tone

8th November Capitation £4-10 received from Board for conveyance of children.

17th November received new rain gauge complete

24th November Roll 4 Boys 10 Girls

27th November Mr McKelvie Senior asked permission to take Maud McKelvie home this morning but owing to examination being in progress I was unable to do so. I have permitted her to go home tonight. There is illness in the family and her services are required.

12th December Received from Wellington Education Board that school will close on Wednesday on account of 2nd Ballots

Notice received that I have been closed to take classes at training college from January 29th. School will close tomorrow and reopen on 3rd January and close for month of January

1912

3rd January Kathleen Cotter has been granted competency certificate in Standard 6 class and has left school

12th January Roll 13

15th January I have this day tendered my resignation to Wellington Education Board

19th January School closed for rest of holidays. I M Grant ended his service

22nd January 1912 Mr John Grant, teacher at Te Wharau school, has resigned in order to join the literary staff of the "Wairarapa Age." He succeeds Mr F. Hodge, who has accepted a position .with the "Hawke's Bay Herald

29th January 1912 The Te Wharau school annual picnic was held on Mr Simpson's grounds on Saturday last, when a large number of parents and children were present;. A most enjoyable day was spent in running events," games, etc., and prizes won during the past year were presented by Mrs M. J. McGregor, the Commissioner's wife.

7th February 1912 Wharau (Carterton District)— Sole Teacher. £120 to £150, and £15 h.a PP

28th March 1912 Mr J. T. Clarke has taken up his new ditties at the Te Wharau school, which has been closed since the summer holidays PP

27th April 1912 DISTRICT NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

TE WHARAU

At the time of writing a heavy north-east rain is falling, which will prove beneficial to the country. The bachelors of Te Wharau have issued invitations for a dance to be given by them on Friday, April 3 in the school house. Mr Fleming, the chief Inspector of the Education Board, visited this school last week, and expressed himself pleased with the work in general. No school committee has been formed in this district as only 3 householders put in an appearance at the appointed time and place of meeting. WTPP

1913

30th April 1913 Te Wharau.— F. C. H. Cotter (chairman), D. McKelvie, F. J. Read, W. A. Reeve, E. S. Vermeil First mention of Te Wharau PP

1916

19th April 1916 At yesterday's meeting of the Education Board, the Chief Inspector (Mr. T. R. Fleming), reported on the Te Wharau School (Wairarapa), which some residents wanted shifted a few miles down one of the roads which junction at the **school**. Mr. Fleming said that the population was certainly trending in the direction of the residents' places who had made the application, but they did not know when the population would change again. He was not prepared to recommend that the school be shifted. Something might, however, be done in the way of providing conveyances._ The matter was left to the discretion of the chairman, secretary, and Chief Inspector

1918

6th March 1918 Sole Teachership, £110 to £140 and house — Mangamahoe, Rangitumau, Omaka, and Wharau (£20 allowance provided in lieu of house) PP

20th March 1918 Mr N Woodhams ST appointed PP

17th April 1918 It was agreed to change the name of the Wharau School to Te Wharau, the postal name of that place. PP

1st May 1918 17th May Sole Teachership £110 to £144 and £20 h.a, —Seaview. Te Wharau. PP

2nd August 1918 Te Wharau, sole teacher (temporary appointment), Mr. H. W. Clode PP

1919

9th May 1919 The School Committee seems to have relapsed from its temporary activity to the previous state of indolence. The supply of wood has not come to light. Two members waited anxiously for the complement on Saturday, but went home disgusted. Despite the cold weather the children have to do without fires in the school. Paternal affection seems to be a rare quality in Te Wharau PP

19th December 1919 The death occurred at his home in Otago yesterday of Mr H. Clode, formerly teacher at the Te Wharau school, and latterly on the staff of the Wairarapa Age. Deceased was 20 years of age. of the lungs was the cause of death

1926

19th February School reopened on February 5th after being closed for some six or seven years. Opened with six pupils only one of whom had ever been to school. Naturally the children are backward,, The parents have attempted to keep them up in reading, writing and arithmetic but in other subjects nothing has been has been done.

There are now 10 on the roll.

I find several matters requiring attention. The fences and gate are badly are badly in need of repair.

Spouting requires cleaning.

There is a large hollow under the school and I find water collects and remains there .A drain is urgently needed. A gravel path to the school needs to be made as in wet weather the ground is half under water.

The trees require topping. A load of wood will be needed shortly before the cold weather sets in.

Immediately on my arrival I sent in a requisition for log Book, registers. Chair, Broom and T square, box coloured chalk. Received Log book etc. today.

Holiday on 7th February Masterton Show

2nd March Received word school is classified Grade 0 for this quarter though average roll is over 9

4th March Received broom (gift) from Mrs King today

10th March Enrolled Ella Burr

15th March Received map of world, box of chalk and plasticene

19th March Severe earthquake during night widened crack in chimney. Large pieces of cement- 2 pounds (*Weight measurement, not currency*) and more scattered. Have written to Board as chimney is a danger.

24th March 1926 Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department The school at Te Wharau has been reopened on the 4th February

4th May No election of School Committee held last night. Chairman had not received papers from the Board and yesterday had taken no steps towards getting them though I had advised him 10 days previously

31st May Boisterous weather only 5 children present Removed 3 names from register have left district. We used the last of our wood today

7th June Ella Burr returned to school today after an absence of 8 weeks. Have received a load of wood.

8th June School Committee elected last night Mr R L McKinstry, chairman. Messrs Burr, Schofield and Bannister and Mrs King. B K F
2nd August Alice E Fairburn. Took charge The school has been thoroughly cleaned by the chairman and does him credit

There are 8 present, 8 on Roll

3rd August Re-entered James Farley this morning

11th August School closed on August 10th on account of very heavy rain and prevalence of influenza, colds by chairman's advice.

12th August Mr Burns (Inspector) visited today. Mr Brockett (*Agriculture*) arrived in the afternoon. Mr Schofield (School Committee) also arrived and sawed up a good quantity of wood.

6th September Reopened School The school has been cleaned by Mr Schofield and looks very nice

16th September Snowing hard this afternoon.

Mr Burns Inspection report included.

Head Teacher Alice E Fairburn

Roll 9

Classification. This has presented some difficulty as most of the pupils have not attended a school.

The quality of the work indicates that all the pupils are at a stage equal to the beginning of the year in their standards and very few will be ready for promotion at the end of the year.

Miss Fairburn has been in charge only two weeks and is managing the school very well indeed.

Gravel is badly needed at the entrance to the building

The school room is very neat and tidy

17th September. Snowing again, very cold but attendance very good.

20th September Received from Wellington Education Board 1 clock, 10 boxes of pastels and crayon books, 1 packet self-help modelling cards, 1 manual infant games and drill

11th October Received communication from Wellington Education Board re free school season tickets on the railway and holiday on the 26th for Carterton Show. Also handwork supplies. 500 sheets coloured paper, 6 x 6 inches; 500 sheets coloured paper 4 x 4. 1 tin Gluak. 3 plasticene slabs.

28th October School closed for peoples day at Carterton show.

3rd November Enrolled two boys Lennie Lindsay and Harold Crowe, State Children under the care of Mr R Vennell who will be here a few days with him

3rd December I have repeatedly asked the chairman to have the following things attended to and he has made no move in the matter, and made absolutely no attempt to call a meeting of the School Committee viz; The spouting requires repairing, also all the fences. Both locks for the school doors are broken and require attention. A mat for the door and load of gravel for the entrance are urgently required. I have shifted a shelf from the spare room and want it put up in the school room. A new load of wood is required. There is some question about the grant, but I understand the chairman has put in for it.

8th December The chairman arrived and looked around the school, mentioned the grant had been made, and put up the shelf in the schoolroom for me.

13th December Received today a new supply of free exercise books for homework

17th December. The inspector has not come so I will promote on my examination.

1927

1st February. 9 pupils present. Bobbie King has left and Jack Lancaster admitted. The school has been washed thoroughly and the chairman has sent a padlock and chain for the gate to the school ground

3rd February The chairman arrived today with a few blocks of wood and a doormat I reminded him about the repairs to the fence, spouting and small gate- also the lock on the door. He has undertaken to make some arrangements to have the repairs effected.

7th February Received today parcel of school requisites. 3 modelling knives, 2 modelling boards, 1 packet carbon paper, 2 packets folding paper 2 pounds of plasticene.

Returned particulars of swimming facilities as required in Gazette to Board. I have also written to board re allowance for pupil travelling 4 ½ miles

14th February Mrs Farley has undertaken the school cleaning and today I find the school beautifully cleaned and fireplace whitened.

21st February Purchased 1 bottle ink, quart size, 4 sheets blotter, 1 box white chalk and charged it to Te Wharau School Committee. The chairman brought along some more blocks of wood.

23rd February Mr Schofield one of the School Committee brought a fair supply of wood today and some kindling and back logs.

28th February Received communication from Wellington Education Board re arrangements for transport of children by rail, and holiday on March 7th in honour of the visit of the Royal Highness the Duke and Duchess of York.

7th March School closed on account of Royal Visit

8th March School reopened though officially a holiday.

17th March School closed for Picnic

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30th March Today Mr Vennell came and fixed two locks on the inside and outside doors respectively, which were badly needed

22nd March Mr Schofield sent down a large load of wood, which was much appreciated.

2nd May Mr McKinstry Chairman, Messrs R Bannister, R Vennell, Lancaster (*Presumably School Committee*)

1st June Received today 1 school globe

8th June Received today a load of gravel for the entrance which was badly needed. This gravel was recommended by Mr Burns , Inspector on August 12th 1926

13th June School closed owing to very heavy rain since June 9th. Creeks too swollen to permit attendance and very heavy rain all day.

14th June The drill Inspectress paid a visit here this morning.

27th June Received two sacks of cones from Mr Lancaster and One sack of kindling wood from Mr Burr for the school

29th June Received today Drill Syllabus promised by Miss Blackie

15th July Received today a load of wood, which the chairman sawed into lengths ready for use.

26th July Jack Lancaster absent owing to the creeks being swollen with the rain. All the children have shocking colds due to continual wet weather.

10th August School closed from 1st August to 9th August inclusive owing to teacher suffering from a sharp attack of influenza

22nd August The chairman tells me he has received a grant of £12 to cover the cost of repairing the fence. I hope to see it repaired when I return from the holidays

12th September School reopened. The posts and batons have arrived for the fence, but no further work has been done.

19th September. Admitted Trevor McKelvie aged 6 years 10 months

23rd September Arthur Farley absent September 22nd, 23rd The boy went deer stalking yesterday and today he is at home “helping Mother” As he is now 14, though very backward, I cannot compel him to attend. I am sending out an absence notice all the same.

The county lorry brought metal for the road gate today and put some more around the door.

26th September One of the pine trees was blown down on Saturday Night.

27th September Mr Spence arrived today to cut up the pine tree and repair the fence.

14th October. Received notice from Wellington Education Board asking for number of children who ride to school

25th October The chairman has instructed me to close school on 26th, 28th for the jubilee Show. We already have 27th October in lieu of Labour day

3rd October. The three Standard 4 children are now in Standard 5. And the Two Standard 2 are now in standard 3

Sent out medical cards for parents to fill in

19th October Inspectors report

No on roll 10

The school is in capable hands.

The pupils are well mannered and show a fine working spirit.

16th December Sent to Board return of children boarded out.

1928

1st February School beautifully clean Roll 10 Present 10

6th February Entered One Boy Horatio Donald Carroll (Pat)

11 on roll, 9 Boys, 2 girls

25th February At a general meeting held in the school at 8 pm in the school it was decided to hold the picnic on Thursday March 1st In Mr A Simpson’s paddock Te Wharau

24th February Pat Carroll away- heavy rain

14th March Entered Joan McGregor who will only attend two or possibly three days a week as she lives 4 ½ miles away and will come by the mail car.

31st May Alice E Fairburn relinquishes her position

26th May 1928 MR CCH Palmer Sole Teacher PP

5th June A new teacher C C H Palmer. Received rain gauge, measuring glass and funnel

2nd June Repaired pane of glass I smashed a few days previously.

6th July Received a load of wood from Mr Bannister

16th July Received communication from the Dental Clinic

20th July Jack Lancaster’s football being placed too near the fire, burst. Am trying to arrange a football match with Te Whiti School

10th August Received a football from the rugby union

16th August Jack Lancaster has missed practically all the examination as the weather has been very bad this week. Heaviest rainfall for the winter- no primers at school these two days past.

4th September Sent out term reports

13th September Mr Brockett, agriculture adviser was here in the afternoon and advised beginning a vegetable garden. Mr J Spencer spread the metal for a path from gate to back door.

24th September Removed Arthur Farley from the roll today He has not been back since the holidays and his brother says he is not coming again

25th October School closed for Carterton show upon inspector’s recommendation

20th October Very heavy rain and creeks in flood so pupils were let out early so as to get home safely.

12th November Inspectors report included H N C Watson
Teacher C C H Palmer

Standard 5, 3 children. Standard 3, 2, Standard 1, 2, Primers 4 Total roll 12

Teaching is on the right lines.

At the south west end of the building one pile has disappeared and two other are so rotten that they appear to me to endanger the building.

The schoolroom is kept clean.

Grounds are much exposed to the North West.

A beginning has been made with a garden

As the only shelter trees are being blown over one by one it would be advisable to top those left

11th December. Admitted James Lawrence Cotter. This pupil has been attending for a long time under age.

1929

19th February Mr Price Physical Education drill instructor visited today. Only 8 children present on account of Masterton Show

11th March Applied for a holiday for the picnic on 22nd March. Which is being organised by the ladies of the district.

19th April Received garden equipment from the Department.

26th April One of the school spades was broken today- the one from Mr Brockett. Obviously a flaw in the steel work.

Received an axe from the committee

29th April The school was cleaned out on Saturday by Mrs Farley

3rd June. Closed for the sovereign's birthday.

13th June Builders arrived today to carry out repairs to the school-spouting, rustivating windows and the boys lavatory. For this reason school was held in the old boarding house and also next day as the school now needs cleaning and the fireplace cannot be used

1st July The committee during the last weekend shifted the fence round the plantation and erected it across the front of the playground. In this strip will be planted the hedge now growing under the pines and also the gardens

8th July Wrote to the Department re gramophone to be bought with money raised by public dances.

12th August. Repaired a broken window

5th August Received 12 ornamental trees and 24 hedge plants (Privets) from Wellington Education Board. Planted these in front of the school

13th August As John Farley neglected to sweep out the school during the weekend the chairman has placed the cleaning in the hands of Bertram Schofield.

10th September Reopened after term holidays. Withdrew John, Jim and Kathleen Farley. Roll 10

23rd October Inspectors report included

Management fair The general efficiency of the teaching is very fair. Very creditable work has been done by the teacher and committee in fencing off gardens and shrubbery.

Repairs have been effected to the buildings

The school has been provided with a gramophone.

4th November Received three second hand cricket bats from Mr D Logan Masterton – a gift to the school.

6th November Received a cricket ball given by Mr E Fairbrother Jun

16th December received result of proficiency exam. Isabell McKinstry- Proficiency, Jack Lancaster- competency. Bertram Schofield failed.

18th December I wish to place my appreciation of the good work done by the School Committee this year.

On several occasions working bees were held and all necessary work has been successfully finished- the plantation topped, school repaired, garden strip fenced off, a new gate- donated by Mr Douglas Swung.

As well we now have a gramophone bought with the proceeds of dances which were well supported by local people, held during the winter

1930

3rd February 6 children present

10th March Admitted Constance Palmer who will attend here for a week or two

7th April Pat Carroll had an accident yesterday running a stake through his cheek, and so may be absent for several days.

28th April As Isabel Carroll has not commenced school yet and is over 7 years of age I have notified the Board so they may take action

29th April School Committee Elections. Mrs B Palmer, chairwoman, Mrs K Cotter, Mrs N Schofield, Mrs M McGregor, Mrs M McKinstry
All women is this a first?

26th May Reopened today. Isobel Carroll enrolled

28th May Trevor smashed a window today and was punished for it.

30th June Received a bundle of timber, a woodwork bench and two keys from the Board. Joan is absent with sores, Joyce presumably through fear of catching them. Colin has had a number lately but as

they were of a boil type I did not send him home and Joan is the only sufferer.

7th July Received a box of tools from the Wellington Education Board Fred and Colin have commenced woodwork with the same

8th July Closed this afternoon on account of Sir Joseph Ward's death

10th July Closed all day today as mark of respect for the late Sir Joseph.

4th August The gramophone cupboard is now finished.

11th August Brought from the Arts and Crafts Masterton one picture for the school. "The Chariots race" Some other prints are now being framed by them for the school

12th August On account of complaints from Mr McKinstry I held a little investigation and found Trevor McKelvey is using language and expressions rather unexpected in one so young. As the above parent is speaking of withdrawing his daughter I cautioned Trevor that continuance in his habits will have to mean his expulsion from school
8th September During the holidays I handed £1-4-0 to the Wellington Education Board for gramophone records. This money is the proceeds of several dances held.

24th September Admitted Ashbridge Wilton today. He has been in the district again for some seven or eight weeks supposedly convalescing, but did not appear at school till today. He is rather backward being eleven next month and only a poor standard 1

29th September Received 5 records from the Education Department. 1 black 12 inch, 1 red 12inch, 3 red 10 inch

1st October Received a coping saw, blade, table and clamp and a piece of 3 plywood. Have only a vague idea in how to use these tools

30th October Closed today for the Carterton show- People's Day. Am taking labour day tomorrow to allow children to recover

3rd November Inspectors Report included

Roll 12

Control and spirit of work good

There is a general efficiency of the teaching.

The standard of work is now very fair.

A strip of land has been fenced in with wire netting along the whole frontage and planted with trees and shrubs.

The gardens are in good order

9th December With a view to providing a rough tennis court for the children I asked the driver of the County grader if they would run the grader over a part of the grounds I had marked

They have been most obliging and so far has put in three evenings of their own time levelling the site. They have also done much better than I expected possible. A meeting is to be held shortly to provide the other necessities.

Mrs W Kummer has kindly sent a number of records to the school. While I appreciate the spirit of the gift I find that most of them are too worn or of a type unsuitable for school to be of much value.

16th December A School Committee meeting was held today and I was instructed to purchase two racquets, a net and balls.

1931

2nd February The tennis court is now ready to be played on as I finished it last week.

9th March The school picnic was held last Saturday and in spite of hard times was fairly successful. There has been a few changes in the roll lately. Joan McGregor is now at home taking correspondence.

Ashbridge Wilton has gone home also, Sissy Carroll has broken her arm again and is also absent

24th March Cissy Carroll returned today

25th March Eileen Wilton left here today

26th March Eileen Wilton did not leave here. She will be staying some time yet evidently.

31st March 1931 Application to purchase 2 acre site Part Section 249 Pahaua Block £10 which was original price from Mr Vennell's. Land had not been transferred as some of the land may have been required for a road

8th April Eileen Wilton supposed to leave today but she didn't

14th April Reg. Wilton entered here today. Eileen left yesterday.

18th April 1931 Footnote to costs You will note the solicitors have included fee for title (£1-5-0) They have advised this as the Board has for a quarter of a century had the use of the land without payment and its capital cost now is much in excess of £10

27th April Householders Meeting Mrs A McGregor (Secretary and Chairman) Mrs C C H Palmer, Mr F Cotter, and Mr A McGregor

6th May I have applied and been granted leave to shift our holidays forward one week so as to give me opportunity to do some observation work. Thus we break up on May 15th instead of May 8th

4th June Ashbridge Wilton has turned up again for an indefinite stay

10th June Reg Wilton left here today

3rd August Entered three new pupils today, Cobb

8th September. School has been well scrubbed out. Gum Trees (3) were planted on last day of last term in a corner fenced off by pupils. The largest of these trees is dead. Too many roots broken in shifting and the trees would not be properly wrenched

18th December Both Fred McKinstry and Colin Schofield both passed proficiency exams

1932

1st February Increased roll Three pupils in Form 3 with the prospects of another

22nd February Found it necessary to report Jean Wilton for irregular attendance. She has attended 3 ½ days in 3 weeks.

29th February Withdrew Jean Wilton and Joan McCallister today.

29th February Received two desks from Ngaumu School today, although they are not needed today

29th February Owing to the unfortunate death of his father, Les Douglas has left the school.

6th April Closed for local sports

27th May Closed today for drill class in Masterton

3rd August The boys lavatory seems in a very insecure state. Talked it over with Mr Cotter and he says it has not been in sound condition for years .The floor is nearly all rotten and some of the uprights also it surely needs

15th August Attendance has been irregular of late owing to heavy snow and consequent colds etc.

17th October Form 3, 2

Standard 4, 3

Standard 3, 1

Standard 2,3

Primers 2

Inspector's Report

The general efficiency is only fair. With such small numbers a higher standard of attainment should be easily reached

The teacher is earnest enough but appears unable to stimulate his pupils to full capacity efforts

The oral expression is slovenly and lethargic

The order and discipline are good, but there is little evidence of keenness or of pride well done,

The interior of the school is drab and rather untidy, while the grounds remain naked and unadorned

The boys lavatory is in a dirty condition and the floor is in need of repair

The approach to the main door resembles a quagmire in wet weather

22nd November Last week the school acquired 7 more records with money raised by dances in the winter. There are two tennis racquets repaired and bought glass to mend a broken pane and a small piece of timber for the boys' lavatory

1933

1st February Opened school today with 7 pupils. Peter Cobb is not coming back owing to his eyesight. He is blind in one eye and the other badly strained.

2nd February Peter Cobb came to school today and brought a letter from his doctor. His eye sight is not as bad as supposed as the doctor says one eye is normal and the other is short sighted

7th February Trevor and Les came back today. They said they were not aware the school had reopened.

16th February Holiday for Masterton Show. But owing to a very violent thunderstorm in the morning few children went after all.

The tank is quite empty Began leaking badly on Monday. Have advised Mrs Schofield

25th New tank erected today

27th March Received permission to leave playground for half an hour each lunch time.

23rd May New School Committee Mr Cotter (Chairman and Secretary) Mr R Bannister, Mesdames Schofield, Douglas and Palmer.

9th June During the holidays a load of firewood was delivered to the school and metal put around the back door.

14th July Received notice of one hundred pinus trees for planting here on Arbor day. Wrote to Wellington Education Board pointing out there is not sufficient space.

30th October Peter Cobb was absent on Friday. Peter had his glasses knocked off the morning before and his mother is afraid he may be blinded with broken glass, to say nothing of repairs. The have been broken twice this year. However I spoke seriously to the class and also spoke to Mrs Cobb so that he returned in the afternoon

5th November Peter Cobb is away Eyes are paining him and he is going to a specialist on Saturday, his mother says

14th November Trevor has been absent to help with shearing three days present

28th November Mr Hylton Secretary of Board, Mr Powell architect and Mr A Donald Wellington Education Board member to discuss with Mr Cotter and me necessary repairs.

The following was decided on

Painting the school

Ploughing, grading and sowing the playground

Repairing or renewing boys lavatory

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Trussing the back wall of the school which shakes in strong winds.

Inspectors Report D McCaskill

Over the whole work of this school shows improvement, the general efficiency now ranging fair to very fair

The teacher is conscientious

He is applying remedial measures to eliminate any weaknesses that exist in his school

The buildings are carefully supervised and the interior of the classroom is neat and thoroughly

15th December Received notice of appointment to Awahou School Ashurst (Wanganui Board)

Clarence Clifford Hill Palmer

Buried Otorohanga

1979/42804 Palmer Clarence Hill Clifford 30 July 1907

1930/2016 Blanche Isabel Hicks Clarence Hill Clifford Palmer

1934

5th February L A G teacher. Roll 10 3 Girls 7 Boys

School has been painted in the holidays inside and outside

21st May F Dyer Assumed duties as Sole Teacher here

22nd May Received communication from supervisor Manual Training Instruction re Light Woodwork. I replied that I was quite willing to carry on the scheme.

8th June Received one rugby football from Wairarapa Rugby Union

15th June received a supply of light timber from Board for woodwork

8th August Planted trees supplied by Wellington Education Board

27th- 28th September School closed to allow teacher to attend refresher course.

1st October Terrible gale Trees uprooted, Telephone lines down.

5th November Mr Partridge's Inspection Report

Roll 11

Some of the pupils have been promoted rather prematurely and are not fit for their present classes. Accordingly the present teacher has been advised to withhold promotion in their cases until the ground work has been consolidated.

The work of the school shows improvement but still falls somewhat below average.

Speech work in nearly all cases is slovenly. While the setting out of written exercises leaves a good deal to be desired.

The present teacher is working very earnestly and vigorously on sound lines.

Pupils show little pride in achievement

1935

5th February Roll 2

6th- 22nd February School hours were 8.30 am to 12 noon. Ordinary time table resumed as 25th February

25th March Mr Cotter (Chairman) and I inspected latrines and school buildings

The purpose is to call a School Committee meeting at an early date to consider.

Renewal of tank stand

Erection of fence on N W side to enclose young trees

Repairs to girls latrines

Repairs to floor of boy's latrines

10th May School Jubilee Treats

27th May Repairs have been made to tank stand and lavatories and two new blinds have been supplied.

8th July Very wet most of playground under water.

12th August Planted 19 trees from school nursery along North West boundary fence

15th October Clinical thermometer accidentally broken

11th November Armistice day observed two minutes silence Spoke of significance of occasion

1936

4th February School reopened today. Roads impassable yesterday on account of storm damage

5th February Received and read to school proclamations re death of King George V and accession of King Edward VIII afterwards placing them in the school

20th March Received timber supply for light woodwork

7th April Cissy Carroll absent on an indefinite holiday in the South Island. I have withdrawn her name from roll

15th April Placed notice of Biennial Householders meeting on school wall

4th May During the storm of the weekend a large pine tree was blown over.

5th May School Committee election Mr R Bannister, Mr Cotter, Mr Cobb, Mrs Douglas and Mrs Schofield.

25th May Roll 9

1st July Received notice of my appointment as assistant at Clyde Quay, (Wellington)

17th July One new pupil admitted (James Cobb and One withdrawn (Elaine McNulty)

7th September H T Winter 10 Present Roll 11

15th October Have chipped the tennis court clean and intend to fill up the main hollows with weeds. Mr Schofield's two sons assisted with the court.

5th November Proficiency examination in History, Geography, Science taken. Betty Cobb the only candidate. She has been accredited in the other subjects. Drawing will be taken on 6th November.

The children have prepared a bonfire to celebrate Guy Fawkes and are assembling to set off their fireworks.

15th December The school is breaking up prematurely owing to an outbreak of infantile paralysis

1937

1937 added shelter sheds for £50

1st February Reopening of schools has now been postponed to March 1st owing to paralysis outbreak

To Board visitors we proposed the building of an additional shed and the instalment of a hand basin were put forward for consideration

1st March Reopened School roll 9 Mrs Cobb has taken James Cobb from school until he becomes six in July. He was admitted when he was 5

2nd April 2 small desks arrived today. No dressing for the blackboards has yet to come

7th April Dressing for blackboard arrived. Will not be practicable to apply it until May Holidays so as to allow it to set.

20th April Schools in the Wellington Board have again been closed on account of a reoccurrence of infantile paralysis in Wellington areas

18th June 1937 Shed application by another 10 feet for £50

28th June 1937 Department reply included

a) Current shed is 18 foot

b) Roll is currently 11

c) It appears the existing shed is sufficient

d) Please give advice as to why an extension of shed is considered necessary

Please give advice as to why an extension of shed is considered necessary

14th July Received 100 Pinus trees from the Wellington Education Board. As Arbor day has fixed for 11th August the trees will have to be planted before then. Each pupil will have an opportunity of planting and caring for one of the trees.

19th July Reply to make storage for firewood etc. The school is situated in a wind and storm swept locality. At the present time fuel is required to be stored in shelter to the detriment of the interests of the children

august The pine trees were planted by the children with the aid of Mr King.

27th September Tony and James Cobb withdrawn (St Patricks)

4th October Admitted Margaret and James Chapman Roll 10

28th October School closed for Carterton Show. All but two attended the show.

1938

1st February Roll 8

The timetable will not be followed too closely for this month- much time being spent outdoors for nature walks with handwork and drawing connected with these The drill time will also be extended to 20 minutes , the extra time being given to games

14th April Attendance very consistent there being a full attendance for the last five weeks

23rd June The average attendance up to Thursday is 5. Every day as far as being an excepted one.

29th September Mr Brocket visited the school to discuss the clover experiment

1939

1st February Roll 9

8th February New Hydroplate for wall arrived today

15th February Received advice from Wellington Education Board that a tender has been let for the additional shed.

24th March A start has been made on the erection of the new shelter shed

29th March The 3 Bannister children have left to attend school in town. Roll is 5.

There is only one child in district approaching school age. So the chances of the roll being kept to the required number 9 are very remote.

24th April received word from Board regarding a proposed transfer to a school near Eketahuna.

5th May H J Winter's last day

26th July 1939 Particulars of children to attend the proposed school at Te Wharau

Name	Years in District	Occupation	Nearest School	Distance	Children	Age
R M Bannister	12	Farmer	Poroporo	12 miles	John	10
					Charles	8
					Nancy	7
					Thelma	5
F C H Cotter	34	Storekeeper	Poroporo	12	Hugh	5
Trethhewey ?	4	Roadman	Poroporo			9
						7
						5

The Trethhewey children brought to school by Teacher Mr F Dyer.

At present on correspondence lived 5 miles away

13th October 1939 Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department stating that Te Wharau would be reopened

6th November Teacher unnamed. School reopened with a roll of 6 2 in Primers 1 One in Primer 2 and 1 in Standard 3 also Frank Cotter in Standard 7 doing correspondence part of the time.

10th November Received glass and putty for window also wire netting. Rand chairman who was shearing and cannot attend to it at present

13th- 17th November Charley banister absent with serious cold.

17th November Put tennis net up and showed boys some strokes. The court in in a shocking state.

Children had no schooling for three months therefore they are very backward. Thelma and Huh have never been to a school before. John has a tendency to mix names and places e.g. Ulysses and Julius Caesar

19th November The weather has been hot and fine lately, this has caused the t water in the tank to get very low.

19th November Cleaned cupboards out thoroughly cannot find any progress cards. Wrote to Head teacher of Lansdowne for the Bannister children's progress cards.

2nd December Mr Bannister put in the window in and the wire netting up

1st December. Posted the woodworking tools to Whakataki

2nd December. Mrs Simpson cleaned the school thoroughly and it looks very nice.

13th December received from Board receipt for 1/6d sent to the health camp

4th December 1939 Miss D Laing 4th Dec 1939 PP

1940

6th February Attendance 4 One child away

9th February Margaret Mackearsy came to school. Will be five in August Only coming occasionally

7th Feb School picnic great success Correspondence and Te Wharau school combined.

14th March Holiday school attended Centenary Celebrations

5th April Closed school at 12 o'clock only one pupil present Took work round to Bannister children who have bad colds.

22nd April Householders meeting. No attendance. Chairman writing to Wellington Education Board asking to be appointed commissioner.

30th May Planted flower garden at school

3rd June. 2nd load of wood arrived

10th September Only 2 children present, dreadful weather. While cutting wood for school fire a piece flew up and broke one of my teeth and injured another. Closed school to go to town and get tooth out.

11th September. Had tooth out. Face swollen. Shocking weather. Came back from town this afternoon

16th October Planted crops in garden. Winds rising to gale force

29th October Crop up in garden

30th October 1940 Miss D Gordon Laing applies for Carterton A and P show as a holiday

4th November (Typed) D Gordon Laing advises that she shut the school because of weather The playground is under water

Also could she get wood from somewhere else and there has been none for some time. The chairman is too busy with farm labour to get any

11th November As there is no wood at school and very little hope of getting any I am taking the children round to Birdie's Flat to get some.

9th December Took swimming lesson at beach

Inspectors Report D G Wilson

Miss D G(ordon?) Laing teacher

Roll 6

The teacher is working conscientiously in an endeavour to produce a good standard of work and a very fair measure of success is attending her efforts

1941

3rd February 5 children present

28th February Load of wood arrived from Mr Bannister today. First load for about 6 months.

25th March Closed school to make picnic arrangements. Went to town and brought prizes etc.

27th March Donald Allan Laing commenced school here today.

31st March Ray, Nelson and Dennis Duggan Total Roll 9

9th April Received first consignment of apples for school

17th June Snowing heavily

1st December Ray Nelson and Dennis Duggan left school today.

14th December . Children went to beach today for school picnic break up on the mail.

1942

2nd February 7 children

20th February Went to town on mail car by Board's permission Opened school at 11 on Monday. No intervals taken and only ½ an hour for lunch.

30th March. Mr Bannister asked permission for John and Charlie to be absent today to enable them to get their crops in.

28th April Sent in resignation today

6th May Last Day of Miss/Mrs Laing

School close dearly owing to outbreak of flu 1 pupil only present

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22nd June P E Schofield The school has been closed since May 6th. 5 on roll

24th June Received box of apples

25th June School closed owing to earthquake damage.

26th June School closed again owing to earthquake damage and earthquakes during the day

29th June Having school in Mr Cotter's Hall as the school is not safe

30th June Mr Deavoll Secretary of Wellington Education Board visited the school to inspect earthquake

6th July I have had the school for two weeks but find all the children backward in arithmetic and Standard 1 and 2 will have to have a lot of reading and spelling to reach the standard of work required

11th August Hugh Cotter absent today went to town with his parents

7th September School reopened after a vacation. Elizabeth Foreman admitted. Margaret and Irene McKersey attending and will be here for one month

17th September. We shifted back into the school today as the chimney etc. has been fixed.

21st September Avon McGregor is going to attend here two days a week, she is just 5

1943

1st February Roll number 10

10th February 1943 Patsy Schofield writes asking for the Annual Sports Day off

2nd May Received another case of apples

10th September Holiday for all schools to celebrate fall of Italy

1944

1st February Roll 7

8th February Dr S Mulholland examined the children. All present

1945

5th February Roll of 3

14th March 1945 Miss Schofield resigns Only 3 children attending School will have to be closed. Letter to Mr Bannister from Wellington Education Board

9th April 1945 Letter to Wellington Education Board from Mr Bannister included

Mrs I McGregor Hikorangi Te Wharau will carry on as teacher Mrs McGregor can bring two more children in her car each day Should be able to keep roll to 5 or more

I have had two offers of accommodation

One of which includes the use of a car to bring a small son of the house to school each day

There is a prospect of the County Council appointing a new roadman to the district

If I don't hear from you I will instruct Mrs McGregor to carry on in the meantime

13th April Relinquish my position as sole teacher. P E Schofield

16th April 1945 Mrs McGregor will travel 12 miles daily and asks for an allowance

16th April I C McGregor Started. 4 present today

17th April 1945 Telegram to Mr Bannister ACCORDING LETTER RECEIVED FROM MRS MCGREGOR ONLY FOUR CHILDREN AVAILABLE INCLUDING TWO BEING CONVEYED BY HER CHILDREN MAY NOT BE ENROLLED UNTIL THEY REACH FIVE YEARS OF AGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES BOARD UNABLE TO AGREE TO CONTINUE SCHOOL (*Each telegram was charged*

per word. Punctuation was counted per word. Telegrams were always in capitals)

26th April School closed today owing to there being only four people on the roll

1946

17th January 1946 Mrs McKenzie Board Member Phoned re reopening of school

5 full time students offering

3 children can attend 3 days per week

4 Other children at Lands' End endeavouring to arrange transport

Mrs Lang willing to Board Teacher

30th January 1946 Wellington Education Board to Mr Bannister Board are endeavouring to find teacher

5th February Opened the school today (K F Mills) 6 on roll

8th February Admitted John David Waddell

22nd February Closed school for teachers institute attended lectures by Mr Bringham and Mr Bell

25th March Admitted Anne Houlbrooke to Standard 2

12th April Visited by Mr Troutman Presbyterian Minister. He suggested church if possible

29th April Today the County Council on authority from Mr Bannister brought two loads of metal for the paths.

6th May Mr Bannister has metalled the paths over the weekend.

Received a quantity of forms for payment of transporting pupils. I Have sent one to Messrs McGregor and Waddell.

30th April School Committee Mr McGregor (Chairman) Secretary Mr I Laing. School Committee Messrs T Harland, R Houlbrooke, R M Bannister, J Waddell

Mrs Harland was asked to teach sewing for 1 hour each week

I was asked to clean the school for £2-17-6 per term. I accepted

27th May Mr Laing sent the apple boxes away during the holiday.

4th June Got to school at 11 a.m. after being home for King's Birthday. Car broke down. Very cold day. Mrs Harland took sewing this afternoon instead of yesterday. Only 5 present

5th June Extremely rough weather and very cold. Anne Houlbrooke has been taken to hospital with suspected appendicitis

Only 4 present .2 coming on the bus at 10.30 and going at 1.45. Received two posters re saving of electricity

24th June Received a letter from Wellington Education Board asking why the weekly notification of diseases cards had not been sent and drawing my attention to the letter sent in March. I had no forms I knew nothing of the matter . I have written today asking for such forms and information

12th July School was closed yesterday to allow me to have a tooth extracted. There being a seta available in a car going to town.

The extraction justified as a large abscess had formed under the tooth which had ached abominably on Wed Night.

12th August The School Committee has commenced topping the pine trees in grounds. Teacher has contracted influenza

19th August Anne Houlbrooke withdrawn to Correspondence.

22nd August 1946 Letter from Geoff Laing saying that Mr Frank Mills teacher has been away for 4 days in august with influenza

9th September Opened school. Only 2 present David Waddell has been withdrawn. Roll 5

11th October Inspector's report included

- a) Roll 5 present 2
- b) The school was exceptionally clean and tidy
- c) The exposed position and nature of soil make gardening difficult
- d) The teacher's efforts have frequently been frustrated by poor attendance and under the circumstances has not always been able to do his best work.
- e) A survey of the 2 children present showed good progress
- f) Art has received good treatment on modern lines.
- g) Assistance has been given by the parent school (Central) and the teacher should make full use of this valuable privilege

22nd October letter to Mr F Mills from Wellington Education Board Roll is now 4. What are prospects for next year?

20th November Mr Bannister cleaned chimney of bird's nest

18th December Today I relinquish my position as sole teacher of this school after enjoying a happy year.

28th December 1946 letter from Mr Laing Asking for a new teacher. Mr Mills is going to attend training college.

Accommodation will be at my own residence as was Mr Mills

1947

3rd February Opened school today Roll 5

A New Teacher

10th May 1947 Letter from Mr Laing There are seven children at Te Wharau

Kummer Grahame Aged 5 Pr 1

Laing Ian Aged 7 Standard 1

Laing Jennifer Aged 8 Standard 3

Houlbrooke Anne Aged 9 Standard 3

Bannister Thelma Aged 12 Standard 4

Ross May Aged 13 Standard 6

Bannister Nancy Aged 14 Standard 5

Bannisters Lives 1 1/2 Miles West of School

May Lives at start of Driscoll Road

Laing's Live Opposite

Houlbrooke Lives 6 Miles East Graham Kummer Boards here

5th June 1947 Mr Manchester to take charge

9th June School reopened Roll 6 School has been closed for two weeks on account there being no teacher available. Brian M Manchester begins duties

16th June Received bucket, brush, stove cleaner from School Committee

27th June Pupils had to go home this afternoon as slips were threatening to make roads impossible

10th September Received parcel of 20 books from NZ National Library Service

22nd September New pupil Graham McGregor admitted Travelling in mail car so only able to attend 3 days per week

1st December Received word over the weekend that school must close on account of spread of infantile paralysis. Reports and returns are being made up

Received notice that school closed on the 12th December.

Brian M Manchester leaves today

5th December 1947 Letter from Mr Laing stating the school will have to be closed

I myself am sending 2 children away to school and same applied to other parents. The reason for same is unsatisfactory teaching being given to the children These teachers which we have had have been very good as far as they go but children after the infants want a certificated teacher not teachers who have had no training etc.

1948

Note in Buildings File school closed 31/1/1948

1952

31st July 1952 letter signed by a number of parents

Asking for school to be reopened

The school building is in a good state of repair and has recently been painted There are 6 children of school age and 10 more coming on The following are the names of the children ready for school

Jeffrey Hill 7 years 10 months

Sandra Hill 6 years 9 months

Yvonne Hill, 5 years 8 months

Richard Schofield 6 years 3 months

Robert Douglas 6 years 7 months

Alison Scott 5 years 6 months

List of less than 5's including David Howden

There is accommodation available but he must be a single man

Please reply to D Douglas Land's Ed

26th August 1952 Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department stating that Te Wharau would open with 6 children

1953

1st April 1953 Miss Myra Hall appointed Uncertificated. From Pori
(*In the Tirāumeā District*) School

Myer B Hall Teacher

25th May School reopened today after being closed since 1947

On arrival I found the school clean and cupboards bare. Apparently another school (I think it was Poroporo) had taken much of the material and equipment

The school reopened with a roll of 3 boys and 3 girls.

Three children have not been to school before. Barbara Laing who is just started school

At night an householders meeting to elect a School Committee

D L Douglas Chairman, C Schofield Secretary. Committee Mrs N Hill, Mr Scott and Mr G Laing

It has been difficult at the beginning to teach the children because there has not been much to teach them with.

11th 12th June. School was closed for two days because of weather conditions. Drenching rain has brought down slips on roads

A fairly old inhabitant has described the floods as the worst in White Man's History

Material has been arriving from Wellington little by little and gradually it is all coming.

10th August 1953 Letter from M B Hall Roll Now 10 If this put school up a grade so a certificated teacher is appointed do I lose my job. One girl is in Standard V and the school has no text books for that class (except arithmetic)

Reply stay till end of year. Grading only changes then

10th August With the Three Turnbull Children entering the roll is up

There is very little in the cupboard (Standard 5) suitable for Shirley

A load of metal has been spread over the mud at the gateway. Before this every time someone came into school they always brought a generous sample of the gateway drubbed.

Third Term Roger Maxwell Duckmanton started. A small Maori boy in primer 2

18th November Mr D P J Crofskey appointed 5 ³/₄ years' service at present teaching in Taranaki

17th December Myer B Hall finished.

1954

Mr Crofskey Teacher

Feb 1st Roll 12

The children appear well behaved, happy and contented.

There is however a lack of knowledge of correct manners, a proper attitude towards the teacher, whom they seem to regard in the light of an elder brother

The school is in urgent need of certain equipment. Infant reading material, developmental apparatus, social studies readers, map etc. The actual school area needs cutting down a little so it can be mowed and attention paid to gardens etc. The chimney is badly in need of a clean and the front gate needs attention

5th February I closed the school a little earlier today so that I could visit Masterton to purchase books, pencils etc. for the children.

22nd February School Committee meeting in the hall. Agreed to buy necessary equipment and make improvements needed.

8th March Arrival of much needed country library books

8th March The children were taken by cars to Country School Sports at Masterton they performed very well. Sandra Hill succeeded in 2 finals and Jeffrey Hill gained a 2nd in a final

I brought home infant reading books and developmental equipment which had been ordered.

21st March Today a student teacher Mr Vincent Welsh commenced section duty. He will observe and practice in the school for 4 weeks

23rd March 2 new children Sandra and Gloria Lord began school here today.

25th March Sandra and Gloria Lord departed unexpectedly for their previous school

30th March School Committee men and others commenced work today on ground improvements. A good deal was done. The fence was put up and two plots were skimmed ready for digging

1st April Today was very wet and as the rivers were rising I let the children leave at 2.00

5th – 9th During this week the student was in charge of the school while I was at a refresher course.

30th April Today the school visited the museum and zoo in Wellington.

6th May Wyvern Laing began school here today He is in Standard 5

24th May Roll 15 Margaret and Gary Layther having started

Inspectors report W R Robinson and J L Logan report included

- a) Roll 12 present 12
- b) Mr Crofskey took up his duties in February as permanent teacher.
- c) Already he has established a happy working atmosphere. The attendance is very good
- d) The cooperation of the School Committee is appreciated.

28th May Working bee at school Completion of fence, mowing of lawn and digging of garden

30th May School Committee at school. Proposed to look into matter of purchase of strip projector for school

9th June Arrival of garden tools (2 spades, 1 push hoe, 1 drag hoe and 6 small forks

Trip made in afternoon to Gladstone School for football and basketball. As the grounds were in a bad state we took all the children to pictures in Masterton

14th June Arrival of 50 Lawsoniana plants for hedge along front

30th June School Committee meeting in school to discuss house proposals to put before board

3rd July Successful gala day and football match v Wainuioru in aid of school funds

8th July Arrival of 120 abelia floribunda hedge

15th July Mr Matheson (Phys Ed) visited the school viz mats, basketballs, long ropes.

28th July Large balls ½ dozen skipping ropes, 2 long ropes.

6th September During the holidays the School Committee laid down a concrete path from the gate to the school door

8th September Infant equipment viz plastic rings, coins and balance from board

22nd September 1954 As I have numerous minor repairs on my car I would you to Friday 1st of October as a shopping Day

Approved by Wellington Education Board

29th September Mr Burgess organising teacher for Wairarapa visited

7th October School Committee meeting at school Approved arrangements for Guy Fawkes day and Parents Day

28th October Yvonne Hill returned to school after absence of 4 weeks owing to removal of tonsils

29th October At the beginning of this month I laid a rope across a dam at Mr Geoff Laing's property and took the children swimming. However during the remainder of the month the weather deteriorated And although recently the days have been fine the nights have been cold which prevented further instruction.

6th November Guy Fawkes celebrated with fireworks and a Maori hangi supper of pork, venison and mutton. Collected of £6.00 in aid of funds

9th November Arrival of projector for the school and application made for joining national Library.

9th December The first annual parents day was held at school. In the morning parents watched the children at work and saw some of their

work exhibited on the walls. In the afternoon they were entertained with films, followed by afternoon tea. The day was most successful

16th December School ended after enjoying a most successful year.

D P J Crofskey

1955

Form 2	1
Standard 4	1
Standard 3	4
Standard 2	2
Standard 1	3
Primers	4
	15

1st February Much of the first day and indeed the whole week was spent in tidying grounds, preparing for next week etc.

2nd February School Committee meeting in school Decided on picnic date and dance to raise funds.

Mrs Turnbull undertook sewing instruction.

It was decided to purchase plastic cups for drinking and a set of aprons for the school Black shorts and white blouse/singlet was decided on as the uniform for the sports

11th February School Picnic held at Flat Point Beach in fine weather

16th February Parents meeting to discuss dance for school funds on February 26th and a trip to a dairy farm

26th February Put in strainer post at school to swing front gates.

Successful dance in hall in aid of school funds.

2nd March Swimming Instruction conducted in Mr C Cameron's baths at Flat Point. Subsequent trips have been planned

9th March Organised trip made to Mr Parker's Dairy farm in Carterton- also Dalefield dairy factory

12th March Film evening in hall. Decided by unanimous vote to continue film evenings about once monthly

23rd March School took part in country schools sports

The children performed very well Sandra Hill won two finals. Jeffrey Hill in one.

27th March Today several committee men and myself began drilling for water on the school property. After drilling to 18 feet a hitch occurred and work will be continued next Sunday

1st April Received authority from Wellington Education Board authorising me to engage someone to fix leaking roof.

18th April Today Bob Douglas received a hard bump on the head which caused his head to ache on subsequent days necessitating medical treatment (Concussion)

2nd May Biennial meeting of householders held in school to elect a new committee. There were 11 present

G Kinnell (Chairman) C Schofield (Secretary) Mrs I Hill D L Douglas G G Long

31st May Repairs effected to leaky roof

1st June School Committee meeting Resolved to continue search for water in grounds

Decided to

- 1) Hold concert end of July
- 2) Go to Wellington end of June
- 3) Hold Gala Day July

2nd June 1955 As my new car is due for a second check up I would like a shopping day in June

12th June Members of School Committee drained areas of the school grounds. Visit by water diviner.

15th June School Committee meeting to discuss ways of raising money for baths project. Decided to sound out district re stock drive on Sunday 19th June. Arrival of 9 single tables and chairs

19th June Stock drive well received by everybody

28th June First collection of stock for baths funds.

20th June Visit by Wellington Education Board representative, promised that required be carried out

15th July School closed shopping day

25th July School visited Wellington and were shown over the Rangitane and later visited Felt and Textiles Petone

29th July Mr Woodley Greytown commenced drilling for water on school grounds at right front of the shelter shed.

9th August visit by Mrs Johnson from the health department who tested the children's hearing with an audiometer

6th September, New tank and stand erected at school (Work unsatisfactory)

Repairs effected to girl's lavatory

14th September Well drillers left after unsuccessfully drilling to 320 feet. (97.5 meters)

15th September School Committee meeting in school

- 1) Fixed gala day as 8th October (probably)
- 2) Suggested that children visit a large town school in Masterton during a morning period and fish hatcheries in the afternoon.

22nd September District Meeting at school to organise gala day on the 1st

1st October Successful gala day in Mr Laing's paddock. Enthusiasm and industry made it a day most satisfying to all. Realised over £80

12th October Mr Burgess (Organising Teacher) conducted school while I visited Longbush School.

5th November Guy Fawkes celebration in school rounds "Quiz" or "Posers Penalties or Profits show in hall afterwards

31st October. Letter written to Wellington Education Board re quest for water.

2nd November Visit by whole school to Masterton Central

2nd December Of the 17 on the roll 10 are actually suffering from measles Several are particularly severe cases

13th December 2nd annual parent's day at school

1956

1st February reopened school with Roll of 19

6th February School Committee meeting resolved

- a) To apply for a residence
- b) Picnic Day
- c) Work Day at school
- d) To apply for painting interior and exterior of School

25th February Work day at school. Hole dug for water., tank boarded up. New fence and lawn yet to be completed

5th March Arrival of Mr F Walls, student teacher, who will spend 4 weeks here.

8th March At the Hall Mr Burgess, Organising teacher gave a talk on prereading to a gathering of parents and showed a film called 2 years

in the Infant School A lively discussion followed later on another such gathering will be held

5th April School Committee meeting decided on purchase of duplicator, wireless and curtains.

Date of Fancy Dress Party 4th May

10th March Inspection report received

- a) Number on roll 19. Present 18
- b) This school is being successfully run by a keen and capable young teacher who has won the full confidence of his pupils.
- c) The children are generally friendly, well-mannered and are applying themselves well to their work
- d) Very good opportunities are being provided for them to display imitative and to accept some responsibility
- e) Order and discipline are very good
- f) Music is very pleasing and nature study is well related to the environment
- g) It is most pleasing to see the support given by the district
- h) General efficiency is good with a distinct rising tendency
- i) V I Currie Acting Inspector

4th May In the evening a fancy dress party was held in the hall. Children sang songs, performed folk dances and acted poems

21st May Reopened school with roll of 19

24th May Replaced blinds in school with curtains

30th May Visit by Mr Whitwell, Senior Inspector to inspect building, heating, lavatories etc.

6th June Arrival of Banda spirit duplicator at school Arrival and planting of 9 shrubs ordered from Board in new lawn.

17th June Planting of Hydrangea cuttings separating new lawn from proposed garden plots

15th June Mr Athol Fairbrother showed “talking pictures in the hall to a gathering of children, parents and friends. Apart from an educational film once before this was the first such performance to be shown in Te Wharau

22nd June Arrival of 15 folk dance records.

4th July Arrival of radio receiver and vibrator pack

3rd August. Visit of health inspector re lavatories

11th September. County deposited metal at front gate

22nd September Very successful gala day held in adjacent paddock of Mr Laing’s. £92 raised

18th October School closed children taking part in Wairarapa Primary Schools Music festival

3rd November Guy Fawkes followed by quiz show in hall.

20th November 1956 Appointment of Mr D A C Kay 7 years’ service Working for Child Welfare

Phone call from Te Wharau Want a married man otherwise they will lose the house. Rent 30 shillings per week 3 Bedrooms Coal Range provides hot water Oldish but in good repair Lavatory Outside. Washhouse Inside

Power expected within 18 months

5 Miles from school Desirable for applicant to have car children to being parent conveyed

3rd December Visit made to Christchurch by steamer on 4th and 5th December

4th December Commenced boxing 84’ x 42’ hard area

11th December Completed concrete area

18th December Today terminates my position as Sole Teacher of this school after 3 happy years. D P J Crofskey

18th December 1956 Mr Kay withdrawn Mr G A J Fryer (*Gilbert*) appointed 8 years’ service Pongaroa

1957

4th February G A J Fryer. In general the school is very well equipped with aids, reading material and infant apparatus. The children I found to be bright, cooperative and well mannered. Roll of 17

8th February I closed the school early so that I could go to Masterton to buy exercise books for the children and other urgent requirements for school

12th February School Committee Meeting. School picnic to be held at Flat Point on 22nd February.

To bulldoze a hole in the river on property of Mr C Schofield., Riverside for swimming instruction. To introduce a school uniform for sports gatherings and public functions.

14th February Swimming introduction commenced at Mr Cameron’s pool. Mr Laing provided transport. Two swimming spells one morning and one afternoon and schoolwork done by all between swims. Enthusiastic response to both swimming and outdoor lessons. We intend spending further days at baths on fine days in the next fortnight Transport to be provided by Mr Lang or Mr Kinnell or Mr E Scott

Tennis net erected after fitting of winch on post. Commenced marking out of court.

15th April School Committee election G Kinnell, P Howden, F Scott, G Laing, T Mc Rae

6th May Arrival of infant apparatus ordered by previous teacher from Educational Aids and Services.

9th September Roll 20

2nd October School closed in afternoon to enable school choir to attend the matinee concert of the Wairarapa Primary schools Music Festival in Masterton and the other pupils attend same concert

4th October All present taken to Poroporo school for polio vaccination

5th October Most successful gala day held in adverse conditions in area in front of hall. Approximately £160 was raised with the object of buying a movie sound projector

11th November School visited by Board's architect and draughtsman today for siting of ablution block and school residence.

20th November 1957 It is proposed to replace the present pit privies which are unsatisfactory and unhygienic with a new lavatory block and a septic tank. The present buildings are dilapidated and due to the heavy density of the soil the pit privies are very unsatisfactory due to being filled with water in wet periods and very offensive during the warm weather.

July 1st roll is 18

19th December Annual parent's day Flower Show and Pet Show held at school

20th December. School closed after a successful year

1958

3rd February Roll of 15

Work in progress on the new toilet block and fencing of tennis courts
7th February School closed to commemorate the visit of Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother.

24th February Visit by Miss V Pemberton Phys Education Specialist for area. Holgar Neilson method plus filmstrips on same

28th February Annual school picnic held at Flat Point.

19th April Film Evening given in Hall for Parents, Children and Friends of the School and neighbouring districts. About 60 people attended for a pleasant evening and supper. Our new sound projector the B T H was on display and was used for projector the varied programme of films.

29th April Miss V Pemberton visited to take large ball activities.

21st May 1958 The building to be improved erected 1898 by lowering ceiling and installing new windows.

26th May Roll Now only 12

18th July Schoolroom vacated in order that alterations can be proceeded with school will now be held in the supper room at the hall
8th September School still being held in the hall as alteration work and painting exterior and interior have not been completed.

19th September School property removed from the hall and replaced in school.

23rd September Teaching resumed in school

25th September Miss Church District Nurse visited school and showed film "The Food We Eat"

3rd December . School went to Masterton for swimming and Holgar Neilsen instruction under Miss V Pemberton. The afternoon was

spent in inspecting Reliance Recaps Factory and Wairarapa Times Age, offices and newspaper factory

4th December Maintenance work and renovation work on school building completed at last.

15th December. Children taken to Lower Hutt to inspect Ford Motor Company Assembly plant and swimming instruction given at Riddiford Baths Lower Hutt

19th December School closed for Xmas Holidays Today marks the completion of 2 years as Sole teacher. A happy and profitable 2 years

1959

8th January 1959 Three tenders for school residence WH and JH Auburn tender for £4457.0.0 accepted. Department advised tender to high even for a remote school. Bring price down to under £400

Education Board replied difficult site, trees to be cut, long distance from Masterton couldn't suggest any cuts

2nd February Roll 15

27th February Today I resign from the position of Sole Teacher of this school

2nd March B A Poulson relieving Roll 14. Children are very friendly and cooperative but very noisy

9th March The Morton Children have not been attending, ostensibly for lack of transport

Philippa Howden has gone to hospital to have tonsils removed.

The picnic will be held at Flat Point on the first fine day

16th March We have had some fine weather which would have been suitable for a picnic but the parents were too busy to give the time. It is now proposed to take the school to Masterton on Thursday 26th to see "Round the World in Eighty Days", instead of holding picnic. I would strongly recommend that succeeding teachers push hard for the picnic before the end of February

17th March 1959 Miss J E Auty appointed

22nd March 1959 Letter from T M McCrae to Board saying hopes Miss Auty has a car has the only board is some way away. Hope that Miss Auty will do part of the cleaning

1st April Returned from Easter Holiday. Surprised to find the children do not know what Easter commemorates. Morton family left the district on the 25th March

9th April If the roll drops much further we won't need a teacher. The Ross Family (3) were finally withdrawn leaving only 9 on the roll.

The Rosses are now at Tinui. On Saturday last Mr Howden Secretary of the School Committee mowed the area surrounding the tennis courts and cut some firewood

23rd April Funeral of Mr Kinnell an ex-chairman of the School Committee. A wreath was sent on behalf of the School Committee, the children are absent.

2nd May Scrubbed the school

8th May It seems probable that the Kinnell children will not be returning.

B A Poulson

25th May Joyce E Auty took up duties as Sole Teacher

I place on record the work done by Mr Poulson. The roll stands at 7.

2nd June The School Committee have provided a poker for the stove. Have fixed the grating in the stove. The gramophone is being repaired

4th June Today the School Committee have begun to tidy the school and have sawn a good deal of wood.

29th June Coal and Coke were delivered to the school today. The weather has been fine recently with hard frosts at night followed by warm sunshine during the day

30th June. Mr Evans Agriculture adviser suggested we run some sheep in the grounds after the grass is topped.

1st July Coal and Coke arrived via the Transport Company bus today.

10th July There are only 2 children at school today.

20th July Today the School Committee began to clear the rubbish from the school and took away the weeds

At a committee meeting held later in the afternoon it was agreed to fix the hole in the concrete area. To provide shelves at the back of the room for a nature table and for books, the wireless and gramophone.

13th August Today we planted many plants in the school gardens at the side of the school and near the school door. Mr Laing carted some lime and spread it on the big garden by the school fence.

20th August Mr T McCrae brought manure for school garden by road fence. Scrubbed school room after school. Pruned trees on lawn

7th September Re Opened school after two weeks holiday. Mr Barker Wellington Education Board building officer visited the school from the Maintenance Survey. I feel it would be better if these surveys were made with the teacher present

Mr Laing has had stock in the grounds during the holidays and the place is looking much tidier now.

11th September A teacher's table and a chair received today. David Howden has varnished the bird table and it is proving very popular with the children this term.

17th September Today the broken chairs and tables were replaced from the Wellington Education Board store in Masterton

14th October Today Mr C A Hill visited the school for the purpose of grading me and for a school inspection.

14th October Inspectors Report included

Roll 8

Joyce Elizabeth Auty

The roll fluctuates considerably

The present teacher has taken duties in May with considerable earnestness

Order discipline and tone are high quality

The members of School Committee take an active and practical interest in the school

Miss Auty a Division T Trainee with added qualifications in Nature Study has taken over this school in good heart

A most satisfactory sole charge establishment

27th October I received formal notice from the Wellington Education Board that I am to be transferred as the school has been graded as Grade 1 from 1st February 1960. The roll will be 9 again before the end of the year.

27th October Long Letter from J E Auty to Wellington Education Board included

I have been notified of my transfer

Roll will be 9 in November, currently 8

There is no suggestion that any of the families will be leaving
I suggest you discuss the matter with Mr Hill who visited here a short time ago

If I remain here after February 1st does my salary drop Etc.

Reply Because the roll may rise you will stay in the job. An overscale teacher can remain in the position for a period of two years

28th October 1959 Letter from Mr Schofield. The school grade has been lowered and Miss Auty will possibly be transferred. There is a possibility of a daily bus service from the coastal stations

30th October The School Committee held a meeting last night to discuss my transfer. They wrote to the Board expressing alarm at the possibility of the school closing. They also wrote to the local MP pressing for more help in establishing of a daily bus service which would bring the children from the coast

5th November Today the organising teacher Mr John McDonald visited the school for the whole day. In the evening the children and people of the district enjoyed fireworks and a bonfire in the school grounds.

9th November Mr V G Nicol asking the Wellington Education Board to pay for a governess for his two children that he employs They had asked for a mail and school bus but was declined by the P and T Department. Te Wharau is 15 miles away. Application Declined

12th November Today the tennis club held a working bee at school and painted the tennis court in order to stop some of the glare from the concrete. We had a severe frost last night and as a result we lost all our tomatoes and dwarf beans at school

17th November I have received word that I am not on the immediate transfer list as the roll has gone up to 9

20th November Last night the School Committee held a meeting in the school. It was agreed that the tennis club could use the facilities. I agreed to give some of the cleaning money to pay for a new record player.

Discussion centred around ways and means of raising money. It was agreed to have a gala day at the beginning of the football season.

30th November The Te Wharau tennis club is now well established and has several keen members who play on the court at school.

16th December Last night the children held a concert to which their friends in the district were invited About 40 people and children attended a pleasant evening. Prizes of books were given to the children and supper was served in the hall by the School Committee. This afternoon I scrubbed the school

Inspectors Report for October by C A Hill included

- a) The children are pleasant friendly and well behaved.
- b) Order discipline and tone are of a high quality
- c) The members of the Committee continue to take an active and practical interest in the school.
- d) Regular visits have been made by itinerant specialists and the pupils, though few in number have received all the benefits of children in more populated areas

1960

1st February 9 pupils on the roll

The topping of the trees has been completed and today the children gathered all the pine cones for use during the winter.

12th February This week has seen the beginning of swimming at Craigie Lee swimming pool We had a white frost on the night of Thursday 11th February

19th February The school is closed for a shopping day. It was also Masterton Show day and the First Day of the New Zealand and Australia Cricket Match in Wellington.

22nd February Today the aerial topdressing pilots are using Mr Laing's airstrip next to the school. The noise is terrific. We have been given a sack of the superphosphate for the school garden

24th February Today the Senior Children went into Masterton with Members of the School Committee to see The Ten Commandments at the Regent Theatre. The primers and Andrew Jetson stayed at school with me.

25th February The district nurse visited the school today. Today was our last swimming lesson for this season. Place on record the thanks of the children and myself to Mr and Mrs Bruce McGregor of Craigie Lee for the use of the swimming pool

26th February 1960 Letter Joyce Auty Roll is Nine

Josephine Moore will leave in six week and the County Foreman had assured me the new roadman will have children

11th March The children attended the country school sports today. Heather and Peter Nichol and Rachel Bewick from the coast attended with us

21st April We flew the flag today in honour of Queen Elizabeth's 34th Birthday

26th April Mr N Kummer died after a meeting in the hall. Both he and Mrs Kummer have taken an interest in the school and grounds. Norman will be missed in the district

30th May School Committee meeting. Discussion of the trip to Wellington took place and the School Committee were all in favour.

31st May Mr Dashfield, Anglican Minister, visited the school today.

17th June Today I reopened the school after it had been closed for 3 days whilst Margaret, Philippa, Beryl and David visited Seatoun School in Wellington With children from Longbush and Maungaraki School

13th July Mr Tritt assistant Secretary Manager of the Wellington Education Board visited the school with the transport officer, Mr Fitchett. They were making enquiries about the proposed bus service; the number of children of school age at the coast; and the number of children under school age in the immediate district

17th August Mr Bill Hedley- maintenance officer- visited the school with members of the School Committee It was agreed to ask for a grant to put a concrete path across to the woodshed

4th- 6th October The children from Wellington arrived on 4th They were conveyed by parents to their billets who met them at the station. Eight children and Mrs Lyon a parent were billeted with us. The rest of the class with parents were billeted at Te Whiti, Maungaraki and Longbush Schools.

18th October 1960 Appointment of Bruce Robert Keltie Single Present Sole Charge of Rough Hill by transfer

3rd November The dental nurse from Gladstone School came to inspect the teeth of the children

7th November On Saturday 5th November the tennis club held their opening day on the tennis court. In the evening a barbecue was held and the School Committee had a bonfire and Guy Fawkes for the children

25th November The School Committee held a meeting in the school last night. Arrangements were made for the concert. The Secretary agreed to write to the Wellington Education Board regarding school maintenance still not completed. Discussion centred round the barbecue and bonfire at it was decided that in future the two should be held together.

25th November Today the Carterton Show Judge, Mr Robinson, came to judge the school garden. Mr B Keltie teacher to begin February 1961- visited the school today and was met by the present teacher and members of the School Committee

13th December This evening the children had their concert and prize giving. The concert was well attended. Later after a supper in the hall, a presentation was made to me from the people of the district

15th December. Joyce E Auty Leaves

1961

1st February Bruce Keltie starts. Roll 11

3rd March Today the school picnic was held at Flat Point A very enjoyable day as the weather stayed fine all day.

18th March Today I put in the morning chopping wood for the fire. Afterwards I mowed the school lawns except for the tennis court.

23rd March Mr P Howden came down and mowed the tennis court

11th April Mr Logan visited the school to grade both me and the school He was most concerned about lack of suitable reading material (Fiction)

11th April 1961 Inspectors report included
Roll 11

Bruce Robert Keltie.

Mrs C Schofield Sewing

There are certainly problems in helping some slow learners
The children's attitudes, manners and friendliness are pleasing features
The building has been modernised and made attractive
The School Committee supports the school and assists the teacher where possible

18th April School Committee Mr T McCrae, Secretary P Howden, J Peacock, C Schofield and Mr I Paterson

This morning Mr John McDonald (Organising Teacher) came to school at my request in order that he would "test" Langdon Jetson who has been causing me concern. He found that he was very immature and very retarded.

3rd May Today I scrubbed out the school's toilets

12th June Working bee. Firewood was cut into small pieces for the stove; a concrete path was put down from the school to the woodshed
In the afternoon several of us went down to Mr J Mosen's and collected some bottles

28th June Today the school was opened to see the children at work
Eight parents came and also four others were interested. Jeremy Howden started today

4th July Last night the School Committee met. We decided to spend money from the Bonus Account on a basketball (Netball). We have been promised a basketball hoop Mr Patterson has offered to help me on Saturday week to repair the old Jungle Gym.

24th July Mr Donovan Ward Member visited school to discuss with me and Mr McCrae the School House. He was convinced that we had a sound case.

15th August Today I scrubbed the school floor and walls

16th August I oiled the floor which now looks very clean.

4th September There has been a terrific lot of rain and the ground is just a sea of mud.

19th September Today the Dental Nurse from Gladstone visited the school as well as checking the children's teeth she checked all the preschool children in the district

20th September Ngaire Haeata Started today Roll 15

25th September at 3.20 the Art and Craft Specialist visited the school Very little was achieved as the children had gone home.

1962

20th November 1962 Appointed Mr R C McConnell Single Canterbury Board

23rd November Appointed Mr D S Scott Single. College Street Palmerton north Assistant 18th November Mr Scott Withdrew

10th December Mr J Q Henderson. Married Tamaki Intermediate School Auckland, Assistant

19th December 1962 Bruce Keltie handed over in good order Signed by R Paterson Chairman

1963

5th December J Q Henderson (Dip Teaching) Roll 18. Teacher Opened school in the hall rented at £4 per week as the carpenters have not yet finished the £1800 13 feet extension of the school. The roll includes 9 primers, 4 Standard 1, 2 Standard 2, 2 Standard 3 2 Standard 5. Strong reaction against reading and writing noted Reading seems to be very backward- parents not aware of this.

6th February School Committee meeting Settled hours of opening 8.45 to 3 pm. Except Monday and Friday close at 2.30 so that children can catch bus home.

11th February School closed in honour of Queen's visit to Wellington

13th February Mrs Sylvia Howden takes girls for sewing 1 hour per week.

15th February Mr and Mrs McCrae, Mrs Howden and self took whole school at Wainuioru- who were closed for picnic so we took the whole afternoon, using jungle gyms and baths.

20th February Whole School visited Whare Trig Point

21st February School democracy started Edward Jetson Chairman Philippa Howden Secretary. Secretary elected for a term, chairman for a fortnight

26th February Picnic at Flat Point

4th March New readers to replace Janet and John readers

6th March 1963 Letter to Mr Cooksley MP for Wairarapa asking for file of Te Wharau School at least 2 inches thick. Department denies it Ihuraua=has ever received a file

Letter to National Party. Board have not received any files none in the Department knows anything about the files there was ongoing correspondence and on 14th October 1963 £4777.0.0 was granted to Renall Brothers Carterton

14th March Organising Teacher Jack Cox visited school

15th March Opened school in extended school building

18th April Decimal coinage announced to be introduced in 1967 (Thanks Heaven) can drop useless money work and wasted time can be used to improve reading and oral work

31st May My indoors from Melbourne went home after a 6 week holiday here for my daughters Cathy's Birthday

26th July Results of Burt Word recognition test very gratifying Average gain for the school since last test in March 0.4 still a long way to go before children are reading at their ability level.

12th August Anne, Fay and Joy Goode admitted to school. New County Worker.

9th September Roll 20 [Democracy Demolished]

27th September The School Committee has decided

- a) They would like the children to give an end of year concert
- b) No prizes will be given but each child will get a book
- c) The end of the year concert will be combined with the hall committee Xmas Party

5th November Mrs Paterson relieves while I sit English 1 paper b

Bonfire night party washed out by sudden downpour

12th December End of Year survey completed. Disappointing School's average gain in reading.. I regard this falling off in achievement as due to my having altered my teaching methods to them.

I visited all parents twice during the year and attempted to explain my teaching methods to them.

Shortly after the July survey a General Discussion meeting was held in the school, all parents were invited only two of the fathers were able to attend but most of the mothers attended. I summarised the progress to date and then called for questions for general discussion unfortunately few questions were asked.

Half year reports were given out and parents invited to discuss them with me.

18th The Break Up concert held A production of Cinderella was well received. The children enjoyed putting it on. Mrs Howden was indispensable back stage with the costumes and make up.

The enjoyment and success of the year were marred by some friction with parents. Although I tried (even to the extent of altering my administrative techniques and going counter to my Philosophy of Education. To mollify and reassure the complainants a written complaint was lodged with the School Committee, answered by me, and a special meeting held

I did not attend the meeting but was told the outcome was in my favour, and several letters in support of my methods were received Mr Peacock resigned from the School Committee as he is leaving the district at the end of the term

1964

Pines and 2 gum trees felled during holiday to make way for the schoolhouse

3rd February Teacher Only day Met other teachers at Gladstone School

4th February Roll 15

10th February Tom Scott elected to replace Mr Peacock

In view of the last years surveys and of the result of special meeting of the School Committee I have reverted to complete democracy in school administration

Academic work is controlled by a weekly Dalton Plan

17th February School picnic held at Carter's Bush this year because of shark scare

12th March Visit Fire Station, Railway Station and Swimming Baths in town

13th March Flushes of girl's toilets have been adjusted so that most of the girls can flush the toilet most of the time. An extension band put in the stove and a new bird and rain proof chimney fitted.

10th April Tape Recorder bought by the School Committee used in conjunction with electric Pressey Type Teaching Machine, (*I have never heard of this before*)Google says *Pressey's teaching machines presented written questions with 4 answer choices corresponding to the 4 keys on the machine. The machine could be used in the "test" mode in which the student's first response was recorded and then the machine advanced to the next question. The machine could also be used in a "teaching" mode in which the machine did not advance to the next question until the student made the correct response. In the "teaching" mode the student could make multiple responses to the same quest has proved a boon in teaching tables.*

8th May Lack of rain and a drying NW wind have compounded to make the farmer's plight disastrous

The concrete foundations for the house have been finished

21st May The framework of both house and garage is up and their rooves (Sic) are on.

25th May Roll 16

2nd June Work on school house recommenced.

10th June Mr Logan came to inspect the school and grade me.

10th June 1964 Inspector's report included

Mr John C Henderson

Sewing Teacher Mrs Peterson

The children are a happy friendly group responding freely with their teacher

In some fields of the curriculum promising work is seen while in others the teacher has a continuous task in raising standards of attainment

The school is well equipped with major items

The building has been considerably enlarged and modernised and now provides an excellent classroom

The School Committee carries out its duties sincerely and effectively

18th June Mr Cleland (Rev) gave a religious lesson. Is going to visit the school every fortnight.

4th August Very cold and wet weather. Standstill as far as work on school house is concerned

13th August Mrs Paterson (Sewing) and Mr Cleland gave lessons today. The older boys and myself did some gardening.

7th September School began again Everyone fresh and ready for work. During holidays I gave the school a good cleaning including oiling the floor and cleaning windows. Plus tidying the cupboards.

The Jetson Children are back at school- arrangements had been made that the whole family were moving to town. But the parents have decided to stay.

Robin Hales started at school.

The Jetsons changed their minds again and leave the district tomorrow-

5 Jetsons leave Roll now 14

26th October Have received Inspectors Report J L Logan included

- a) The children are a happy friendly group.
- b) In some fields of the curriculum promising work was seen while in others the teacher has a continuous task in raising standards.
- c) The wider contacts the group can have with children of similar age the better will be their own development and achievement
- d) The school is well equipped with major items

2nd November We have been having exchange visits with Te Whiti School Junior Classes – project is farming and its produce. All children are very keen on the visits and the work. We are concentrating on sheep farming and are making a paper mache sheep.

5th November Guy Fawkes Day A Bonfire (Guy made by the children) was lit in the school grounds at 6.30 p m A barbecue was given also and was well attended.

12th November Workmen are now putting the finishing touches to the school house

19th November Today I received word that I had passed my exams.

20th November Today school had a trip to Wellington in conjunction with Te Whiti Junior School. Train ride down was enjoyed by all the children. Some parents had driven to Wellington and were waiting

for us and drove us to the wharf. We were taken over two cargo ships and saw wool loaded for export.

5th December At last today we moved into the school house.

7th December Children are interested to see inside of house and how it is furnished, so an inspection was made which (I think) satisfied their curiosity

9th December Members of the School Committee today put a wire fence along the drive and later I mowed the lawns with the new motor mower which arrived that morning.

17th December Phillipa Howden goes to Woodford House next year

1965

School reopened Last night Mrs Gourlay phoned and told me that she was putting Gillian and Jeffrey onto correspondence. In view of the children's poor attendance at school last year and the difference of opinion between myself and parents this is probably a good thing. I am sorry that G and J are being deprived of school mates. Roll 13. Helen Bannister started today

4th February Edwin Bannister felt ill today. This is one of the cases where a house next to the school has been very handy

Was able to take him to the house to rest and phoned his mother who came and collected him

8th February Mr Scott and myself took the children to Wainuioru School Baths

15th February Decided to take advantage of every fine day for swimming, last year children did not get nearly enough.

Went to Te Whiti baths today. Mr Scott helped me.

26th February With the approval of School Committee I purchased a microscope which will be very useful

10th March Today the school picnic was held at Flat Point

May The school have bought 2 Ukuleles for the school Most of the parents have bought their children ukuleles and lessons have started.

We visited Te Whiti to start joint Social Studies Unit

July Visited Gladstone School for communal music (With Ukuleles, guitars and percussion)

The Junior School went to Wellington Airport as final of transport studies. Travelled down and back by chartered bus.

August The Masterton East Country Children (Te Whiti, Gladstone, Maungaraki, Wainuioru and Te Wharau performed three songs at the matinee and evening performances. Go Tell Aunt Rhody, Hush Little Baby, This land is your Land.

Before the show visits were made to Wainuioru, Gladstone, and Te Whiti for rehearsals The parents were very cooperative in providing transport.

September A wonderful royal visit to Masterton Hospital where we were royally entertained. And shown practically everything. This was preceded by a visit to the police station and the courthouse where two ship deserters were remanded and transferred to Napier

September Celia Howden our only senior now visits Gladstone School every Tuesday to get the social experience and stimulus of mixing and learning with Children of her own age

December The concert this year was followed by presents from the School Committee to the children. Presentation of a cheque to me and the usual Christmas Party.

With mixed feeling I conclude 3 years in this position.

All the people of the district are not convinced that democracy works in school but most parents have come in a long way towards sympathising with my methods. And some are grateful for what I have done for their children

The Support of John Ellis Head Teacher at Te Whiti and of Barry Doyle of Gladstone have been invaluable.

The exam results are out I have graduated B A from Massey University

1966

1st February New Teacher Roll of 7

A pleasant group but terribly noisy and lacking in courtesy, concentration and discipline

10th February Notice sent home to parents. Change of school hours. I find it more convenient to work the conventional 9-3

14th February Successful school picnic at Double Bridges

22nd February Children taken to Wainuioru School for swimming. Mr Banner brought sheep to school for the long grass in the playground.

5th March Mr and Mrs Bannister and self got a load of stones and manure for the school gardens

12th March Spent the day cleaning school walls and windows watering gardens and mowing the lawns

14th March The school attended the film Sound Of Music in Masterton

15th March The first meeting of the Te Wharau Home and School was held in the school Representatives from most families were present.

16th March School dental nurse and dental officers visited to check children's teeth.

21st March Patrice Ross Admitted New Entrant

28th March Ivan Gullery admitted New Entrant

5th April School Committee Meeting The committee authorised the purchase of a filing cabinet, duplicating papers

Discussion centred around building of a swimming pool

To write to Wellington Education Board asking approval of our scheme to procure water.

9th April Today I demolished the toilet behind the house.

10th April 2nd Meeting PTA Films were shown and it was resolved to start card evenings to raise money for the swimming pool

19th April Mr McGregor and Mr Laing were at school today to remove the logs from the football field.

The children and I dragged the remains of the old school toilet which I demolished into a heap to be burnt.

21st April School Committee had a working bee. A fence was erected between the tennis court and the schoolhouse in order to keep out the sheep away from the school when they are on the football field.

Stumps and rubbish were burnt on the football field and the ground harrowed and sown with grass seed. The woodshed was filled with wood and coke for the winter.

26th May Today admitted Stephen and Marie Houghton from Featherston

Mr and Mrs Woods from NZ Bible Teaching at school this week to take children after school from 3 O'clock to approx. 3.45

25th May Special meeting of the School Committee to discuss baths report The Board officer arrived during the holiday while I was absent and gave approval for the construction of a pool provided

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water was taken off the hall roof and we received approval from the Hall Society and County Council.

30th May Public meeting held at the hall following a meeting of the hall society. Public support is right behind the School Committee (Re Baths)

1st June. It was decided to hold a stock drive as soon as possible to raise funds and establish the water supply at the hall while there is plenty of rain.

2nd June Visit by the district nurse who talked to children on infectious hepatitis

30th June School visited by Grant Tilly, art adviser

12th August Carpenters arrived today to carry out work on maintenance schedules for 1963, 1964, 1965

1967

20th November 1967 Inspectors Report included

Mr H Barr

Roll 27

The general tone of the school is most pleasing

A strong family atmosphere prevails

Sound progress is being made in mathematics, language and reading

The classroom is attractive

The Sole Teacher receives full cooperation from a very active School Committee which is to be commended for its strong interest in the school.

Teacher Mr Barr

11th December Discussion was held on plastering of the swimming pool the School Committee are unanimous that the job is sub-standard. Pipes being blocked by cement as was the sump

That the sports equipment be purchased from the extra special sports fund

A visit had been had by a sports adviser who passed a number of the children in gymnastics proficiency.

It was decided to draft a set of rules for the new swimming pool

- a) Persons use the pool at their own risk
- b) No child shall use the pool unless accompanied by an adult
- c) No other buildings with the exception of the toilets shall be used.
- d) There will be no diving or running around the pool.
- e) No person will enter the pool without using both the toilet and footbath
- f) Persons wishing to use the pool are requested as a safeguard to themselves to advise either a committeeman or the teacher prior to using the pool

Contrary to what had been understood there is no insurance in private cars

Parents must be advised that they are liable for any children they are transporting

Inquiries to be made by the School Committee to get insurance to cover everyone

It was decided to bulldoze the extraneous material from the pool excavation onto the football field and then level it, and sow it in grass.

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The meeting closed and supper kindly supplied by Mrs Barr

The School Committee presented Mrs Barr with a small gift as an appreciation for her hospitality and suppers.

1968

6th February The possibility of running a school bus was once again raised. Mr Barr said it was possible according to his information for a bus to run to the Craigie Lea turnoff, but we would have to go on a waiting list.

Roll 20

That Mr Barr spent \$5.00 on 4 or 5 Flutter Boards. That the Secretary write to the Minister via Haddon Donald (MP) and ask if he would officially open the school baths.

The chairman to see Mr Carruthers (Wellington Education Board) and air all our complaints.

The school picnic to be held early to allow children to settle down to school work

That the picnic be held down at the Kaiwhata Mouth or river depending on the weather.

10th April 1968 Telegram to Board. Te Wharāu School Closed

Roads Impassable

28th May The School Committee has insurance cover for the children going to and from school and the Secretary is to investigate the possibility of including school trips in the cover. Mr Barr said there would be about 20 trips.

New school boundaries set

Mr McGregor got permission from Mr Laing for the children to use part of his paddock for playing football until the grass grows on the playing area.

The PTA has brought the school 20 filmstrips

Mr Barr suggested the children have cocoa during the winter months. The School Committee to supply cocoa and sugar and the children to take their own milk.

Football posts to be shifted Temporarily to Mr Laing's

A large depression near the school house fence is to be filled and levelled.

A stock drive is to be held with an expectation of at least one sheep per property.

Mr McGregor is to ring Mr McRae and remind him of his obligation to supply firewood in return for the timber he took at the completion of the school baths

9th September The Secretary presented a balance sheet on the actual expenditure on the swimming pool as requested by the chairman, apparently some members of the community were not satisfied that their money had been spent.

It was decided to send a copy to every person in the district to arrest any further criticism of the School Committee

The PTA would like the School Committee to purchase 2nd reading laboratory- because of subsidy

Leotards were approved for the school girls of which the School Committee account to pay \$10 and the special fund the balance.

A school scheme is required by the Board. Mr Barr asked that the School Committee would cover the cost of duplicating it.

18th December 1968 Long Letter from Mr Barr to Wellington Education Board

Roll is 30

Mrs N Paterson a qualified teacher residing in the area is prepared to assist

We need temporary accommodation or could use the hall

1969

16th January 1969 Reply

Approval to employ Mrs N Paterson as assistant

That roll will be 32

The chairman is to investigate the price for the bulk supply of toilet paper.

The school picnic to be held at Kaiwhata river mouth. The chairman to ring John Tatham and ask that we may use his track to get there
Mr Bannister is to get 4 dozen bottles of Fanta

The playground needs topdressing and Mr Macgregor said he would drop off one ton of lime.

21st April Mr Patterson spoke about working bees and suggested they be held during the week. Interest is obviously lagging probably because of overdose of work

Mr Bannister thought the working bees for firewood were particularly poorly attended.

The school requires more funds. Mr Barr presented a list of 12 items required

8th May 1969 Letter from School Committee Mr Barr leaves at end of term please advertise position

5th June The Secretary explained to the School Committee that the accounts were unpaid because the Wellington Education Board had failed to return the books after audit.

School roll 25

Mr Barr is resigning to take a better job in Hamilton at the end of the term.

16th September New Teacher Eric Baker was officially welcomed.

Mr Bannister has undertaken to get the football goal posts ready for next year.

Mr Baker has been authorised to purchase First Aid Kit, projector bulbs and cleaning equipment.

The School Committee decided to hold Guy Fawkes day and would supply 12 lbs of saveloys, bread butter, tomato sauce and Fanta Drinks for the children

The meeting closed at 9.40 and supper kindly supplied by Mrs Baker

24th October 1969 Eric Baker teacher applying for married salary

3rd December Mr Baker has suggested taking down some internal fences to enlargen the children's playing area.

A request for a staggered fence between the school and the tank, this to act as a windbreak

Mr Baker would like a four day trip in the North island Based on Turangi. Total cost \$300 for ten older children to be held about April That the School Committee raise money by a scrap drive with the object of sending 10 children on an educational trip.

1970

5th February The mail service and school bus service were discussed at some length

The Secretary to write to AA re getting a limited speed zone through Te Wharau

That as a substantial roll increase had occurred that the Turangi Trip be cancelled and a science project be held at Glenburn

The school picnic is to be held as soon as possible at Flat Point. The School Committee to provide 5 dozen Fanta, ice cream and cones.

A new tennis net was proposed a show of hands was taken and the motion dismissed.

The teacher Mr Baker had applied for a teachers aid to help with the increased roll and more particularly the backward children

The School Committee suspects the pool is leaking but propose investigating this when the season ends.

Mr Bowen to try and get old tractor out of clay hills as plaything for children

The scrap drive is on with the emphasis on nonferrous metals.

28th April 1970 10 Hours of teacher aide appointed

26th May. Coke is to be purchased for the schoolroom fire. A scrap metal drive for nonferrous metals is to be held next month

Mr McGregor is to investigate various brands of motor mowers as the school mower is beyond repair.

The School Committee resolved to paint the inside of the school toilets and to charge the cost of such labour and paint to the Wellington Education Board

That a woodshed be constructed for the school house.

Creosote and diesel or old oil are to be used for spraying waste grass and for marking grassed playing areas.

6th August That we should cash in on the scrap we have collected. Mr Barron to sell the batteries.

That the paint is here for the inside of the school toilets and we should proceed immediately.

The School Committee is very low in funds having only \$40.00

Money is required for purchasing a lawnmower, Repairs to the projector, repairs to tape recorder.

Finance to come from money for the labour of painting the toilets and from a stock drive for fat sheep to be sold on 12th August

Mr Barren to write also to the president of country schools Sports Association and advise him the School Committee consider he has done or responsible for a great disservice to the Country School Parents and Children.

22nd September The school stock drive realised \$171.10 from 27 sheep

The Secretary resigned from the School Committee because of the sale of the property he works on.

1971

8th February The meeting discussed running lambs on the school grounds to eat the surplus grass, 4 members donated lambs

A long discussion was held on hall charges and use of the hall by School Children. The chairman was asked to put the committee views at the next hall meeting

The school picnic to be held at Kaiwhata Bridge. Mrs Parker to buy 100 ice creams

29th March. The Secretary told the School Committee of the Wellington Education Board offer to add 2 hours pay to the teachers cleaning money to cover grass cutting

The Committee was told by Mr Bannister and Mr Baker that Wairarapa Plumbers had assembled the pump on the filter plant back to front and the Secretary was not to pay any account for this work.

The Committee felt that the 3 Rural Delivery fees should be paid out of its funds.

19th April That Mr Baker be left to work out the details with the 2 secondary boys.

The Secretary was reminded to buy a ladder.

Mr Baker told the meeting that he was holding a bottle drive with the school children

That the Secretary put an ad in the paper for a ladder for the school.

A discussion was held about a stock drive. Mr Dunn said he would approach Tatton's about giving the School Committee some wild sheep for the stock drive.

Mr Baker said he would be away for a week to attend a course at Hogben House in Christchurch. Mrs Baker to take school in his absence.

A discussion was held on the purchase of a glass display case for the schools rock collection. Mr Baker was asked to look into the matter.

Mr Bannister to approach the Chairman of the Hall Committee about the use of the hall for Gym Practice for children

The lambs being grazed at the school have been taken by Mr Bannister because of a shortage of feed at the school.

31st May 1971 Inspectors Report included

Eric Baker

Roll 17

Te Wharāu from its appearance inside and outside the classroom reflects conscientious and effective work by the teacher together with a commendable degree of community interest

Swimming instruction is benefiting from use of the school pool

The interest in geology and geomorphology is recognised

In accord with the best traditions of a small country school pupils are developing independence and responsibility to a marked degree and good school tone is evident

The school roll has dropped to 17 the teacher continues without a part time teacher aide to provide quality teaching

5th July That the Secretary Mr Hourigan buy a ladder 24 foot in length at current prices

Mr Hourigan donated a glass case for rock collection.

That the School Committee buy ropes for climbing and swinging subject to a suitable site being found.

A discussion was held on getting a tank for the house. Mr Dunn to approach Mr Wallis about the matter. The spring in Laing's of which the WSCC *Wairarapa South County Council based on Carterton* have water rights was also discussed,

18th August A complaint about the times the bus was late was received.

That no complaint be made to Wairarapa Transport about the bus for 5 or 6 weeks as it was thought that the motors and tyres may be repaired by then.

That the P and T (*Post and Telegraph*) be approached about siting a phone on top of the Arawa Hill to be used in cases of emergence

The teacher also wanted to know if the P and T could show him how to adjust the switchboard in the hall in case of emergencies.

The teacher buy a new record player

10th October The Secretary was to write to Wellington Education Board to enquire about a Vacuum Cleaner for the school

Roll 22

A hangi to be held at the school on 5th November. Chairman to buy 2

Dozen Fanta

The chairman to buy a tennis net

1972

9th February That the Secretary write to the Wellington Education Board to ask about a wind break. Between the house and the school

The roll was 16 and could rise to 20

23rd May The cheque for 1 bull sold by the School Committee to be paid into the T P A account (\$107)

The teacher explained spelling levels to the meeting and a discussion was held on the school syllabus.

That the Wellington Education Board has done away with the subsidy scheme and the implications this would have with buying equipment for the school.

Mr Baker had arranged for sports at Wainuioru School every Friday Afternoon during this winter term A roster of parents to be worked out to carry children

That he would like to take the children to a stock sale in Masterton in conjunction with some of the Cornwall Street Children

That the teacher spends \$18 on filmstrips

12th July The School Committee walked around the school buildings and grounds to compile a list of repairs and improvements to present to the Board's Maintenance officer

12th September Paper towels have been installed in the toilets by the PTA.

The teacher requested the loan of a hand sprayer to kill weed about the school.

Mr Bannister thought the bus driver drove too fast down the Kaiwhata Road. After quite along discussion it was suggested that Mr Bannister approach the driver.

27th November The meeting discussed the concreting of the floor of the teachers carshed and the resiting of the clothes line at the school house.

A discussion was held about the School Committee finances
Roll is 20

1973

13th February The committee started the meeting by walking around the grounds.

The old sand to be removed from the sand pit and Mr Bannister to contact Mr B Cameron to see if we could get some beach sand

A working bee to be held on March 10th to get firewood for the school. Mr Hourigan to enquire whether the School Committee could get some payment from the Wellington Education Board.

The Secretary was asked if he could see about an insurance policy to cover the carrying of children to things in town and field trips.

the teacher explained he would like the children to spend a night in tents on the school grounds.

A discussion was held on connecting the tape recorder, radio, and record player for more efficient use in the classroom.

School picnic to be held at Mt Holdsworth

If there were showers in the ranges the Kaiwhata River to be used as an alternative

9th April A discussion was held about sending an account to Wellington Education Board for firewood. Mr Bannister to arrange

Sandpit Mr Bannister to ring Mr Cameron to see if he could bring a load of sand to school in his truck when he was coming to town

The teacher told the School Committee about the new equipment Scheme

The teacher suggested we start pestering the Wellington Education Board about a new school building.

16th April Biennial Meeting

Teacher Mr Baker was chairman.

1. Working Bees It was suggested that all parents be asked to participate in working bees.
2. That the school should be painted
3. Discussion on removal of trees
4. Discussion on the water supply of the school.

16th April Mr Bannister said he would send the account for firewood to the Board ASAP

That the Secretary write to the Wellington Education Board asking for its policies on replacing the existing school buildings

It was decided to hold a School Committee each month

Poles for the considered playground equipment. Mr ... has several telephone and power poles to be viewed.

Finance required is expected to be in the vicinity of \$200 pounds With \$50 for poles and \$50 for a school trip. Credit is at present \$17.12

Stock Drive To obtain the above the committee decided to have a stock drive. One fat ewe is to be requested or any other type of sheep suitable for the donor. Areas arranged as following

- a) The Coast Mr Cameron
- b) Craigie Lee Road Mr Hourigan
- c) Gourlay's and... Mrs Laing
- d) Kaiwhata Mr Kucher
- e) North Of School Mr Paterson

24th May The stock drive collected \$ 380. That a cyclostyled letter of thanks be written and sent to Householders.

That the poles were not particularly useful, Mr Bannister has offered poles and Daniells will treat them for nothing.

The reply from Wellington Education Board re woodshed was read. It was agreed that there was no prefabricated shed suitable for storage of wood.

Mr Paterson mentioned that he has viewed one sole charge school built in 1963 and in comparison to that our building is inadequate.

Sandpit. Mr Cameron has supplied a load of sand which is most suitable

That Mr Bannister now has his Pork?

Mr Cameron told the meeting that he is against the proposition of e routing the bus up the Craigie Lee Road as it will be unfair to the Coast Children.

That the Secretary write to the Wellington Education Board opposing this proposition

Roll is 21 , Miss E Scott is to take a team of girls for gymnastics

Mr Baker said a two day visit to Mikimiki School as a conservation exercise.

The Post Office Saving Bank Donated \$24.00 to the school for banking

Bottles have still not been collected.

Mr Baker also mentioned that wiring on the baths has failed and a window in the house has blown in.

2nd July Mr Cameron asked if a reply from the Wellington Education Board had been received. The reply was read and approved.

Mr Paterson has satisfactorily completed the insurance policy \$434.93 has been received from the stock drive. And will be banked in account at the Eastern and Central Savings Bank.

Religious Instruction A suggestion from the Minister that parents and householder be invited to the school to take part in the religious instruction programme. It was decided to discuss next meeting

That Mr Hourigan will go to AA and request a sign to be put at his front gate.

School roll 24 including 10 enrolments this year.

The boys have purchased a soccer ball and girls books with their Savings Bank money

Girls to take part in the Wairarapa gymnastics association competition

The school needs four 7 inch spools for the tape recorders

13th August That the girls (6) who tried for their iron badges in gymnastics passed.

The School Committee agreed that it was not in favour of having visitors in classroom during religious instruction.

That we take out sharers in the E T A (*Education Trading Association*) trading company which would enable us to purchase equipment at a reduced rate.

It was agreed that Mr Baker purchase 5 films for \$12.00 plus bulbs for the schools use

As the school projector ceased to function last term plans to discuss with Board

24th September. The Poles have arrived . Information regarding ropes will be required from the Wellington Education Board.

It was agreed that there is no need to top dress the playing field.

School roll now 23

The PTA have purchased some musical equipment and a card catalogue for the library.

24th October The shed has blown over

The South Wairarapa County Council are happy for us to connect to the spring.

Only those connected with Farming can join the ETA

Cornwall Street plan a trip to the Manawatu Dairy Company on November 15th and have invited Te Wharau School.

12th December So far the water system is proving very effective.

Mr Baker is to draw up a plan of taps and tanks.

Fireworks That for future fireworks School Committee canvas the parents for donations for the purchase of fireworks and that the School Committee only delegate the responsibility letting the crackers off.

The two trips away were very satisfactory Mr Paterson requested a greater representation of School Committee members for future occasions

Discussion was held on the state of the school bus. That a letter be written to Wairarapa Transport stating that the School Committee is dissatisfied with the standard of maintenance of the school bus. With particular reference to the dangerous aspect of the recent failure of the steering and of the front suspension.

1974

7th February Re the Kaiwhata Road Mr Paterson has spoken to the County Council Chairman and he suggested that they write a letter. The road is considered dangerous as logging vehicles are using it.

The school is entitled to five shopping days during the year.

Picnic to held at Tatton's Hole at 11.30 am

Roll is 21

Mr Baker is at present mowing the lawns but any one prepared to help is welcome.

Duplicating material can be brought from Government Supplies.

A listening Post was purchased at the value of \$45.00

Tenders for painting close on February 22nd

14th March No tenders have been submitted for the painting of school

The school picnic The weather was unfortunate otherwise the day was very well organised.

The reply from transport Wairarapa concerning the school bus was verbal. Mr Cameron has discussed the matter with Mr Hargreaves (Transport Wairarapa) who was very understanding and a much smoother service is expected.

Roll is 21

Mr Baker will be leaving at the end of the term (To Kahutara)

19th March 1974 Inspectors Report Included

Eric Baker

Roll 18

It is pleasing to report this school is well organised and is functioning smoothly

As a result of his conscientious work and direction over the last five years the Principal will be able to leave the school at the end of the term knowing that it is well equipped and functioning well and that it has the full support of the local community

The school building although enlarged and improved is not well designed for teaching purposes

A new shed from Kaipororo has been transported and installed with a large concrete area by the School Committee

1st March 1977 A part time teacher for 15 hours a week from a local appointment

23rd April Referring re discussion about the school bus at the last meeting concerning the standard of the bus. Mr Cameron suggested that the standard of the school bus. Mr Cameron suggested that the visit the vehicle testing station requesting that the bus be required for testing more frequently. The suggested time being every 3 months instead of the present 6 months.

A letter from the Bank of New Zealand to the chairman requesting we meet the \$54.00 outstanding deficit.

The Wellington Education Board agreed in a letter to pay \$54.00 into the account

Mr Hopdell has been appointed.

Mr Baker has drawn up a plan of the water system and drainage pipes.

School Roll 20

29th May Mr Grindrod Teacher An apology of Mr Hockley

The starting time for School Committee meetings will remain at 8.00 pm

Mr Kurcher is to make enquiries into the heating of the swimming pool

3rd July The new cassette tape recorder has arrived

That a letter be sent to Wairarapa County Council stating that the School Committee is in favour of the installation of cattle stops between Wainuioara and Glenburn as this would be a district advantage to both driver and children

Information about solar heating of the swimming pool was given by Mr Kurcher.

The approximate cost \$700.

At present the school will close at 2.30 on Wednesdays

5th August Mr Grindrod Principal.

A letter requesting an increase in payment per capita for the transportation of the children to and from school has been sent to the board

A meeting at School with Wellington Education Board, Transport Wairarapa and School to be present re school bus run.

A request for donations from the Churches Education Commission has been received. Mr Grindrod has agreed to ask the vicar if the programme

3rd October Mr Cameron informed the meeting he had met with the transport officer in Wellington re the problem of over loading.

The aim is to have a better equipped bus doing the run by the 2nd term 1975

That the Wellington Education Board be written to re painting approved in the 1973 survey

11th December No further information about the bus. There will be an overloading problem from February 1975

Reply from Wellington Education Board re painting. Due to lack of funds painting would be deferred until a later date.

A letter from State insurance stating that insurance for transferring children is no longer required.

The School Committee subsidised exercise books at a rate of 50%. Parents to be informed.

Mr Paterson resigned as chairman as he was leaving the district for a year.

18th December. Transport Wairarapa are still negotiating with Wellington Education Board re bus

The Wellington Education Board will pay for first aid equipment
Mrs Laing suggested it was no longer necessary for the School Committee to subsidise the exercise books by 50%

1975

12th February A discussion on the school bus which had broken down again was held. A seated van is conveying children at present.

That it would be wise to keep up the supply of beer bottle crates at the school so that the bottle drive continues.

Tuesday 25th March was a day to collect firewood for the school
Tenders have again been called for the painting of the school. During the cleaning process the piano went through a floorboard. A letter

written to the Wellington Education Board about the increasing roll and the need for improved facilities.

Mr Kutcher expressed concern over the absence from school of a large number of children because the breakdown of the bus and no other transportation had been arranged. He felt some concerted effort should be made to see that the children get to school.

11th March Bus a satisfactory financial arrangement has been agreed
A new bus similar to the one being used at present is on the assembly line

That a tender for painting the school has been received

That the Te Wharau School Committee will no longer subscribe to the NZ School Committee Ass.

The Craigie Lea Road is in a poor state regarding the surface. A letter be written to the County Council Re this matter.

That a sewing teacher will be arranged for one hour per week.

The floor has been repaired.

15th April. The new bus is at present in Masterton being modified.

NZPO Telephone rental \$9.21

Rural Delivery Fee \$ 2.00

An extensive report on solar heating systems was given. Because of the cost it was not proceeded with.

21st April Biennial Meeting

7 Nominations 5 elected. Mr B Cameron Chairman. Mr B McCarthy Secretary.

3rd July That 50% of the cost of repair to Mr Tomlinson's chainsaw be paid the School Committee

980 Crates (1 Dozen in each= 11 760 bottles) of bottles collected

That a member of the School Committee be present at the PTA meetings

Mr Grindrod made a request for a Wendy House
20th August Sports afternoons with Wainuioru had been most successful

Adventure play equipment Mr Grindrod showed photographs of various designs. Mr Cameron to enquire about poles for use.

Mr Kummer raised the subject of mileage payments to parents who were not on the school bus run.

15th October The projector was now satisfactory but School Committee needed to look for a new one. The Secretary would write to Kopuaranga School which was closing and see if they had one.

That a letter be written to Transport Wairarapa making them aware of the situation for the school bus next year

On 29th October a sports day would be held at Gladstone for choosing a team for the combined school sports at Rathkeale College later in the term

A tender for painting the school had been let some time ago and the school not painted. Notify Wellington Education Board

15th December. Mr Hockley would water the recently planted trees over the holidays

Bus load for the coming year is at the maximum. It was decided to wait until next year until any action was taken

School picnic again at the Kaiwhata Bridge. Permission to travel across his land would be obtained by Mr Tatham

School roll for next year will be 26

Proposed an overnight visit to Wellington

Mr Hockley would look into a possible outside bell for the Schoolhouse telephone.

1976

3rd February Mr Grantham has still not painted the school

The situation on the bus has eased and no further action needed.

5 shopping days were selected

Circular on T R E C (Towards Rural Equality of Citizenship)

School Roll 24.

Mr Grindrod requested a sheet of 7 cent stamps.

That Secretary write to Wellington Education Board asking for a visit by the maintenance officer before the painter started

1st March A maintenance officer would be visiting on 4th March. Mr Cameron would have the areas to be looked at in order of importance at the day.

The swimming sports with Gladstone and Wainuioru had been a great success for the school with many pupils competing with distinction

26th April That the Post Office be approached to install an outside bell for the telephone

Report from TREK The report deals with the amount of money paid to parents who transport children to school each day.

That we continue with our beautification programme. Tennis court piping to be fixed first. Plans for beautification to be finalised at next meeting.

The maintenance officer Wellington Education Board was going to make contact with the painter.

17th July Tree planting programme Mr Kummer read a report from Garden Craft as to the layout of the area to be planted and their suggestions on carrying out the programme. That the programme continue with a cost of \$150

The work of painting was progressing satisfactorily

A letter received from Mrs B Pentland on her efforts to contain the sale of fireworks.

That a new fuel burner had been installed

14th September Tree planting was completed

\The school room was getting back to normal after being painted.

The wood supply was very low. That some coal be purchased.

That a Letter be sent to Ben Couch National MP for Wairarapa expressing the committee's disapproval of the recent cuts for school dental nurses travelling to country school

It was agreed that the children would write to the Forestry Department expressing disapproval at the litter being left behind by workers on their recent tree planting programme

10th November Report on inspection by Wellington Education Board members. There should be more space in the classroom. A quote for the removal of pine trees for \$300 was given to the Maintenance officer.

The problem of the Forestry Workers had been solved

The cost of a new projector ranged from \$500-\$700.

The swimming pool was in use.

13th December The contractor would be asked to put in his quote for cutting trees to Wellington Education Board

Recommended that a film projector be purchased for \$708 with 25% deposit and the balance to be paid over 3 months before interest is charged. The committee would need to raise \$400

Mr Kummer enquired about strangers using the swimming pool over the holidays

A notice was at the pool giving instructions for its use.

1977

14th February. The contractor had not had word from the Wellington Education Board to affirm the tree felling.

1st March 1977 A part time teacher appointed for 15 hours a week from a local appointment

6th April That the contractor go ahead with the felling of the trees.

Mr Cameron would bring a load of fresh sand for the sandpit asap

Mr Cameron gave an account of the accident between the school bus and a car driven by an Agricultural Department employee which had taken place that day.

That the AA be putting up a sign on the road stating times of the school bus run.

That each member of the School Committee contact their respective carrying firms asking the drivers to be made aware to the bus timetable. And to temper their driving past the school.

18th April Mrs Penn Secretary Mr Cameron Chairman

2nd May Mr Laing had asked that the trees not be felled into his place while the ground was wet.

Mr Cameron and WSCC would be looking at trouble spots on the Te Wharau Coast Road.

A report from the school inspector on the teacher Mr Grindrod and state of the school was tabled. Mr Cameron congratulated Mr Grindrod on an excellent report.

The School Committee planned to build a series of adventure playgrounds. Mr Grindrod gave preference to a swing type built first. Mr Kummer asked about emergency drills at school in case of an earthquake.

8th August

The WSCC had looked at trouble spots on the roads.
Letter from Federated farmers on preschool survey.
Mr Grindrod spoke on recent trip to Wellington Mr Cameron thanked Mr Grindrod for all his work.
Mr Grindrod showed the School Committee the new overhead projector and explained how it worked.
17th October The very wet winter had not helped the state of the road.
Donation by Eastern and Central Bank of \$30
The end of year concert will be substituted with a barbecue.
An agriculture day would be held in November
The school would visit Okautete for a sports day.
12th December. No word had been heard from the contractor about felling the trees.
Wellington Education Board wrote saying tenders had been called for resealing of tennis courts.
School Picnic date set for Friday at Kaiwhata Bridge
Next year the school would go to Glenburn for an overnight stay.
Mr Kummer asked had there been any news about the fluorescent lights in the classroom. Mr Grindrod had written to the board

1978

20th February The fluorescent lighting was still coming, The sealing of the court would probably be done in March.
The long awaited removal of the pine trees had been done. A letter was to be written to Mr Laing thanking him for the use of his paddock and tractor. That \$30 be sent to Mr Wilton to pay cartage expenses.
5 Shop days were listed.

School roll was 17
The architect had been and was now drawing up plans for the new store room. He had also looked at repiling the classroom.
Mr Grindrod had noted that other schools charged for the use of their swimming pools and he suggested the School Committee look into the matter.
A school trip was planned in July to Napier.
5th April Nothing further on resealing of tennis court or fluorescent lighting
Firewood had been cut and stored. Coal would be used as a supplement.
Mr Grindrod was to have a day at Board's Offices having a look around.
A discussion followed on proposed extension and renovations. Mr Cameron would write to the architect with committees problems
29th May Once a month sports afternoons with Gladstone and Wainuioru for the winter term
Problem with the school bus Mr Cameron to see transport.
School trip to Napier and Hastings That \$100 be given to PTA to help cover cost of trip.
12th July Mr. Cameron to further communicate with Transport Wairarapa re school bus services.
Letter from Mrs Pauline McLeod standing for ward selection Wellington Education Board
18th October Sewing lesson for girls would start next year
Letter from Pauline McLeod thanking them for support during elections.
Education Board now paying a yearly sub for filmstrips.
New Roof should be on shortly

Tennis Court to be marked out.

11th December Mr Cameron to make enquiries about marking out of tennis court.

Letter from Wellington Education Board Maintenance survey has been deferred

A visit from Mr Chatfield (Wellington Education Board transport officer) with ideas for a bus shelter.

Mr Grindrod tendered his resignation by letter. A relieving teacher would be found for the first term

1979

12th February Mr Beatty New Teacher, to be employed as school caretaker.

9th March 1979 Marilyn Bonnie Lawrence employed as teacher aide for 5 hours per week

9th April Letter from Pauline McLeod Te Wharau now qualifies as a remote school and therefore able to use as school bus when on school outings or receive a monetary payment

Teacher aid had been appointed.

Mr Beattie was thanked and wished good luck in new job.

23rd April Tape recorder is working again

The Secretary to write to Wholesale flooring purchase of Top Plate covering for swimming pool

28th May Graeme Bennetts new teacher That 10 bags of coal be purchased

Roll 16

Thank you to all those who prepared the house. Windows were now repaired.

Squab had arrived for library.

6th June 1979 Graham Bennetts applies for entitlement for taking senior children to group sports sessions with a reliever being employed. Note at bottom. Can't pay relieving teacher for 1/2 a day

23rd July School roll 16

Schoolhouse having problem of dampness in bedrooms

Secretary to write to Wairarapa South County Council (WSCC) asking for protection of school water supply in the event of land being sold where supply comes from

21st August School Committee wants to know when a second teacher is employed

Reply The second teacher is employed when 26 children are reached

17th September WSCC had agreed to protect water supply. The School Committee were notified of the death of Albert Chatfield, transport officer.

Mr Bennetts written to the board re house without success. A second opinion would be needed.

Expense of postage causing concerns especially the films.

29th October At pool side No Top Worn. Apology from Mrs Penn

Mr Bennett reported that the Wellington Education Board had recognised problems in house and work would be undertaken to correct it.

10th December Swimming pool losing 6 inches of water each week

Cleaning equipment to be kept away from chemicals

Discussion of school security during the holiday.

1. School Bus situation Need to get a local driver. Kummer Cottage as possible abode for driver
2. Meeting called for 20th December . Every family to be represented.
3. Fire extinguisher replaced, fire extinguisher, to be done annually
4. Temp of water in pool usually 21 degrees Low of 19°

1980

18th February Roll 15 Graham Bennetts still at school

School Bus working well

Bus driver saving mileage to cover trips to town

Heater would be a benefit in classroom

17th March Mr Lawrence would get 1 ton of coal on trailer

Roll 15

Heater installed and working.

Possibility of shortening day by shortening lunch hour. Parents to be circulated.

Mr Bennett's to travel on bus to check timetable.

Permission given to purchase a filmstrip per term

Manual Training available for Form 1 and 2 pupils Transport by school bus.

28th April Roll 16

21st July Letter from Wellington Education Board re installation of petrol Tank. A suitable site has been found.

Mr Bennett's suggested an evening with youth aid and health nurse on misuse of drugs

A parent had asked to attend School Committee meetings. Following discussion It was decided that a newsletter be sent home to keep parents informed.

School has been given another 5 hours of teacher aid for third term 18th August 1980 Brenda Bennetts takes on 5 hours teacher aid time

22nd September Petrol Pump installed but not working.

Roll 21

Thank you to community for making the stock drive a success.

20th October The school was now eligible for a 2nd teacher, a discussion was held on accommodation for a second teacher.

A long list of basic equipment the school should have was tabled. Mr Bennett has written to NZEI and Mr Couch MP

It was agreed that the school would purchase two copies of Mr K Fearon's book on Te Wharau

17th November Discussion on Makomako camp

List of instructions on use of swimming Pool were discussed A charge for the key would be the same as last year.

Mr W Laing agreed to make his spare house available for use by 2nd teacher.

Fuel Gauge fitted on petrol tank.

8th December Drinking water causing concern. Health Department to investigate.

Difficulty of telephone only being in school house

1981

16th February extension telephone now installed.

Letter from health Department stating that spring water not fit to drink.

The school is still graded as a two teacher school There is no suitable teacher available in the district and the teacher who had applied to come has decided not to come. Board not prepared to take the matter any further. Mr Bennett's has written about reinstating the teacher aid but has not had a reply.

Not many takers for swimming pool key over the holiday.

New Piano at school. Tuner would come at no cost to School Committee.

Roll 18 13 of these juniors.

Concern over various aspects safety on school bus.

6th April Teacher aid hours approved first term Reviewed each term

Money for sale of old piano to go to Board to help cover costs.

Graeme Bennetts has been appointed to Kahutara.

That a monsoon shield be purchased for the school bus at a cost of \$40.00.

Rural Teachers have a meeting with Ben Couch and John Falloon (MP's) to discuss problems on shortage of teachers willing to teach in country schools Chairman of each rural school would be invited.

11th May 1981 Patricia Fearon starts 5 hours teacher aid

25th May Mr Barry Frogatt Mobile Reserve. Teacher

Mr J McGuinness said Flat Point to contribute wood

Lack of rural teachers means the house should be maintained. Needed Regular House Redecorating, Larger allowances for wallpaper etc.

Mr C Sanders reported Scholl Bus Drivers Compulsory Union That a letter be sent to Mrs P Fearon informing her that Full support of the

Te Wharau School Committee and community imposing compulsory unionism of school bus drivers

Mrs P Fearon teacher's aide

Mrs C Sanders teacher aide

Roll 19. Typewriter to be lent to school by Mr J McGuinness until school has own typewriter.

June To control Onehunga Weed the weed control to use Bonvine

Applicant for Te Wharau refused appointment

That the delays in advertising the Principals position be complained to various bodies.

21st July Letter to Wellington Education Board from B Lawrence Chairman 4 teachers applied, the one offered the position turned it down. We await a teacher

Position advertised twice The first time drawing no suitable applicants, the second time 4

5th August 1981 Mr B (Barry(Frogatt) Mobile Reserve Sole Charge 19th August. Mr B Frogatt advised School Committee that the school had now run out of firewood

The Wellington Education Board stated that the all schools should have their jobs advertised three times and with this they practically guarantee an appointment first term 1982

They apologised that our school had been caught in a go slow in the printing offices. Therefore our job was not advertised

21st September Barry Frogatt Roll 21

Softball Gear. (Have none) Softball bats, gloves, chest protector, if possible some cricket gear.

2nd November That Mr R C Godfrey from Dipton Southland is appointed. He will take up his appointment in 1982

30th November The association bottlers cheque \$259. 74, ½ of 89 Dozen empty bottles from Glenburn Station

1982

4th February Mr R Godfrey Principal.

Teacher aide time 7 ½ hours per week

Roll 22

3rd March School to be open 400 ½ days. This may be reduced to 396 ½ days Therefore Te Wharau school may only close for 2 days in the year.

Coal Trailer to be taken to coal merchants. Wellington Education Board to pay.

5th April Shopping Days must be mid-week or ½ days.

3rd May I was decided that Hollow in playing field be left as it is.

10th December 1982 Mrs P Fearon teacher aid for 5 hours and Megan Godfrey 2 ½ hours per week

Stopped reading minutes as we were not progressing with much new information

1983

25th March Inspectors report included

Roll 22

Robert C Godfrey Principal

This small school is a secure and happy place. Guided by a conscientious and hardworking principal

Mention must be made of the valuable support to programmes provided by dedicated and energetic ancillary staff who are giving to the school much more than the hours for which they are paid
14th November 1983 R Godfrey resigns

1984

22nd May Angry Letter to Board Brendon Connor selected for position and withdrew. Jacob Wolt? Accepted position and withdrew. Leaving Te Wharau with no appointment

List of 6 teachers who applied for position and accepted then withdrew. 16th May 1984 Dave Tubman appointed

However

17th August 1984 R Bell is principal

18th September 1984 Asking for Staffing incentives allowance for Te Wharau Details included

Roll 16

Last Permanent teacher was here 1982-83

1984 Mobile Reserve teacher

3 Local women available for relieving

Reasons for staffing incentive Remoteness of school and neighbours very scattered

12th December 1984 Elizabeth Tubman and Patricia Fearon Teacher Aids

1986

July 1986 Inspectors Report Included

Roll 13

Dave Tubman

There is a pleasing atmosphere in the school

Generous support has been given by caring School Committee

The school is fortunate to have dedicated ancillary staff

Educational visits have been made to Taupo and Napier

1987

4th February 1987 Teacher position to be advertised 12th February

1987

1988

13th January 1988 D Grant Sperry Principal

Miss Trasna Fearon Teacher aid as her mother Patricia resigned

29th January Roll 15 D G Sperry

8th February School closed today over industrial action over the state sector bill

17th February Dental Clinic visit at Gladstone Children were extremely well behaved

18th February Margaret Smith, inspector called this afternoon no extra Teacher Aide available.

1st March Course for scheme writing in maths cancelled due to Joan Paske Maths Adviser being on strike.

14th and 15th Attended course in town for new principals- rural

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17th March Wood chopping day A wet and miserable day but parents completed a tremendous job.

6th May Lost three pupils today. Ricky onto correspondence.

25th May Mr Innes Kennard spent day with children explaining how to use computers that we have borrowed from W E R C for 3 weeks

30th May School Committee Meeting Picot Report discussed as well as cabaret organisation

2nd June We travelled to Gladstone today for our first session of Taha Maori. Children enjoyed the day especially to mix with more children.

13th June A very successful cabaret was held on Saturday. Everyone was well fed and entertained.

22nd June Community Meeting was held this afternoon to discuss the Picot report implications. Turnout was very pleasing 100% parental

23rd June Community meeting again to write submissions on Picot Report. Once again a good support group.

28th June The whole school travelled to Gladstone to see the N Z Company's production of Red Riding Hood.

30th June The whole class went to Gladstone again today for a fortnightly Taha Maori Session

13th July Mr Harris maintenance officer called in this morning promised a new fire for school in August 1989 maintenance check School house fire can be replaced as long as School Committee pays half

3rd August Innes Kennard and Rod Garden popped in this morning to check on CAP and REAP proposals for term 3

5th August Miss Fearon and I took the school up to Collie's to see young goats and deer etc., after morning tea

16th August Maintenance Officer came from Auckland this morning to give the bus its term check. Gave us some hope re bus tenure. (*Bus inspector usually came from Hunterville*)

26th August Committee gave approval to purchase photocopier this morning. Will pick it up during the holidays

Sent letter off regarding schoolhouse fire (Fireplace?)

16th September Canoeing this morning at town baths

21st September. Ladies came up to do library- N F catalogue.

23rd September. The school went down to Glenburn to see baby seals and walk to ship wreck

10th October Had to ask Chairman to speak to cleaner re her duties as I had had enough of no toilets, rubbish bins and lawns not being done Unfortunately has left a bad taste.

December Inspector Bob Hopkirk If Inspector is anything to go by next year will be hard .Picot

Myself and 3 committee members went to a meeting at Martinborough on Wednesday night. Nothing concrete at this stage re Picot/Tomorrow's Schools. It appears most available will be available 1989.

NZEI Mr Caldwell rang re rent appeal and asked if I was prepared to be a plaintiff in the case to be held on Thursday.

1989

January 17 pupils

6th February Monday was NZ Day

Generally a quiet week but full of meetings after school over Tomorrow Schools.

13th February A very hot week of school Some days we had three swims just to cool everyone down

20th February Swimming testing on Wednesday morning and followed by Picnic at Wardell's Bridge. Weather was a bit hairy but settled early afternoon

Friday was wood chopping day. Everybody turned up so was very pleasing

Have applied for Mauriceville School Job

Religious Instruction started this week and will be fortnightly on a Wednesday at 1.00

I received my notification of my selection for Mauriceville. Informed School Committee on Tuesday night. Everyone was very quiet.

School Committee was extremely well attended and Mr Cooker from Glenburn spoke re his plans for Glenburn Station.

Miss Fearon Teacher's Aide flies out to England next Thursday and returns just before Queen's Birthday.

13th March Mrs Tahana took Maori two days this week.

The pressure is on over who is going to be appointed for my position. It appears as though a reliever will be here for Term 2 as my job is not confirmed until 12th April

29th March Two nominations have come in for Board of Trustees so far

Mrs Dempster rang from up north re teaching position. Her husband is on the short list for the job.

3rd April A Stormy School Committee meeting tonight. Parents are now aware of their responsibilities of Board of Trustees,

1st May Final meeting of School Committee A worthwhile meeting but I am still amazed of how ignorant some of them can be- one sole person should not have to suffer a meeting in that way. A pity the

School Committee didn't appreciate or take kindly to sentences that end with "or else" Grants coercion tactics.

An afternoon tea was held to farewell me.

My two years have been good but I am quite happy to be leaving at this time. I feel that I have worked hard and built the school up, but the community seem to be taking everything for granted without realising that a person also needs to be appreciated.

3rd May 1989 Mr Sperry granted 1.0 hour per day release time increased to 2 in July 1989

25th May Bernard Letts- Mobile reliever.

Roll 19

Knitting project Parents coming on Thursdays between 1 pm to 2 pm

6th June Informal visit by Wyatt Creech MP for Wairarapa and he was interested in how country schools would be affected by tomorrow schools particularly in regard to staffing.

2nd August 1989 Mrs Judith A Siurti appointed

Term 3

Judith Surti

10th October Roll 24

5th November Andy White, Rural Adviser visited

The school has purchased 6 recorders which the children can take home to practice on. Through the playing of recorders the children learn to read and understand music and learn pitch and rhythm

Manual Training will be on Thursdays once a fortnight next year which coincides with the bus check up

1990

Manual Training for Form and 2 children at Hiona

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1st March School Picnic was held at Greytown. We had a visit to Cobblestones in the morning then onto Greytown Park for lunch

7th March The children are enjoying doing cooking at school once a fortnight.

We had a visit from the Audit Team who talked to Warren Tocker and Judy about their job

26th April Margaret Hannon came and tested many of the children, speech therapist

27th April We hosted a very successful cross country day attended by 12 Schools Lots of favourable comments passed re the organisation of this day. We fundraised by selling sausages in bread and holding a raffle (Profit made \$315)

4th April A light luncheon was held at the school to finish the term and say goodbye to Jody Surti

21st May Judi Adams Mobile Reserve

15 Children School opened at 9.30 we have half an hour for lunch.

22nd May We began a fitness programme for everyone from 9.30-9.40. The new Masport (Fireplace) was installed in the house today. What a difference. Last night was so cold I nearly went home at 9 p.m. (*Featherston*) In spite of stoking it up it doesn't stay in all night. We really need some gum or manuka

29th May School finished at 2.45 so we could make a coffee or tea for the parents. Hope and Maria made piles of mousetrap savouries and cleaned up the kitchen beautifully. Bryan Gwilliam Rural Adviser came. Warren Tocker chairman gave me a warm welcome

30th May Parents roster started and proved most beneficial to us all. We had our first earthquake drill. What a shambles!!

30th June The BOT are making the appointment for the position

9th July The chairman closed the school for the day because I am unable to teach due to septic sinuses and bronchitis, and we couldn't arrange a reliever. Mention Te Wharau and they all have 1001 reasons for not coming.

13th July It has been cold and the milo has been appreciated.

20th July What a Day!!! The community arrived to decorate the hall ready for the "P" party.

Georgina started reading through the old school log book and encasing the pages in plastic to preserve them

Everyone who came in got engrossed in the log. I wonder who will be reading this in 50 years looking for information.

Rob Duncan from the Fire Service came to check water services.

It is a cold bleak day. We went through a refill of coffee and jar of sugar and 2 litres of milk with Milo teas and coffees etc. but it was good to have community in and out.

23rd July Arrived at school feeling grotty and sick. Threw up over office floor while talking to Nicky Halligan at Mikimiki. Managed to get a reliever at short notice Joy Jackson.

10th August Elsa Jensen The school with Elsa wrote a school song. Which Elsa set to Colonel Bogey's march.

1991

28th January Painters in school Roll 14

1st March Dreadful winds last night causing fire which spread from Craigilea to Glenburn. Coast children stayed home

February 2nd (*Out of date order*) Broken week We're looking at countries involved in the Gulf War- children's knowledge of the

world very basic. We are learning some basic atlas skills and using encyclopaedias (Hopelessly out of date)

11th February Bus service day on Monday and Kingi and Maia started the manual training programme at Hiona.

13th February School Committee meeting Castlepoint camp shouted down as soon as \$14.00 cost per child mentioned so that's that. Parents see camps as community events and assume whole family goes- costs therefore are high. Parent of Intermediate child refused to take manual children to Hiona once a month

23rd February Cricket day at Cameron's on Saturday. Lovely day followed by barbecue Inlanders scored more runs but I think we had more players.

4th March Children have designed a survey of the schools and are ringing principals for information- a good exercise

15th April A parent informs me that child says she plays games all day, and she believes her. Nonsense but there are rumblings afoot.

Awful Board Meeting on Wednesday conflict/factorialised. Decided against buying computer unless something cheap turns up. My Mount Bruce Conservation unit was shouted down. Another late night

6th to 10 March Rumblings in community audible Warren (*Tocker*) suggested individual parent meetings and I set some up. Board meeting on Wednesday was conflict from start to finish- went on very late. I decided to do one more term here.

Seniors to Makora concert with Okautete. Juniors with me for morning - lovely time. Brent Elder did new image rugby with both schools P.M.

Warren disillusioned and resigning too. Secretary and Rural Adviser informed.

21st May There was a district meeting called by Wyvern Laing and chaired by Bob Dick. I did not attend but apparently everyone else did and it was very stormy

28th May Good day in class Seniors heavily into maths

Board Meeting 7.30 Maureen and My resignation accepted. Warren resigned as chairman but staying on Board to balance it and pursue STA Work. Election of Officers A fait Accompli Ad for new teacher sent to gazette

17th June New Teacher.

21st Friday The shortest day Snow in the Kuratau and Rocky Hill as I came in this morning with ice in places.

27th June A little late because the LPG unit in the car iced up. Came on the school bus. Mrs Elizabeth Wharton Relieving.

3rd July Computer got underway

5th July Spent last afternoon finishing work and tidying up. Children blew up balloons for the cabaret tomorrow night. Community came in during the day for cuppas and a warm up. Nice to have a chat.

15th July Planned to arrive extra early and set up computer but a dead flat battery cost me almost an hour. Arrived to find the room full of thick black arid smoke, Herb is sick, so Leroy lit the fire but didn't know about the damper in the chimney!! This mobile reserve position is never dull. Showed children how to use computer and drew up roster Typed in Gemma's dragon story. Some problem with saving but got it worked out.

Georgina came down and wrote out upper and lower case letters on a chart for the computer.

17th July Went to take the first group to computers at Mrs Mahoney's and battery flat again. Jeff Mullis called in with the mail and to have

a cup of coffee and he would call back and jump start it. Georgina had to take the bus into Masterton for a new battery.

B O T meeting at 7.30 at Dianne Hayes. Lots of mail from the Ministry etc. but I got through it in time for the meeting

19th July We have the computer for an extra week. Cost \$20.00

Some of the children had put some "sole survivor" work into the computer yesterday . A very real benefit is that they can see on the screen just how much or how little they have written and can easily see how ideas can develop.

Got date for New Image Rugby day at Whareama.

The new T shirts and sweat shirts have arrived.

24th July Left my school keys at home. So I had to wait for Herb to open up.

26th February Children writing lots of stories on the computer.

14th August- 31st August. Elizabeth Wharton Relieved

1993

8th January New Principal. Applications close for the Scale A appointment (2nd teacher)

The classroom to be extended there is a problem with the roof. MOE will now pay full cost of repainting the school and building but not the house.

30th January Mrs Dorothy McKie appointed and accepted. WE had no water in house, toilet or school. No water in school tank or hall tank. Notified all parents to keep children home on Monday and Tuesday

31st January Well and piping need attention Rang MOE Dick Boyd (MOE) not very civil, but apologised. MOE visited a new pump to be

installed School tank to be filled by tanker. New Flag Pole. New pipes to be installed. Mr Boyd to look at water rights and property easements etc.,

1st February School open but no children 2 tank loads of water. Plumbers came and Peter here sorting out problem with spring. Some rather grubby water was all they got. Peter lit the fire It was cold. No flames but lots of smoke, smells and smells.

2nd February Very cold Peter lit fire and smoked out classroom. New pump installed, water colour and pressure improved. Swimming pool filled. Peter took a line off paddock pipe in Wyvern Laing's Paddock

3rd February 22 children

5th February Gretel Dick called in to discuss the office assistants position. She will take on the position.

12th February Joss Paisley started as Principal Release Teacher today

17th February BOT meeting at Glenburn

24th February Most of the Senior Children travelled to Gladstone this afternoon to meet two local All Blacks

12th March Back at school today. The rural adviser Bryan Gwilliam was out to help sort out policies next year

Ian Lucas property rep of STA came out in the evening to look at the school He is concerned at the state of the buildings and the gum trees and he will see MOE will help out with felling of trees and the entrance of the cloak room

22nd March Lit fire We need the chimney swept.

29th March Chimney sweep came and cleaned the school and 2 house chimneys.

Builders and painters started at school extensions to the library and classroom.

5th April The Lines Children had their last day at school Mrs Adams is to take leave whilst her husband is ill and this makes transport from Featherston to difficult to arrange for these children

14th April Lyn Mischewski started as reliever. BOT Meeting at schoolhouse. Dorothy Mckie confirmed as acting Principal

5th May A G M of the Board of Trustees held in the hall. The children over at the house for educational videos. Concluded by 3.30

25th May Herb Ruhe has passed his Kiwi Sports Exam I arranged for a presentation to be made. The playgroup mums were part of the audience.

26th May We moved back into our enlarged school The seniors did a wonderful job shifting the books and furniture. Herb and family had ,moved all the heavy stuff from the hall last night

29th May Our Wellington trip sponsored by Ameritech. Our trip started at 6.30 at the Masterton Railway Station.

Perfect weather in Wellington. We spent the morning at the botanical gardens. Topic plant diversity. They worked in small groups around the gardens.

Midday at Capital Discovery Place. Saw moving roaring models of dinosaurs.

Then a tour of Bowen house and Parliament

We had quite a long wait for the train.

5th June Bad Taste Cabaret held tonight. It seemed to be a great success. Lots of people enjoying themselves A very enjoyable meal and plenty to drink

11th June Bryan Gwilliam spent most of the day at school. He is going through our policies etc. and helping bring them up to date His help always appreciated.

16th June Solway College drama group out today.

18th June Payroll rang to say Lynn could not have her 0.2 release. I rang Bryan Gwilliam to check and he said Payroll were wrong so that was another letter to Payroll

David Tocker tried to jump off the fence after retrieving a ball and landed on his arm He was very white shaky, so parents were rung. A visit to hospital confirmed a broken arm.

17th September Roll 28

1st October Principals Position advertised in gazette.

3rd October Daylight Saving began at 2.00

5th October James De La Hays – Carterton District Council came out to speak to the children about the work that the council does. He was very interesting and the children were especially appreciative of the chocolate bar he gave them at the end

6th October We also had the builder putting up shelves in the library. Luckily we were able to use the house as Mike couldn't be heard over the noise from the power drill.

P M Jump off for Jump Rope for Heart. Had 3 people from the Heart Foundation out for that, but sadly- only one parent- Fran Avery

15th October Pets Day nice and sunny without the dreadful wind.

20th October Severe gales last night- despite the weather we had our trip to Ngaumu Forest. We came back with 3 chainsaw carved chairs.

8th November School closed to enable to attend Graham Bennetts Funeral in Featherston (Previous Teacher)

The orienteering event on 2nd January was a great chance to see everyone in action. Catering for 1000 guests was a breeze Competitors from 20 countries took part.

Having spent the last week on a rural principals course in Nelson it was good to find that Herb has painted lines on tennis court, swimming pool is ready for use and the large gum trees on the school section have been felled.

Lynn has been appointed permanent assistant

Jose Paisley has agreed to fill in the Principals Release Time.

1st February Computer hard drive installed by Ian Lindsay

22 on roll

5th February Working bee Started 9.00 and finished at 8.30 pm. Cleaning up the section.

8th February Field day Glenburn Children voted for school picnic to be at Shipwreck. So went on a pre-trip tour.

20/2 School picnic Everyone present. News came through that \$1200 raised from orienteering day. Good boost towards hall maintenance Arrival of Pipehenge and telescopes may necessitate a sleepover at school

22nd February Vision Hearing Testing highlighted testing of children who have slipped through the system

25th February Arrival of volleyball net and padder tennis bats.

1994

New Teacher. Moved into house on 20th December

1898	Wharau	Drake	Lucy	Female	£22	\$3,777
1899	Wharau	Power	James L	Master	£26	\$4,618

1900		Wharau	Closed						
1902	13	Wharau	Bairstow	Ada L		Female	£68	\$11,211	
1903	19	Wharau	Bairstow	Ada L		Female	£72	\$11,930	
					Actually Ada Louise				
1904	21	Wharau	Knutson	Isabell A		Female	£100	\$16,559	
1905	12	Wharau	Lavery	Maurice		Master	£102	\$16,141	
1906	19	Wharau	Lavery	Maurice		Master	£117	\$18,183	
1907	12	Wharau	Bowie	William S		Master	£99	\$15,520	
1908	14	Wharau	Bowie	William S		Master	£99	\$15,520	
1909	17	Wharau	McIntosh	Gordon		Master	£90	\$14,302	
1910	16	Wharau	Grant	John		Master	£108	\$16,931	
1911	14	Wharau	Grant	John		Master	£112	\$17,721	
1912	12	Wharau	Clarke	James T		Master	£108	\$16,563	£15.00
1913	13	Wharau	Clarke	James T		Master	£112	\$16,803	£15.00
1914	14	Wharau	Clarke	James T		Master	£121	\$17,331	£20.00
1915	16	Wharau	Russell	Ernest W		Master	£110	\$14,735	
1917	11	Wharau	Woodhams	Nelson	Sole		£110	\$12,329	
1919	6	Te Wharau	Clauson	William R	Sole		£140	\$12,648	