

Tinui: 1914-Present

Te Nui: 1878-1913 Same school, different name. 50 Kilometres from Masterton . The Marima classroom was brought down to Tinui.



1872

18th December 1872 Mr Andrew (*Wellington Education Board member and owner of Ica Station*) was requested to ascertain the cost of a schoolhouse, residence, and 10 to 20 acres land at Tinui with a view to the establishment of a weekly boarding and day school for the Castle Point district PP

1876

23rd February 1876 : It was resolved that the tender of Barry and McDowell, for £610, exclusive of the cost of carriage of material

from Wellington to Castlepoint, for the erection of a school-house at Tinui be accepted PP

6th June 1876 a discussion at the Education Board, (says the Evening Argus), as to the price to be charged for boarders attending the Tenui School the Hon. C. J Pharazyn said that during his station life he kept himself and family of nine on £100 a year. The statement was readily believed. Mr Pharazyn would have been believed had he said he could keep a family of twelve on £50 a year. PP

29th June 1876 Mr. Andrew asked if the Inspector were prepared yet to recommend a teacher for the Tenui School. The Inspector replied in the negative. PP

The first four leaves of the Tenui Log Book were from a log for St Mary's Catholic School in Wanganui with a roll of about 100. The teacher obviously brought it with them when coming to Tenui to a school with a roll of 7

An address accompanied with six volumes of Cassell's Popular Educator and a very neat writing case, was presented to Mr Barry, the late teacher of St. Mary's School, yesterday, prior to his departure for Tenui Castlepoint, whither he goes to assume the duties of teacher of a school The following is the address which was read by one of his late pupils:— "Dear Sir.— We, the pupils of St Mary's School, learning that you are about to leave us, cannot allow you to depart without expressing to you our gratitude for the universal kindness and attention you have shown us since your arrival amongst us. In our studies we have found you a careful master, helping us to pass the standards, and in all your dealings with us you have shown yourself a kind and indulgent gentleman. We beg to offer you this small present as a slight token of our

esteem to you, hoping God, in his Divine Providence, may direct and assist you wherever you go." Mr Barry replied in terms expressive of regret at his leaving Wanganui, and after a few remarks from the Rev. Father Kirk, the meeting dispersed.

9th October 1876 Opened Tenui School seven present 4 girls and 3 boys

11th October Received my cheque Sent Mr Graham (*Wellington Education Board*) particulars of money paid in

23rd October Got first boarder T Groves (Weekly)

6th November Wet Day some of the children absent

29th November received cheque

12th December Very wet 2 attended in forenoon, same number in afternoon.

1877

15th January School reopened 12 present

17th January John Stilborn came as a weekly boarder

22nd January New pupil Standard 6, Cripps

23rd January School closed in afternoon. Room let by committee to Mr Warder for sitting of court

23rd January. Mr Barry, formerly of St Mary's School at Wanganui, does not appear to be satisfied with his new appointment at Tenui, near Castle Point. According to the Inspector's report "It appeared that Mr Barry, the present master, had been induced to take the appointment in consequence of representations made by Mr Andrew (who was enthusiastic) to the effect that it was a full time school, and that some fifteen boarders might be calculated on.

Matters turned out differently, however, and it seemed that Mr Barry sustained a loss by making the change of some £60 per annum, to say nothing of certain considerable expenses he was inevitably put to. Instead of fifteen boarders, one only had been obtained, and the attendance of day scholars was not so large as expected. It was agreed to let the matter stand over till Mr Andrew could be communicated with, and then the question as to whether Mr Barry should receive some compensation will be considered," PP

2nd February Fine weather during the week all children present

7th February Received salary and cheque for expenses from Wanganui.

21st February Wrote to Mr G asking him to deduct £5.10 from my cheque, fees for October and £7 for quarter.

3rd March Flagpole erected by committee

3rd March On making up my average for February I excluded 7 wet days

5th March Received cheque, school fees deducted

25th April Mr. Whishaw wrote, stating that further expenditure was necessary on the schoolhouse at Tenui The consideration of the question was postponed until the Rev. Mr. Andrew could report on the subject. PP

14th May Fence between school paddock and Mr Nicholls broken down wrote to Mr Whishaw (*School Committee*)

21 May School closed for half day was given by Committee for sitting of court.

23rd May Sent salary receipt to Mr G and asked Mr G to send my certificate. Wrote to Mr Lee ascent (Sic) examinations
 24th May Made Friday 25th holiday instead of 24th
 22nd June. Closed for winter holidays.
 27th July Gave half-holiday at request of committee. Juvenile party at Mr Wishaw's
 27th August Very wet, no attendance.
 5th September Forwarded return and cheque for school fees to Mr Graham
 17th September Snowing, very cold,
 19th September Posted receipt for salary and account for highway rates to Mr G (Graham)
 17th October Several boys absent mustering sheep.
 22nd October New pupil H Stillborn
 23rd Some of the children went home, got wet through coming to school
 30th October Only 3 boys present
 9th November Many boys absent during the week- shearing time.
 25th November. Many absent looked like rain in the morning.
 3rd December. Several boys absent haymaking
 13th December Only 6 present in the forenoon school closed in afternoon, all the children gone to a birthday party
 18th December Children attending very badly.

1878

29th January School reopened. Present 6 boys and 8 girls
 30th January New pupil George McLary (Secondary)

11th February Frederick Groves (boarder) returned to school
 13th February Fence broken between school ground and Mr Nicholls
 Wrote to Mr Wishaw
 26th February Admitted Charles Rogers Ohanga (Aohanga?) as a pupil. (boarder)
 It appears that new teacher has taken over. Charlotte Fanny Scale died 1940 Age 93. 1st May New pupil Kate O'Donnell
 29th May 1878 The Tenui School under Mrs. Scales was in good working order, and the results reflected great credit upon both the late master and the present mistress PP

1879

24th February Examination of this school- results of Mrs Scales teaching very satisfactory.
 The following passed at the last exam
 Standard 1 John O'Connor, John Stelin, Maurice Knight Eva Telford
 Standard 2 Jas Owen, Chas Rogers, Fanny Richardson
 Standard 3 Harry Stilborn, Ellen Telford,
 Standard 4 W Sargeant, A Groves

26th February 1879 APPOINTMENT OF TEACHER. After a lengthy discussion upon the relative powers of the Board, the appointment of teachers committee, and the local committees as to the appointment of teachers, the appointment of the Rev. T. Porritt as headmaster to the Greytown school was confirmed With a reference to a second master, the Teachers' Committee recommended Mr. Pattie, while the local committee asked that Miss

Maher should be appointed, as they preferred a mistress. The Inspector recommended that Mrs. Scale, of the Tenui School should be appointed, and the Board adopted this recommendation, subject to the approval of the local committee.

Mrs. Hansen was promoted from Tauherenikau School to Tenui subject to the approval of the Tenui Committee

20th April School opened 15 minutes late, as I was detained sending a parcel by coach

29th April Very wet indeed. Only one present beside boarders.

4th May Yesterday and the day before were very wet and only 2 were in attendance. Today the roads are so bad that the attendance is still very small

23rd April Mrs Knight scrubbed school room

11th May John Stelin went home at 2.15 p m.

9th May Mrs Telford told me that the children would not be able to come to school again till September on account of the weather

17th May N and T Knight came into the playground before school but did not come into school

24th May A Dillon went home at 2.30 pm and the Knights at 3.00 pm

28th May Mrs Knight cleaned the school

10th June It has been very wet all the week and the roads in a very bad state. In consequence the attendance has been low.

16th- 17th June The chimney smoked so badly in schoolroom as to necessitate the fire being put out. Gave the girls permission to sit in sitting room during the morning

14th July Could not open school till 10.20 a.m. on account of the smoke

22nd July Yesterday and Today very wet. Today the river is very high. Only 3 present today and tomorrow

27th July Percy Belliss came down at 10.15 a.m. and brought a message from his father but said he was not sent to school

4th August Arthur Dillon went home at 2.20 pm

6th August Mrs Knight cleaned schoolroom

11th and 12th August No school as I was subpoenaed to appear at the district court Masterton on the 12th inst.. as a witness in Williams V Elder.

16th August James Owen entered as a boarder for a fortnight

17th August Bricklayers started again at chimneys

22nd August Bricklayers finish chimneys about midday

23rd August Had first fire this season in schoolroom

12th September Beadings returned to school after a fortnight's illness

19th September One new pupil Harry Groves

28th September Mrs Knight cleaned schoolroom

Gave James and Norman Owens 6 strokes each with cane for playing the truant

4th October T Mackay Visited school, found everything satisfactory

5th October Gave Percy Bellis 8 strokes for striking another boy on the head in school and for telling a lie

11th October James and Norman Owen went home at 2.40 p m according to request

27th October The fences were much damaged by a mob of cattle owned by and driven by Mr Bellis

31st October Attendances very bad being interfered with by shearing

9th No Holiday for Prince of Wales Birthday

16th November No school in the afternoon on account of Robert Brading's funeral. Aged 26. Killed by a horse when breaking it in.

19th November Mrs Knight cleaned school

21st November Norman Owens dislocated his arm yesterday and is prevented from attending school

28th November Annie and Lucy Brading returned to school after a fortnight's absence on account of their brother's death

30th November Forwarded my resignation to the board and gave notice of it to the School Committee

1880

13th February After an interval of 9 school days the State School Tenui was reopened under the care of Mr Francis Bennetts Supernumerary Teacher to Wellington Education Board. The attendance was very fair for a start, 6 boys and 5 girls being present. The attendance would have been grater if it had been known that the schools were to have been reopened.

Robert Lee writes Mrs Hansen resigned in January 1880 for a more important position as Charlestown (*Actually went in September 1880 to the Toi Toi Valley Girls School in Nelson*) offered to her by the Nelson Education Board Robert Lee wrote in the log.

28th February 1880 EDUCATION BOARD OF THE DISTRICT OF WELLINGTON. Further applications are invited for the Mastership of the Tenui School This school was built as a boarding-school for the East Coast District, and contains accommodation for a dozen boarders bedsteads, mattresses, &c. A suitable married master is

required salary (if certificated), £140 per annum, with house and the use of two well-fenced paddocks, containing 2 and 8 acres respectively. Applications must be sent in on or before the 29th day of March. ROBERT LEE, Secretary. THE EDUCATION BOARD OF THE DISTRICT OF WELLINGTON.

14th July School commences at 9.30 to 12.30 and from 1.30 to 3.30

19th February Robert Lee Inspector writes I examined the Tenui School today. 22 being present and 27 on the books. The instruction which has been imparted during the past year, though far from being altogether unsatisfactory, is not so sound or so thorough as that of the previous year.

2nd March Robert Maunsell Esq. visited the school

5th March Received a visit from Miss Cocks of Featherston on Thursday. Attendance a little behind owing to a cricket match being played here. Average 17

18th March The school closes today in consequence of the Teacher having to attend an examination at Wellington

1st April 1880 Mr Seaton Master PP

11th May Arthur J S Seaton. I opened the Tenui School with an attendance of 7 boys and 6 girls. Some of the children still do not know of the reopening

12th May Following is the list of furniture found on the place

2 Schoolroom Tables

5 Forms

1 Clock

1 Map of NZ

2 County Maps of NZ

1 Map of World in hemispheres

5 Pictorial wall cards
 1 Set of Phillips wall tablets
 12 Chairs (2 badly broken)
 12 Bedsteads
 2 looking glasses
 1 dining table
 1 kitchen table
 1 Filter
 12 Mattresses
 12 Pillows
 17th May 3 fresh pupils weather very boisterous
 24th May Did not close the school as there has been so much holiday time
 25th May H Stilborn absent at Mr Cripp's during the morning
 26th May Weather very wet. Much water lying about the playground; H Stilborne and Jas Knight kept in during the dinner hours gave them 20 minutes for their dinner.
 27th May Weather very wet and roads in an frightful state only 8 in attendance
 1st June John Stilborne, Harry Stilborne, Albert Groves and John Connor very late in coming into school after the dinner hours
 8th June John and Harry Stilborn arrived at 10.55 having been to carry some things to their father on the Castle Point road- Fabians left
 10th June John Stilborn arrived at 11.30 having gone to take something for his father

21st June Mrs Stilborn called to say that John was required at home by his father for a time and that Harry would not be able to come to school every day, on account of the very bad state of the roads
 5th July Very wet indeed only one in attendance all day
 8th July Didn't open school till 10.30 being delayed waiting for the mail
 19th July. Roads in a shocking state
 2nd August Wet during previous night being cold and damp previous day. Only 3 boys at school
 20th August Weather very stormy during the past week Mrs Groves' illness has interfered with the attendance of Albert Groves and Nicholls
 25th August The closets which were blown over on Friday last were re-erected today by order of the chairman. The carpenters found it necessary to cut them up and make one out of the two.
 20th September H Stilborn asked me to allow him to go down to the Blacksmith's during the dinner hour but I refused him leave as his work had been disgraceful and too much remained still undone
 21st September Greta Stelin returned to school. E and A Brading away at Whakataki
 28th September John O'Connor went home at 2.00 to take an horse which his father wanted, and which had been running for a week or ten days in the school paddock. Maurice Knight cut his knee when coming to school in the morning. I bandaged it up after washing it and took him home myself after school
 5th October Maurice Knight returned to school his leg being almost well again. One new pupil Clara Bellis came yesterday

7th and 8th October School closed as I had to meet Willie Sargeant
(Presumably at Masterton Railway Station)

11th October 4 new pupils William Sargeant Jas Owen, Norman Owen and Ronald Sinclair Owen

19th October Attendances still very low, the roads being very slippery and bad for walking

25th October One more new pupil Robert Owen

26th October Very wet Only one present till after 10 O'clock

1st November Albert Groves has been away for some time shearing.

10th November Maurice and Thomas Knight returned to school after an absence of 3 weeks. With no reasonable excuse

15th November Mrs Knight called to ask me not to give Thomas Knight any runs whatever to do on account of weakness,

22nd November Gave a half holiday as I had a very bad attack of toothache

7th and 8th December Attendance very much interfered with by a party given by Mr Peach

9th December Late in opening school in morning, being delayed at Post Office changing some cheques.

15th December Attendance this week affected by hay making and fleece picking.

I leased the school paddock from December 13th to J Devonshire at 5/- per week

1881

17th January School reopened at 9.30 Three new pupils Minnie Wilson, William Miller and Digby Miller

20th January Harry Smith started

24th January School closed this week as I have to go to Wellington for a science exam on the 26th

29th January Mrs Knight cleaned the school for the second time.

31st January. School reopened with examination by Rev J C Andrew. Results listed full examination. Three new pupils Thomas, Leo, Joseph Tovey

4th February Holiday for the bachelor's picnic

7th February Holiday for school treat

14th February 4 new pupils F Richardson, Ellen, Eva, H Telford Maurice and Thomas Knight remained at the bathing place till nearly 6 o'clock

16th February One new pupil, Lena Wingate

17th February Holiday for Forester's Sport

21st February One new pupil (F Groves) a boarder, very wet

28 Feb 1881 The Education Board is advertising for a master for the Tenui School and an assistant master for the Newtown School PP

2nd March One new pupil Edith Owen

7th March One new pupil Mary Stilborne

8th March Greta Stelin died at 3.0 a.m. of injuries received by burning on the 22nd and was buried this afternoon (Aged 11)

10 March Highest attendance since school was built (28)

18th March Inspector Robert Lee Writes

At my visit of examination today I found 28 out of 35 in the books. Mr Seaton has been in charge for the past 10 months. Most of the children have made poor attendances, and many are comparatively new pupils. The writing throughout the school is good and the arithmetic is all below Standard 5. The reading should become more

expressive. The candidates of Standard 6 are not equal to the Standard in Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography and History. They consisted of four girls of age and fair attendance, but in a small school the time at the teacher's disposal is often not sufficient to do the work now required for this standard in one year

Generally all the candidates (Except Standard 6) had a knowledge of history beyond the standard; and the passes in the lower standards were, in the whole, quite satisfactory. The only candidate from standard 5 had scarcely attended at all during the year. The general condition of the school appears fairly satisfactory. It would have been altogether satisfactory, if the work of Standard 6 had been stronger,

The room in the building would be much improved by painting the walls and ceiling

16th March Holiday after the examination

One new pupil Stuart Nicholls

24th March Let the school out at 3.0 p m as it was very close and the room is in a very unhealthy state

31st March Gave John Stelin 6 strokes for using filthy language and swearing in the playground

Pages Missing in log

30th November 1881 Resignation of Mrs Seaton accepted PP (*Sewing*)

Arthur Seaton went to Bunnythorpe School

29th June The Tenui School Committee applied for £6 to repair damage done to the local school chimney by the recent earthquake, the committee having no funds. Granted PP

1882

Thomas L Ward Teacher

2nd February Opened school after 9 weeks' vacation with an attendance of 18

21st February Arthur Dillon and Mary Stilborn attended for first time since vacation

22nd February William, Digby, Fanny Miller attended today, the latter for the first time

23rd The Owen children attended today, first time since the vacation
Arthur Dillon absented himself from the school

24th February On asking Arthur Dillon why he absented himself from school on the previous day, excused himself by saying that his mother kept him, gave all the scholars to understand that should their parents require their presence at home, they must bring written notice to that effect. The Owen's were all late today and excused themselves by saying that their mother did not rise early enough to dress them in time for school. Told them such an excuse was nonsense, John Stelin absent all day

27th February John Stelin excused his absence on Friday by saying his mother required him at home. Gave him notice previously given to the other scholars.

3rd March Fine day, full attendance except the Millers, reminded scholars of the intended visit of inspector on Monday for annual examination, Instruction to Mrs Knight to scrub room.

6th March Robert Lee Inspector Wrote

- a) The school is under management of Mr Ward, the late Master, Mr Seaton, having resigned at Christmas.

- b) The number on the books is now 29 of whom 20 were present at the examination
- c) The sisters Brading passed a very creditable examination- Standard 6
- d) The work of the school was fairly satisfactory considering the attendance
- e) It was however varied in character
- f) I hope an effort will be made to increase the average attendance
- g) A teacher's desk can be supplied from Wellington The master is much in need of another water tank
- h) I think if the average attendance should increase perceptively the Board would pay the masters stipend

Mrs Knight scrubbed out the school room on Saturday. Inspector examined school

7th March Weather improved Rebuked the Boys M and T Knight and Percy Bellis for being absent yesterday at examination

Presented for examination

Standard 1. 2, Passed 2

Standard 2 4, 3

Standard 3, 3

Standard 4, 0

Standard 5 1, 0

Standard 6 2, 2

Busy in school all day classifying pupils

13th March Mr Perry visiting member of Committee returned to school today and found everything in a satisfactory state. Tank run dry

14th March Annie Brading left school for good.

16th March weather excessively hot, feel the want of blinds in school room

17th March St Patrick's Day Whole holiday

21st March Fine weather attendance pretty fair. Mr Miller called on me shortly before dinner hour, requesting leave for the afternoon for William Miller to accompany him to Whakataki which I granted

22nd March The two Knights absented themselves today. Confined J Connor and Henry Ward (*Teachers Son*) for not knowing their history

28th March Stelin is still absent, his mother is ill

30th March All present except Stelin

31st March Last Day of quarter, busy preparing monthly and quarterly returns for post tomorrow. Stelin still absent. Mrs Knight scrubbed school room.

3rd April New Quarter. Stated a system of marks, which I hope will answer well. Weather still very dry and no signs of a change. Posted all returns on Saturday Mary Stilborn asked permission to go home at dinner time which I granted

4th April Weather threatening rain, all the girls stayed away on account of weather and a few boys absented themselves Received notice of school fete

5th April Stelin still absent, his mother being ill. M Knight absent Had to recourse to corporal punishment to ensure lessons being properly learned.

6th April Nasty Showery Day, good attendance however Jas Owen returned to school

Gave notice to scholars that the school would break up this afternoon until Tuesday morning for the Easter Holidays, that they would have to return on Tuesday, that Wednesday would be a holiday for the school treat and that they would have to return on Thursday

12th April School Fete and distribution of prizes in public hall

13th April Yesterday being wet the school was postponed until Friday School closed by consent of Mr Groves on behalf of the Committee

14th April Lovely day School Fete and distribution of prizes a great success.

18th April Roll 24

26th April James and Norman Owen absent in morning on account of their mother's departure for Wellington.

1st May Weather threatening, Stelin still absent Harry Groves and Hugh Telford at home sick

Clara Bellis left the school today for good having been present only a month

4th May Parents of pupils formed a working Bee at the fence

5th May Fences not finished yesterday finished today with the exception of the garden fence and the upper portion of high paddock fence

8th May Mrs Knight scrubbed out schoolroom on Saturday. In consequence of Digby Miller being ill with Diphtheria Dr Beard recommended that the school be closed for a week, closed accordingly

11th May Digby Miller died this morning of Diphtheria, received instruction to keep school closed until further notice

15th May Digby Miller was buried yesterday, a large funeral followed his remains. Received new tank and masters desk from Wellington.

20th May School Committee met this afternoon to consider the advisability or otherwise of opening the school, decided to open on Monday, pending advice from Board

22nd May reopened with poor attendance of 12

23rd May J Stelin returned to school today after an absence of 8 weeks. Two new pupils Margaret and Sarah Newcombe joined the school today, both for the first time.

25th May Attendance poor 19. Parents rather chary of sending children to school so soon after sickness

29th May Poor Attendance John O'Connor's mother asked permission for him to be absent from school for a week to assist her in digging potatoes, which I granted

31st May Roads in capital condition, poor attendance, parents have not yet recovered from the scare opened by the recent sickness

31st May 1882 Letters were read from the committees of the Park Vale and Tinui schools, urging that the "long vacation" of five weeks should take place at midwinter instead of at mid-summer, the reason given being that in midwinter the roads were in an impassable condition, and the Children were unable to go to school. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hutchison, to refer the matter to the committee on standing orders. PP

5th June Mrs Knight scrubbed school room on Saturday. Bricklayers ait work pointing chimney of front sitting room

6th June Wet day, bricklayer unable to work yesterday owing to wet. Attendance 12

8th June Wet Day. Only 1 boy attended (A Groves) Having no wood to burn I sent him home in the forenoon. Mr Bellis sent a small quantity of wood today. I having been without (for private use) for 4 weeks

9th June Another wet day attendance 3 Able to have fire in school room. Dismissed the boys at 2.30 at their mothers request

12th, 13th June Bricklayer at work at chimney

14th June Very wet Able to have fire in schoolroom

26th June Fine again. Mr Perry visited the school today, Committee met on Saturday Evening

28th June Still Frosty received by mail yesterday a number of absence notices

3rd July Fine Day Mrs Knight scrubbed out school room on Saturday.

13th July Still fine. Attendance 23. During my temporary absence this afternoon from the schoolroom, Arthur Dillon and Stelin broke one of the panes of glass in the window

19th July Mr Mackay called with carpenter, as to erection of saddle room and Tank. Mr Bellis brought a load of wood.

20th July. Very sharp frost last night. Carpenter at work addressing old tank. And erecting saddle room.. Percy Bellis bought a note from his father asking leave to go home at 12.00, which I replied to in the affirmative.

21st July Weather fine. Tank empty, obliged to draw water from the river, carpenter still at work in the saddle room.

24th July Carpenter finished work at dinner time on Saturday

26th July Received letter from Mr Mackay informing me the committee would meet on Friday to consider my application for holidays

27th July James Owen left school to go to Wellington

28th July School Committee met pursuant to notice at 4 pm. Result not yet known

31st July Received on Saturday a note from Mr Mackay enclosing copy of resolution adopted by committee at last meeting. Enclosed a copy of Tenui School Committee 29th July 1882. "That as the Education Board have not communicated with this Committee re alteration of holidays, that Mr Ward be requested to close the school for the winter vacation for two weeks to commence from the 1st day of August "

Mrs Knight scrubbed rooms

17th August Still raining, attendance very small in consequence, roads in a dreadful state

21st August Weather lovely, but threatening rain, Mary Stilborn gave notice that she would not come to this school again until roads were in proper condition. 1 new pupil Eliza Jane Melvey came to school today

28th August Weather very fine. Mary Stilborn returned to school

20th August Percy Bellis returned after a lengthened absence

4th September Two new pupils Walter Brading and Emma Stilborn came to school. Attendance 26 Mrs Knight scrubbed out room.

18th September Dillon came to school today but not to stay, to inform me that as his father wanted him for shearing he would not be able to come to school for 3 weeks. Attendance 21

19th September Harry Groves evidently mistaking the playtime at 11.00 for the dinner hour left the school taking with him Walter Brading

20th September On asking H Groves why he left the school yesterday without leave informed me that he mistook the hour, told him to be more careful for the future, and kept him in at 12.30 as a slight punishment.

21st September Found the boys were in the habit of crossing the river and lighting fires on Mr Maunsell's Run, checked them at once and ordered them to extinguish fire they had lighted.

22nd September Wrote to Mr Mackay requesting him to convene a meeting, so that I might lay before them Mr Grove's conduct.

25th September Received a note from Mrs Brading informing me that Lucy would not return to school after the expiration of the quarter.

26th September Wet day, attendance only 17. Harry Groves unable to come to school on account of toothache

29th September. Received a note from Mrs Telford to the effect that Ina Wingate would not return again to school and that 4 of her children would attend on Monday weather permitting Mrs Knight scrubbed schoolroom. Committee met

2nd October Eva Telford came to school after a 12 months absence, Ellen and Hugh Telford returned to school having been absent since May

3rd October Joseph George Farry attended to school today after a 12 months absence

11th October New pupil Frank Wills

16th October Ellen Telford returned to school, having been required at home by her mother, O'Connor and Stelin absent

19th October Weather fine, Albert Groves absent, docking lambs

20th October Blowing hard

24th October Dillon returned to school after 5 weeks absence. Margaret Newcombe absent through illness caused by coming in contact with fly pole in the grounds.

Received note from Mrs Melvey informing me that Eliza Jane would not return to school for two or three weeks.

30th October Mrs Knight scrubbed school room on 28th

3rd November O'Connor brought excuse from his mother for his absence

6th November Nellie and Willie Darby came to school for first time

8th November All present except Arthur Dillon, 32 present

9th November Prince of Wale's Birthday. Wet day

10th November Pouring rain Only 3 boys attended school today in consequence I closed school in afternoon.

13th November The Two Farry's absent on account of high state of river

15th November Fine day, as rain fell last night, Albert Groves not being able to shear came to school

22nd November Maurice Knight absent on account of his Mother's illness

24th November Weather oppressively hot in schoolroom. John Stelin and Kate Dillon had to leave the room in consequence, have decided on applying for increased accommodation

Robert and Ronald Owen absented themselves from school in the afternoon without leave. Norman Owen absent all day, sale of stock in Tenui

27th November Albert Groves having finished shearing returned to school

30th November Stelin absent, having fallen off his horse yesterday and been hurt

1st December Albert Groves absent haymaking

4th December Mrs Knight scrubbed school room.

5th December Albert Groves absent haymaking

11th December Albert Groves absent haymaking, weather excessively hot and dry.

12th December Classroom stifling, O'Connor informed me that he would not be at school tomorrow of following day as he was required at home

15th December received notice from Wellington Education Board that Xmas holidays would commence on Friday 22nd

The Following Gentlemen were elected members of the School Committee for 1883

T McKay (Chairman) W A Perry, J Groves, T Telford, R Langdon Jnr., R Stilborn, W Knight

Election held on January 23rd 1883

21st December Better attendance today. Requested the children to attend in good numbers tomorrow, as I wished to address them, and to name those I recommend for prizes

22nd December Last Day of term. Addressed the scholars on the necessity of punctual attendance at school, read out the list of

successful prize takers and broke up the school for the Xmas vacation

1883

29th January Attendance of 15, 11 boys and 4 girls, small attendance to be accounted for by sickness

2nd February Schoolroom oppressively hot. The two visiting members of the committee paid a visit to the school today and found everything in a satisfactory state, with the exception of the ventilation

6th February Notice from the Inspector that he would examine the school on Saturday the 3rd March. Wrote to chairman of committee for permission to give children a holiday on the 13th for Forester's Fete and informing him of inspectors visit,

7th February Weather still very oppressive. Received intimation that Mr Groves had removed Albert from the school

13th February School closed for Foresters Fete

14th February Hot and Oppressive attendance 18

Margaret Newcombe absented herself today, sent a note enquiring cause of absence

15th February Schoolroom fearfully close and uncomfortable, Margaret Newcombe present, explained her absence yesterday saying she had a bad headache through being at the ball the previous night, punished her, and told her that if her mother gave her permission to go to dances would not allow her to absent herself from school on that account

19th February Edward Hughes new pupil

1st March Wrote to Mrs Telford requesting her to send her children to school.

5th March Mrs Knight scrubbed schoolroom on Saturday 3rd

On account of having preparations to make for inspector's visit.

Dismissed the school at 2.30

6th March Robert Lee Inspector wrote.

I examined the school today when 25 children were present out of 37 on the books. A poor attendance but the day was wet. Mr Mackay and Mr Perry saw me in reference to the school accommodation and a larger room is much needed, and I will report this to the Education Board to that effect, and make recommendations as to the schoolroom required. The work today in Standard 3 and 4 was weak in arithmetic and writing. The percentage of passes in the whole school was 72, all the pupils in the English class (Standard 2) passing. The whole of the present building requires slight repairs and new paper and paint.

Standard	Presented	Passed
1	5	4
2	9	9
3	2	0
4	2	0

8th 9th March Holidays for races sanctioned by the Inspector and Committee

15th March Received notice from Mr Darby that he would remove his 2 children from the school at the end of the week as he is going to leave Ti Nui

21st March Peter Carleton started

22nd March Committee met last evening, decided to have sports etc.. on the 28th inst..

28th March School Fete and distribution of prizes

28th March 1883 The Inspector recommended the Board to erect a small school at Tinui apart from the dwelling house, which also required papering and repairing. It was resolved to call for tenders for the work to be undertaken early in the spring PP

It was decided to pay 5 pound for a sewing teacher

31st March Mrs Knight scrubbed out schoolroom

3rd April On account of the glazier having to put some panes into the schoolroom window I was obliged to dismiss the school at 2.00

6th April Very hard frost last night

11th April Norman Owen returned to school after 14 days holiday

12th April Mrs Knight called on me this morning requesting me to let her boys home every day at 3.00 which I granted on condition that they remain till the usual hour as soon as she moves to another house.

16th April Attendance small, 12, in consequence of the wet, and being without firewood. I sent the children home at the dinner hour

18th April Mr Millar wrote informing me that he could not send his son to school, as there is no fire.

18th April 1883 Inspector reported that there were no passes in the higher standards at Tenui and the result of the examination could be consider only moderately successful PP

19th April Weather fine but cold, no fire in schoolroom yet, not having any wood

20th April received notice from chairman of School Committee that a meeting would be held on the 2nd May and authorising me to order some firewood.

23rd April New pupil Florence Granger

25th April Had fire in schoolroom for first time today, weather cold.

27th April Wet day only 4 girls present
2nd May 24 present. Fine day Fine days but roads in a terrible mess
3rd May. Committee met last evening 6.30
7th May Mr Groves put tin in front of school, in front room fireplace also
10th May J O'Connor asked permission to absent at 12.00 which I granted, but he returned in the afternoon, not being able to execute his commission
15th May James O'Connor came to school first time today since Xmas 1882, 38 now on the books
16th May Roads drying. Gave John and James O'Connor 2 strokes on the hand for loitering on the road to school. It being 10.15 when they reached the school room.
21st May Emilie Granger put into 3rd class. New pupil
22nd May Weather very damp and disagreeable the playground and all round the house being terribly wet and muddy, and badly in want of gravelling
24th May This being the Queen's Birthday I decided on keeping the school open, and giving tomorrow as the holiday, attendance 26
28th May Received notice from chairman that Committee would meet on Friday 8th June
29th May Mary Stilborn called to say she would not be at school until the roads dried out
31st May Blowing hard. Gave Norman and Bobby Owen 2 strokes each on the hand for being late for school. Mr Groves has been at work at the fences for the last two days
5th June The Stilborns' came to school again, the roads having so much improved.

18th June The weather has been fine all week. The O'Connor's have been absent all week potato digging. Committee met 5 pm
11th to 22nd May Being confined to my bed with a severe attack of Lumbago the school was closed for two weeks.
18th July 16 desks arrived for school and 1 master's desk
23rd July Willie Miller returned to school after a lengthened absence Mr Perry called to inspect desks
25th- 27th School closed, pouring wet day. No attendance of scholars. River rose to a peak height on the 26th and 27th
31st July Visited school today with Mr Perry, found everything is satisfactory and children were tested. New desks are rather small. T Mackay
Mr Perry and Mr Mackay complained that new desks were too low
20th August John Stelin came to school after 5 weeks absence and John O'Connor after 9 weeks absence
22nd August Margaret and Sarah Newcombe asked permission to absent themselves from the dinner hour which I granted. Emily Grainger went home at dinner hour without leave
23rd August Gave Emily Grainger 2 strokes on the hand with the cane for playing truant yesterday afternoon and for telling me a lie
24th August Bitterly cold day. Attendance 21 18 boys and only 3 girls
27th August Emma Stelin started school
29th August Percy Bellis came today for first time since May
31st August Very wet day only 2 children present beside my own
3rd September Tommy Knight at homesick

5th August Showery day but not sufficiently wet to prevent children coming to school though I am sorry to say a few did absence themselves under that excuse

6th September Emily and Florence Grainger for being absent from school yesterday taking away 3 marks from each

7th September Showery and cold in the morning, dismissed the school at 11 am on account of the cold in the morning having no firewood. Emily Granger and Sarah Newcombe absent from school but able to walk about Ti Nui township.

10th September No firewood closed school at the dinner time. New pupil Stephen Oliver

11th September School closed at dinner hour on account of cold.

12th September. Closed school again at dinner time. Mr Bellis brought a load of wood this afternoon for use of the school

13th September Weather still very cold Had fire in classroom

25th September Gave Maurice Knight 4 strokes on the hand for telling me a deliberate falsehood.

2nd October The 2 Stilborn girls returned to school after an absence of 15 weeks. They brought their brother Burton Stilborn to school for the first time.

3rd October. Weather getting very hot Attendance 29

4th October The sewing mistress reported to me that she had severely reprimanded Mary Stilborn for telling lies

5th October The classroom is getting overcrowded and consequently oppressively hot. Mrs Knight scrubbed school room

10th October In consequence of Mrs Wards sudden illness I closed the school for the day

11th October Small attendance 23, the children not knowing the school was open.

15th October Mrs Ward not being able to attend to sewing class I instructed Ellen Telford to take charge of it. Emma Stilborn brought no work, told her to bring it on Thursday

17th October Closed the school on account of Mr Peach's death

18th October Weather threatening for rain blowing very hard, attendance 28. Emma Stilborn brought no work, punished her by keeping her in at 3.30. Mrs Ward not yet able to attend sewing class.

19th October School closed at Dinner Time for the purpose of attending Mr Peach's funeral. Received by post 36 inkwells for desks

22nd October Mrs Ward resumed her class.

25th October very Hot weather. Classroom oppressive

29th October Mrs Ward again unable to attend her class, placed Ellen Telford in charge

31st October 1883 Plans for the Tinui School were approved, and tenders ordered to be called for. PP

1st November Put Annie Ward in charge of sewing class.

7th November Received notice of Committee meeting for Saturday

10th – 11th November Fine weather has been experienced throughout this week but the attendance has been interfered with through shearing and whooping cough

12th November Mrs Knight scrubbed room. Committee met (10th) 7 pm

A curious affection of the eyes is keeping a number of the children from school Attendance 28

13th November Applied for and obtained leave of absence for one week for Mr Ward on the score of ill health

14th November John Stelin absent shearing

19th November Mrs Ward resumed her duties as sewing mistress. Stelin still absent shearing

21st November The children who had been kept from school on account of sore eyes have not yet returned, attendance 18

The Committee gave the children a holiday on the 12th to witness a cricket match which was played at Langdale.

28th November 1883 Mr. T. L. Ward asked to be removed from the Tinui School . No action was taken Tenders for works at Tinui were opened, and those Mr. A. Cleghorn were accepted. PP

21st December Addressed children on various subjects and awarded prizes and dismissed the school for the Christmas holidays at 12.30 pm

21st November 1883 TO BUILDERS. SEPARATE TENDERS will be received at the Education Board Office, up to Monday, the 26th instant, for the erection of School Buildings at Kaitara (Morrison's Bush), and Tenui . Plans at my office, and at the Standard Office, Greytown, for Kaitara, and Daily Office, Masterton, for Tenui . The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. THOMAS TURNBULL, Architect. Education Board Office, PP

1884

28th January School reassembled after holidays with attendance of 18. Mrs Knight scrubbed school 19th

No register has been sent up.

29th New pupil, Janice Jones.

30th January 1884 Ohariu. Mr. T. L. Ward (removed from Tenui) PP
30th, 31st January 1st February . School closed because I had to go to Masterton on urgent private affairs not knowing who composed the new committee I was unable to ask permission for leave for myself.

5th February Received register by mail

6th 7th February School closed for three days without permission of committee. I've not yet being informed who composes the new committee (sic)

8th February very wet. No attendance, school closed

11th February New pupil John Dean

12th February Attendance 20. Received from Wellington Education Board notice of my appointment to Ohairu School . Closed school until new teacher appointed.

10th March Open school with attendance of 14. Mr Yeats

12th March 19 present. Asked Mr Perry to send truant inspector to Mrs Owen none of whose children have yet to come to school. Sent to store for broom and pannikan

19th March Robert Lee Inspector wrote. I examined the school today. 26 children being present out of 29 on the books

The school is under the temporary charge of Mr Yeats who appears a competent and methodical master. The school is under some disadvantage in being examined just at a time when the master has left, but the work gives little or no evidence of satisfactory work. The copy books are badly written, the written work gives no evidence of preparation, the arithmetic in all classes is very weak, and no numeration appears to have been taught.

Percentage who passed is 38.8

24th March Heavy rain for 48 hours, creeks and rivers in flood, road muddy and wet. Attendance in consequent only 11

28th March First appearance of Owen Family during the week

2nd April Prize distribution and school treat

3rd April Bad attendance to many of the parents allowing their children to remain at the dance in the hall for adults till between 2 and 3 am. Most injurious to children in every way.

7th April Four new scholars from Mr Wood's house making 33 on the roll.

17th April Attendance very bad. Bertie Collerton fell from a bullock dray opposite school and wheel went over his right leg without breaking any bones however as far as I could judge- carried him home and placed him comfortably in bed

18th April Attendance still worse. Wills absent, sore throat, Miller Sick, Stelin ill with bronchitis. Mrs Wood being ill, children at home.

30th April Mr Turnbull the architect arrived in the afternoon, passed the school building and gave me the keys

30th April 1884 The sum of 5 pound was granted for the servlces of a sewing mistress at the school. PP

2nd May Load of firewood delivered.

3rd May Opened the new room, finding very comfortable and good for crowd

28th May 1884 An application for the reconstruction of the teacher's residence at Tinui was referred to the architect for report PP

27th June Closed school for three weeks holiday, bidding Goodbye” to the children owing to my leaving for Wellington

21st July New Teacher Opened school with an attendance of 18

13th August Roll 37

21st August Bad attendance on account of wet day. Opened school and had five in attendance.

14th September Mr Nicholls (School Committee) visited the school in afternoon Saw 3rd and 4th Standards read and work arithmetic etc..

17th September Mr Perry, member of local committee visited the school this evening

22nd September Mr Perry visited the school this evening and informed me that Mr Wills had complained about his child having too much to do as homework.

24th September 34/36 in attendance today

29th September Bertie Collerton got wet while out playing I sent him home at 1.30 pm he returned at 2 pm

2nd October James Owen fell from a tree while out playing and dislocated his wrist. I put it into its place and brought him to our house until he was taken home by his sister.

7th October James Owen returned to school today and he is improving. Punished Sarah Newcombe for leaving school without permission and stopping away during the evening with others.

9th October Kept John Munro and Bellis Percy in 65 Minutes. Percy Bellis for throwing Norman Owen down and Munro for endeavouring to form a conspiracy to beat E Nicholls and afterwards doing it himself.

18th October Received a set of Cricket today which belongs to this school

Teacher left

Samuel Turkington Teacher

17th November Emma Stilborn fainted and fell on the floor while receiving instruction in grammar, I took her into dwelling gave her some brandy and milk, she soon got all right and attended school this evening. Attendance 35

Mr Nicholls got 2 beads from the school

1885

29th January Mr Perry member of committee visited the school at 3.20

11th February School closed for children's fete

23rd February James Owen complained of a severe headache and I allowed him to go home at 11 a.m. Attendance 20 Many of the children sick

24th February James Owen came to school at 2.40 pm

9th March Many of the children at the Tinui races- 12 in attendance. Closed school at request of committee for last of races.

18th March Mr Nicholls (member of committee) + Bailey visited the school this evening

21st March School cleaned- 4 weeks since cleaned

27th March John Dean left school this week for Masterton as Mr Dean was afraid of fever which is in the district

30th Attendance 26. Dean has returned to school

6th April Robert Lee writes The Tinui School examination was made today. The weather being fine. Twenty eight children out of thirty three on the books were present. Two children of good age were not presented for examination. Robert Owen and Maggie Newcombe in a higher standard

All 18 children presented passed.

The school appears under fair discipline and management. Spelling is rather a weak subject in the higher standards. In composition the sentences are generally too long. The reading is distinct and the written work is very fair quality. The children appear more content in their work are more attached to their school than on former visits. 6th May Herbert Dillon fell from his horse going home from school and received a severe cut on forehead. I brought him back, dressed his cut and sent him home with his brother next day.

12th May Melvey came in at 12.30 o'clock

1st June Mrs Bellis called this morning at the school with an urgent letter for Mr Dillon I allowed Herbert to take it to his father

15th June While Mr McDell was taking the bullocks out of the school ground with a dog, they broke two posts of the boundary fence.

19th June Eva Telford has not the necessary books for 5th Standard and she refused to take them

20th June School Committee meeting- brought under their notice the dilapidated state of fence enclosing school and residence.

26th June Received a letter from Mrs Nicholls stating that she was informed that two of the children attending the school were ailing and their ailment was infectious. I made inquiries and sent notice of letter to two of the members of committee. I also went to Mr Cameron's to see what was the matter with the children

29th July Many of the children ailing. Closed the school one hour and a half to attend the court

7th August Robert Owen sent for by his mother allowed him to go at 11.30

1st September Punished Uno Stelin for disobedience and persisting in it.

7th September William Miller came into school at 11.5, He got wet during the play hour while looking for a lamb. I allowed home to go home at 1.30 pm

14th September Mrs Knight came in to inform me that family circumstances will prevent her child from attending school in the afternoon

25th September James Owen being knocked down by a blow from the cricket ball. I allowed him to go home

29th September Mrs Stelin complained to me about Cyril Stilborn tearing Uno's trousers yesterday at school. The accused denied it and as the trousers were old and torn in many other places I consider the boy not guilty

30th March Uno Stelin fell in the river, I gave him a slap and sent him home and refused to hold out his hand I gave him 3 slaps for disobedience and swearing

5th October Maurice Knight was kept in school for 10 minutes to do his homework. Mrs Knight complained to me of this.

9th October Mr Perry visited the school this evening at 2.20 and remained to 3.30. Attendance 25

21st October Bertie Collerton got wet during the play hour sent him home

16th November Clara Bellis allowed to go to Flag Creek along with her cousin. Harry Groves got a blow in the eye from the cricket ball while playing.

16th December Much pleased with the well report, appearance of the school and the tidy healthy children. George Nathan

18th December Got 3 maps for the school by subscription raised for that purpose in this district.

1886

25th January Opened school with attendance of 21

29th January Mrs Turkington taught the sewing this evening for Mrs Brading

12th February William Miller not present in his class since 1st November 1885

15th February William Algie, Whareama brought his son John to board at the school- attendance 30

17th February William Miller in attendance. First time this quarter

3rd March Closed the school for Thursday and Friday in accordance to a resolution formed by the committee (Races)

16th March Mr Dean's horse got out of the school ground and was put into the pound he has to tie him up as they are insecure

1st April Informed Mr Neary that he should get the necessary books for his children. I would send them if it was not for the law

7th April Bellis's horse got out of the school ground; he has to walk home: No fence to keep horses in.

9th April 5 of the children came into school at 11.15 and some of them wanting to get out at 3 pm.

12th April Maggie and Sarah Newcombe are not attending school. I saw Constable Collerton, who saw Mrs Newcombe and brought it under the notice of the committee

The Dillons are not attending school. I saw Mrs Dillon on 11th inst.. She told me she would see and send them

16th April Herbert Dillon has attended 7 times this month though the school has been open 24 times. Kate is always after 10.00 and says she cannot catch her horse.

21st April. Robert Lee Inspector writes. There are 37 children presented on the schedules for examination today. All the standard candidates were present except 2 who had made very few attendances. The results were satisfactory- 19 passes and two failures. The writing of the junior children should be of a uniform character and between ruled lines on slates. The arithmetic and grammar work of Standard 5 and 6 did not come up to requirements. In all other aspects the work was satisfactory. Mr Turkington is a very hard working teacher, and the conduct of this school is creditable. The property is in good order. The house is improved in comforts, but the roof leaks, Wet weather sheds are required.

28th April School Fete for children

7th May Mr Neary's children have attended school since the 1st February 1886 without having the necessary books and he refuses to get them

31st May. Jas Cameron repaired the boundary fence

2nd June Opened school at 9.45 by the school clock and 9.30 by ours. I started them both together yesterday

30th June The Owen family 30 or 40 minutes every day this week late

B Collerton 3 slaps with strap for searching the children's bags in the hall.

20th August Raining, attendance 3. As it was too wet for play I gave none and allowed the children home at 2 pm. Harry Groves wanting to leave for home at that time.]

24th August A letter was read from Mr. S. Turkington teacher at Tenui, complaining that the paddock in connection with the school was used for grazing purposes by some of the residents. It was decided to refer the matter to the committee. The sum of £5 was voted for repairing the chimney in the Tenui Schoolhouse. An application for a vote of £5 for repairing the fence in the same district was not granted PP

25th August 1886 The sum of 3 pound was voted for repairing the chimney in the Tenui Schoolhouse. An application for a vote of £5 for repairing the fence in the same district was not granted PP

30th August Closed school ½ day for Mr Langdon's Funeral

23rd September W Owen ailing allowed to go home at 10.30.

In the historical reader P 26 F Nicholls missed 4 spellings out of 6. I kept him in 5 minutes after the others went out to play during which time he had them thoroughly off. Mr Nicholls complained to me; when I asked him to write to the committee as I could show no favour in the school

Mrs Nicholls came to the school and told me I should show favour for her children if I thought to stop here. I asked her to write to the committee, when she said they had no fault to find only I should show favour to her children; as they were not the same as the other etc..

29th September 1886 The Board decided that the horses belonging to those children who came from long distance should be allowed to graze in the paddock attached to the school residence at Tenui PP

27th October Mr. S, Turkington of the Tenui school, applied to be allowed to close the school for the midsummer vacation on the 22nd November, in order that he might prepare for the teachers' examination. The application, which was supported by the

Committee, was granted. It was stated that the length of the Vacation would not be increased by granting the application of the master. PP

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1887

3rd February Ernest and May Nicholls returned to school this morning.

13th February Closed the school for Sunday School Fete

4th March Opened school this morning for two hours so as to get the children to come. Sent word to Mrs Owen to send her children who said "I will not allow them to go while the races were on." Gave intimation that school will be open two hours tomorrow inst., So that all children attending will be in time to go to the races. Attendance 12.

5th March Opened school for two hours- attendance 20. Other children are at the races.

18th March Gave Mrs Knight notice that Maurice is not attending school regularly

25th March Maurice Knight came to school at 12 am

28th March Sent notice to Mrs Owen to send her children to school.

Visited school found 22 scholars attending. Only 3 girls All the scholars earnestly preparing for the examination, *Note in log*

30th March Robert Lee Inspector: Thirty three children present for examination. The result show 26% of failures- equal to 74 % of passes. The second and fifth standard arithmetic and spelling were weak. The general work of the standards was hardly so good as last year, but the children answered very well viva voce in Geography and History. The lower classes did very well. Many of the children have made very poor attendances.

14th April Punished Ronald Owen for disobeying an order to of his notation- and persisting in it.

5th May Burton Stilborn one stroke with cane for going to his desk contrary to orders- he has been a good boy since I came here.

9th May Ronald Owen and B Collerton two strokes with cane for remaining 15 minutes out of school

16th May Received a note from Mrs Armour requesting me to punish her son for neglecting to come to school on 6th inst., I gave him two strokes with the cane- with the understanding he is not to stay away again.

27th May Mr Bellis called at the school today to see the fence and to have it repaired.

11th June School cleaned out by Samuel Hounslow.

18th July Gave Sarah Newcombe two strokes with the cane for stating to me "K Dillon's head was white with dirt" which I found on examination perfectly clean. Mr Langdon delivered a load of trees for the committee to plant.

27th July Norman and Robert Owen 4 strokes with the cane for persisting in being every morning 30 or 40 minutes late- this was the 3rd morning this week

24th September Received 11 desks from Tenui School (For use in the Whakataki School) by order of the Education board. F G Mangnuson (*Teacher of Whakataki*)

26th September All the children except 3 were ordered to return home for the afternoon, which caused me to give a half holiday,

6th October On the information of F Nicholls, A Rose and John Savage I gave Norman Owen four strokes with the cane (In the Hall) who first admitted the offense of making use of obscene language and afterwards denied it. When I examined the witnesses in his presence he refused to call any of the other children to contradict it saying "they would all say the same thing". I am just after receiving a letter from Mrs Owen stating "Norman denies his guilt and that she will therefore bring a complaint against. me. Norman one stroke with the cane in presence of the other children for denying that he first admitted his guilt. R Owen, W Owen and T Knight four strokes each for using obscene language in presence of the other children. J Savage admitted making use of obscene language to Norman Owen, four strokes of the cane in the hall.

22nd November John Savage fell from his horse and is severely injured.

5th December Norman and Ronald Owen got wet coming to school. I sent them home to get their clothes changed as soon as the rain was over.

At the committee meeting of the 2nd and it was decided to give the Sewing Mistress notice that they would discontinue to give her extra

£5.00 per annum voted to her by that body and they appointed K Dillon to sweep and clean the school once each month

5th December K Dillon washed the school.

1888

24th January Attendance 9

27th January Mrs Turkington ailing- closed school this afternoon

20th January K Dillon cleaned the school

20th February Many of the children attending this school are suffering from Hooping (Sic) cough. Attendance 11

12th March The Hooping Cough is remaining with the scholars- attendance 15

26th March The Owen's are absent- sent notice to Mrs Owen who stated she "had no one to dress them"

29th March Mrs Owen's children all absent- running about the township shoeless. Attendance 10

3rd April The Nicholl's are unable to attend as their sister is dangerously ill, and the Algies are away because of their brother's death

5th April Robert Lee Inspector of the School wrote.

Of the 30 children on the books, 25 were present. All the children who could be expected to pass a standard did so. They were 3 in Standard 5, 6 in Standard 4, 5 in standard 2, and 5 in standard 1. The writing was well taught, but spelling is a weak subject. The general work is satisfactory, especially that of the lower standards. Mr Turkington in charge.

The Master's residence needs attention. All the chimneys smoke badly and the rain comes in, in several rooms. Probably the best

thing to do would be to reduce it to a one storey building and rebuild the chimneys. If the School Committee will make a fair and definite proposal to the board. I will support the application.

27th April. Closed school for children's fete.

24th May School closed for Queen's Birthday

25th May. School 4 hours attendance one- the other children are attending the Whakataki School Fete

5th June Digby Stilborn's nose bleeding- allowed to go home at 1.20

16th June Kate Dillon cleaned the school this is the 5th time.

17th June Received 13 maps of New Zealand and one of Australia from R Lee Esq. inspector.

6th July Opened school with 7/33

21st August Ernest Nicholls while leaving his desk, fell and cut his head slightly

30th October Harry Burling, while running after E Nicholls in the playground fell and dislocated his arm

9th November Closed the school for Prince of Wales birthday. Mr Bellis paid K Dillon for cleaning the school up to 1st October

12th November School flooded and closets carried away on Saturday night and Sunday morning. I left the school house at 1 a m when two and a half feet were running in a swift current so that it was just possible to stand up. The water mark on the trees is 14 feet high. School closed.

15th November Opened school with an attendance of 13

22nd November F Nicholls while playing with a ball put it through the school window. I ordered him to have it repaired, which he assented to.

14th December School closed to allow the children to attend the funeral of Mr Gange's drowned child

1889

15th January Reopened school attendance 12

21st January School closed this afternoon through Mrs Turkington's illness

23rd January Closed the school for three days and sent A Cameron for the doctor.

25th March Percy Dillon, while riding to this school fell from his horse and broke his collarbone. He left the school residence from his home at 3.15 under the care of his mother, who had Mr Nathan's Trap to take him home.

26th March Robert Lee's inspection report. At the exam today 31 pupils out of 33 on the books. There were candidates in all standards including 4 in Standard 6. The work in arithmetic was good, and the instruction on Geography and History is satisfactory. Most of the candidates—all but one- made progress in the standard work, but the instruction in reading and spelling is respective. Mr Turkington is kind to the children and tries to succeed. The infant work is backward in reading. The teacher's residence is in a deplorable condition.

6th April 1889 Tenui.— Total on roll, 33, of which 9 are below Standard I. Results :— Standard I. — Presented, 2 ; passed, 2. Standard II. — Presented, 6 ; absent, 1 ; passed, 5. Standard III.— Presented, 6 ; failed, 1 ; passed, 5. Standard IV —Presented, 4 ; excepted, 1 ; passed, 3. Standard V.— Presented, 2 ; passed 2. Standard VI.— Presented, 4; passed, 4 PP

20th April Messrs Nicholls, Stilborn, and Mrs Owen are causing a disturbance at the school and in the township through their children not being awarded first prize in their respective standards. They are not satisfied to take the Inspector's Word for it. Deeming themselves superior judged. They also declare that Digby Stilborn was entitled to the good conduct prize, though, he was punished on the 14/5/88 for disobeying an order and wilful neglect of duty.

Those who passed:

Standard 6: A Cameron, Robert Owen, F Nicholls, A Rose

Standard 5 E Nicholls K Dillon

Standard 4 D Stilborn, Robert Owen, J T Deane

Standard 3 R Cameron, C Stilborn, H Dillon. U Stelin, M Nicholls

Standard 2 H Bellis, W Owen, F Dillon, Annie Rose, J Simpson

Standard 1 John Algie, Jessie Dillon

Failures. Bertie Collerton in Standard 3

24th April In deference to the wishes of the Tenui Committee and to a petition of the residents in the district, the Board agreed to retain Mr. Turkington's services until the end of the year, so as to give him an opportunity of qualifying for the necessary certificate.PP

11th June W Owen fell on a stump while playing in the playground. His side was skinned and he appeared to be suffering pain. I allowed him to go home at 2.20 p m

28th June Closed the school for the midwinter vacation- five weeks

6th August Gave the 6th Standard their certificates which I received from R Lee Esq.

5th September Fred O'Connor took ill while playing in the ground at 11.15. He appeared to be very ill and insensible for a considerable

time. I gave him some stimulants, sending for his mother who arrived at 1.30 and removed him to home at 3 pm

27th September Closed the school for two days and sent word to the chairman that my child had died (Raymond Collin Turkington, 8 months old)

The School Committee decided to close the school for two weeks so that the children might not be able to attend, all being effected (sic) with a severe cold.

14th October Opened school with five in attendance

20th December Mrs Dillon has left the district for Marlborough taking four scholars from this school.

1890

21st January 7 in attendance. Some of the children have gone to the Masterton sports while others are kept at home to work.

27th January at 12.30 this morning H Bellis was suffering from a disagreement of the stomach causing him to vomit and unable to work. I allowed him to leave for home at 1.40. He was unable to assign any cause for his illness.

29th January Only 1 child in attendance today. The others are at a picnic and running about the township.

Sometime in October the committee had a meeting and sent notice that the compulsory clauses 89 and 90 of the Education Act would be put in force if Messrs Collerton, Bell and Owen neglected to send their children to school. Since the Owen's who were previously attending fairly well have not attended so well since. It is now seven weeks since Willie and six since Ronald have been at school

All the seventh standard have left school this month making the numbers on the roll 26. The Owens and B Collerton are at a cricket match which is to be played at Langdale. Attendance 17

5th February Received a letter from Mr Deane stating, "Please send my child's sewing home with John Thomas as we do not intend to allow her to compete at this examination as Bellis has not turned up Last year's prize. I informed him that it is not in my power to return sewing done in the school until after the examination except the child is leaving the district. R Cameron suffering from a headache caused by a fall while playing football.

15th February School started in the evening to prepare the backward children for the annual examination and to enable those who cannot attend during the day to attend in the evening.

This step is necessary as this school has been closed over three months of the twelve and the non attendance of the children. Some of the parents in this district are satisfied if their children can count up to 100 and spell easy words of one syllable. A parent has said to me-"I will not allow my child to get a superior education to myself as he would then look down on me. I believe others are of this opinion they do not express it.

1st April Mr Lee examined the children today 24/26 were presented

14th April William Bell attended this school on the 30th January 1890 and took a whip from the school, which the boy admitted to me to do so. I wrote to Mrs Bell to return the whip. She came down with another whip valued at 7/6d, which the boy had taken nine months previous, and said "I have brought your old whip, how dare you send a note to bring it to you." This and another case where I punished Uno Stelin for disobeying orders and running out of the

school were investigated by the Committee without my knowledge, and they recommended in a secret underhand way that I should be removed though I had told that it was my intention to leave in a month's time. This shows how the Tenui people endeavour to injure their teachers. I knew this in the underhand way they have treated others and I never expected to be treated different from my predecessors. I also find that this case of Bell's was brought before the inspectorate and only one side of it shown to him. While members of the School Committee are allowed to run like children to pour lies into an inspector's ear No teacher is safe. And I am informed that Mr Lee not only gave ear to the complaints of Tom Deanne, a rabbiter, but gave him information as to the things that they could have me removed for: and commenced to inform him of my defects as a teacher, so that the scholars are wise as their master and promised to see a good teacher appointed. Which I do not credit though it may be true.

11th June Mr Armer, member of the School Committee broke down the dividing fence between the school paddock and Mr Cox's to put his two horses in.

12th June Mr Armer has his horses in the school paddock today. I sent him word to take them out or I would put them in the pound.

27th June It has been raining all week and few have been in attendance. The Committee have written to the Wellington Education Board to grant them the upper paddock for the children's horses. Some time ago the board decided that all children who ride a distance of two miles should be allowed to put their horses in the school paddock

27th June The firewood brought by Mr H Bellis is quite green and entirely unfit for school use. I wish to see the day when members of the committee will not be allowed to receive the Government grant for any rubbish they wish to supply, while good wood is to be had at 22 ½ shillings a cord. Which is less than Mr Bellis has charged,

30th June Closed the school for four weeks holiday and bid the children good bye, owing to my leaving for Dunedin.

9th August 1890 Mr. Greaves, who was selected for the position of master of the Tenui School has declined to take up the appointment, and Mr. G. H. Pope, recently from Ashburton, has been placed in temporary charge

13th August George H Pope started. Opened school today having 21 present. 3 Old scholars have returned whilst three have left to attend an aided school at Grassendale.

20th August No on roll 29

27th August 25 present, being the full number on the roll, as I have now marked off the duplicitous names left on the books by the late master

28th August School closed today as I was obliged to journey to Masterton on urgent business.

29th August 3 new pupils enrolled making 29 on the roll. From this I opine that the school is in a flourishing condition and there will be no difficulty in keeping an average of over 25. Bert Collerton absent through sickness and Digby children owing to a slight accident.

29th August 1890 Mr Greaves, who was selected for the position of master of the Tenui School has declined to take up the appointment, and Mr. G. H. Pope, recently from Ashburton, has been placed in temporary charge PP

1st September D Stilborn is unable to walk around- Mrs Bell interviewed me re her boy Willie. Ronald Owen detained until 4.10 for carelessness.

2nd September 25 present today, thus fulfilling my anticipation of being up to keep a fair average. W Owen received slight injury playing football. D Stilborn still an invalid. Ebba and Uno Stilborn have both been absent today, but W Carswell has returned.

4th September Very heavy rain, school ground flooded, only two boys (B Collerton and C Stilborn) put in an appearance that is outsiders of course. The weather has apparently much influence over the scholars in the district, or out some thirty children more than two might have braved the elements. I omitted to mention that Mrs Knight cleaned the schoolroom on Saturday (30th) last

8th September Mrs O'Connor interviewed me regarding an anonymous letter supposed to be from a school boy. Agreed to let the matter remain in abeyance.

9th September There were 29 present today, this is the largest number that has been present at the school for over 12 months. It is a sign that the school is regaining its prestige numerically.

10th September 30 Children present. Wrote to the Board re increase in salary- noticed some panes of glass broken in porch windows- majority of upper classes detained till past 4 o'clock to rewrite their homework

11th September Upper one's again detained for careless homework. R Owen in particular being very bad- The majority of the pupils are exceedingly backward in the 3 r's and will require some severe treatment before they are fitted to pass their examinations in anything like a creditable fashion

12th September Great improvement in today's homework.

13th September Mrs Knight cleaned school.

15th September Many of the pupils are suffering from severe colds. The teacher's desk has been sadly abused, but with care will probably last for many years. It is really shameful to see good furniture and fixtures "knocked about" in the manner they have been in the school and school house- The patent window displays are all out of repair the fire place broken and generally there has been some rough work with the Board's property.

16th September 30 present in the morning. Boys report their dinners being taken by other pupils during the recess. Will enquire to what extent evil exists, as from what I can gather it is an old grievance.

17th September Mr Collerton visited me to relate that his boy was accused of stealing other boy's dinner. He seemed to feel sore on the point, but I explained the position and he left quite apparently satisfied. The numbers are keeping up remarkably well.

18th September Have made a slight alteration in that the scholars for the future will leave their lunches in my cupboard. This was the surest method I could employ to cope with the dirty conduct of some pupils in stealing the other's dinners. Mary Watson and Ebba Stelin both absent- Very blowy today

New colonial oven for the residence came on Saturday and will probably be set in by Mr Jephson on Tuesday. All the tanks need cleaning, the water is undrinkable, and liable to cause disease and perhaps deace.

23rd September Weather still very disagreeable and cold. Nearly every child in the school is suffering from a severe cold.

24th September 1890 Mr- George Pope was appointed matter of the school at Te Nui, where he has been in temporary charge PP

25th September A new gate is now being erected, and will be a beneficial improved upon the "breakneck style" that was in existence. Some of the fences required watching and repairing

16th September 28 children present. Beautiful Day. Received letter from Board. Appointing me permanently and also re increase in salary stating that the Secretary would meet in the schoolroom tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 7.30 p m to consider appointment of sewing mistress

29th September 3 new pupils E and W Collerton and M Deane came to school for first time. Roll 34, which is a very considerable increase since I opened school some few weeks ago. The house narrowly escaped destruction by fire and only the fact of so much rain having fallen, saved it. The shingles were scorched, but before any damage was done I succeeded in getting the flames under control. A very dirty chimney was the immediate cause. There was no meeting of the committee on Saturday Evening last on account of the weather

30th September. 30/34 children present. The majority of children I find attend remarkably well, but owing to distance many have The oven ordered by the committee has not yet been erected although it has been on the premises for some ten days

1st October Florence Bellis started.

2nd October Ronald Owen did not come till playtime- Have suspicion he was truant playing. I have sent memo to ascertain. The weather is very changeable and whooping cough is quite prevalent

For myself I am scarcely fitted to conduct classes owing to severe sore throat. I am afraid I will be unable to hold out for such another day as this has been. There is a quantity of loose wire in the paddock and as a consequence I warned children to be careful when turning their horses adrift as already two different horses have been caught- Have not yet received forms from Board for preparation of Quarterly Returns, nor has salary yet been forwarded for September

3rd October Received forms and salary

4th October School Committee meeting. I took over school cleaning. Mrs L Smith appointed sewing mistress.

6th – 10th October Owing to illness. I have been unable to conduct classes this week. Made an attempt but found myself unfitted for the task on Thursday. Have informed Committee and received their consent to close. My suggestion to the boys to form a cricket club has been acted upon- subs have been received from quite a few interested parents and others and I hope to very soon have new material for the boys to make an early start, for I consider physical education of some importance and as a rule the boy who likes his hours of play will also give due attention to those of study!. The subscriptions up to date have amounted to £2-10-0

13th October One Boy (W Carswell) has left the district, whilst one new boy (Sid Young) has been admitted. The weather is oppressively warm- Today Mannering came to inspect the fireplace for the purpose of erecting the oven- He also is to clean out the tanks and lime wash them

15th Oct Raining in torrents all morning. Of the 11 absent the majority have a considerable distance to walk.

16th October Herbert Dillon very unwell in afternoon. Took him over to the house for better attention- the gate still remains unfinished nor has the bricklayer yet put in appearance- it is a thousand pities the adage “opposition is the life of trade” is not generally known in the district.

17th October The average for the week has been 29.1, which is the largest number since I have taken charge. The boys cricketing material should have arrived today, but so far it has not come

20th October Willie Carswell readmitted, Boarding at the Manga Pakea (*Mangapakeha*) as his friends have left Tinui. The new gate has been completed at last !!. However as patience is a school master’s virtue it were better not to complain.

22nd 29 present today. Whooping cough is still very prevalent, at times nearly all the pupils coughing simultaneously The bricklayer at last brought the bricks perhaps he may soon set in the oven. Cricketing material has not yet arrived, subscriptions towards the ... are still coming in- Mr Copping of Masterton was shown over the premises; expressed himself greatly pleased with the school room, but had a very poor opinion of the “Barn”

23rd October Mr Mannering today made a start with the oven! Hurrah! “all good things come to etc. etc.”

24th October. Both tanks have been cleaned and the oven fixed in the house. The boys’ cricket apparatus came this morning. I allowed them a few more minutes extra play hour in honour of their first game with the new material!.

27th October Mr Speedy’s cattle are becoming a nuisance in the school grounds- Since the fences were repaired- at least started upon. Several of scholars are attending very irregularly (particularly

Watson's and O'Connor's) Read the circular re "insects" from the Board Many are interested and will probably collect specimens for the prize!

28th October Small number doubtless owing to Annual Show at Masterton being held today- We did not close as there has already been a week lost this quarter owing to my illness. Mrs O'Connor wrote complaining about R Owen and R Cameron wrecking her son's slate. This was the result of an accident but I believe these two boys have subscribed and brought him a new one.

29th October The water was run off the tank on Monday 27th evening to allow of cleaning but so far the cleaner has not put in an appearance. The house spouting badly requires repairing otherwise the tanks will be next to useless.

3rd November The attendance is not nearly so regular as I should like but I suppose it is owing to the unseasonable weather and sickness. There has been no rain since the tanks were cleaned. Consequently we are obliged to carry all water from the river.

4th November A most unexpected storm commenced about 2 pm. None of the children were provided with coats or cloaks and consequently must have been well drenched before reaching home. Those living a distance I allowed away earlier than usual. Received salary form Board. Some of the elder boys are attending irregularly being wanted in the shearing sheds.

5th November The diminution in numbers consequent upon the unpropitious weather has perceptibly decreased the average attendance. In the rainy season none of those living a distance are able to attend, owing to the impassable mud on the various roads. The rain has been very welcome if only to replenish the tanks!

6th November Having now made headway with the 3 rs I today gave the first lesson in singing- I find that the former master did not teach this subject so that it will be some time before the children pass even a very elementary stage

7th November The average for the week has been 25. This I opine is exceedingly low, and gives a poor an inadequate idea of the existence of compulsory clauses- gave the pupils to understand there would be no assemblage on Monday to 10th in honour of the Prince of Wales Birthday

11th November. The school has not been washed through scarcity of water in the tanks.

17th November Bella Holmes is now convalescent and B Collerton is recovering from the sprain he received a few days ago

20th November Again had attendance of 33. Mr Bellis visited the school and was apparently satisfied with the result especially as regards attendance.

27th November Proclaimed a holiday in honour of the Wellington A and P A Show. Rain greatly wanted to fill tanks.

1st December. No water in tanks. Obligated to carry it from the river

2nd December. With regard to the holidays the usual mode is to have about a fortnight at Xmas and the long vacation during the winter when the roads are too bad to allow those living at a distance to attend Welcome rain has at last fallen

5th December. Plumber inspected ridging and spouting of house to ascertain what were the needed repairs. S Young has been absent some weeks, M Watson is very irregular in attendance. Both of these live in the township and so the plea of distance to come to school can scarcely be set up.

9th December Weather is oppressively hot greatly interfering with work in school.

10th December Severely reprimanded Fred O'Connor about smoking, but have not informed his parents as he appears a boy better able to be guided by moral suasion than by severity

12th December Several boys are helping in the hay fields and some others are unwell, scholars have not attended once this week. On the whole it has been the worst working week since I took charge. Heat is almost unbearable in the building

15th December Attendance still very meagre. Heat is overpowering, making all present very languid. Stilborn boys wanted in the hay makers field

16th December Large gate of school ground accidently broken by horse. Children are apt to have sickness as the only water obtainable from the river and that is tepid and almost stagnant. It is also the only water for use in the house. The tanks are all empty and will require good rain to replenish

19th December. Broke up for four weeks with an attendance of 31

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19th January 4 new pupils enrolled. I hope to be able before long to gain that for which I have driven an average of over 35.

The four new pupils are Mary, Percy and Lewis Southey and Martha Davis

20th January Two new pupils Martha and Maggie McGuigan? Roll now 42. The attendance is 26. The others have not yet put in an

appearance, but when working order is again established doubtless the average will be much improved.

21st January Tomorrow being anniversary day there will be no school. There are 14 old pupils have not yet put in an appearance.

23rd January Twelve old pupils have not yet attended. Have posted notice threatening to pound all cattle trespassing on school ground

26th January Memo from Mr Carswell stating that Willie would from now attend the Masterton School as the distance is too great.

28th January Today is an epoch in the School's history. There being an attendance of 35 and as six of the old pupils have not yet put in an appearance this year doubtless this quarter average will be greatly improved.

Although nearly two months have elapsed since the plumber inspected the needed repairs he has not yet commenced operations. Another case of hope deferred!!

29th January Heat almost unbearable, children allowed extra play hour on account of heat.

2nd February No classes today on account of the rain. It is passing strange what a detrimental effect a steady downpour has upon the attendance of pupils. There are but four of last year's pupils who have not yet returned., but these are expected soon.

Received notice of School Committee to be held tomorrow.

4th February Herbert Dillon returned for first time since the holidays. Stilborn's again absent also B Collerton. These children are continually either required at home early, come to school late, or not at all.

5th February. No important business transacted by Committee. Filter for pure water in the house is in a rather dilapidated condition, but

may be repaired, but I am of the opinion water from the tanks would be preferable to that from such a filter. Repairs to be postponed.

11th February 3 pupils have not returned after the holidays

12th February All pupils living near the school present. Caned R Owen and J Deane (6 strokes each) for “ducking” small boys under the tank. Doubtless they were replaying “sub rosa” but such games must be prevented and the one cure is “supple jack”

18th February Today there are 30 present. Bellis’s family have been absent for some time, Harry since Xmas; but the distance they have to travel to and from school (7 miles each way) is rather too far to expect regularity. There is great lack of gymnastic apparatus- cheapest substitute would be a few sets of Indian Clubs

19th February The first parent’s complaint since my advent viz; Mr Stilborn would be pleased were his boys to have less home lessons. Of course this is natural as the boys have cows to tend night and morning and much Homework would make their hours too long

26th February Received Syllabus of drawing as in vogue in the district

24th February 32 present Weather has cleared, river again gone down very much. Its rising and subsiding are extremely sudden- have written to Masons and Speedy re the nuisance of their cattle

25th February Speedy Brothers have removed their cattle and about time- C Owen home early hurt by the cricket ball.

2nd March It is reported that two families that measles have broken out. Be that it may there is some sort of an epidemic amongst the children, as no less than 8 are absent through illness

9th March The majority of children have recovered from the recent epidemic, 33 putting in appearance today- Received foolscap for

school use- window in porch accidently broken- was cracked previously and piece fell to.

12th March Inspectors Visit. Pupils who failed. H Stelin Standard 5, H Dillon Standard 4, J Collerton Standard 2, B Collerton Standard 4

13th March Closed in honour of the examination

16th March Raining heavily, no attendance, no school, likelihood of flood.

17th March Closed in honour of Foresters Sports but owing to weather they were postponed.

18th March In consequence of the sports today there is no attendance. This is the great gala day of Tinui and promised by old and young

19th March These (above) holidays which work ill in a school. The children have a day’s pleasure and then require another day to suffer a recovery.

23rd March Mary Deane very late (2.25) in the afternoon

1st April The majority of the children having attended the Whakataki School Treat and being too tired for school (?)

2nd April Closed in afternoon at request of Committee in order to prepare the sports ground for the children’s annual fete.

31st April Children’s school festival. In every way an unqualified success

6th April With the intention of improving of the attendance special prizes have been promised for the highest attendance for the ensuing year.

7th April Correspondence from Wellington Education Board re kindergarten

9th April The window sashes are badly in need of repair, the din when rattled by the wind is sufficient to dement the unfortunates in the room.

17th April Southey brought load of firewood for school use; the quality and quantity not what might be expected.

20th April One new pupil Ada Greenwood started Stilborn boys allowed away at 3.00 (this is apparently becoming an institution)

Highest attendance this quarter 35. Mr Bellis called this morning and posted the nomination for the Ensuing election of members of the School Committee. Nine householders are nominated, so that an election will take place on Monday 27th at 8 O'clock- to spot the splendid seven

23rd April Closed for urgent private business as I was compelled to visit Masterton

28th April Received from Board necessary apparatus for modelling in clay- 20 boards, 20 rulers and 20 prickers. The committee elected for the new year are almost the same members- 2 of the committee not having been nominated.

5th May Committee sent new broom and axe for school use ; also requested information upon necessary repairs to the school buildings etc., etc..

8th May Closed the school yesterday as I had court business elsewhere.

12th May 35 in attendance. Such attendance has never been known since Tenui was a school district. Received £1 from School Committee for cleaning

18th May Highest attendance since my taking charge. If this could be maintained the school would soon take on a higher place for events on points of size.

26th May Received written permission to close school tomorrow as my presence is needed in the RM Court (Masterton)

25th May Closed in honour of the Majesty's nativity.

27th May 1891 Consideration of the proposal to purchase an acre adjoining the Featherston School was deferred for a month, as was also the question of reconstructing the schoolhouse at Tenui PP

4th June Several of the elder boys are absent helping with rabbit poisoning.

9th June Flo Bellis first appearance for some months. She has long journey (7 Miles each way)

19th June Falling off due to the wretched weather and also several of bigger boys being away after rabbits

25th June 27 present Bert Collerton was punished for disobedience, upon which he speedily "bolted" for home. However his mother brought him back after he apologised he was readmitted

26th June Closed for a month from today for the usual winter holiday

29th July Attendance 23. Several of these leave before 3.30 on account of being required at home ½ or ¾ hours taken from every school day totals largely against. securing a Standard pass at the end of the year. Of course these leavers are only for the winter months.

4th August. Holiday proclaimed for opening of Wellington Education Board new offices.

6th- 30th August. Closed during these days on account of Diphtheria in the house

7th August 1891 It is reported that an outbreak of diphtheria has occurred in the Tenui School PP

31st August Reopened after 17 days school closed. No other cases reported the disease has probably died out in the district owing to having been judiciously dealt with at the outset, Prevention is better than the cure.

The attendance will probably be small for a time to come, because many parents are yet doubtful as the safety of their children's health. The school has been thoroughly cleaned and well fumigated with sulphur fumes and as the house has under gone similar treatment doubtless all forms of the disease had been expelled. Mr McGuigan having left the district his children have been withdrawn

3rd September 1891 The Tenui School , after being closed for some weeks on account of an outbreak of diphtheria, has been re-opened PP

7th September Wood arrived for new outbuildings.

9th September Secretary of School Committee (Mr Hancock) called re drains, gravelling etc.. Work of erecting new outbuilding has commenced. Harry and Flo Bellis have not returned since the holidays.

15th September New outbuildings finished and opened for use-received towelling for use in the clay modelling.

18th September Helda and Roy Greenwood were admitted

24th September Mr Deane wrote re length of Children's home lessons- have decided to give Home work only to those whose parents are wiling they should prosper

12th October Flo Deane admitted 40 on roll. 30 in attendance

22nd October The School Committee have not yet had the repairs executed nor the gravelling done, although the funds for the work have been available for some time past. 3 panes of glass have

recently accidently broken (1 by a marble, 2 by the cricket ball) The glazier is badly needed

3rd November Alex Southey commenced.

6th November Harry Bellis withdrawn from roll Fred O'Conner has attended only one day this quarter and Flo Bellis none.

9th November Closed in honour of Prince of Wales birthday.

11th November Attendance bad consequent on the weather which is horrible! Many of the children are suffering from an infectious but probably not dangerous eye complaint, the fire was lighted (sic) today, bitterly cold

16th November Influenza (La Grippe) prevalent both among children and adults being so sever in some cases to require medical skill

24th November Notified that committee meet on Saturday Evening next- requested to furnish names of children who broke the windows.

25th November Only one of the infants present

27th November 23 present Digby Stilborn has been withdrawn services required on the farm.

3rd November Committee decided to have necessary glazing in school and house carried out- also to procure locks for door and cupboard. (Rev McPherson, introduced through Mr Blair, Chair Wellington Education Board called) Midsummer holiday commenced from 21st December for 3 weeks. This is unusual but will be beneficial in making up for the time lost in August last

3rd December The Committee I am pleased to learn intend enforcing the compulsory clause if the attendance does not improve after the Xmas Holidays

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11th January Reopened after an interval of 5 weeks. Influenza prevented carrying out my suggestion of November 30th. Millie Holmes and Flo Moore have been admitted

12th January 24 present. About a dozen have yet to put in an appearance. Sold books etc.. to Burling 2/-. N Owen and A Smith detained till 4 p.m. for neglect of home exercise books. During the holidays the windows have been glazed with the exception of one in the schoolroom. I notice the glazier has cracked two panes in placing them but as the committee has not yet passed the works I presume it will be rectified.

15th January Had an accident with the infant's clay. During the recess it had become too hard for use and placing it in water to soften it I used too much of the fluid but probably I shall be able to save some of the mud. Parcel from Holmes. New lock for cupboard door.

18th January After a prolonged drought welcome rain has fallen. W Bell and L Southey caned for lying. I am to enquire from Secretary of Wellington Education Board school boundaries of the district for purpose of enforcing compulsory clause.

19th January Many children late this morning so I took steps to prevent repetition.

21st January School to be closed tomorrow to honour the Provincial Anniversary. Meeting of School Committee summoned for Saturday 23rd inst..

25th January Heaviest rainfall for some months. School treat has been fixed for the 17th February

3rd February R Cameron punished for bullying. This is a vice in boys which I strongly condemned and serve the culprits according to their merits

I think in scattered districts it is a hardship to the teacher to be paid on the present system, Where he is remunerated according to the "Strict Average" not by the "Working Average" he would not have to suffer for the idiosyncrasies of the "Clerk of the Weather"

8th February The weather is wretched.

12th February Average for the week is 24. Such is life. If the parents take no interest in their children's work and progress (plus attendance is the backbone of the progression) how can they expect the teacher to do so,

11th February Possibly the near approach of the school treat has prompted parents to send their children for this week

23rd February No school Friday, Monday or Tuesday. The inclement weather compelled postponement of the treat till Monday and Tuesday had to be spent in suffering a recovery. I hear that many of the children were present throughout the dance held on Monday and which did not break up till 5 a.m. on Tuesday. Acknowledge receipt of chemistry apparatus and also memo re floor area.

4th March Residence visited by the Board's Carpenter who was not charmed with the "barn"

10th March School closed as I had urgent private business to conduct in Masterton. Obtained from the chair the necessary permission-very sorry to be closed so near to the exam but such matters cannot be obviated.

14th March Flo Deane has attended 0 times this term Her parents have moved further away and it is too far to walk.

17th March. Notwithstanding the general holiday in the District the attendance is good, pointing to both parents and children's appreciation of the approaching exam.

22nd March The weather very unpropitious 32 present. Inspector Lee examined the school, but the results, together with my comments upon them will not appear until I receive the report.

23rd March 18 present. Many of the children staying away because the exam is over. F Norton punished for prevarication, but not till he had received several warnings.

24th March Resigned my position (3 months' notice) as Master of this school, because in my opinion the Board's inspector is both prejudiced and partial.

1st April Closed to enable the children to attend the Whakataki School Treat.

4th April New pupils Gerald and Winnie Wickstead

5th April Mr Hancock (Chairman) visited the school and apparently satisfied with the state of matters. The work of gravelling has commenced some twenty dray loads having been placed around the school

6th April The men are still carting and laying gravelling around the school and house- to the last at least it will be a great benefit.

8th April Closed half day for distribution of prizes.

12th April F O'Connor's attendance is really shameful, more especially as he is so backward for his age, nearly fourteen only through Standard 2

20th April Several of the elder pupils absent not yet returned from holiday,

26th April 1892 Teacher at Cross' Creek, Mr. Samuel Turkington, formerly of Te Nui PP

27th April 1892 A report from Mr. A. McDougall on the condition of the teacher's residence at Te Nui was adopted, and it was decided to carry out the repairs recommended by him PP

9th May The river higher than I have yet known it. R Cameron Skylarking in the porch broke a window.

13th May Received the inspector's report, my comments on it were sent to the Committee and forwarded to the Board. (*No copy in log*)

2nd May R Cameron left for College. Syd Young again in the wars. This time W Collerton kicked him in the mouth whilst playing during the luncheon recess

23rd May Holiday tomorrow in honour of Queen's Birthday

27th May Received answer from the Board re my effusion upon Mr Lee. How hopeless for a soldier to combat his superior officer? The teacher is in a like predicament, or rather worse. What wish Boards and Committees Inspectors and Committees, Parents and pupils he's between Satan and the Deep Sea!

20th May No firewood has yet arrived although it is now in the depth of winter.

3rd may Southey brought firewood.

1st June Had the first fire of the season and very acceptable it was. Notice posted re breaking windows.

3rd June Chas Bell started. Making 40 on the roll. Willie and Bella Homes reprimanded for playing truant!

6th June Bert Collerton left for Masterton

10th June Weather worse and worse. Only 7 present.

13th June Roads are heavily coated with mud, that in many parts it is impossible for children to wade through, Severe colds very prevailing

21st June Shortest Day of the year but weather is superb

30th June School closed today until 1st August inst.. and here make my final entry, and severe my connection with Tenui. George H Pope

5th July Assumed charge of School Property belonging to the Board Albert Thomas Hancock, Chairman Committee

1st August Handed over charge of school to Mr Joplin

Mr Joplin taught at Korokoro School at Petone in 1878 and was first teacher at Petone in 1882 which he left in 1886 or early 1887 for England. Whilst there his wife died. He returned with a new wife and was appointed head teacher at Tinui.

Opened school today. Beautiful weather.

12th August Gave the whole school a Natural History Lessons Camel

26th August Appointed Teacher at Cross' Creek, Mr. Samuel Turkington formerly of Tenui after spending two years at Otago Training College. PP *Mr Turkington died in 1912 at Mahoe, Taranaki, he was killed in a horse accident*

31st August 1892 The carpenter was instructed to effect repairs to the residence at Tenui

21st September Mr De May, physical drill instructor, attended today and gave instruction to the scholars

Mr Mangnuson (Whakataki) and Miss Colwill attended.

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9th January Opened school after three weeks holiday

23rd January The school was closed today. Anniversary of Wellington

17th January Joseph Collerton fell into the river, escaped with a ducking

10th February Dense smoke owing to bush fires.

1st March Mr De May visited and taught the children several new exercises. Me Magnusson and Miss Colwill were present

3rd march The annual school treat held today.

20th March Mr T R Fleming inspected. Notes included.

a) 28 were presented, 20 passed, 5 failed and 3 were excepted

b) There were 50 children present, none on the roll were absent

25th March Received plans and specifications of proposed alterations and repairs

30th March Highest attendance for the quarter 50

14th April Closed the school so that children could attend the Whakataki school treat

18th April received a small globe from Mr Chatwin, Taueru School

21st April This afternoon Mr Hancock chairman of the School Committee presented the prizes in the presence of a few of the children's parents. Mr Deane wrote asking that his children leave at 2.30 each afternoon during the winter.

9th May Received Physics apparatus

23rd May Arrival of my family from England

26th May Holiday for me to get house ready for my family

31st May The carpenter commenced alterations and repairs to the residence

31st May 1893 An application for a new range for the teacher's residence at Tenui was granted. PP

2nd June Alice Schofield and her brother Sydney were thrown from their horse, today. Sydney escaped but Alice was very much shaken. Mrs Joplin put her to bed, and at 2 O'clock, she and her brother went home.

6th June Last Night Monday owing to the contractor removing the old roof of the residence, the rain came in all the rooms in torrent necessitating myself and wife rising at 2 a.m. to remove our effects and save them from damage. We removed them into the school and about 9.30 or 10 a.m. Messrs Newcombe, Moore, Perry and Mason, Members of the School Committee, advised me to take my family and furniture into school and reside there until further notice. We complied with the suggestion. The Committee also instructed me to break up for the midwinter vacation the same day. They would advise me when to reopen. The chairman Mr Bellis called later on and informed me that he would explain the circumstances to the Board.

24th July Reopened school after 7 weeks holiday owing to my family being compelled to reside in the school until the roof was put on the residence

4th August Very Wet Arbor Day passed by unobserved.

9th August Mrs Joplin Taught sewing today and last Wednesday

18th August Left school, Annie Rose in Masterton Hospital very ill

25th August Very few children present today. No doubt the reason can be attributed to the Sale of Work held in the Public Hall

5th September Nellie Deane returned to school after being absent 13 weeks

6th September Drawing examination today. Mr Bellis chairman of the School Committee was supervisor.

27th September Mr Young wrote complaining of the treatment his boy Sydney, had received from the lads on their way home from school He charged the Collertons, especially Tom, with having pushed his son in the mud. On enquiring into the matter all the boys in the school denied interfering with Sydney.

4th October The school was closed on the 4th, 5th and 6th as I had to attend the Masterton Court as witness in the case of Trathen V Thompson. The chairman kindly gave me permission.

9th October Very warm

16th October The measles have broken out in Tenui and several children are absent

20th October Mr Turnbull, Board's architect inspected the residence today and seemed well satisfied

30th October Admitted Bernie Schofield

9th November School closed today Prince of Wales Birthday

10th October Fanny Bellis, Mary Watson and May Nicholls passed in Freehand, First Grade, at examination held in August

30th Oct Average Roll for month 3.3 On Roll 53

4th December Very wet Only 11 present

8th December Disher brought some metal for the wet weather sheds.

12th December The school was closed this afternoon to enable the children to attend the funeral of the late Miss Bellis, eldest daughter of Mr Bellis, chairman of the School Committee

13th December 1893 In accordance with the recommendation of the local committee, Mrs. Bell was appointed sewing teacher at Tenui, and the erection of a fence and outhouse at a total coat of 10 pound was authorised PP

1894

24th January Opened School today after 6 weeks vacation

31st January Mrs Bell instructed the girls in sewing

9th February Sydney Young and Fanny Bellis left

12th February May Nicholls left

13th February Robert Owen First Year Pupil Teacher PP

14th February Mr Southey wrote objecting to his daughter, Mary, being taught sewing by Mrs Bell

15th February Mr O'Connor wrote complaining about the treatment his son Arturo received from Tom Collerton on his way home from school. Collerton denied the allegation

19th February 48 children present today

5th March Admitted Eliza and Mary Dickens

6th March Mr De May drill instructor visited the school today and instructed the children in drill. Mr Mangnuson was present.

22nd March Dismissed the school for Good Friday and informed the children it would reopen on Easter Monday and after the examination the school would be closed for two days in lieu of Easter Monday and Tuesday

14th April Admitted two new scholars James Power and Gertrude Sercombe

19th April 57 present today

20th April Closed the school this afternoon to enable me to assist in preparing the hall for the children's social in the hall.

23rd April Messrs Bellis, Hancock, Wickstead, Bovie, Perry, A Nicholls and Raleigh were elected members of the School Committee

25th April 1894 The appointment of a pupil teacher was authorised

27th April Mr Perry attended the school this afternoon and distributed the money won by the children on the school picnic day

30th April Mr Deane requested me to allow his children to leave at 3 O'clock every afternoon during the winter

2nd May Allowed the children to leave at 2.45 on account of the funeral of Mr Stewart who was accidently shot whilst pig hunting last Sunday.

3rd May Mrs Smith requested me to allow her children to leave at 3 pm every winter afternoon

7th May Mr Forman requested me to allow James Power to leave school at 3 O'clock during the winter.

18th May Mr Southey requested me to allow her children to leave school at 3 O'clock during the winter

21st May A sharp shock of earthquake was felt in school today at 9.45 a.m.

4th June On the votes of the children for the best behaved boy in and out of the school. I awarded Mr Blair's Special Prize to Joe Schofield

6th May Mary Ann Moorcock had a fit this afternoon. I attended to her, and administered diluted brandy, which strengthened her. Sent her home in charge of Nellie Knight

7th May Alice Schofield was suddenly taken ill. Sent her to the house, my wife put her to bed and she remained all night, going home this afternoon.

13th June Master Ronald Owen commenced his duties as pupil teacher in this school today

14th June Mr Collerton asked that his sons Thomas and Joseph to leave at 3 pm each afternoon. Cyril Stilborn left school today

25th July Messers Raleigh and Perry, two members of the school committee opened up some drains to drain the playground and soon relieved the surface water.

25th July 1894 certain repairs were authorised to be done at the Eketahuna and Te Nui Schools PP

1st August Arbor Day. The school was closed. The children under the supervision of Messrs Hancock, Bellis, and Perry planted some trees, which had kindly been given by Davidson and Co Seed Merchants, Masterton and Mr D Speedy Flag Creek. Received books for school library for school holidays

10th Object lesson on liquids and gasses

17th August Science Pressure of the atmosphere

3rd September Very cold, strong wind from the south- each accompanied with snow, rain and sleet. Weather reminds one of an English November. Mr Perry visiting member visited the school today

4th September Messers Bellis chairman and Perry, members of the School Committee visited the school today

14th September Members of School Committee visited again

17th September. Martha McGuckin was very disobedient, and refused to attempt her work. I kept her in school when the scholars were dismissed, but she still refused to obey me. When she went home she told her mother that I had punished her severely. Her mother called on me, but she was so excited, that it was impossible for me to offer an explanation. After a while she cooled down and having listened to me, apologised and went home. I never shook her child to hurt her. This is a fresh instance in my 18 years experience

as a teacher that a girl has disobeyed me, and I hope it will be the last. "preserve me from a woman's tongue."

21st September Mr De May, drill instructor, visited the school today, arriving at 2.30 p.m. He exercised the children in "Swedish Drill". Mrs Nicholls sent for Elsie, as she objected to her daughter learning drill

1st October Admitted George Moorcock

12th October Closed the school this afternoon. Concert by scholars this evening in aid of school funds

15th October Entertainment last Friday a great success

20th December Broke up for mid-summer vacation. Eleven scholars left today owing to the establishment of an aided school at Mangapakeha which is to be opened after the vacation

1895

28th January Opened school Admitted 12 pupils.

29th January Mr R Owen pupil teacher was absent today owing to sickness

8th February Mr R Owen did not arrive until 10.15

11th February Mabel and Thomas Webb admitted

19th February Received 24 new books for school library. They were purchased out of proceeds from the concert.

22nd February The school was closed today to allow the children to go the Mangapakeha School picnic held at Mangapakeha. Messrs Nicholls, Lawson, Schofield, Smith and Hancock kindly lent vehicles to convey the children and their parents to the picnic

13th March Received a memo from Mr Webb complaining of Joseph Collerton running over Mabel whilst he was on horseback and stating that he would keep his children home until the arrival of his wife. On enquiry I found that Joseph Collerton was not to blame in the least. He was riding at a slow trot when he overtook several children on their way home in the luncheon recess. He shouted several times and warned them, but Mabel Webb, instead of getting out of the way, ran towards the horse, which struck her on the body with its chest. Collerton at once demounted and assisted the child. His father thrashed him severely without enquiring into the matter, but expressed his regret to me when he heard full particulars.

Collerton is a very good boy to his juniors and I do not believe he would injure one intentionally It was only on questioning Elsie Nicholls and Aileen Wickstead that I obtained particulars. Both girls saw the accident and considered Joe did his best to avoid it.

15th March T R Fleming Inspector Notes included

- a) Mr R Owen the PT is a beginner. The class is weak in reading, tables and writing
- b) In Standard 2 and 3 some of the children read very well.
- c) In some of the junior classes the books were held too close to the face in a reading lesson.
- d) In Standard 3 the regular attendees did very good work.
- e) In Standards 6 and 7 considering the attendance good work has been done for a small country school
- f) Grammar was moderate in Standard 7 and 6
- g) Composition was good in Standard 7 and fair in the other classes.

- h) Mental arithmetic was very fair, but the answers should have been given more quickly.
- i) I was very pleased to notice the great interest taken by the master in the children out of doors.
- j) Considering the irregularities of the attendance a satisfactory year's work has been done by the teacher
- k) Mr Joplin understands about grouping the classes.
- l) The registers are exceedingly weak. A new log book is required

28th March One of the most dastardly outrages of morality was committed by somebody on me this afternoon. Mr R Owen the pupil teacher, handed me a parcel which had been given to him by Mr Wickstead, who it appears found it in the office. Neither of them were aware of the contents, I was going into the school at the time. I received it so sent it to Mrs Joplin. On opening it she found to her disgust and astonishment that it contained filthy matter. Whoever the dirty sender was he succeeded in insulting us. The paper was wrapped up in paper similar to that used in stores, and my bread label as used as an address.

We have decided not to attend the school picnic tomorrow unless the perpetrator is discovered.

29th March The picnic was held in very bad weather.

1st April On Saturday I discovered who sent me the parcel of animal excrement. It was Fred Nicholls, a young man who attended this school. God help his morals. Whatever his motive is I cannot say.

4th April Annie Geange was very ill this morning so I sent her home, after giving her a little port wine

8th April Mr R Owen pupil teacher was absent today. He sprained his foot on Saturday at the school sports.

17th April William Bell admitted stealing two new knives from W F C A store. I saw his brother Charlie with a new penknife and upon questioning him that he did not obtain it by purchase. Arthur O'Conner too, had one, which he purchased from William Bell for twopence. The latter admitted after much prevarication, that he had not obtained them honestly. I returned the knives to Mr Larsen

18th April The school was closed today Whakataki School Treat

23rd April Mr Wickstead a member of the school committee, came into the school this morning in a very excitable state, and, before I could ask him to be calm, in the presence of the children, used language unfit for any man to use in a public place. Such conduct is most reprehensively at any time, by any person, but when it is manifested by one who shall endeavour to strengthen the hands of teacher by fair play as man to man, as a member of school guardians, it becomes unbearable. Not only in the school, but in the porch, did this amiable man use his abusive language. No doubt he was much relieved.

24th April 1895 It was decided that Messrs. C. R. Joplin (Tenui) and McKenzie (Mauriceville) should exchange positions PP

26th April The following is a copy of a letter I sent to Mr McGuckin: "This afternoon Martha, came to school at 5 minutes to 2. I asked her to explain why she was late, but she refused. I allowed her ten minutes to tell me, but as she still refused. I sent her home to tell her mother she was disobedient. I cannot understand why she refused to inform me, as I spoke kindly to her. I may say that

Maggie Webb, who came in school with here, informed me at once" Signed Chas R Joplin.

29th April Mr Owen did not arrive at school until 11.00

6th May Mr Hancock chairman of the school committee visited the school this morning.

10th May Mr Perry a member of the School Committee visited the school today.

15th May Took charge of School Property and Keys from Mr C R Joplin

Mr Joplin and Mr McKenzie of Mauriceville West were swapped schools by the Wellington Education Board.

18th May Handed over school property and keys to Mr J Mckenzie. Signed Albert Thos. Hancock

21st May Took charge of the Tenui School: 28 present in the morning. By direction of the chairman there was no school yesterday

22nd may Some of the children were late this morning

3rd June Five new pupils admitted today; but before marking the roll it was found that one of them Jane Madden was under 5 years of age' Her attendances therefore will not be counted and the name will be removed from the roll

11th June The School Committee have decided by Resolution that the school hours will in future be from 9.00 to 3 p.m.- The School Committee has also decided to supply pens and blotting paper for the children and foolscap and envelopes for official correspondence-gratis

22nd June Received from board Inspectors Circular Note: Sheet of diagrams and hints on how to use the physics apparatus supplied by

the Board. Hints on the use of the Chemical Apparatus supplied by the school; India rubber bladder to demonstrate the principal of the Brahma Press. And a lead cylinder fitting into a used cartridge for experiments- No connection with specific gravity.

25th June Roll 46 Children could not drill outside in the rain.

28th June Mr Perry a member of the School Committee visited today.

5th July Received from the Board of Education Manual of Gymnastics by Mr De May. Sheet of diagrams and hints on how to use the apparatus in Physics

16th July Mr Owen was ten minutes late this morning- entering the school at 9.10 a.m.

22nd July Mr Owen was 10 minutes late entering at 9.10 a.m.

There were only 11 children at 9.15- 23 present in the morning: 26 in the afternoon

23rd July Mr Owen absent today; he called at the school after 11.00 to say that he was ill

24th July Only 11 children present when Mr Owen entered at 9.5 O'clock

25th As above

26th July Only 15 children present when Mr Owen entered at 9.15 O'clock

The weather is not very favourable but the attendance is irregular and unpunctual

31st July Only 15 children present when Mr Owen entered school at 9.8 O'clock

Six pieces of glass tubing received from Board of Education

31st July 1895 A grant of 4 pound for outhouses was made to the Tenui Committee PP

1st August Only 12 children present when Mr Owen entered school at 9.8 O'clock

2nd August Only 16 children present when Mr Owen entered school at 9.8 O'clock

Received from Board three songbooks The First Blackbird, First Nightingale and Linnet

6th August Mr Owen arrived 9.15 only 17 children present

7th August Mr Owen 9.20

Note from Mr Hancock Handed over to Mr McKenzie 14 school records etc. all initialled by me which were taken from this school by Mr C R Joplin and returned to me on the 2nd July

In company with Messers McKenzie and Owen I assisted the children in planting 40 trees in the school and directed the school be closed for half a day.

8th August Only 3 children present this morning at 9.00. 16 present when Mr Owen entered school at 9.5 and only 23 present at 9.30. Some of the parents take offence when advised of children's absence by absence notes.

9th August Mr Owen came an hour and quarter late

12th August Received from Chairman for school use 25 steel pencil holders- Only 4 children present at 9.00 and 14 present when Mr Owen entered school at 9.10

14th August Visited school and made certain enquiries re a complaint against. one of the Pupils received from Mr A Southey. Note from Mr Hancock

More References to Mr Owen being late and the attendance when he arrived.

16th August Chairman of the Committee that the hours in future to be from 9 ½ a.m. to 3 ½ p.m.

With an interval from 12 ½ to 1 ½ for dinner. Mr Owen Pupil Teacher to be taught from 8 ½ to 9 ½ four mornings a week

19th August Mr Owen came to school at 8.45 – 15 minutes late

20th August Mr Owen came at 9.10 forty minutes late

21st August Mr Owen came to lessons at 9.15 45 minutes late. He had no homework prepared

26th August Six readmissions this morning. Two of them from Mangapakeha

4th September Received a new school bell

9th September There are now 58 on the roll

10th September Mr Langdon called about his son Harold's coat and which someone had hid last night

12th September By permission of the Chairman the children and pupil teacher attended Mr Harding's funeral this afternoon

Continual references to Mr Owen being late and having no Home Work

23rd August The "Taipos Hills are seeming nigh" again which is a sign of more rain

25th September Note from Mr Hancock Visited school at Mr McKenzie's request and found roof leaking in 4 places. Only 2 scholars present asked Mr McKenzie not to start school as rivers are in flood etc..

4th October Roll 58. 6 children are leaving soon for Masterton.

17th October Mr Owen came to school at 9.35 a.m. Mr Owen has done no home work since the 20th August

25th October Mr Owen was wet coming to school and had to go home again (an Hour) to change his clothes. A stormy morning and a small attendance

12th November There was no school yesterday which was observed as a general holiday for the Prince of Wales's birthday- the 9th inst. which fell on Saturday

13th November The day is very mild with light showers of rain. Only 21 present. Mr Owen brought a home exercise today (on arithmetic)- the first since the 21st of August

18th December The temperature in school today was 82 degrees Fahrenheit (27.77 Celsius)

19th December Mr Hancock informed Mr McKenzie that Mr Owen had received leave of absence for the day

1896

27th January School reopened after summer vacation. 40 present Mrs Bell not in school to teach sewing today. Posted her explanation of absence

28th January At 1 ½ p.m. the temperature in school was 86 degrees last night after ten O'clock the school thermometer stood at 90 degrees Fahrenheit

30th January Mr Owen taught singing today

17th February A hot cloudy day with no sign of rain: Only one wet day since Xmas. Mrs Bell taught sewing today.

18th February Received a packet of arithmetic cards- Mr Owen officially informed that he was successful at the late Pupil Teacher exams.

25th February Aileen Wickstead and Lizzie Collerton quarrelled and struck each other when going home from school this afternoon- They were brought back and reprimanded

3rd March A note from the chairman that Mr Owen has leave of absence from Noon Sent the chairman's note to Wellington. A very small attendance (17) owing to Whakataki races.

6th March The annual school picnic held in the grounds

25th March Mr Lee examined the school

26th March Mr Owen came to school at 10.00. 90 minutes late for lessons He says he was engaged with the chief inspector.

27th March Three children have left after the examination

16th April Mr Owen came to school at 9.30 a.m. 60 minutes late. He was engaged till late last night and early this morning conducting a concert and dances in aid of the Brunner Relief Fund. His lateness yesterday was in connection with the same

17th April Distribution of prizes and a half holiday in the afternoon by request of the Chairman. Sent the chairman's note to the Board Inspectors Report included

- a) 48 presented (Including 17 infants) 31 present and 22 passes.
- b) There was much talking and want of discipline during the examination
- c) It appears the control and general usefulness of the Head teacher are impaired by the actions of parents towards him and his position is becoming untenable and painful

d) The pupil teacher has much to learn and should show more energy

e) The school is considerably below its standard a year ago both in tone and attainment

1st April Mr Hancock wrote Visited school and found everything satisfactory, gave Mr Owen Leave of Absence on account of ill health

27th April A note from the chairman of School Committee this morning directing the school to be closed for today as a rain storm is raging and the rivers are rising rapidly.

28th April Note from the chairman to say that he had detained Mr Owen from school this morning to mark school prizes- sent chairman's note to the board

Mr Owen came to school at 1.40

6th May Mr Owen came to school at 9.45 a.m. 75 minutes late. Mr Owens says he fell off his horse last night. His note of explanation sent to the Board

13th May Mr Owen did not come to school until 1.45. He sent a note in the morning. Sent note to Board.

Continuous record of Mr Owen's lateness recorded in log

25th May A holiday today for the Queen's Birthday- A school concert in the evening.

26th May A note from the chairman requesting Mr Owen's Assistance in the hall from 10.50 a.m. during the rest of the morning sessions

1st June Instead of Swedish Drill today as it was very cold the boys were allowed to play Common and the Girls Rounders

4th June The school has not been swept this week

15th June Mr Hancock visited school and announced that the Committee intended strictly enforcing "The school attendance Act 1894" as from this date and requested the children to inform their parents Found the business of the school progressing satisfactorily, but only 30 children present

17th June Mr Broome and Mr Hancock visited and found that numerous repairs were necessary

19th June Messers Southey and Broome visited the school from 3 to 3.20 p.m. They are members of the School Committee

25th June Mr Owen came to school at 9.20 a.m. 50 minutes late for lessons. (Along with numerous other similar entries) The rain still continues. Only 12 children present during the morning session and six in the afternoon- The river is flooded.

24th June 1896 Petitions for aided schools at Te Ore Ore and Te Nui and a school near the railway station at Opaki, were left over till next meeting PP *Probably at Mangapakeha or Grassendale etc*

1st July Mr Owen came to school 60 minutes late for lessons. He says he has resigned his appointment as Pupil Teacher- that he posted his resignation last night.

20th July Too wet and cold to drill outside. Drawing instead.

29th July Informed the chairman that Mr Owen occasionally occupies himself writing essays during school hours instead of teaching his classes.

31st July Tenui was so much flooded today they was impossible to have school. The water was several feet deep in the playground.

3rd August A note from chairman requesting the school to be closed for two days as most of the children cannot attend on account of so

much silt etc. lying about the roads etc.. Sent the chairman's note to Wellington

5th August A beautiful day after the storm but only 8 present in the morning and 7 in the afternoon.

10th August Mrs Cross is displeased because her son Charles was slapped (two) on the hand for throwing mud at James Collerton during the dinner hour of the 6th inst.. Mrs Cross withdrew her son from the school when told that he could not be specially treated in the matter of school discipline.

In punishing Charles Cross there was no intention to ignore the committee's request of the 9th May- In admission to the boys admission there was visible evidence of his misconduct- Jas Collerton was punished too.

14th August Mr Hancock, chairman of the School Committee visited from 9.50 to 10.00

Mr Owen still occupies himself occasionally- today for instance- as reported to the chairman School Committee on the 29th Last This is contrary to the Board's regulations and to verbal and written instructions given to Mr Owen more than a year ago.

17th August Mrs Bell came to teach sewing at 2.50 p.m. 20 minutes late

18th August Maggie Webb was sent home for her book at 10.00 a.m. She did not return until 1 ½ p.m.

19th August Mr Owen occupying himself today as on the 14th inst. and 29th Ult. This is contrary to the Board's regulations and to verbal and written instructions given to Mr Owen more than a year ago.

24th August Mr Owen seems to have neither energy nor interest in his business.

Mrs Bell did not attend this afternoon to teach sewing from 2 ½ to 3 ½ p.m.

25th August Informed the chairman of the School Committee that Mr Owen occupied himself writing letters from 9 ½ to 11 a.m. instead of teaching his classes.

28th August School not swept since 21st

31st August Mrs Bell did not attend sewing today

1st September A note from the Chairman School Committee requesting the school to be closed today through respect for the late Mrs D Speedy who died on the 30th Ult. Sent the chairman's note to Wellington

3rd September A note for chairman School Committee requesting me to not open school today the weather being unfit for children to come. Complied with the chairman's request and sent his note to Wellington

There was only 1 child present when the chairman's note received.

4th September Still raining. A note from the chairman School Committee requesting not to open the school as the weather is still unfit for children to attend, No child came to school during the day- Owing to the severity of the weather etc.. The school has been open only 3 half days this week. The school has not been swept since the 28th, but it will be swept and washed this evening

7th September gave Mr Owen a copy of the Board's Rules and regulations with certain paragraphs marked. The grounds too wet and muddy to drill outside

8th September Mr Owen did not teach any from 1 ½ p m to 3 p m. He occupied himself writing letters or a letter from 2.5 p m to 3 p m instead of attending his classes. This is contrary to the Boards Rules and Regulations, a copy of which with marked paragraphs and marginal notes Mr Owen received yesterday. Mr Owen was told yesterday that any neglect of duty on his part would be entered in the log book

9th September Mr Hancock writes in Log. Visited school and lectured boys for their misbehaving themselves when returning from school yesterday informed them that the committee would deal firmly with similar cases in the future. L Southey complained he was punished severely yesterday, in the presence of Mr McKenzie and Owen I examined his hand and am satisfied that the complaint was frivolous and groundless. I believe the marks on hand were due to working with an axe or home manual labour, 36 scholars present
10th September Mr Hancock's entry on this page was made today (10th inst.) it appears on the 9th inst.,

11th September The school is now regularly swept every evening

16th September Mr Owen came to school at 1.35 p.m. 5 minutes late for business- and then sat on his chair until 2 ½ p m, leaving his classes to shift for themselves. There should have been an object lesson from 1 ½ to 2 ½ p.m. but Mr Owen taught none this afternoon.

Mr Owen though occasionally coming in time has taught no algebra this week. He is waiting to know from the Board's Secretary if third year Pupil Teacher's must take one of the optional subjects for class D exams. The schedule of work for this year (1896) seems definite enough

23rd September Mr Owens gave no object lesson today as per his own time table

Mr Hancock and Mr Webb visited the school Found shelter sheds and school rather dirty, we attribute to the want of metal the dirtiness of the school, the sheds require some railings keep stock out of same. 40 Scholars present

25th September The school was not swept last night. Mr Owen gave no object lesson this week: He does not adhere to his Timetable

28th September The boys played cricket and the girls rounders from 1 ½ p.m. to 2 p.m. instead of Swedish drill

2nd October The school has only been swept once this week.

Mr Hancock writes Visited school, got the assistance of 4 boys and cleaned out a water hole in the paddock opposite school, requested Mr McKenzie to give each assistant a 2d pencil. 28 scholars present. Warned boys not to interfere with a form placed on girls' side of playground

9th September The school has not been swept this week- not since the 2nd inst.. it is very dirty

13th September Mr Owen came to school at 8.40 a.m. 10 minutes late for lessons

16th September The school has not been swept since the 9th inst..

Mr Owen has not yet commenced to give lessons to his classes, though politely requested to do so on the 14th Inst.. He should have given an object lesson today.

21st October Mr Owen gave an object lesson from 1 ½ to 2 p.m. the first object lesson he has given since the 25th March- since the Annual Examination.

27th October Mr Hancock asked the girls if any of them would accept the sweeping of the school for 1/- a week.

20th November Visited school at the request of the Head teacher found W C in a dirty state and arranged for same to be cleaned.

4th December No school today on account of the General Election.

7th December The temperature was so high at 1 ½ p.m. 78 degrees F that the children could not drill outside in the sun.

8th December A note from the chairman School Committee to say that Mr Owen had leave of absence today owing to illness. Sent the chairman's note to Wellington

9th December Examined Mr Owen's classes. They are very backward especially Standard 2 in spelling. The reading of Standard 1 is weak Standard 2 has made no progress since Mr Owen took charge of it on 23rd October\

11th December The school has not been swept this week. It has only been swept once a week since the 27th September

1897

Tinui Public School, which was established in 1876, is conducted in a building of the ordinary style, to which is attached about ten acres of land, used as a playground and paddock. It has forty seven scholars on the roll, the average attendance being thirty-six.

Mr John McKenzie the Master in charge of the Tinui School, who holds a C1 certificate, came to the Colony in the ship "Tinui" in 1886. He is assisted by one pupil teacher.

Mr. Ronald S. W. Owen, Pupil Teacher at the Tinui Public School, was born in 1877 at Palmerston North, and was educated in the Colony. In 1894, after an experience in the office of the *Wairarapa Daily Times*, Mr. Owen was appointed to the position he now holds. He has ever taken lively interest in athletic sports generally, and is fond of literary pursuits, having acted as local correspondent for several papers. Mr. Owen is fond of poetry, and gives promise of considerable talent as a writer of verse.



MR. R. S. W. OWEN

Mr. R. S. W. Owen. NZETC.. Cyclopedia of NZ Wellington Provincial 1897

21st January 1897 A Teacher is also required for the Aided School near Te Nui salary, £42 and board and residence Forms of application must be obtained at this office PP

25th January 26 present

28th January Martha McGuckin left school without permission at 11 a.m. She did not return

1st February Mr Owen came to school at 1.45 p.m 15 minutes late for business

2nd February One of the windows was accidentally broken shutting it the morning

5th February The school has not been cleaned this week.

9th February Came to school (Mr Hancock) and found floor of school in a dirty state, 29 scholars present, noticed a lot of old dinner papers in Boy's Shelter Sheds a number of holes around the school and path to girls W C requires metalling this would keep the school cleaner Also Signed by Alfred Southey

11th February The Taipos indicate an approaching rain storm from the south

15th February Following poor exam results (listed) the following was written by Mr McKenzie,

Explained to Mr Owen in a respectful way that this is principally owing to the neglect of duty on his part, and that it is necessary for him to be more attentive to his business. On several occasions Mr Owen has been advised that private or personal matters are not to be attended to during school hours- that a teacher's time during school hours should be devoted to the instruction of classes

17th February Mr Owen officially was advised that he was not successful at the Pupil Teachers examination in December last.

18th February A Note from the School Committee to close the school tomorrow as the Committee propose taking the scholars to Castlepoint for an excursion. Sent the chairman's notes to Wellington

19th February no school today owing to the excursion referred to in yesterday's entry

22nd February Mr Hancock wrote I visited the school and outbuildings, found everything satisfactory, gave out book accounts to scholars and informed them that books etc.. could be procured at the W F C A stores until further notice.

23rd February Relieved Mr Owen of Standard 2 but requested him to give one lesson of arithmetic each day to Standard 2

1st March Martha McGuckin and her sister Margaret whose names have been removed from the school roll came to school this morning and gave me a letter signed by their father Hugh McGuckin. The letter in substance requests the teacher to let their father deal with the girls and advise him (their father) by letter when they misbehave. Margaret was told by the teacher that she might go to her seat unconditionally and Martha was told that she might go to her seat after publically apologising for insolent language to the teacher on the 28th January- Both girls then (by permission) went home to refer the matter to their mother, and in the afternoon their father came to school. When he understood the nature of Martha's offense he said he would make her apologise

2nd March Martha McGuckin came to school this morning with her brother and sister, who were at once admitted, but Martha would not apologise for her misconduct on the 28th January and her name was not entered on the roll

4th March. Mr Hancock wrote. Visited school and outbuildings, found same satisfactory, noted teachers entry re Martha McGuckin Obtained detailed explanation from Mr McKenzie and Mr Owen and confirm and approve of the Head Teacher's action with same, have

been informed that should Martha McGuckin again attend school a number of parents will withdraw their children

8th March Advised the Board that Mr Owen will not attend for any more lessons as Pupil Teacher

9th March Mr Owen not in school today- Sent his note of explanation to the Board

10th March Too wet to take the children out from 11.00 to 11.10 a.m., but dismissed the infants at 11.50 a.m.

James Collerton who went home for dinner at 11.50 a.m. returned shortly after 12½ p m and was only a few minutes in the playground when he broke his arm jumping.

11th March Margaret McGuckin was sent for a Copybook at 9.50 a.m. she did not return again to school

Mr Owen not in school today

15th March Arthur O'Connor left school without permission at 11 a.m. and did not return again.

29th March Another school year commencing today. Only 18 present in the morning-

31st March Mr Owen not in school today He said goodbye to the scholars yesterday at 3 ½ p.m.

5th April Mrs Bell did not attend to teach sewing from 2 ½ to 3 ½ p.m.

6th April Only 3 scholars present at 9 ½ a.m. 5 present at 9.45

9th April The school was very dirty this morning it has not been properly swept this week. It got a rub this morning (at 9.00) which only raised the dust

15th April Gordon Laing permitted to leave- to go home- at 2.50 pm as the river was then rising

17th April Two of the offices washed away by a flood last night. They may be recovered, Tenui was under water from 11 ½ O'clock last night till 4 O'clock this morning. Most of the school firewood was also washed away.

21st April Received a note from the School Committee chairman saying "On account of the boys out offices etc. being washed away by the late flood. Please allow the boys and girls to use the W C at rear of shelter shed until further notice.

22nd April The two out offices carried out away by a flood on the night of the 16th inst. were brought back to the school paddock today,

A note from the chairman requesting the school not to be opened tomorrow as the "Annual School Treat is to be held in the paddock."

Sent the chairman's note to Wellington

23rd April The annual school treat held today in Mrs Owen's Paddock, Prizes distributed in the Town Hall at 7 pm

12th May Florence Bellis went home without permission at 1 ½ p.m. Received for school use. A quire of foolscap and a packet of large envelopes, a quire of blotting paper etc.

14th May The school has been fairly swept every night this week but not properly dusted each morning.

18th May James Collerton who broke his arm while jumping in the playground on the 10th March returned to school today

3rd June Repairs to the boys' offices completed (Flood 17th April)

Gave A Smith and F Smith permission to go home at 3.00. They have to walk six miles.

7th June Inspectors Notes included

- a) The work of Standard 1 and 2 was of a moderate character. As the average is now below 40 the services of a Pupil Teacher are no longer needed
- b) Mr McKenzie has attended to his duties faithfully but the work of the school has been seriously hindered by irregularity of attendance on the part of the children
- c) Caused in some instances by the friction which seems to exist between Mr McKenzie and several of the parents.
- d) The school room needs a coat of paint. The chimney is still out of repair
- e) Two windows in the schoolroom are broken.

T R Fleming

9th June A Nicholls visiting member of School Committee wrote Found the W C in dirty condition and the school required sweeping. The W C's are covered in silt

9th June A note from Secretary of School Committee

- a) That one week's holiday be granted the children in recognition of her majesty's record reign
- b) That in future if any boy or girl attending the school... misconducts themselves that you write to the parents and explain their misconduct
- c) Sent the Secretary's note to Wellington

11th June The school is now swept and dusted three times a week: it is dusted, however, not in the morning, but immediately after being swept in the evening

29th June 1897 5 pound for shelter shed PP

12th July The seats and floor of the boy's out office which was carried away by a flood on the 17th April are still covered with mud and silt

13th July Maggie Webb, whose name was removed from the school roll on the 18th June, attended today, but refused to apologise for her misconduct and insolent language to the teacher on the 21st May, Her name was not re-entered on the roll

15th July The Taipos indicate a change in the weather which has been fine during the last 3 weeks.

20th July The Taipos and all the neighbouring hills are covered with snow.

27th July The bell rope was accidently broken this morning

27th September 43 present, 51 on the roll

5th October Robert McIntosh was accidently struck in the mouth with a Cammon (Hockey Stick) while in the playground 9 ½ a.m.

His mouth was so sore that he was permitted to go home with his sister at 11.45 a.m.

Mr Bellis, Chairman (School Committee) says he has sent to the Board for a supply of chemicals for experiments

9th October Metal spread around the school and shelter sheds: Also on the entrance from the road to the school

5th November Received a box of Week's ink powder 2/6 and a box of school pens 1/-

8th November Some arrangements should be made to have the school furniture regularly dusted. The school is swept three times a week but never dusted. It ought to be swept every night and dusted every morning.

24th November The weather is very warm but breezy and favourable for attending school but the attendance is unsatisfactory

3rd December Only 12 present at 9 ½ pm there might be 40
Albert Schofield went home with a sick horse at 2.55 p.m.

14th December The temperature in the school today was 76 Fahrenheit The weather is very fine and dry but the attendance is small only 30/50 present

16th December received two blue pencils for marking exercises from the School Committee

1898

17th January 1898 A pupil teacher is required at Tenui PP

24th January Temperature 76 (24.4 C)

25th January The weather is fine but influenza which is prevalent in Tenui, keeps some of the children from school

31st January earthquake sharp and short at 11 ¾ a.m.

1st February Heavy rain with great darkness from 2 to 2 ½ p.m.

The darkness was remarkable. At 2 ¼ p.m. it was hardly possible to read

18th February Advised that Miss Jennie Watson of Masterton has been appointed Pupil Teacher of this school

22nd February The attendance is very unpunctual: Only 14 children present at 9 ½ a.m.- A few weeks before the examination

25th February The Whareama River is nearly dried up.

28th February Miss Jenny Watson entered on her duties as Pupil Teacher this morning.

7th March Miss Watson dusts the school every morning.

Received from school committee a box of pencils (Slate), 6 penholders, a box of J nibs, and 5 small slates: The slates to be sold.

9th March The first heavy rain since November, but the river is still dried up.

11th March The river Whareama is now running. A very wet stormy day.

18th March The school has not been swept this week yet: the floor is very dirty. It is only swept twice a week Wednesday and Friday

22nd March The attendance this week is fair, but three children- the McGuckens have left for Masterton. Two boys from Mangapakeha have also left.

25th March Out buildings in very fair order also school. But it requires to be swept oftener than it is. Attendance 38. T Webb visiting member

28th March The windows required to be cleaned. Since her appointment Miss Jennie Watson's conduct and attention to business have been entirely satisfactory

30th March Annual examination from 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ a.m. to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ p m Mr T Fleming 40 children present. 30 in the standards: 25 passed.

6th April Note in log from Mr H Bellis Mr McKenzie please close the school today for the annual picnic and distribution of prizes

After the distribution of prizes the pass cards and certificates received today was handed by the chairman School Committee to the children who passed at the late examination

A copy of the chairman's entry of this date sent to Wellington

13th April Mr T Webb and I Perry and William Langdon visiting members. Examined all the outbuildings thoroughly found them in

very fair order and nothing offensive about them Decided to have the out offices white washed. Also found the school in good order

20th April Received a new blackboard and a new easel 4 foot by 3 foot- A new lock and key on the library press and on inner door of school. Two window panes frosted.

22nd March The school shelter sheds and out offices have all been painted. The work commenced on the 11th inst.. was completed this afternoon

26th March T C Webb visiting member. Examined the painting of the school shelter sheds, also examined the papering done in the master's residence and found that the painting and paper hanging had been done in a very satisfactory manner and according to the estimates for same.

Also examined interior of the school and found it in a very dirty state. Otherwise everything in fair order.

29th April Replied to a circular from Wellington Education Board on the introduction of the Complete system of Military Drill in all schools. Also sent a list of the boys attending this school who are not less than 4 ft 6 inches in height.

Received from the School Committee for school use 14/11 worth of stationery

4th May When the children were going home to dinner one of the boys was badly cut on the head with a stone- Pending instructions from the chairman School Committee the boy blamed for throwing the stone (Edward Collerton, policeman's son) was sent home for the afternoon

Note in log from Hugh Bellis Was at school today enquired into the complaint against. Edward Collerton about cutting a boy's head

decided to let Edward Collerton remain at school directed the Teacher not to report the matter to the Board

6th May Only 8 present at 9 ½ a.m. Miss Watson as she is not well enough to come to school

By direction of the chairman School Committee the boys were specially cautioned against throwing stones or other missiles either in the playground or anywhere else. Notwithstanding this James Collerton had to be called into the school during “small play” and punished. One slap on the right hand for throwing the core of an apple at another boy

9th May Received a Note from Miss Watson that she was still unable to attend school. Sent Miss Watson’s note to Wellington’

10th May All correspondence connected with what happened on the 4th Inst. sent to Wellington Miss Watson not in school today

11th May A note from Miss Watson to say that she is still unable to attend school owing to a sore throat. Sent Miss Watson’s note to Wellington

13th May Miss Watson not in school today, but she sent a note to say that her throat is much better and that she may be able to attend school on Monday

Sent Miss Watson’s note to Wellington

16th May Miss Watson resumed duty this morning.

20th The school has not been swept this week at all: The floor is very dirty

Two cords of wood provided for the winter

25th May D H Speedy and A Nicholls Visiting members. Visited school found girl’s WC required new pan. And School very dirty not being swept.

30th May Great rain since yesterday and the river in flood. Only 17-18 present. Too wet to drill in the playground

A note from Secretary School Committee requesting practice at 2 p.m. Sent the Secretary’s note to Wellington. The children left school at 2 ¼ p.m.. The roll had been marked before the Secretary’s note had been received.

3rd June A note from the Secretary School Committee requesting the teacher to let the children out this afternoon to attend the rehearsal for entertainment to be given this evening in aid of the school funds. Sent the Secretary’s letter to the Board

6th June Playground supervision- During the Dinner Hour the pupil teacher shall have charge of the playground on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

The Head teacher shall have charge of the playground every day during small play and also during the dinner hour on Tuesday and Thursday

No child is to remain in school during the Dinner Hour or Small Play. But on very wet cold days the Head teacher may suspend this rule in the case of the girls and infants in charge of the pupil teacher.

8th June A Note from the Secretary School Committee to say that Mabel Webb has agreed to sweep out the school every evening and dust it in the morning at price agreed by the School Committee

10th June The school has been regularly swept and dusted since the 8th inst.

14th June Today Mr R Horwill (Carpenter etc..) erected a urinal behind the boy’s shelter shed.

17th June A note from Secretary School Committee requesting the school to be closed at 11 a.m. to let the children attend Mrs

Mangnussen's Funeral. Closed the school at noon as the funeral did not reach the cemetery till 2 p.m.

20th June Instead of drill some of the children had a practice for a coming concert in aid of the school funds.

24th June A note from the Secretary of the School Committee requesting to close the school from 1 p.m. today As there is danger on account of the river rising and the country is in a state of flood. Sent the Secretary's note to the Board and closed the school at 2 p.m.

27th June Too wet to drill outside. It has been raining with little intermission since last week. Received from School Committee for school use one box of enamelled chalk.

28th June T Webb visited and found school clean (His daughter is cleaning the school)

18th July. Miss Watson to take charge of needlework

1st August A very cold morning: The hills around Tenui covered with snow.

5th August T Webb. Visited school inspected fence and found the work was going on very well found school and out offices in very fair order.

Florence Bellis and Thomas Webb granted leave by Mr Ward to get away at 2.30 p m

12th August The Taipos indicate approaching heavy rain: probably from the South

15th August A Note from Miss Watson Pupil Teacher asking a week's leave of absence on account of illness and a note from the Secretary School Committee recommending that leave be given. Both notes sent to Wellington

WAIRARAPA NEWS .

17th August 1898 © [by telegraph. — own correspondent Masterton. This Day. During the late heavy rains the Te Nui and "Whareama districts suffered a good deal | through floods. The damage done was inconsiderable, but very great inconvenience was caused to many settlers by the Te Nui river remaining unfordable for several days.

22nd August A letter from Miss Watson to say that she is not likely to return to Tenui.

31st August The dividing fence between the boys and girls playgrounds was completed about the 13th Inst. All the out offices were whitewashed inside about the same time

7th September A letter 6th September from the School Committee re W and E Collerton

Note from Mr Webb Attended drawing exam from 9.30 to 3.15 and carried out everything according to instructions Received a Letter from Miss Watson saying that she intends to return to Tenui on Friday the 9th Inst..... Sent Miss Watson's letter to the Board

12th September Miss Watson returned on the 9th inst. but left the next morning having obtained further leave of absence from the chairman School Committee

Too stormy to drill outside.

14th September A letter from Miss Watson to say that she has resigned her appointment as Pupil Teacher and will not return to Tenui.

Sent Miss Watson's letter to the board after showing it to the Chairman. The Taipos indicate approaching rain

16th September A very wet morning Only 4 present at 9 ½ a.m.

The school has been dusted only once this week.

A Memo received from the Board that Miss Watson would not return to Tenui

19th September A bright breezy morning, but only 8 present at 9 ½ a.m. There were 39 present during the morning session and 42 in the afternoon.

29th September 1898 Miss Jennie Watson resigned as Pupil Teacher PP

3rd October Received salary but not return the salary voucher, as it has to be signed by Miss Watson whose address is to be ascertained.

17th October In compliance with her request by letter dated Wanganui 10th October 1898, sent Miss Watson's cheque to her mother at Masterton (Te Ore Ore) and requested Miss Watson to sign and forward voucher to Wellington without delay. Sent Miss Watson's letter with advice on the above enclosed

1st November Forwarded monthly Report to the Secretary School Committee and asked the School Committee to insist on a better and more punctual attendance

2nd November Miss Catherine A Manning entered school as Pupil Teacher at 9 ½ a.m. Advised Secretary of Wellington Education Board

7th November T C Webb Visiting Member Attended school found everything in very good order, handed certificates to successful candidates. Found all had passed very well. Attendance at 3 p.m. 42 At the first grade drawing examination on the 7th September last 3 children presented in freehand passed. 4 presented in scale also passed. 7 presented in geometry all obtained excellent. 12 children worked 14 papers all together and none of them failed any subject Miss Manning took charge of the sewing and gave her first lesson from 2 ½ p.m. to 3 ½ p.m.

11th November The school was not swept last night. It is not attended to as agreed upon.

24th November Suspended the timetable from 1 ½ to 2 p.m. so that Miss Manning might give her first lesson in Indian Clubs

25th November Charles Bell left without permission at 11 a.m. Temperature 81° at 3 p.m. The hottest day this season

29th November A small attendance- Some of the children very ill with influenza and others stay at home for fear of catching the disease in school

1st December A note from the Chairman School Committee requesting the school be closed until further instructions as he thinks it is only spreading the influenza by keeping the school open. The chairman says that he has wired Mr. Dorset (Wellington Education Board) - School closed until the morning of the 8th

2nd December A note from Miss Manning asking leave of Absence from the 15th Inst. to attend the Pupil Teachers examination in Masterton

12th December received from Secretary a Steel Slate ruler and 6 copying pencils.

On the 8th Inst. and during the morning session Miss Manning sitting under direction at the teacher's desk was allowed to study on her own account The attendance on these days being 4 and 8 respectively

15th December The wicket gate at the entrance and the teacher's desk require to be attended to.

16th December Closed the school for midsummer vacation.

1899

23rd January Reopened School only 10 present in morning and 12 in the afternoon

On the 20th Inst. Mr R Howell removed (took away) some old windows which had been lying in the playground since the residence was rebuilt.

24th January T Webb Visiting member wrote. Visited school and found everything in good order also had a look through the children and found them all free from vermin and not as had been reported. Attendance 39 at 10.30 a.m.

27th February H Bellis Chairman School Committee Visited School today and found everything in good order good attendance and children appeared perfectly clean.

The school has been swept three times this week and dusted twice. At present the school floor is not clean- The girls in charge of the school have been repeatedly spoken to about keeping it tidy and clean.

2nd February Mr Bellis visited the school from 10.45 till 11.10

Temperature 84 degree (*29° Celsius*) And this with the door open and all the windows open

21st February Found 3 young weasels and their mother in the playground at 1 p.m.

27th February A fine morning but only 14 present at 9 ½ a.m. Although it is known that the examination will be on the 23rd prox.

10th March Received on the 8th Inst. from the Wellington Education Board 25 large and 25 small envelopes with “On public Service Only” and “The Secretary Education Board, Wellington” printed thereon

13th March Great rain since yesterday and the river flooded. Only 11 present

21st March C Bell and A Nicholls hid R Manning’s Cap Last Night. R Manning had to go home bare headed. Punished C Bell and A Nicholls- three strokes each and sent them to Mr Manning’s with the cap.

23rd March Annual examination from 9 ½ a.m. to 5 ½ p.m. Mr F H Bakewell M A examiner 50 children present 4 failed.

27th March Inspector’s Holiday- a very wet day.

29th March Received and handed out pass cards and certificates to those who were successful at the annual examination.

A note from the Secretary School Committee requesting me to close the school tomorrow for the children’s annual picnic.

30th March The school today Children’s annual picnic held in school grounds till 4 ¼ tea in the Town Hall at 5 p.m. after which the children dispersed- A very wet evening

7th April Commenced new drill- According to the Drill Manual for School by T W McDonald

21st April Received from the Board of Education for Kindergarten Teaching- 4 dozen sticks, 2 dozen boards and some clay for modelling

21st April Annual distribution of prizes and dance for school children in the Tenui Town Hall 7- 11 ½ p.m.

24th April 1 Inspectors Report included

- a) 1 Candidate passed Standard 7
- b) There was considerable weakness in the arithmetic in Standard's 3 and 4

- c) The standard of spelling in Standard 3 was not up to the mark.
- d) With these exceptions very fair average work was done.
- e) The condition of the school on the whole be considered satisfactory.
- f) As the appointment of the Pupil Teacher has considerably eased the work of the head master an improvement in the weaker subjects is anticipated for the coming year.

26th April In compliance with a suggestion in the Annual Report of the Inspector to Schools just received the teachers will see that all lunch papers, rubbish and litter etc.. are regularly collected and burnt. Advised Miss Manning re the above,

28th April received from the Wellington Education Board the following kindergarten materials.

1 Dozen needles, 1 bundle of sticks

2nd May Since her appointment as Pupil Teacher Miss Catherine Manning's conduct and attention to business have been entirely satisfactory. She gives promise of becoming a useful and satisfactory teacher and she is also able to teach plain sewing.

Recommend then in according with the Board's Regulations that Miss Manning's Appointment as Pupil Teacher be confirmed.

8th May Mr A Nicholls brought three loads of willow for firewood

16th May Received from Wellington Education Board a set of 9 tin models

Jane Bell permitted to go home after morning roll call on account of illness of her mother.

17th May 1899 Owing to the bad weather having set in, the re-erection of the much - talked .about Te Nui bridge will not be proceeded with till after the winter PP

19th May A load of Manuka for firewood left in playground from Rewi

23rd May Miss Manning gave first lesson in kindergarten

29th May A new axe supplied to chop firewood

5th June A quart bottle of ink (blue block) received for school use: price 3/6d

9th June Received from School Committee for school use- half a gross of penholders and a box of nibs- Gave Miss Manning for the use of his own division. 24 penholders and the same number of nibs- as directed by the chairman School Committee

14th June Very sharp frost during the past three nights: temperature 24° Fahrenheit on the grass last night

16th June More rain which makes the roads again almost impassable

22nd June Although the roads are in bad state the weather at present is mild: but there is sickness among the children of whom 17 are present today

28th July Owing to a long continued spell of wet weather the roads about Tenui are now almost impassable, and most of the children are unable to attend

29th July Advised the Board and the Chairman School Committee that Mr J Schofield has been politely requested not to send his children to school for some time as one of them (Bert) is reported to be ill with measles.

31st July A note from Mr Schofield stating that his son Bert is ill with measles- Sent Mr Schofield's letter to the chairman

2nd August Received from the chairman School Committee (by post) a packet of Hawke's Ink Powder (2/8) for school use.

7th August By request of the chairman School Committee (2 ¼ p.m.) a note received from him at 11 a.m. was forwarded to Wellington "without remark" as the children who had measles are now convalescent, and the local doctor does not think it is necessary to close the school.

1st September Received and handed to Miss Manning the Manual of preparatory and Physical Drill for Girls and for Standard's 1 and 2

27th September Received from Board of Education One box of No 117 beads and two boxes of No 231 Metal Tubes for kindergarten occupation. This completes a set of kindergarten apparatus

2nd October Received regulations for the organisation and control of Public School Cadets and For Instruction in Drill

19th October Very High Wind. Two of the principal houses in Tenui Mrs Adams's boarding house and a large dwelling house and store formerly occupied by Mr J Johnston, were burnt to the ground at noon- This unfortunate circumstance affected the attendance in the afternoon.

25th October For climbing on the dividing fence during the dinner hour Alex Southey was sent in to the school. He did not go when told, and for disobedience he got a slap on the hand with a rod.

31st October Advised the Board's Secretary that there was No School here today owing to a storm which still continues. 5 children came at 10.00 but the river rose so rapidly afterwards that their father considered it advisable to take them home again. No others came.

6th November received a Map of the Seat of War South Africa and a Map showing Railways through Cape Colony, Natal, Orange Free State, South African Republic and Rhodesia

7th November Fred Smith, Grace Smith and C Bellis permitted to go home at 2 ½ p.m. owing to signs of a storm

15th November A note from Miss Manning asking a day's leave of absence to attend a drawing examination in Masterton on 2nd December

24th November Sent Mr Varnham the truant officer a list of children who have not made the required number of attendances during October and November to date

28th November Miss Manning took charge of the singing and gave first lesson in the tonis solfa system

6th December A Nicholls Visiting Member wrote Visited school found things in fairly good order- attendance rather small.

8th December D H Speedy and I A Perry wrote as visiting members of School Committee Visited school and outbuildings Found that the tap of the tank in the girl's playground is out of repair, the nut and washer being lost, would recommend that a new tap be procured. Found the school clean. The attendance was 30.

The tank at the residence is leaning from the building. The stand on the outer side having shrunk several inches

14th December Miss Manning absent on leave to be in time for the Pupil Teacher's Examination in Masterton on the 15th and 16th inst..

1900

22nd January Posted the list of appliances for 1900, list of irregular attendees during last quarter of 1899. Posted also the Pupil Teachers' Annual Instruction Certificate for 1899

23rd January Thomas and Doris Hancock admitted

26th January Most unseasonable weather; stormy and cold: had to light a fire in school- The average attendance only 30 for the week

29th January Alexander Southey came to school today, but his name was not written in the attendance register

31st January The hottest day this summer. With all doors and windows open the temperature was 84° F (28.88° C) in the school

5th February Miss Manning received a memo to say that she has passed her Annual Examination as a pupil Teacher. Obtaining 100% in arithmetic. Miss Manning's Classification will be raised accordingly.

7th February Sent to Mr J B Emmett, Secretary Patriotic Fund Masterton a Post Office order for £2-13-8 being the amount subscribed by the head teacher and the pupils towards the Transvaal War Relief Fund.

12th February A note from Mr J Munro to say that by Doctor's Orders A Madden is kept from school for a fortnight as her sister Jennie has whooping cough.

22nd February A very fine day, but a small attendance: Some of the children in Masterton

2nd March In compliance with a request by telegraph from the Hon. J R Seddon the school was closed during the afternoon in honour of the relief of Ladysmith on the 27th ult (Wednesday) Sent the telegram to the board

5th March Received a copy of a telegram from Field Marshal Lord Roberts to the Hon J R Seddon thanking the children of New Zealand for their congratulations and good wishes on the success of British Arms in South Africa and Particularly of General Cronje's surrender

13th March Hugh McGuckin and Ernest Southey did not return to school after dinner

15th March During the play hour Clifton Bellis fell into the river, the wetting did him no harm

20th March Annual examination by Mr Lee- Of 42 children on the roll. 33 were examined and 25 passed

30th March Received and handed out pass cards to those who were successful at the annual examination on the 20th Inst. Posted pass cards to the Wicksteads and Smiths who are now at Poneke and Ballance respectively.

2nd April Alex Southey left without permission at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. he was punished (One slap on the hand) for talking and turning around to another seat after twice being forbidden to do so.

5th April at 3.5 p.m. Annie Perry was permitted to go home with her brother Rupert, who sprained his ankle during the dinner hour.

14th April Mr Lee's Report included

- a) In reading, singing and speaking some children drop h's
- b) No Standard 6 candidate could take Standard 6 arithmetic
- c) Spelling and arithmetic and geography were generally weak. Other work fair
- d) The school is in a backward condition
- e) A change in the Head Teacher of this school is highly desirable in the true interests of the school

19th April A letter from Mr Bellis Chairman of the School Committee requesting the school to be closed this afternoon so as to give the children an opportunity of attending the funeral of Mr Raleigh's Daughter- Closed the school as requested

24th April The following were elected to serve on the School Committee during the ensuing year. Mr D H Speedy, (Chairman) J Munro, J A Perry, W H Brooks, A T Hancock J P, A Nicholls and C Bell

14th April Thomas Hancock and W Brooks visiting members wrote Visited school and outbuildings found same clean, attendance small owing to bad weather etc., consider the grounds badly require draining, also some metal put in the gateway and on paths from school door to outbuildings.

23rd May A note from the Chairman School Committee requesting the school be closed on Friday 25th inst. in honour of the relief of Mafeking by the British Forces- sent the Chairman's letter to Wellington

25th May No school today

28th May Mr James Cameron left a load of firewood in the playground.

30th May Gave B Schofield and H McGuckin four slaps on the hand each for disorderly conduct during the dinner hour- climbing up and opening one of the school windows from the outside after being forbidden to do so by Miss Manning- H McGuckin afterwards went home without permission at 1 ½ p.m.

31st May First periodic examination according to a programme of instruction previously made out- Owing (Most Likely) to irregular

attendance the answering generally was weak except in Standard 5 and 7. The answering of one girl in Standard 6 was good.

7th June The weather continues cold and wet and the attendance is low. Some children who live a distance from the school cannot attend owing to the state of the roads,

14th May A letter from the chairman School Committee to say that in connection with the children's annual holiday and school treat tomorrow there will be a local sham fight (by adults) in aid of the school funds. Sent the chairman's letter to Wellington

29th June On the 27th inst. four members of the School Committee Messrs Speedy, Perry, Brooks and Hancock cleaned out the drains in the playground and opened a new drain in front of the shelter sheds. The new drain leads to the river and is to be covered in.

18th July No school today- Arbor Day; but so very wet and boisterous that no trees were planted.

25th July Punished Fred Smith- two slaps on each hand- for frightening some of the girls last night by pretending to make a horse run over them

1st August Miss Manning advised by Memo of 28th July that her services cannot be retained at Tenui after the end of October next, unless an average attendance of 40 children is shown for the September Quarter.

9th August During the afternoon the School Committee under the direction of the chairman Mr D H Speedy planted 116 trees in the playground- the members of the School Committee took part. Miss Manning and the children present were allowed the privilege of planting one tree each,

16th August 2nd periodic examination

24th August The Taipos indicate approaching heavy rain. The wild ducks too are flying towards the North

29th August Most of the children in Standards 1 to 4 are now provided with New Zealand Readers.

3rd September Advised that Miss Manning at present on the staff of the Tenui School is to be a pupil teacher in the Martinborough

6th September. Letter from Mr Speedy that Miss Manning has Leave of Absence tomorrow to allow Miss Manning to do some business in Masterton

7th September A copy of the Letter directs the teacher what to do under certain circumstances which so far have not occurred. A copy of the chairman's letter is on the reverse of the School Committee letter

10th September Miss Manning in School at 8 a.m.

A box of chalk being unsuitable is to be returned to Masterton

14th September Punished John and Richard Stratford (Two light straps each) for throwing mud on some of the girls going home last night.

20th September Mr Bakewell M A visited and inspected from 10 ¼ a.m. till 3 ½ p.m.

During the afternoon five members of the School Committee erected a protecting fence round the trees planted on the 9th

25th September Austin Nicholls tore his coat accidentally on the barbed wire fence which was erected on the 20th inst.

28th September A note from the Chairman School Committee requesting that All names at present on the school roll remain on the roll until further notice- sent the chairman's note to Wellington

3rd October One of the cords of the window next to the teacher's desk broke suddenly and without any apparent cause at 3 ½ p.m. Reported the matter to the Secretary School Committee

5th October Too stormy to drill outside: the wind has blown with Hurricane force since yesterday.

8th October Inspectors Report included

- a) Teacher Mr McKenzie Standard 7., 3
- b) Miss Manning On Roll 38 Present 27
- c) During the morning I heard the Headmaster give a satisfactory lesson in arithmetic.
- d) I consider that the quality of work would improve if more attention were given to
 - (i) Preparation of subject matter of lessons
 - (ii) Recapitulating and suitable questioning at termination of oral lessons
 - (iii) Blackboard demonstrations
 - (iv) Brisk Viva Voce work more particularly in such as subject as grammar
- e) The roof of the building leaks badly in several places
- f) The condition of the grounds reflects great credit on the members of the committee who have given so much of their time to tree planting, draining, fencing
- g) The rain comes through the roof of every room in the residence. I would recommend that the clerk of works inspect both roofs

F H Bakewell

10th October This being Labour Day is to be observed as a public holiday in all the Board Schools

2nd November Mr Perry and Hancock board members recorded. Inspected WC We found it necessary that same be specially cleansed of silt accumulated by last flood, school etc. cleaned, work apparently satisfactorily witness the presentation of a Brooch to Miss Manning from the School Children, brooch handed to her by the youngest scholar (T R Hancock) present

8th November Jane Bushby did not return after dinner. As a reason for going home she told some of the girls that she had the toothache.

23rd November Miss Manning ceased to be a member of the Tenui School at 3 ½ p.m. She leaves tomorrow for Martinborough where she is to enter on her duties as pupil teacher about the 27th inst.

18th December The weather which has been cold and wet since the 15th inst. shows signs of improving- a number of the children seem to be afflicted with toothache or Neuralgia- probably owing to unseasonable weather

1901

28th January A letter from Mr D H Speedy Chairman School Committee requesting the children attending Tenui School to wear a black band of mourning as a token of respect for our good Queen who died on the 22nd inst.- One of the best and greatest sovereigns of any age or country

29th January The children have complied with the request of the chairman School Committee

31st January Albert Thomas Hancock wrote. Visited school at Chairman's Request and read the official proclamation re Edward V11 Being proclaimed Sovereign of the British Empire, the

scholars sang God save the King and gave 3 cheers for our sovereign King Edward V11 Also at chairman's request gave the children a holiday tomorrow

2nd February D H Speedy wrote Attended school and had the bell tolled eighty one times from 11.30 to 12 O'clock as an expression of respectful sorrow for our late illustrious Queen Victoria 1 who is to be buried today, who was eighty one years of age on the last birthday.

12th February A fence around the girl's playground was finished today

20th February Grace Smith ill and vomiting in school- she got better after being allowed to rest awhile in the school grounds.

25th February The temperature at 9 a.m. only 54° F (12° C)

27th February 1901 J McKenzie over paid 95 pound. Current salary 195 pound PP

6th March Mercy Peat being ill was allowed to leave after 11 a.m.

6th March Fred Smith whose name at his Mother's request was removed from the roll last week, attended today: But his attendance was not recorded as he is undecided about attending after tomorrow

11th March The average attendance last week was over 27. Some of the children seem to be affected with a mild kind of influenza, owing perhaps to unseasonable weather.

15th March Posted claim for tuition of pupil teacher first of January 1900 to 24th November 1900

27th March Finished the examination of Standards 1-5 as per regulation 4

29th March Annual Examination Mr T Fleming MMA, LLB 28 children on roll 24 in the standards 2 Failures 1 in Standard 4 and 1 in Standard 3

1st April Note from the chairman School Committee requesting Thursday the 4th inst. to be observed as inspector's holiday. Sent the chairman's note to the board

11th April Great Frost last Night- The temperature at 11 ½ p.m. was 30° F (last Night) Tap repaired on boy's side of tank last night.

15th April On the 10th inst. a handle was attached to the tap on the boy's side of the tank: but the tap still leaks

23rd April At the Householders meeting D H Speedy Chairman J A Perry, W H Brooks, A J Hancock, J P. F Groves, H Dillon, and H Timms elected.

24th April A very fine morning but only five children present at half past nine

7th May Shortly after noon a great hail storm came up like a wall of ink from the South and lasted till 1 ¼ p.m.

11th May Received a map of Europe and a map of New Zealand

27th May A note from Mr Speedy to lend the Ngapopatu School a box of geometrical solids- gave Mr Langdon Chairman of Ngapopatu School the box of solids and sent Mr Speedy's note to the Board

29th May Mr Flemings report received. Included

- a) Past Year the roll number of this school was 42. This year it was 28 and is likely to decline
- b) Mr McKenzie's work in the past has generally been satisfactory. He has shown himself capable of teaching some subjects very ably

c) But the circumstances affecting the school (Already well known to the Board) have had an effect on his teaching capacity. The work in lower classes has suffered through the loss of the Pupil Teacher.

d) It would be better in the interests of the district to place this school in charge of a certificated and efficient female teacher, one able to teach Drawing, Singing and Sewing.

e) If Mr McKenzie were free from his present surroundings and had charge of a school where he had a pupil teacher to take the Junior Classes, he would be able to do much better work than he is doing at Tenui

f) Mr McKenzie informs me that there are several leaks in the schoolroom and residence.

g) Last Year Mr McKenzie recommended that the clerk of works inspect the buildings. This visit has not yet been paid

4th June Messrs Speedy and Brooks shifted the paddock gate on the opposite side of the road to make a better entrance for the children's horses.

7th June Messrs Perry, Timms and Hancock erected a flagstaff in front of the school (In the playground) this morning.

Ten loads of metal spread on the entrance and on the pathways round the school and shelter sheds etc. etc..

8th June Messrs Grove and Hancock delivered three cords of firewood (Green willow to mix with dry willow and manuka)

11th June Simultaneous with the landing of the Duke and Duchess of York in New Zealand (at Auckland) about 2 p.m. the national flag was hoisted in the playground by Master Norman Hancock the youngest boy present and gave three cheers for their royals

highnesses and after a few suitable words from Mr Brooks, visiting member, the children re-entered the school and resumed business
14th June Albert Hancock wrote. Visited school and found everything satisfactory, the gravel apparently doing good, the flag gaily flying.

Ethel Nicholls, who left school about three weeks ago (Parents joint note of 27-5-01) attended for examination yesterday but failed in arithmetic and spelling: She was also weak in writing and reading.

1st July received and distributed 28 medals to commemorate the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall- But there are 29 children on the roll.

17th July No School Arbor day per memo of 9th July. But no trees were planted as most of the available grounds is already occupied

19th July Raining yesterday and the rivers in flood. Only 6 children (Girls) present both morning and afternoon.

24th July Great rain last night and the rivers all in high flood this morning. The roads in some places are under water. Only 1 present in the morning and 12 in the afternoon

31st July 1902 It was decided to get a report on Mr. Young's suggestion that an aided school should be established at Tinui Valley PP

7th August Received the handbook of instruction and diagram connected with the life Saving Society, including a map of New Zealand (Showing the positions of all the lighthouses along the coast)

9th August A letter from the chairman of the School Committee to say that At a meeting of the School Committee held on the 1st August Miss Barnes was appointed sewing mistress to the Tenui

School. Sent the Chairman's note to Wellington and advised the Board that Miss E Barnes taught sewing here this afternoon. A note in Mr Hancock's writing "Entered on the duties as sewing mistress

29th August 1901 Mrs H Barnes sewing teacher PP

6th September A letter from the Chairman School Committee that his brother Colin has measles and that Miss Barnes will not be able to attend the sewing class after today for a week or two.

13th September Edward Madden permitted to leave before 3 pm – to look for some letters which he lost when going home yesterday.

23rd September Albert Hancock wrote. New Zealand Ensign received from Board the same was hoisted by Annie Perry and Bert Schofield, three cheers were given by the children, they then saluted the flag and returned to their lessons. Found everything satisfactory.

14th October William and Ellen Groves entered on the roll this morning.

30th October There has been no rain for several weeks and nearly all the tanks in neighbourhood are empty- Sheep and cattle still drink at the river but the grass is very short and dry.

1st November Miss Barnes resumed her duties as sewing mistress 2 ½- 3 ½ p.m.

7th November Some rain last night and a few showers this morning

14th November A very fine morning was succeeded by a fall in temperature accompanied by showers of hail and sleet- Snow Too, in the neighbourhood and heavy rain at night.

26th November received from the chairman a block of ruled correspondence paper

5th December D Speedy and I Perry visited. Found the school clean also outbuildings in good condition. Mr Perry raised the tank

(residence) to an upright position; Speedy put the bell in working order and greased the vane (Weather)

6th December Mr Hancock attached a new drinking mug with suitable chain on the boy's side of the tank.

13th December A note from Miss Barnes asking to be excused from school today as it is too wet.

Winnie Nicholls came to school on the 9th and her name was entered in the register before it was ascertained she only came for the day-her name was removed from the register.

1902

27th January Three new pupils, Norah, Maud and D H Speedy enrolled. 26 present in the morning and 23 in the afternoon.

30th January Ivy Stratford too ill at 10 a.m. and had to leave the schoolroom with Annie Perry for about twenty minutes. The morning was hot and sultry but there was no want of ventilation as three of the windows were open.

3rd February Bert Schofield who left school twice last year attended last Monday and today after roll call. But his name has not been re-entered on the roll as (He Says) he cannot attend regularly and is not likely to be at the coming examination. He says that if he can attend school during the winter he will try to be ready for the examination next year.

6th February Only 15 present at roll call this afternoon: most of the senior Children at the Funeral of Annie O'Connor a former pupil of the school who died rather suddenly from Rheumatic Fever.

20th February Ruth Perry and Kathleen Timms former pupils in school today (They come occasionally to learn bookkeeping) but their names have not been entered on the roll as they do not intend to present themselves at any future examination and their attendances are likely to be few and irregular.

28th February When returning to school after dinner Rewi Speedy fell and cut his forehead rather deeply on the heel of Edward Madden's

3rd March Bert Schofield who is present today now says that he wishes to be examined by the inspector on the 10th inst.

10th March Note from T R Fleming inspector. A fire screen would be serviceable in preventing any accident from the fire. Fires must always be attended to and not left alight in the school...

The boy's offices are smelling a little, but I understand from Mr McKenzie that when the river rises the pits are cleaned. The health department recommends pans.

21st March Mrs Barnes attended but gave no lessons as the girl's work is being examined for the annual prizes in sewing.

1st April received Excelsior Bold Feature Maps of Africa and The British Islands

3rd April Gave Clifton Bellis permission to go home with an urgent telegram after roll call.

11th April A very wet cold day: required a fire for the first time this year.

John Stratford who has to walk 6 miles was permitted to leave at 3.15.

14th April Note from chairman that School may be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the 17th inst. to allow the children an opportunity of

attending the ceremony in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the church at Tenui.

16th April Iris, John and Richard Stratford permitted to leave at 3 ¼ p.m. - They have to walk 6 miles.

The Stratford's came at 10 a.m.

17th April School from 9.00 as directed by chairman- Only 15 present in the morning and 9 in the afternoon

Annual distribution of school prizes in the Tenui Town Hall at 7 ½ p.m.

Ivy and Iris Stratford attended school this afternoon but the roll was just called before they came.

18th April Inspectors Report. T R Fleming included

- a) 16/19 passed exams
- b) 13 Primers
- c) 34 on Roll
- d) The upper school was generally satisfactory, but the children in the Primers are backward
- e) There were 4 in the Primers over 8 years of age, but these children live some distance from school and have not been regular attendees
- f) The work of the children in the Upper Classes is generally satisfactory but Mr McKenzie should be teaching in a school with a mistress to take the children in the lowest classes.
- g) His work this year is if anything a slight improvement on that of last year
- h) The remarks made in my inspection report of last year are still applicable

i) Mr McKenzie reports that the leaks in the school room have not yet been attended to

19th May Albert Hancock wrote as Visiting Member. The children belonging to A B Nicholls and Hugh McGuckin were not attending the required number of times. 27 children present

2nd June On the receipt of a telegram announcing the proclamation of peace in South Africa the school flag was hoisted and saluted with cheers and shouts of God Save the King

4th June Great frost Last Night and very cold this morning. Only 6 present at 9 ½ a.m.

11th June The long continued frost seems to be at an end and the weather is comparatively mild: But the Taipos look threatening

13th June Raining since last night and the roads and playground flooded- school opened at the usual hour: but no child attended. No child could safely attend owing to the flood and state of the roads. The fence in the girl's playground is entirely under water

18th June The young trees in the playground were much damaged in the late storm and flood. The senior boys are straightening up some of the trees with flax and manuka stakes.

8th July A supply of firewood (dry Willow etc.) received and stacked in the boys playground

A 17 ½ foot ladder presented to the school yesterday by Mr Knight (Mr Daniell's foreman carpenter) who had just finished the building of the new Anglican Church.

14th July Last night was the coldest night this winter. On a basin of water near the school the ice this morning was almost ½ an inch thick

22nd July A note from the chairman School Committee today that As some parents wish their children to attend the ceremony with the opening of the church on Wednesday 23rd the School Committee has decided not to enforce the school attendance act for this week.

23rd July There were 14 children present during the morning session and 7 of them returned after dinner; but leaving at 2 ¼ p.m. by their parents they were not marked present

7th August Attended at the school and presented the Coronation Souvenir Cards of the Coronation of King Edward the VII and Queen Alexander. The children then sang the National Anthem

A note from the Chairman School Committee stating that tomorrow is a holiday for the Coronation.

26th August Miss F Bellis had been appointed sewing mistress.

3rd September I H Sykes Visiting Member examined children in Composition' Found everything most satisfactory- Discipline very good

9th September A pane of glass in one of the windows accidentally broken while the boys were playing football during the dinner hour.

19th September Miss F Bellis gave her first lesson in sewing from 2 ½ to 3 ½ p.m. Owing to illness Miss Bellis was unable to attend sooner.

3rd October Mr Hancock member of the School Committee attached a new drinking cup to the boys' side of the tank and superintended the making of the drain at back of boys WC also at urinal to let off storm water.

13th October After a long and severe winter there are now some real signs of spring.

27th October About 11 ½ O'clock last night some man misconducted himself deliberately breaking a window in the sitting room of the teacher's residence after he (the man) had failed to open the front door.

4th November Note in log Mr J McKenzie died at 11.30 P.M. he had been in charge between seven and eight years.

5th November The Tenui School Committee has asked the Education Board to supply a teacher to take the place of the late head teacher, Mr. John McKenzie, who died suddenly from heart disease on Monday night. Mr. McKenzie had been in charge at Tenui for several years. Mr. H. Sutton is to take temporary charge of the school from next week. PP

OBITUARY.

Mr John McKenzie, Master of Tenui School

Many of our readers will learn with regret that Mr John McKenzie, master of the Te Nui School died somewhat suddenly an hour before midnight on Monday night. The deceased was 57 years of age. For many years he was in the service of the Wellington Education Board, conducting the schools at Mauriceville and latterly at Te Nui. Although up in years and enjoying rather unsatisfactory health, he was an exceptionally competent teacher and his qualifications, apart from his experience, were of a high order. For some time the school at Te Nui owing to the diminishing population, has been on the decline, and the reduction of salary, duo to a falling off in the average attendance rendered the position of the Headmaster most unsatisfactory. On his visit to the district, Mr Hogg, M.H.R., called on Mr McKenzie, and on Saturday they had a long interview on the subject of a transfer that would prove beneficial. On Monday, the deceased appeared to be in his customary health, and conducted the school as usual. His illness, late in the evening, was sudden; and his

end was swift, heart disease being presumably the cause. A widow and family—two girls and a boy—are left, we understand, far from well provided for.

13th November Formally gave Mr H Sutton the keys and charge of the school.

17th November School reopened this morning at 9.30 with an attendance of 26 scholars

Mr C A Perry member of the School Committee attended the reopening addressed the scholars and introduced the new (Temporary) teacher

25th November Election Day the school was closed for the day.

5th December Much rain for the last few days heavy rain today at 1.30 p.m. Girls at Much inconvenience took their club exercise in the hall. Miss Bellis failed to attend for sewing lessons this afternoon.

19th December Learnt that Laurie F Hill had been sent to school and played truant with his younger brother on Tuesday afternoon.

1903

Henry Sutton came direct to Tenui from Birmingham with wife Ellen. His daughter Ellen Maud was in Standard 7 at the Tenui school Edith Maud born 24/06/89. Last school Aston Birmingham. She married 1913 William James Hands who had come out from Birmingham as a Rev. Henry and his wife Ellen lived at Calcutta Street Wellington Henry Died in 1938. Ellen in 1943. W J Hands was working at Khandallah church in 1922.

24th January Mrs Crisp complained that the other children teased her daughter Sarah and behaved rudely to her.

26th January School reopened after the Xmas Holidays. Received from the School Committee six additional pairs of Indian Clubs for the use of the smaller children

6th February Miss Bellis sewing mistress did not attend this afternoon for sewing lesson. Girls did sewing without supervision

10th February Member of the School Committee assisted by Bert Schofield cleaned out the tank (at the back of the school) which supplies drinking water for the scholars. The water was very dirty

14th February The school clock which had been taken away at the beginning of the last holiday to be cleaned and repaired was returned in good condition and rehung.

20th February Mrs H Sutton having been appointed by the School Committee to succeed Miss Bellis (resigned) to charge of the girls sewing

The average attendance was low owing to several scholars who went to the agricultural show in Masterton

21st February a new axe and new saw for cutting firewood were supplied by the School Committee

3rd March Albert Hancock visiting member wrote. Slight smells at WC's, think the School Committee should at once order timber to make culverts for the open drains near shelter sheds.

6th March Mr F H Bakewell inspector wrote.

- a) I found the school in a very depressed state
- b) Class subjects are very backward
- c) In view of the extremely backward state of the children I would recommend Mr Sutton to group his classes

- d) Mr Sutton has by no means an easy task in front of him and I trust that he will receive every assistance from the Committee and Parents in carrying out his arduous duties.
- e) The condition of the exercise books and drawing books, slates etc. would indicate a lack of proper supervision and systematic instruction in the past
- f) The new teacher Mr Sutton is alive to the requirements of the case

18th March Roll 39

26th March Leo and Richard Stratford- arrived at 11.30 this morning. Their attendances were therefore not recorded. They had been delayed by some difficulty in catching their horse.

3rd April Owing to rain falling this afternoon, drill was postponed till the afternoon of Monday April 6th

14th April A small supply of firewood for school was brought by Mr Belliss

18th April Sent to Wellington Education Board re the disposal of the contents of privy pans and cesspits

23rd April Sixteen pupils were permitted to leave at their parent's requests at twenty minutes before 3 O'clock in order to attend the harvest Festival Service in the church at 3 O'clock

24th April School was closed for the day with permission of the Wellington Education Board. After sports in the afternoon, the children adjourned to the Public Hall for tea about 5.30 Prizes were distributed by the Rev J H Sykes and the evening closed with games and dancing

8th May A fire was lighted in school the first this season

Man arrived from Masterton to carry out certain repairs to school and residence

13th May Boy McGuckin unable to use right hand, which was trodden on by the pony yesterday. During the dinner hour McGuckin trod on Rupert Perry's wrist which deprived him of the use of his right hand this afternoon

13th May Received instructions from the Wellington Education Board for the due observance of "Empire Day" on the late Queen's birthday- May 24th. This year the day will be deemed to be May 25th as the 24th falls on Sunday

19th May Learnt that Arthur Schofield, who broke his leg a few weeks ago is to be sent to Wellington for school, until after the next midsummer holiday

25th May Empire Day The scholars assembled at 9.30. Two members of the School Committee (Messrs Hancock and Perry) attended. After a short explanatory address in school, the pupils formed in line round the flag and sang the National Anthem. After giving three cheers for the King and a second salute, the children were dismissed for the remainder of the day.

28th May William and Ellen Groves arrived at a quarter before twelve, too late for their attendances to be registered. They travel about 4 miles.

3rd June Prince of Wale's Birthday. Owing to an oversight of the Board's regulation, morning school was held as usual. The discovery that the day should be observed as a holiday, was made during the morning The scholars were dismissed at 12.30 for the remainder of the day

5th June Boy Lester Forman again too late to have his attendance registered. Arrived at 11.45 a.m. Comes about 7 miles to school

8th June Visited the school and grounds. Found all the closets etc. in clean condition, the boys urinal requires a new downpipe, as at present there is a deal of smell through the downpipe being blocked. Both taps on the tank are leaking badly the one on the boys side is turned half round The school was as clean as can be expected at this time of the year with sloppy roads. The attendance was 34. School Committee visiting member

24th June Another wet morning after a rough, windy and stormy night. Tom Hancock fell into the river, which was very full during the dinner hour. He was sent home and did not return for the afternoon

30th June Ethel Maud Mason of Whakataki attended school this morning but as she only intended to attend for the remainder of the week her name was not entered in the register

29th July Fourteen scholars were absent in the afternoon after attending in the morning, in order to attend the funeral of a former pupil of the school, Edward Madden, who was unfortunately drowned when attempting to ford a stream while in full flood

5th August In accordance with the wish of the School Committee, the children were strictly forbidden to go near the river in future.

26th August The boy Alfred McIsaac received four stripes on the hands, as a punishment for a second offence in making use of dirty language

25th September Every scholar on the roll was present today. 40 children

9th October The scholars having received subscriptions from parents and friends in the district to the extent of £5, this day secured a new set of cricket things and began play in the school ground

15th October Ellen Groves owing to severe tooth ache was unable to do any lessons during the holiday

20th October Edith Nicholls received a blow on the head from the cricket ball, during the dinner hour, and was unable to the lessons in the afternoon.

20th October Sent to the Wellington Education Board sketch plans showing area of floor space in the schoolroom and in each room of the teacher's residence

18th November Maud Schofield owing to some difficulty, in catching her horse, did not arrive at school until 11.30 a.m.

A thunderstorm with heavy rain, came on during the dinner hour, and several pupils did not return for the afternoon.

Owing to the teacher suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia the scholars were left to continue their work, without supervision from 2.15 to 3.20 when they were dismissed

11th December No less than five children were suffering from the toothache at times during the day

17th December A workman appointed by the School Committee was today engaged in making a culvert in front of the boys' and Girls' sheds and in deepening the drain across the boys' playground

1904

25th January School reopened. 37 present. Owing to measles in the house Austin, Edith and Ethel Nicholls were unable to return to school at present

26th January Six of the pupils did not return in the afternoon, having gone to Blairlogie on the occasion of opening the new church

1st February Dick Stratford did not arrive until 11.50. He had been delayed by the lameness of his horse. In the afternoon Dick Stratford was too unwell to do his lessons and therefore went home

8th February Alfred McIsaac received 4 strokes on the hands for taking an apple from another boy's kit. He has been several times warned against stealing from kits in the porch.

15th February Attendance for the day fell to 21 due to unsettled weather, combined with measles, influenza, illness after vaccination, the attractions of the show at Masterton and in one case to chicken pox

16th February Teddy McIsaac who was taken ill with chicken pox only three or four days back, appeared at school with scabs still unhealed. In accordance with a resolution of the School Committee, requesting the teacher to enforce the proper quarantine in cases of infectious diseases, he and his brother Alfred were sent home with a note requesting the parents to keep them at home during quarantine.

17th February A workman appointed by the School Committee commenced to cut down the willows along the bank of the river at the far end of the playground.

5th March The desks, walls and floor of the schoolroom were well scrubbed today

9th March The quarterly examination commenced today- results to be submitted to the inspector at his visit on the 16th

Several men were engaged in cutting down the willows along the river bank today

School windows were cleaned in the afternoon.

15th March The girls took sewing for the last hour today, at the request of the sewing mistress.

Received word after afternoon school that the inspector owing to a family bereavement would not be able to attend next day.

23rd March Annie Perry and Edith Sutton passed Standard 7

30th March Annie Perry met with an accident during morning recess. She ran against a post while trying to catch a ball, and severely bruised her eye. She was unable to do lessons for the remainder of the day.

6th April Annie Perry returned after her accident a week ago

7th April Weather very wet, River in flood. Only 2 children attended in the morning, seven in the afternoon.

8th April The annual children's treat and prize distribution took place today. Sports were held in the open air and at 5 O'clock the children adjourned to the hall for tea. This was followed by singing, recitations and dancing. At 10 O'clock the parents and friends took up dancing for the rest of the evening

The school was closed for the day

15th April Girls took sewing for two hours from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

The chairman of School Committee (Mr Speedy) assisted by his workman, spent all day yesterday and all this morning, in preparing

and drawing driftwood, poplar and willow from the river, for school firewood.

21st April Received one cord of firewood – manuka- for firewood.

Inspector's report

- a) Two candidates passed Standard 7
- b) This school was in a depressed condition when Mr Sutton took charge.
- c) The number of recent admissions and the irregular attendance of many of the children who have had to travel considerable distances to school have rendered the work of the year somewhat difficult
- d) Taking these facts into consideration I am satisfied with the progress made by the children
- e) The school is a difficult one to manage
- f) The master is entitled to an assistant
- g) The discipline is easy but I found the children obedient and I was pleased to notice a considerable improvement in their manners and general behaviour.
- h) I spent some time with Mr Sutton explaining the work of new syllabus
- i) Two windows were broken
- j) The schoolroom still leaks
- k) The present urinal is too open to the playground
- l) One office still has a pit
- m) As capitation at the rate of ten shillings per head of the average attendance of girls can be earned for Needlework provided two hours per week be given to the needlework

5th May Two workman on the authority of the River Board commenced cutting down the willows along the river bank within the school grounds.

10th June Several still absent from mumps

17th June Received from School Committee one dozen pairs of small clubs for use at drill

29th June Clarence Hill fell into a pool of water during the morning recess and went home to change his clothes

30th June A fowl having entered the schoolroom during the dinner hour, broke a pane of glass in trying to escape through the window

1st July The pane of glass broken yesterday was replaced this morning by the teacher

22nd July Finley Hill having fallen in a pool of water during the dinner hour and wet his clothes, was allowed to return home at 1.30 to change them

30th July 15 Boys rode to Blairlogie where they met a number of boys from Taueru School and played football for one hour. Taueru boys were the victors.

5th August A workman was engaged in repairing the fence on the south side of the playground for the better protection of the ornamental trees.

9th August At about twenty minutes after 10 O'clock the work of the school was interrupted by a violent earthquake, which threatened to bring down the building. The portion of the brick building above the roof was broken down some of the bricks falling inside the chimney. Tin models, blackboards, easels and books were thrown down The glass from broken vases and much soot strewed the floor. One pane of glass was cracked and a blind thrown down.

The children were greatly alarmed and some of them much frightened. They were allowed to return home at once and the register was not marked.

It was then found that the teacher's residence had suffered severely

10th August Three members of the School Committee attended this morning to examine the school and residence. They removed the fallen bricks and mortar from roof and spouting and found the iron roof had been damaged. 5 holes being made in the iron. Many heads knocked off the nails and the spouting damaged. The down spouting was so arranged that the next rain would not enter the tank, owing to dirt on the roof and spouting.

The teacher's residence was seen to require much attention and it was decided that school should not reopen until next day.

11th August Owing to the difficulty of obtaining labour it was found necessary for the teacher to execute temporary repairs the chimneys in the teacher's residence, to clear and repair the roof, clear the spouting etc. and it was therefore decided that school should not reopen until Monday Morning.

29th August J H Sykes Chairman writes. Visited the school. The day being beautifully fine there was a large attendance of pupils. The children seemed to be happy in their work. Discipline good. Stayed some time and saw several standards at work

30th August The clerk of the works Mr McDougall- visited the school this morning in company with Mr Hancock (member of the School Committee) to examine the buildings, and learn what repairs were necessary, to make good the damage done by the recent earthquake.

1st September Three bricklayers, under the instructions from the Wellington Education Board arrived to repair the damaged chimneys in school and residence. Arranged to start on the school chimney on Saturday.

2nd September Teacher repairs 2 damaged window blinds in school room.

5th September A workman under instructions from School Committee took out a tall poplar tree from the Girls' playground, preparatory to laying out a tennis court for the use of the girls. Voluntary subscriptions had already been collected by the children to the amount of £6.7.0 for the work

12th September William Groves complained shortly after afternoon commenced, of feeling unwell. He was unable to do any lessons for the remainder of the day.

29th September The workman, lately engaged on the Tennis Court ground, completed the work today, having sown it with lawn seed.

30th September 1904 With regard to an application from Mr. Foreman, near Tenui for a grant for schooling for his family, the applicant was advised to apply to the Department for the capitation allowance in terms of the Act 30th Sept 1904 PP

13th October Nora Tuckett, during the first lesson- drawing- pushed a small piece of rubber up her nostrils. After several attempts to get it out, she was sent down to the doctor's surgery

26th October Leo and Richard Stratford arrived at school at 12.15 having, they said, been detained by their brother, who required their assistance.

4th November Two pupils are still away recruiting their health at the seaside. Roll 42 33 present

24th November Thomas Hancock wrote. Visited school and outbuildings, found things generally satisfactory, noticed that Tank Tap on Boys' side required repairing, instructed Ratty to repair plantation fence in the pine trees.

29th November Annie Schofield aged 5 years, attendee school for the day, but as she was not intending to come regularly, her name was not entered on the roll

6th December A wet cold and boisterous morning. Only 3 present when school opened at 9.30. By roll call there were 17 present. 5 more came for the afternoon.

7th December It has been necessary to have a fire in the school for the last 4 days.

10th December A workman, engaged by the School Committee, was today employed in erecting a new fence along the south side of the girl's playground to protect the ornamental trees from damage by the stock

12th December Many children were absent this afternoon, attending the funeral of Mr John Groves aged 34 who died from the effects of an accident in the late Boer Wars.

1905

19th January Arrangements were made by the School Committee to take all the children to Ngapopatu for the day, Nearly all the children in the school and in the surrounding districts, attended. Liberal supplies of refreshments were provided by the many parents and friends who attended. Games and sports occupied the children from about 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

30th January Arthur Langdon collided with another boy while playing during the dinner hours. His eye was badly bruised and swelled up considerably.

2nd February About a dozen children were detained for half an hour after afternoon school, for breaking the school rule which forbids them going down to the river, without special permission. They had been engaged in catching eels during the dinner hour.

10th February During the dinner hour, at a few minutes to half past one O'clock, Ellen Groves met with an accident. She was sitting on the fence between the two playgrounds and was suddenly pushed by another girl, which caused her to fall to the ground. The doctor was sent for, and he found that her elbow joint was dislocated.

About one minute later than Ellen Grove's fall. Doris Hancock was struck over the eye by a stone. A boy had thrown what he took to be a lump of soil only but which evidently contained a stove. She went home and did not return for the afternoon

17th February Owing to the Masterton Show this week the attendance fell to a fraction below 27 for the week's average

9th March Dinah Bovey complained that eight pence was taken from her pencil case, during yesterday afternoon. Petty theft has been frequent of late.

15th March Rewi Speedy fell in a pool of water during the dinner hour and was sent home to change his clothes.

6th April A workman employed by the School Committee visited the school re the cutting of the willows and the proposed site of the new latrines.

7th April Learnt that Leo J Stratford had made use of vulgar and indecent language to one of the girls during the absence of the

teacher while consulting members of the School Committee about the site for the latrines, on previous day. He was called upon to make a written apology to the parents of the girl and to hand another to the teacher.

20th April It was discovered at 9.30 that someone had cut away the cord from the flagpole since school dismissed the previous day.

3rd May In accordance with telegram received from Wellington Education Board the specifications of work to be done at the school were posted to Mr Harding, Builder, Masterton

4th May Five members of the School Committee (Rev J H Sykes, Bovey, Groves, Hancock and Perry) assisted by two or three friends, were occupied all day in laying down gravel, at the entrances to the two paddocks and along the walks round the school. The work was not completed for want of time.

8th May Te Nui School Annual Report by F H Bakewell Included

Class	Roll	Present	Average	
			Years	Months
7	2	2	14	3
6	7	7	14	9
5	5	5	13	6
4	12	11	11	11
3	2	2	10	4
2	4	3	9	8
1		2	9	11
Primers	9	9	6	10
Total	43	41		

a) Very satisfactory work has been done

- b) A school of this size in an extremely exacting task for a sole teacher.
- c) In intelligent grouping is the only possible way of meeting the requirements in some subjects
- d) But it should be sparingly used in the case of reading, especially in the lower standards.

25th May 1905 Tenui culvert and removing willows 4 pounds PP

1st June Heavy rainstorm. River and creeks flooded. Attendance 2 only

5th June Received from the Wellington Education Board cheque of £6-11-3 the amount granted by Government under the manual and technical act for sewing, for year ending December 1904

Voucher was signed by sewing mistress and returned

8th June A load of timber etc. arrived to be used in erection of new latrines

14th June Four workman arrived for the purpose of carrying out the work of erecting latrines, painting the buildings and repairing roofs With the consent of the School Committee they were allowed the use of a fire in the school in the evenings.

23rd June Mr T O'Connor sent a note complaining that the girl Annie King had been making use of "very nasty and dirty statements" to some of the other girls at school and that she had also circulated among them scandalous lies reflecting the honour of his wife. Six girls acknowledged to having heard her make use of filthy language. She herself confesses to having said things that were untrue and that she had already apologised to Mr O'Connor. She was reprimanded and warned that such conduct if repeated would

lead to expulsion from the school as being unfit to associate with other children

23rd June Mr Harding the builder and his men, left the work here incomplete to go to Whakataki. They expect to return on Tuesday next to continue to his work.

4th July The boy James Collerton upon being refused permission to leave school at 3 O'clock immediately walked out of the schoolroom

5th July James Collerton when called out of class to be punished for wilful insubordination refused to submit to punishment and again walked out of the room. He was thereupon informed that he was expelled from the school for incorrigible insubordination.

5th July The painters returned to finish their work. They announced that they were authorised to put on one coat of paint to the outside and inside of the school room.

6th July With the consent of the chairman of the School Committee the school closed at 12.30 until Tuesday morning next (11th) while the work of painting was being carried out

11th July In order to give time for the paint to dry thoroughly and to cease to smell, it was decided to postpone the reopening of the school until Monday the 17th inst..

25th September Clarence Hills was supposed to be suffering from measles, is now discovered to be suffering from Scarlet Fever. Several parents are afraid to allow their children to attend school until he learn whether there are any further developments of the complaint.

6th October 1905 For many years, for example, it has been known "Te Nui" the official name of a district on the East Coast of

Wellington, is nonsense ; many insist on writing It correctly, "Tinui", but the correction has never been authorised PP

24th March 1909 Some alterations in the examination and inspection of schools in the Wellington district are projected by the local board's inspectors for 1909. A rough outline of the changes proposed is as follows : — With the exception of schools in the Pongaroa and Te Nui districts, and a few other outlying schools, the visit paid to a school during the earlier part of the year will be an inspection visit of which no previous notice will be given. The second visit, of which the statutory ten days' notice will be given, and on which the annual report will be based, will, as a rule, be paid in the latter part of the year. This will be the visit more especially mentioned in the regulations as the "annual visit." In the case of the schools particularised above, previous arrangements are to be adhered to in view of the fact that, owing to the condition of the roads in winter, and the distances the majority of the people have to travel, the best and most continuous work is done in these districts in the summer months. PP

23rd October The truant officer (From Wellington) visited the school in the morning. He addressed the children pointed out to them the necessity for greater regularity and warned them of the serious consequences to their parents, if it should be necessary to summon them

In the afternoon Mr Tennant the newly appointed inspector paid a surprise visit to the school. He examined the composition lesson then proceeding heard the upper standards read, and questioned them in elementary and local geography.

9th November King's Birthday. School closed for the day

6th December Election Day School closed

15th December School closed at 3.15 for the holidays. In the evening a lecture accompanied with lime-light views, was given to the scholars by the Rev J H Sykes, chairman of the School Committee. It embraced the chief objects of interest in Yorkshire, including its cathedrals, churches, abbeys, castles, modern buildings and many of its natural beauty spots

1906

3rd February Mary Johnson left Tenui for Wellington. Her parents elect for her to hold her scholarship at the Wellington Girl's College

5th February A wet morning after two days heavy rain. Only one present at 9.30. Morning attendance 8, afternoon 11

6th February Nellie Collerton returns to school after an absence of several months. She had been suffering from extreme weakness of the eyes. Her name was not entered on the roll as it uncertain whether she was well enough to continue to attend. She only came on trial

8th February Nellie Collerton was entered on roll today

12th February Weather today dull and threatening after 10 days of almost continuous rain. On Saturday Morning the river was fuller than on any occasion within my experience. 3 years and 3 months

23rd February Tom Langdon suffered from toothache during the whole afternoon and was unable to do lessons.

14th March The children spent an enjoyable day in the grounds of Mr R Langdon at Ngapopatu

20th March At about 3 O'clock a sharp shock of earthquake occurred. It much alarmed some of the girls and little ones, who

were unable to regain their composure during the remaining half hour

22nd March Many of the children were absent attending the picnic given to the Langdale children today.

9th April During the dinner hour the boys accidentally kicked their football into the river. In trying to reach it, the boy Pratt Hancock fell into the water at a spot where the water was about 4 feet deep. He appears to have had a narrow escape from drowning. When pulled out by the other boys, he at once went home.

10th April Pratt Hancock attended school, apparently none the worse for his wetting.

The Boys were warned against going to the river. Boys of the sixth and seventh standards were told that they might go to the river only for such purposes as regaining a lost ball, and that they were expected to see that none of the younger children went near the water on any account

11th April The rule about going to the river was written out and hung on the wall of the school.

15th March East Monday. Mr Burton, acting under instructions from Mr Hancock repaired the gutter on the roof of the teacher's residence. He also discovered several other leaks in other parts of the roof. The Board's Clerk of Works, on the occasion of his visit, September 21st 1905, left instructions for the repairs to be done as soon as a competent workman should be engaged in Te Nui

23rd April Householder's meeting should have been held this evening to elect a new School Committee. Only 3 householders attended, which was not a sufficient number to form a quorum: consequently no committee was elected

1st May Received from Wellington Education Board

- a) Rain Gauge
- b) Barometer Tube
- c) 1 lb Mercury
- d) Mariner's Compass
- e) Thermometer

8th May School closed at 12.30 for the day, to allow children time to reach home and prepare for prize distribution and school treat in the evening.

The weather was very wet but all the children were present at the Town Hall in the evening, as well as a large attendance of parents and friends. Prizes were distributed by the Chairman, a few songs were sung by the children; and the rest of the evening was devoted to games and dancing

9th May School, after being closed for the evening, reopened at 1.30 Owing to the stormy weather and bad roads only 5 children attended.

13th April Inspectors Report (T R Fleming) included

- a) The average age of children on Standard 6 who obtained proficiency was 14 years 7 months
- b) The standard 7 candidate obtained a certificate of proficiency
- c) Easy but workable discipline
- d) Bad roads in winter interfere with attendance. Efficiency very fair.
- e) Roll 29
- f) The general work of the school may be classed as fairly satisfactory

- g) The tone of the school has improved very much under Mr Sutton's management
- h) A scholar from this school (Mary Gibb Johnston) won a Board Scholarship at the examination in December.
- i) An order was given for a rain gauge etc..
- j) Owing to leakage at the tap, the tank was empty
- k) Mr Sutton reports the drainage as satisfactory since the School Committee cut a new drain and deepened the old ones

16th May Mr Benton, builder, made further repairs to the roof of teacher's residence. The two brass taps lately supplied (27th April) have not yet been fixed to the school tank

28th May The following Gentleman were elected as members of the School Committee Rev J H Sykes chairman and Secretary, F Groves, A T Hancock, J Johnston, A B Nicholls, J Perry, D H Speedy

11th June At about 3.30 p m word arrived from the Wellington Education Board to the effect that school should be dismissed as a token of respect for Mr R Seddon, The Premier, who had suddenly passed away. And as a mark of sympathy with his bereaved friends. Lessons were at once cut short, the reason explained to the children and school dismissed.

15th June School closed on Monday and Tuesday and if the Funeral ceremony be on a later date then on that day also.

20th June As it was found that the late Premier's funeral was fixed for Thursday school opened for today and closed again tomorrow.

3rd July Olive Hooker arrived at school at ten minutes before 12 o'clock- too late for her attendance to be entered in the register.

16th July The river was in flood this morning after heavy rain yesterday. Four boys attended in the morning. No girls attended

17th July Heavy rain continued to fall. The rivers rose over Whareama Bridge. Attendance, 4 boys all day.

No leak was observed from the gutter on the roof of the residence which was lately repaired by Mr. Benton, but the roof leaked badly near the chimney of the residence and in two places on the roof in the classroom

25th July Arbor Day, no school today, beautifully fine.

31st July Olive M Hooker entered school at 5 minutes after twelve too late for morning roll call. She gave as her reason for being so late that she had had to return home with a message from the blacksmith

2nd October At a meeting of the School Committee included were these topics. Written by D H Speedy

- a) School fences all more or less out of repair
- b) Fences on road want wires tightened and a number of battens
- c) Boundary Fence against Mrs Owen's property is in bad state
- d) Against D Speedy's the land in several places has slipped away and left the fence swinging
- e) Should recommend that heavy poles be hung underneath the fence to keep sheep out
- f) My own portion of boundary fence is out of repair also, the land having slipped away.
- g) I noticed that calves had been under the girl's shelter sheds a good deal, and although all droppings had been cleared away the shed smelt of cattle

h) The tank at the school was empty or almost so, the tap on the boy's side being useless.

i) It was decided to fence off a pieces of the playground to be used by pupils of the school for garden plots

j) All the members present promised contributions towards the work

k) Mr Hancock subscribed 10/- and Mr Sykes promised like amount

l) Messrs Speedy and Groves promised a supply of posts for fencing and Mr Perry a strainer and ½ cwt of galvanised wire

m) The teacher reported the school clock was useless. The Secretary to write to the Wellington Education Board

n) The School Committee also discussed the possibility of providing a strong and reliable swing for the children

8th October Messrs D H Speedy and F Groves members of the School Committee visited the school for the purpose of selecting a site for the plots. It was decided to fence off a strip running the whole length of the boundary fence between the two playgrounds on the boy's side. In the afternoon a workman commenced the work of fencing it off.

9th October Mr Perry member of the School Committee supplied (gratis) a set of steps for use of the children when examining the rain gauge He and his son spent over an hour in fixing the same.

10th October Labour Day School closed for the day

The work of fencing off the school plots was finished today

The School Committee have not been able to arrange for the ground to be dug.

The work of repairing the school fences- playground and horse paddock- is now in progress

11th October garden plots were marked off and boys began to dig their respective pieces

12th October Gardening operations took the place of drill this afternoon as it time most of the seeds were planted

25th Leishman Langdon arrived at school at 11.15

12th November The School Committee supplied a new drinking cup for the use of the boys.

20th November F H Bakewell Inspector wrote

I visited the school today without notice. Found the attendance poor 12/28

The prevalence of sickness in the district is accounted for this.

The condition of the premises as far as cleanliness is concerned is highly credible. Good work is being done in cottage gardening.

23rd November School nearly empty owing mainly to bad colds and influenza. Only present 1 the morning and 9 in the afternoon. Most of those present have bad colds.

24th November received instructions from the School Committee to close the school owing to the epidemic of influenza and other ailments

1st December Received instructions from chairman School Committee to keep school closed for another week in accordance with recommendations of the doctor Suggested that a written statement from the doctor should be forwarded to the Board

17th December Received one clock for school use

1907

4th February School reopened

6th February Learnt that Tom Hancock has been awarded an Education Board Scholarship on the results of the examination held in December the 11th and 12th

11th February Grace R Chapman was admitted this morning. Her mother explained that she would only attend temporarily until a new teacher is appointed to Ngapopatu

22nd February only 18/30 are present. Four are absent with whooping cough, two have gone to the Christchurch Exhibition and several have been absent to attend the Masterton Show

4th March Tom Hancock returned to school, having been informed that his scholarship would be held over until next year.

5th March One of the gate posts at the wide entrance to the playground was damaged this afternoon. A bullock dray was passing through when the wheel caught against the post and broke it off a few inches below ground. The post appeared to be very rotten where it broke

11th March The school inspector Mr T R Fleming- visited the school and conducted the annual examination

Messrs Hancock and Perry visited the school at 9.30

The Children from Ngapopatu and From Rangitemaiti (*Rangi Tamaiti, Woodhurst*) also attended and were examined with the Te Nui children

15th March Attendance 16 on a roll of 30. A number of children absent owing to a fear that one of the children was suffering from whooping cough, probably a false alarm

19th March Heavy rain all day yesterday and all last night. River in flood highest in my experience (Since November 1902) only 2 scholars present all day

3rd April Reopened after Easter Holiday with only 13 scholars. Seven scholars are spending a holiday (extended) at Castlepoint and another at Wellington

12th April Scholars at Castlepoint still absent this week

15th April Messrs Hancock and Perry visiting members of the School Committee visited the school this morning in company with the carpenter, to inspect the window sash cords and two gates in the playground. Received from Wellington Education Board one box of cardboard imitation coins

26th April School closed at 12.30 for the day to allow children an opportunity of going home and making preparation for spending the evening at the public hall.

Prizes were presented to scholars who had passed their standard examination at the recent examination by the inspector and five prizes were also awarded to the girls for the sewing

After a few songs, recitations, club and pole exercises, and pianoforte solos, by the children, the prizes were presented by the Reverend J S Sykes The children danced until 10.30 p.m. and dispersed after partaking of refreshments.

2nd May The river was rising all day yesterday and reached its maximum dimensions about 6 p.m. It proved to be a greatly exceptionally great flood. The small bridge at Flag Creek was carried away, thus cutting off the boys at Ngapopatu from school for some days at least. The rain gauge showed a fall of 71.2 inches in

about 41 hours. Mr Hancock member of School Committee visited the school this morning. Only 5 boys were present

6th May T R Fleming's inspectors report

20 present 30 on roll

- a) The general work of this school is satisfactory
- b) Some of the children have a considerable distance to travel to school and as the roads are bad in winter the average attendance is not high
- c) The tone of the school has improved very much under Mr Sutton's management
- d) A Scholar in Standard 6 won a Junior Board Scholarship at the examination
- e) A very good garden has been made by the children in a plot fenced by the committee
- f) The rope for the flag is broken
- g) A short close boarded fence should be erected to shut off the teacher's back yard from the school grounds.

8th May Received from the Wellington Education Board School Journals 5 copies of Part 1. 5 copies of Part 2 and 4 copies of Part 3

23rd May The children were addressed by the teachers on the subject of Empire Day. Afternoon school finished with the singing of the national Anthem. Owing to the cord being cut it was impossible to fly the flag. So the children were not told to assemble next day for the purpose of saluting it.

24th May Empire Day- Observed as a holiday.

3rd June Tom Hancock who was awarded a Board Scholarship last December, left Te Nui to hold the scholarship at Masterton District High School Masterton

22nd June The children were allowed to spend the dinner hour on the hills behind the horse paddock, as the playground has become too sloppy for them to use. Mr Speedy gives permission for them to use the hills until the lambing season about August 10th. Boys use one hill and the girls another

1st July Three long posts ordered by the School Committee and intended to be used in erecting two swings for the children were delivered here on Saturday night.

1st July Arbor Day to be held on Wednesday 24th July

5th July Messrs Perry and Hancock members of the School Committee were engaged all day in drawing drift wood from the banks of the Te Nui River to supply the school with firewood.

8th July received 18 school journals. Also a good map of the Te Nui School District.

11th July Mr F Groves brought a load of manuka for school firewood. He also cut up by machine the school firewood.

26th July Sewing lesson omitted this afternoon, owing to the absence of the sewing mistress, due to a fall in the mud when coming to school.

13th September Very heavy rain this morning and during last night. No scholar present this morning.

26th September In accordance with instructions from the Board, the day was observed as a holiday, by way of celebrating the occasion of the change of title from "Colony" of NZ to "Dominion" of N Z

3rd October The girls received an additional sewing lesson missed on the 10th. The boys did gardening for that lesson.

4th October Mr Simms, acting under instructions from the Agricultural Department of the Government, gave a demonstration

in the planting, pruning and spraying of fruit trees, to the public at Te Nui at 2.30 p.m. today. All the school children attended the demonstration after the close of the first lesson after school.

7th October The first lesson this morning was a recapitulation of the demonstration given by the government specialist on Friday the 4th inst.

Received from the Education Department a roll of 19 battle pictures and a book and Nelson supplement to the school journal, all of which are to remain the property of the school. It is suggested that the battle pictures be mounted on stiff paper or cardboard with a view- to their preservation.

9th October Rose Marsh absent from school owing to a fall in the playground yesterday afternoon. Her knee is inflamed and the doctor has ordered her to remain in bed a few days to rest it.

14th October Rose Marsh still absent. She is reported to have aggravated the trouble to her knee by using it too soon and the doctor now orders her to rest for several weeks

15th October Had occasion to address the school in severe terms owing to rude and indecent suggestions (in actions) on the part of two small boys (P H and T B) and the readiness of some of the older children to laugh at the same

16th October Mr Hancock member of the School Committee attended this morning and spent over two hours in cleaning out the spouting round the school and the tank which supplies drinking water to the children

4th November Stanley Williams was admitted for a few months only, being on a visit to his uncle from Lyttleton. Had not attended school since passing Standard 3 in July.

Rose Marsh again absent after making a few attendances last week. She is reported to have greatly aggravated the strain to her knee and side.

15th November The School Inspector Mr T R Fleming paid a visit to the school, without notice, at 9.15 this morning. He examined the registers, log book, scheme of work book etc.

Mr A T Hancock member of the School Committee met the inspector here and drew his attention to those portions of the fences that are so frequently washed away by the river when in flood. His attention was also drawn to the leaky condition of the roof of the teacher's residence.

The inspector then addressed the children on the subject of "good Manners" especially on the propriety of addressing their elders and their school teachers as Sir or Madam

15th November While children were playing before school commenced, Doris Hancock drove a tennis ball through a pane in one of the school windows, while playing at rounders.

30th November A small parcel of books (second hand) for the school library arrived this morning.

6th December Attendance has fallen heavily. Average 14.6 on a roll of 30. Most of the absentees are suffering from the epidemic of influenza

Sewing lessons were omitted this week owing to the absence of the sewing mistress who has been called into Masterton to nurse her son who is suffering from measles.

10th December Two men in the employ of Mr Harding the painter were today engaged in painting the roof of the schoolroom.

18th December The examination of Standards 1- V was completed today and the necessary promotions made.

18th December The hinge at the top of the horse paddock was found to be broken this morning. The teacher removed it from the gate, sent to be welded and replaced in the evening.

20th December Inspector's Report included

- a) During the year there have been 18 excepted days on which the attendance was less than half.
- b) The winter has been severe, the river has been in flood several times and the roads have been in a worse condition than for many years
- c) The residence still leaks badly
- d) A close boarded fence should be erected between the teacher's back yard and the school grounds
- e) The recent rains have washed way part of the fencing
- f) The fencing of the Horse paddock has slipped away in places allowing the entrance of stock

1908

10th February The local branch of the Farmer's Union wishing to stimulate the interest of the children attending the schools in the district in the cultivation of the land offer prizes for the best school plots

They appointed W H Brooks and G Groves to act as judges.

19th February Received 8 illustration of New Zealand Flora with short letterpress relating to them.

26th February Mr J Dineen, Truant Officer, visited the school and inspected the register. He took the opportunity of warning one or two of the defaulting parents

29th February The annual school picnic was held on the grounds of Mr J Schofield on Mangapakeha. All the scholars were present. They were joined by many of the children from Langdale and Mangapakeha schools. Many parents and friends were also present and as the weather was fine and dry.

10th March Mr T R Fleming, Inspector of Schools visited the school. He spent the afternoon here from 1.30 to 5 pm, at the Teacher's request. W Groves who failed to obtain marks for proficiency in Standard 6 in the December Examination was again examined but again failed.

11th March The inspector spent another afternoon in examining the children. He addressed the children at the close of the afternoon and expressed his satisfaction with the work they had done and pointed out to them they were indistinct in their words both in speaking and singing and that they needed to develop more confidence and self reliance in their manner when asked questions,

23rd march Received from Wellington Education Board a tin of Blackboard Renovator for school use.

11th April Received from the chairman of the local branch of the Farmer's Union twelve garden implements as prizes to be awarded viz- 1st and 2nd prizes for gardens as a whole, in competition with other schools, and 1st 2nd 3rd, prizes for individual plots in competition with each other

13th April Mr J Perry spent the whole day in the playground engaged in constructing a new swing for the children

Ditto 14th

15th April Mr J Perry spent a third day in preparing the new swing in the afternoon he was assisted by his son Rupert Perry and by Messrs Speedy and Groves all of whom were working until 6 O'clock

Received the report of T R Fleming included.

- a) Roll 29 Present 26. Mr Sutton teacher
- b) This school is very satisfactorily by Mr Sutton
- c) Good practical work has been done by the scholars in the garden
- d) The school was awarded first prize by the Farmer's Unions for the best garden in the Whareama District
- e) The tank has holes on top. A new one is required.
- f) Some parts of the playground would be improved with gravel
- g) The children were preparing for a concert and gave a satisfactory exhibition in Singing, Recitation and Drill
- h) Thanks are due to the ladies who examined the needlework

24th April Messrs Perry and Speedy at work until 6 O'clock, putting side stays to the swings

30th April Two children had falls from the swing today. Alfred McIsaac and Nora Speedy, neither of them seriously hurt

7th May Lucy Perry had a nasty fall from the swing today.

20th May Mr Speedy delivered a load of willow wood, free, for school use. Mr Perry and his son had cut it down a day or two earlier

21st May Mr Speedy delivered a load of manuka firewood for school use, the gift of Mr F Groves

27th May Received a set of 8 photographs sent as supplements to the school journal

29th May Mr F Groves cut up (Gratuitously) with his circular saw, the wood lately secured for firewood.

2nd June Mr Bovey was advised to keep her son Tommy at home for quarantine as his two sisters were suffering from measles

10th June Two loads of stable manure were delivered gratis, by Mr Reading for use in the school gardens

23rd June The wooden seat of one swing broke into two pieces while girls were swinging fortunately without any serious injury to them

8th July On entering the schoolroom this morning at 8.30 the room was found to be full of smoke, the boards (7) of the flooring near the fire were still smouldering. Water was poured on and then 3 members of the School Committee were sent to inspect the damage and the condition of the fireplace. A letter was written in the evening to inform the Secretary to the Wellington Education Board.

11th July. Acting under instructions from Mr Speedy and acting in the absence of the chairman a workman from Mr Daniel's of Masterton was engaged from one O'clock until nearly 4 O'clock in mending the boards of the school floor which had been damaged by the fire and in the laying down of a sheet of galvanised iron 6 foot by 2 feet in front of the hearth, as a protection against accidents from sparks from the fire.

4th August Adelaide and Maud O'Connor were admitted to the school this morning- both in very backward state. The elder sister could read the second primer fairly well, the younger one very imperfectly

17th August A new galvanised steel tank was delivered at the school this afternoon

The distribution of Dominion Day Medals supplied through Wellington Education Board took place at 3.30 pm.

25th September Much additional time was given to gardening this week, while the weather was fine and the ground workable.

3rd October Messrs Perry and Speedy members of the School Committee assisted by Mr Daniels spent the afternoon at school in removing the old tank and replacing it by the new one. The work is not yet completed as there was no perforated lid to act as a strainer supplied with it.

19th October Mr T R Fleming Inspector of Schools visited the school in the afternoon without notice.

10th December Mr Perry delivered a large sheet of iron, supplied by the Wellington Education Board to be placed in front of the fire when school closed as an additional precaution against fire.

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8th January Eleven loads of gravel were delivered for use in school paths

28th January The annual school picnic was held in Mr Speedy's paddock.

1st February Roll reduced from W F Groves and J Johnston having secured certificates for Proficiency have left for higher schools.

24th February School Committee spent the morning in spreading gravel in the paths round the school

26th February School closed for the day. The School Committee having received an invitation from the Whareama and Mangapakeha schools for the children of the Te Nui school to join them at their

picnic, decided to accept the invitation and to appropriate the days holiday allowed by the regulations to this purpose.

1st March Jimmy McIsaac went home without permission at recess time this morning.

2nd March Jimmy McIsaac was punished with three strokes on the hand for leaving school without permission yesterday. His mother wrote to say that he had told her on arriving at home I had sent him home

Having had my attention drawn by two of the parents of school children Patrick O'Connor and Annie Maud O'Connor were infested with lice, I took occasion to observe their heads during lessons. I saw a number of nits in the girl's hair. I therefore sent a note to the parents requesting them to carefully examine the children's heads and if necessary to keep them at home until every trace of the same has disappeared.

5th April Inspector's Report included

- a) No on roll 28 present 25.
- b) Some of the children travel considerable distances to school over roads that are bad in winter.
- c) Mr Sutton has improved the discipline and tone of the school since he took charge.
- d) The pictures forwarded have not yet been framed.
- e) The dining room of the residence requires papering
- f) The teacher's backyard should be fenced off from the school grounds.
- g) Needlework very good (Mrs Sutton)

h) Also in Standard 7 Bookkeeping, extra drawing, French and English. Deserted Village and Prisoner of Chillon will be read this year.

26th April H S McIsaac (Chairman), E Collerton (Secretary) F Groves, J O'Connor, C Ball, D Stephens, and W Bovey

24th May Empire Day With the consent of the Chairman the holiday was postponed until the following Monday week.

14th June Mr F Groves assisted by his workman, spent most of the day in cutting up by machine, the willow wood. Which had been supplied to the school by the members of the committee for firewood.

6th July Mr C Ball, member of the School Committee visited the school this morning and carefully examined the fences and outbuildings

30th July Received by coach a parcel of linoleum for use in school as a blackboard. Also instructions for fixing the same together with a supply of nails.

2nd August Heavy rain last night- rivers in flood. School and schoolhouse were surrounded with water. Said to be the highest flood known in Tinui for over 30 years. No children attended

31st August Mr Schofield's fourth day at repair of fences

1st October There has been a troublesome epidemic of coughs and colds among the children this week. The constant coughing was a great hindrance to work

8th October The epidemic of whooping cough has been very troublesome all the week. Although this cough is in a mild form several children are unable to attend schools

13th October Received 6 copies of the Wolf and Seven Little Kids and 6 copies of Ned and Santa Claus and The Tailor and Giants as supplementary readers

22nd October The epidemic of whooping cough still troublesome.

12th November Still much sickness among the children- whooping cough, bronchitis and influenza. Average attendance for week is 14

17th November The Inspector T R Fleming visited the school without notice and remained some time after closing time.

1st and 2nd December Two scholars D H Speedy and L M Perry were absent from school to attend the examination for “Junior Board” and “National Scholarship”

3rd December Inspectors report included

- a) The fence is partially repaired
- b) The residence requires a bathroom and one room and one ceiling require papering
- c) The back of the residence should be fenced

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4th April Received from clerk of works, specifications of work to be done for the school including papering of two rooms, erecting iron fencing and erection of bathroom to teacher’s residence

9th November Received a message from the chairman authorising the closing of school tomorrow as a mark of respect on the occasion of the death of King Edward V11

20th May School closed for the day on the occasion of the funeral of Late King

25th May A communication was received from the commandant of scouts, advising that it will be necessary to form a patrol Of Scouts at this school. Boys of 10 to 16 years of age may be scouts. All boys

who will be twelve years of age, or over, this year must be Junior cadets and so continue until they are 14 years of age or leave school whichever is the latest

7th June The School Committee decided that school would close at 3 pm until the end of August. The time allowed for lunch to be reduced to ½ an hour This alteration was made because so many requests had been received for children to be allowed to leave school at 3 p.m. to enable them to be home before dark.

7th June The Contractor Mr J Rose, this day finished the work of erecting bathroom and iron fence and of papering and painting and minor repairs to school and sheds.

16th July Received in use in school offices, three earth-closet pans, coated inside with tar and supplied by Mr R E James

26th September Dominion Day School Closed

9th November Anniversary of late King’s Birthday- School closed.

10th November Messrs Hancock and McIsaac members of the School Committee took down the flag pole which leaned over badly and has not been considered safe for some time. It was found to be quite rotten at the bottom and very unsound above.

24th November Annual examination for promotions commenced this morning

15th September Inspectors Note included

- a) Fences out of order
- b) Situated as the school is and with so much stock travelling on the road it is necessary to have all fences in repair
- c) At present the school grounds are being overrun by stray and travelling stock.

9th December Received a report from one of the parents that some child was attending school with lice in their hair.

Discovered in the afternoon that Annie M O'Connor's head is infested with lice, and that the fact was known both to herself and her mother. Wrote accordingly to mother forbidding child's attendance until head should be quite clear.

1911

30th January School opened at 9.30. Three pupils were found to have left and one new pupil entered.

Owing to the teacher mistaking the time the children were dismissed twenty minutes before the proper time

The mistake was pointed out to the teacher too late to correct it. Teacher remained till the proper time with one pupil Gordon Speedy

8th February Workman was engaged in mending (temporarily) the approach of the river at the point where it enters the school grounds.

20th February Workman commenced to put in repair all the fences to the school property on both sides of the road

10th March The School Committee having decided to hold the children's annual picnic today, school was closed all day. Prizes were distributed to the children in the Town Hall in the evening when the children entertained their parents

14th March Inspector F H Bakewell visited the school and inspected and examined the children

15th March Inspector Bakewell continued his examination of the children

16th March Rose Oliver fell from the swing and was allowed to go home for the afternoon.

17th March Three wall sheets dealing with Temperance were received from the Education Department for use when dealing with this subject under the revised syllabus expected to be issued shortly

27th March The following books for school use were received from the Wellington Education Board

3 Histories No 4, 3 Tom Brown Schooldays, 3 Robinson Crusoe.

31st March The Mangapakeha School Committee having invited the children attending this school to the picnic they were holding today it was decided to keep the inspector's holiday this day to allow children to accept the invitation to the picnic.

3rd April Inspectors report included

- a) The school is faithfully taught and managed and the teachers promotions were in all cases endorsed
- b) At present the numbers in the primer classes are out of proportion 17/30
- c) This because of the admittance of a number of children who have not previously had any schooling
- d) Manners and general behaviour especially commended.

27th April Dinner hour was curtailed and school closed an hour earlier than usual (with the consent of the School Committee) to enable the teacher and senior scholars to attend the funeral of Miss Nellie Groves (*Ellen Lucy aged 16 years*) who had passed through all the standards in this school and recently finished her education at Wanganui College

11th May Heavy rain last night after a long dry spell. Mrs O'Connor fearing they would be flooded and took her three children home early in the afternoon.

2nd June Muriel Hancock was reported ill with measles. Her brother Pratt was therefore kept at home.

10th June Received instructions from Mr T Hancock- chairman of the School Committee to close the school during next week owing to the epidemic of measles

The school firewood gift of Mr D H Speedy- was cut up by circular saw this day.

2nd June "Justice" Tenui writes 'How things are worked here. The other day they invited applications for the position of clerk to the Castlepoint County Council There were fourteen applications position, and the school-master of the Tenui School was granted the clerkship, and on applying to the Education Board he was allowed to retain the post. Mr. Buchanan, M.P., moved that the school-master be allowed to hold the position. This was seconded by Mr. Hogg, Seeing that the above gentlemen are two M.P.'s they must know that it is quite contrary to the laws for any Government man to take such a position. Isn't it about time such doings were stopped PP

21st June A supply of coronation medals sufficient to supply one to each scholar was received in today's mail. As nearly every child in the school was ill with measles it had not been possible to arrange for any local celebrations for coronation day. The medals will be held to the reopening of the school on the 3rd July

18th July A workman was engaged today in fencing off new garden from the horse paddock.

19th July By an oversight on the part of the teacher school was kept open today (Arbor Day) Instead of the holiday, additional time will be devoted to the school garden. Which will require much time to have it ready for planting this season.

30th October Inspector's report T R Fleming. Included

- a) Miss Ainsworth relieving. Owing to Mr Sutton's illness the school was not reopened until 15th February when Miss Ainsworth to charge as relieving teacher.
- b) The general classification was approved but in one or two cases I recommended that the children might be allowed to work in a higher standard as their work in reading and composition was above that of the Standard in which they are classified.
- c) The buildings have been painted
- d) Four desks of the largest size are required.

9th December 1911 Painting school residence at Tenui, Welch and Hope, Masterton

1912

14th February Gave Miss Ainsworth temporary change of school. Albert Hancock

15th February Opened school as previous announcement had been made that school would not reopen until Monday 19th.

23rd February Admitted 5 new pupils during the week. Mrs Tuckett called at the school to explain that the little girl Blanch will not be able to attend regularly owing to being very delicate. Many of the children were absent this week in order to attend the Masterton show

26th February Roll now 40

1st March 160 exercise books (48A, 72 B, 40 C)

1st April Mr Sutton resumed his duties.

22nd April A T Hancock inspected school and outbuilding, found them in satisfactory condition Requested F Barthomlew, E McIsaac and J Hancock to cut down a dead tree near boys

13th September Mary Bannister while travelling home from school was thrown from her horse and was unconscious until the next morning. She is under the doctor's care and not likely to attend school for several weeks.

17th October The work of this school has this year be considerably interfered with by the absence through illness of the teacher and the severe winter weather. Mr Sutton has, however, by his earnestness brought the classes to a satisfactory standard of efficiency.

The garden plots are a credit to the school

27th February 1912 Leave Of Absence Mr H Sutton PP

1913

4th April 1913 At special meeting of the School Committee it was decided that the teacher should accompany the senior scholars (Standard 3 and upwards) to view the battleship New Zealand which was expected shortly at Wellington Details of arrangements were left in the hands of the teacher and chairman of School Committee

20th April Mr Hancock Mr Tuckett, (School Committee) Mr Sutton and Misses A McDougall and D Hancock (appointed by School Committee, teachers for special occasion) left Tinui by special

brake, in charge of 6 boys and ten girls, scholars of this school for MASTERTON en route for Wellington to view the battleship New Zealand

23rd April The excursion party arrived this evening, having spent two nights in Masterton and one night in Wellington. They travelled with Masterton School to Wellington and accompanied them to the Zoo at Newtown Park and also onto the battleship

Next day the children revisited the zoo, took a ride up the cable tram line to Kelburn visited the Houses of Parliament- council chamber and house of representatives.

At Masterton on the return journey the children were taken by Me D H Speedy to the Waingawa Freezing Works where they were shown the various processes by the engineer who explained each stage of the work and made the visit interesting and instructive. The cost to the scholars in no case exceeded one pound and fourpence for the whole excursion. The trip was greatly appreciated by the children

25th April Mr Cokayne Government Biologist, lectured at the Town Hall @ 2.30 on grasses, seeds and weeds. The senior scholars were taken to hear the lecture

28th April Householder's Meeting in the Evening in the schoolroom. After electing a new committee, every member resigned this necessitating another meeting to elect again.

1st May Mr Rose started the work of erecting a new flagpole

10th May The work of erecting flagpole was continued today but not completed

31st May A supply of firewood about 4 ½ cords of willow was delivered today.

3rd June The new flagpole having been erected, the flag was hoisted for the first time in honour of the King's Birthday. The chairman of the School Committee and Mr Perry member of the School Committee and a number of children assembled and after a short speech from the chairman they sang a verse of the National Anthem, marched round the pole and finished with three cheers for his majesty the king

9th June Gordon Speedy's horse after being griped and showing signs of much pain, was taken home after dinner time- the boy did not return for the afternoon as he had to lead his horse two miles.

26th June The chairman intimated to the teacher that the School Committee had instructed him to request the teacher not to keep the children after 3 O'clock during the short days of winter i.e. to the end of winter.

He also informed the scholars that the School Committee had decided that children coming less than one mile to school not be permitted to make use of the horse paddock for their horses

Inspectors report of 3rd April

- a) Roll 39
- b) The general condition of this school is quite satisfactory,
- c) There is some weakness in Standard 1 and in the reading of a few pupils in Standard 3 and 2, who however were not strong last year.
- d) Mr Sutton will without doubt effect considerable improvement in these by the end of the year. The school garden plot are accredit to the teacher and pupils alike
- e) The work in recitation and sewing is commended
- f) The roof of the school residence is leaking badly

- g) Some gravel will be needed for the paths leading to the outside offices.
- h) The School Committee estimates the cost of gravelling at £4
- i) It is a matter for regret that with a roll of 42 an average attendance of 36 cannot be obtained

12th December 1913 and for drainage of residence at Te Nui PP

1914

24th February Inspectors Report included

- a) Mr Sutton has attended one of the Departments instruction classes in physical culture and in carrying on the work as laid down. Mr Garlick is making organised games a special feature

9th March Sharp frost 26° was registered on Saturday night (- 6)

16th March The following garden tools came by coach supplied by the Wellington Education Board for use in the school gardens

2 spades, 2 forks- long handles, 2 forks short handled, 2 rakes, 2 garden lines, 2 galvanised water cans, 2 trowels, 40 garden labels.

13th June Mr Bennett member of the School Committee brought his horse and cart and carted several cords of blue gum from the boundary fence near the County Council's property: and also carried up a large quantity of pine logs and put them in place ready for cutting up by circular saw.

Tinui (Tenui)

INFANTILE PARALYSIS
SEVEN MORE CASES

17th April 1916 Up to noon to-day seven more cases of infantile paralysis were reported in the Wellington Health District, including

two new cases .in Wellington City. The fresh cases are as follow :—
Manaia 1, Palmerston North 1, Feilding 1, Te Nui 1, Rangitumau 1,
Wellington City 2. Te Nui and Rangitumau are in the Wairarapa
District. It should be noted that the Wellington Health District
includes half of the North Island, and also the Nelson and
Marlborough provincial districts in the South Island. PP (*The Tinui
case is probably that of Sarah Port, the teacher at Whakataki, son*)

15th June The chairman of the School Committee (Mr E Schofield)
spent the afternoon in stacking and arranging the blue gum and pine
logs ready for cutting with circular saw. He brought with him a man
to assist

29th June The cutting up the Blue Gum and pine logs was done by
Mr Cripps with his circular saw

6th July The School Committee at their monthly meeting decided to
plant a portion of the horse paddock with pines and blue gums
which would not only supply firewood for the school but check the
slipping of the hillside at that spot. They decided to do the planting
on Arbor Day.

15th July The chairman and Messrs Bennett and J O'Connor,
members of the School Committee spent the day planting young
blue gum trees in that portion of the horse paddock which the
chairman had fenced off for the purpose. Mr D H Speedy sent a man
for the afternoon as he was unable to attend himself about 150 trees
were planted and holes were prepared for more

21st July 180 more trees were planted

Mr J O'Connor presented the school and planted in front of the
school near the entrance gate an ornamental tree- Wellingtonia. The
teacher promised to supply and plant another on the other side of the
entrance gate.

3rd August The children planted in the school garden a number of
trees and shrubs, the gift of Mr R J Barton of Mataikona

6th October Two accidents occurred in the playground. Ruby Brown
was accidentally but severely cut over the left eye with a bat by Lizzie
Collins while playing rounders. Winnie Grant had a front tooth
broken by Howard O'Connor who threw a fir cone at the football
and it struck Winnie on the front teeth

7th October Ruby Brown too unwell to attend school, she fainted
when preparing to start for school

13th October Mr F G A Stuckey inspector examined the school

a) Roll 37, present 35.

b) Spelling and composition should improve. In other respects
the work is satisfactory

17th December Mr A P Roydhouse, Physical Instructor under the
Education Department visited the school. After seeing the pupils
drill under the teacher's management he gave the children some new
exercises and also some new games.

1915

18th January Notice received from the Wellington Education Board
that Flora Perry had gained a pass in the Junior National
Scholarship exams and has been offered a Junior National
Scholarship of the value of £40 a year, tenable for 3 years

4th March School was closed with consent of the School Committee
to enable the pupils to attend the Langdale Sports.

5th March As the weather was wet yesterday. The Langdale Sports were postponed until today. Many scholars stayed from school to attend the sports.

12th March Mr T R Fleming School Inspector Visited

- a) Roll 33 Present 17
- b) The day of my visit was wet. As many of the children travel considerable distances to school the rain will account for the large number of absentees

3rd April The school was well washed with disinfectant, the water was cleaned and the heap of firewood was removed from near the flagpole to the new firewood shed.

The School Committee assisted with the work and Mr H Bennett also supplied the horse and cart for the removal of the firewood.

9-16th May The teacher was ill in bed with influenza. The chairman closed the school and the Board was informed of what was done.

28th June The School Committee agreed that children should assist the Belgian Relief Fund by sewing garments for refugee Belgian Children It was also agreed to accept the offer of the Board of a supply of plants suitable for planting a hedge in the garden It was decided to ask for Privet and Matipo

27th July Messrs Speedy and Son spent two or three hours in topping the row of pines at the back of the school building

2nd August Messrs O'Connor and Cripps (Junior) planted a great number of gum trees to replace those that had died in the plantation at the far end of the horse paddock.

13th September The Board supplied a supply of garden seeds- 15 packets vegetable seeds and 10 packets of flower seeds

4th -11th October School was closed by permission of the Board to enable the teacher to visit his son on the occasion of his embarkation for Egypt or the Dardanelles as a unit of the 7th Contingent of the Expeditionary forces sent to war

30th October Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 35
- b) Needlework (Mrs Sutton) Children have been doing good work for the soldiers and the Belgians
- c) Mrs Sutton assists in the teaching of singing
- d) A satisfactory programme in Elementary Agriculture is followed and very good practical work is done in the garden'

1916

1st March Jessie Pain was punished with two stripes for not coming into school on her arrival. She stayed outside more than half an hour then had to be sent for.

2nd March School was closed for the day to allow the children an opportunity of attending the picnic at Langdale which was being held for patriotic and Recruiting purposes.

3rd March Received from School Committee 6 writing pads and a hank of cord- the Latter to be cut into skipping ropes for the children

20th March Mr Maxwell presented a dozen yards of calico for the children to make into articles for use in the hospital ship.

25th March Saturday. Members of the School Committee were occupied for several hours in washing and disinfecting (With Kerol)

the school and outhouses Ceilings Walls, desks and floors were thoroughly disinfected

31st March The Boy Gavin Speedy met with the accident during the morning recess and was sent home at 12.30 Another boy pushed him while playing and he fell on his shoulder. It was afterwards found that he had dislocated the joint and cracked the collar bone

14th April School closed until May 2nd by order of the Board. This holiday is to take the place of the usual May Holiday

25th April Anzac Day The School Flag- the presentation flag was lent by the School Committee for use on the occasion of the memorial service at the Hall

3rd – 7th July School closed for the week, owing to the teacher's absence due to a severe attack of rheumatism following on an attack of influenza

14th July 16 small packets of garden seeds were received. Supplied by other schools and forwarded by Mr Cummings Agriculture Instructor

4th August Declaration Day. Owing to the heavy rain and flooded state of the river. Only one scholar present morning and night.

17th August Mr Rose the carpenter, acting under instructions from the School Committee commenced the work of erecting a saddle and tool shed in the horse paddock

18th August Special Meeting of the School Committee was held to consider a number of complaints about the children using obscene and filthy language during playtime.

11th December The following articles, made up by the school children as a contribution to the patriotic funds were forwarded to

the Wellington Education Board 12 pillow cases, 14 face cloths, 6 bloomers, 3 dozen handkerchiefs, 6 skirts.

1st November Inspectors report

- a) Roll 35
- b) About a dozen children travel from homes three miles distant and some are not regular attenders when weather bad
- c) Most of the scholars who showed any weaknesses were amongst those living a distance
- d) There are still some leaks in the roof of the residence
- e) A false bottom is required for the range
- f) A satisfactory workable discipline is maintained

1917

12th March It was decided at the meeting of the School Committee that no prizes should be given to the pupils owing to the conditions. The proceeds of the Children's prize fund collection to be donated to a Dominion Soldiers Orphanage Fund. Amount collected £21-7-0

23rd April The school flag was erected at the Hall- the day being kept in substitution for Anzac day Most of the children visited the cross memorial on the top of the Taipos

14th May The river rose very rapidly in the night and caused a great flood. It washes away part of the dividing fence between the two playgrounds

11th June River in flood

12th June River in flood- no scholars present

6th July Members of the School Committee replanted about 100 blue gum trees at the far end of the horse paddock

Many of those previously planted having died owing to the prolonged dry weather of the previous summer

The also placed the new tank in position and fixed the two taps in place.

6th August A great earthquake occurred at 3.25 a.m. followed by minor shocks at frequent intervals for a week. All chimneys were broken off in school and residence. The intensity of the shock was about equal to that which occurred almost exactly 13 years previously

7th August The Chairman Mr E Schofield visited the school and inspected the damage. He removed the fallen bricks from the top of the school porch

13th August Clerk Of Works visited the school and inspected damage caused by earthquake

14th August Mr Powell again inspects the buildings, including the roof of the residence which was considerably damaged and leaked badly

16th August Mr Jennings at the Teacher's request gave a pruning and spraying exhibition to the school children in the school garden and teacher's residence.

He sprayed with red oil the apple trees and with Bordeaux mixture the peach and plum trees

He also pruned the two apple trees in the school garden and carefully explained the principles which guided him in doing

18th August Two workmen appeared on behalf the Board and repaired all the damaged chimneys and adjusted the tank stand at the side of the scullery of the residence

21st August The following articles- patriotic work of the School Committee 7 Treasure bag, 2 pairs mittens, 4 pillow cases, 2 pairs socks, 1 muffler, 16 face cloths, 5 operating sheets 1 pair bed socks

20th August A plumber sent by Wellington Education Board attended to the damage caused by the earthquake

11th September When school reopened some children were still absent suffering from the recent epidemic of chicken pox

27th September A few of the scholars left early to attend a lecture in the hall on tree planting by the Rev Simmonds

12th October The following manures and spraying materials supplied by the Board by coach from Coopers.

- a) 1 lb arsenate of lead
- b) 2 lbs Copper Sulphate
- c) 3 lbs Lime
- d) 1 quart Red Oil Emulsion
- e) 7 lbs Superphosphate
- f) 7 lbs Bone Dust
- g) 5 lbs Nitrate of Soda
- h) 5 lbs Sulphate of Potash

23rd October The teacher having received information that his son was returning invalided from the war in France, obtained leave from the Board to meet him on his arrival in Auckland. School was closed for the day

20th October The children Dick and Dora Andrews were found to have lice in their hair. They were sent home with a letter of explanation to their mother.

1st December The grass round the school was cut under instructions from the School Committee, by Mr A Tuckett.

Copy of inspection report 31st October

- a) Roll 37 present 36
- b) The school has a large roll for a sole teacher to manage and the attendance of some pupils is rather unsatisfactory
- c) In the circumstances the work of the pupils is satisfactory

1918

28th January At the meeting of the School Committee it was decided to arrange to take the school children to Castle Point for their annual picnic.

6th February On examining the head of Dorothy Simmons, nits were found on the hair and her mother was requested to keep her at home and attend to her head.

26th March Mr Norris was allowed to address the children on behalf of the National Service League on the subject of helping returned soldiers.

25th April Dora, Dick and Jack Andrews were found to have head lice in their hair and were sent home with a request to their mother to give careful attention to the matter

10th June Mr C Schofield cut up about 8 cords of willow wood for firewood by circular saw. He was assisted by other members of the School Committee.

15th June The big boys were taken by Messrs Speedy, Bennett and O'Connor in their motor cars to Whareama School to play a match of football with the boys of that school. The Tinui Boys had an easy victory

19th July The children were delighted by continuous showers of snow during the day. The snow lay on the ground all day.

19th July 1923 H Sutton Resigned PP

22nd July. Snow fell at intervals during this and the last two days. Children were able to indulge in snowballing.

26th July The snow was still visible on the surrounding hills not having thawed for a whole week. This is regarded as a record snowfall for this district

26th August A parcel of books arrived by post from D H S Carterton containing 9 copies of Alice in Wonderland for use as continuous readers

28th August Parcel of continuous readers from Pongaroa School- 7 copies of Gorilla hunters.

13th September Parcel of books from Ihuraua – 5 copies of the magic Garden

1921

1st February Roll 23

10th February School was closed for the day by permission of the School Committee to enable the pupils to attend and take part in the Foresters' sports held in Mr Cameron's Paddock.

12th February The chairman and his two sons assisted the teacher to scrub the floors of the school and porch and wash them out with disinfectant

No More Entries until

1923

26th September Mrs R J Stevenson called on the teacher in the evening to complain that her little girl Greta had been indecently treated by several of the boys- especially Jack Fawcett who had made use of a very vulgar word to the child. She said that she did not feel that she could allow the girl to return to the school until the matter had been investigated. The teacher undertook to make queries the next day

27th September A large part of the morning was occupied by the teacher in interrogating privately all the children who were present when the incident complained of by Mrs Stevenson took place.

The teacher came to the conclusion that the bigger boys had towards the end of the dinner hour started playing a game they Called No Man Standing no doubt as an excuse for pushing the girls who were near there on to the ground. Then some pushing, pulling, chasing and talk of kissing developed. Several boys went so far s to lift the clothes of two (at least) of the little girls. All appeared to agree that Jack Fawcett took the lead and went fartherest in the rude behaviour After careful consideration the teacher decided to chastise Harold Schofield, Tom and Reg Fawcett and Mary McIsaac

As Jack Fawcett was the eldest of the boys, and as he had no doubt been the worst and as his previous record was decidedly unfavourable, the teacher came to the conclusion that his further attendance at school would be injurious to the other scholars, and that nothing less than expulsion would meet his case

A note to that effect was therefore sent to his parents, and the others were corporally punished.

28th September A letter was received from Mrs T Fawcett stating that she is convinced that her boys tell her the truth when they say that they have only pushed and hit the girls away when one or two of the girls tried to kiss them and stating further that their father would come and see me when he returned from town

17th October A report of the case of Jack Fawcett's expulsion was made to the School Committee at their meeting this evening. It was agreed by the School Committee to endorse my action in expelling the boy

1924

4th February A letter was received from Mr Powell Clerk of Works, asking if the new teacher (H Spicer) intended occupying the school residence and stating that several rooms required some papering. A reply was sent in the affirmative.

5th February School reopened Miss H Spicer taking up her duties as teacher. Mr Sutton being the retiring teacher.

No on roll 27 19 present in the morning 20 in the afternoon.

Jack Fawcett arrived at school, but as records show that he has been formally expelled, and I have had no notice to the effect that he was to return I did not put him on the roll.

6th February Copy of a Letter sent to Mrs Fawcett per her son Jack

Dear madam

As the records show that Jack has been expelled from this school, and the action has been upheld by the board and the School Committee, I have been advised that it is necessary for Jack to

remain from school until you have approached these bodies on the subject of his reattendance

Helen Spicer.

7th February A man visited the school this morning about 8 a.m. and took measurements of school and residence for the purpose of repairs

11th February Received a letter from Wellington Education Board
Re Jack Fawcett

Copy

Dear Madam

Last year the Head teacher found it necessary in the interests of the school to expel the above pupil. The attendance officer has raised the question whether in the interests of the lad it might not be possible to give him another chance. I therefore send you for perusal the correspondence relating to the matter, on the distinct understanding that the Board is exerting no pressure upon you to admit the boy, but that if you should see it possible to make some arrangement which would safeguard your position in the school and give the lad a chance it might possibly be tried. I purposely refrained from addressing the father as the attendance officer is of opinion that the home circumstances are not very favourable. If admitted it could hardly be otherwise than on probation. I trust you may enjoy your work in Tinui. Kindly return the documents now enclosed when you have given consideration of the matter.

Signed J L Stewart

Secretary

Received a visit from Mr Powell, Clerk of Works The state of tanks and the papering of rooms were the most essential.

15th February School closed half an hour earlier than usual to enable the children to attend the official opening of the new Tinui Post Office. An address was given by Mr McLeod M P

18th February The chairman visited the school house this evening and arranged for me to undertake the cleaning of the schoolroom at 30/- per quarter.

He also arranged for me to use the school piano temporarily 1 hour per week on a Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of singing.

It was decided I should take sewing, but the boys could not have gardening in that period- as with Mr Sutton. We also discussed the gardening for the following year, and it was decided that as the plot across the road was to be kept for a tree plantation And some fencing is to be done. At the completion of the memorial and cement paths probably laid, it would be best to leave the laying out of garden plots till that time, when they could be made this side of the road.

19th February Lloyd Stevenson was sent home at 11 O'clock this morning, slight vomiting

20th February Masterton show accounts for the attendance being down to 18. Robert, Joyce and Mollie Coulson – rather backward

1st March School picnic was held in Mr R A Perry's paddock. It commenced at 11 a.m. Parents were requested to supply refreshments and the day was fine. The children competed for races, jumping etc. with numerous exhibition races, and appeared to enjoy themselves thoroughly. The gathering was smaller than might have been expected.

10th March Closed school for lunch hour at 11.15 and took Humphrey Fantham home. He had pushed a holly berry up his

nostril, causing the nose to bleed. He was in pain for a time, but the child recovered by afternoon school, The berry passing right down through the throat and leaving the nostril quite clear.

17th March William Robertson aged 5 years 7 months started

24th March Two new tanks arrived and were erected today

School Committee met in the evening and the parcel of books for school prizes and the parcel of books for school prizes were left in the porch at the residence.

26th March The children commenced a writing competition today, to be judged at the end of the quarter- a small prize to be given by the teacher for most improvement in each group.

31st March School was not opened until 9.10 a.m. This morning owing to the school key being lost. Ian Spicer had used it on Sunday Morning to sweep the school out and had neglected to return it to me. This morning I remembered this when I came to unlock the school door. A search was made but the key was not to be found. Mr Tickett- member often School Committee entered by the window and unscrewed the latch on the door.

Four withdrawals were made. Robert, Mollie and Joyce Coulson and Ton Fawcett who has not attended this year at all.

2nd April The keys were found in the lunch hour by Jack Whateley They were lying in the grass.

4th April Distribution of School Prizes took place in the Town Hall in the evening. A few school songs and recitations were given and were followed by refreshments and dancing.

10th April Received a visit from the Probation Officer- Ed Board- on behalf of the child Jack Fawcett. He asked a few questions relating to the child and the case in general and said that he intended visiting

Mrs Stevenson and Mr and Mrs Fawcett, for the purpose of trying to clear the obstacles to the child returning to school

11th April Harold Schofield received a nasty kick on the leg this morning- from Gordon McIsaac- playing football. He was in great pain and his leg hurt when he put his foot on the ground.

14th April Jack Fawcett returned to school this morning and was entered on the roll

11th April as Dick McIsaac is ill in bed with quinsy and his mother ill with the same sickness on the advice of the members of the School Committee I advised the other children to remain from school

15th April Was obliged to punish Peters Checkley and Reginald Fawcett for vulgar exposure to the girls- Laura Schofield and Greta Stevenson.

2nd May The three boys Ian Spicer, H Schofield and Jack Fawcett returned tonight from their trip to Wellington in the chairman's car to see the Fleet. They left on Tuesday morning.

5th May The annual householder's meeting was held in the schoolroom in the evening. There was an attendance of about 20 men and eight women. The new committee elected was Mr S Schofield, Mr R Perry, Mr Tuckett, and Mr O'Connor, the latter being elected chairman.

8th May A juggling of holidays was accompanied by the note that schools must be open at 400 half days.

27th May Inspectors report included (Visit on 7th May) Mr. W Blackie

a) Roll 29

b) Miss Spicer teacher

- c) Recommend careful voice modulation by the teacher
- d) Miss Spicer is very earnest and the classes are under satisfactory control.

9th June Unnamed teacher relieving

11th June Mr Hopkirk Drill Instructor visited the school and spent an hour taking children for drill and games

According to the examination register the first term examination has not been completed, I intend starting tomorrow to complete it.

Mr O'Connor spent today planting trees

I have applied to School Committee for fire brush and shovel. Also spoke to chairman about condition of outbuildings.

13th June Received notice from Wellington Education Board re boarding allowance due to Ian Spicer. I completed form H 2 and forwarded it to Wellington Education Board

16th June Ian Spicer left for Taihape today

18th June. Have completed term examination with very poor results. I am not aware of making work unduly difficult

25th June At the School Committee meeting it was decided that Peter Checkley and Athol Stevenson should clean school one month and Alan Berthlesen (?) and Harold Schofield should clean it next month.

30th June From 1st July to 30th September school will open at 9.30 and close at 3.30

1st July Athol Stevenson and Peter Checkley will continue cleaning for month of July

The School Committee decided to hold a children's fancy dress ball early in September

3rd July Mr Brockett agriculture instructor visited the school today and left five garden tools. He requested teacher to communicate with the School Committee re beautifying the school grounds. He has promised to forward some flower seeds when plots are prepared.

11th July Received from Wellington Education Board white and coloured cardboard but no knives.

Received from School Committee supply of blotting paper and a new broom for use in the school.

18th July For the past fortnight the weather has been beautiful.

Jack Fawcett has been causing slight trouble amongst children. He has been punished and severely admonished

1st August Vera McIsaac has left school. She was a good pupil

11th August Tom Fawcett returned today after a year's absence, the greater part he spent in hospital

15th August Tom Fawcett is a constant annoyance to all. He has a violent temper and very little self control. His work is very poor. Since his return to school he and his brother are constantly quarrelling.

22nd August The children have assisted to clean school today, desks, windows and cupboards have been cleaned. Received word that Miss Spicer permanent teacher has resigned. I Currie (?)

9th September 23 children present. School reopened The chairman of the school cleaned out the school during the holiday and repaired windows etc..

Mr Brockett agriculture instructor visited the school this afternoon. He questioned the children on work taken during the term. Children responded very poorly Mr Brockett hoped to find garden plots

prepared but so far the School Committee have not made a start. He left a collection of flower seeds,

22nd September Mr Stevenson reports that Athol and Bob are attending school at Kaitoke and Greta and Lloyd are attending Upper Hutt School

1st October Inspector Blackie conducted annual examination today 20 children being present. The work is much below the standard but Mr Blackie reported an improvement

10th October Jack Fawcett accidentally cracked a window today.

20th October Torrential Rain. Attendance 11 rain and the state of the roads.

23rd October Mr Brockett paid a visit today, he was very pleased with progress made during the last 6 weeks. The children are making a study of insects and have a very fine collection.

24th October. Labour Day

29th October At the School Committee meeting last night the chairman reported he had been notified on the appointment of a permanent teacher

Received inspector's report. Although so few promotions are to be made until the school is again visited by an inspector from my point of view the report is very satisfactory. It is pleasing to me that the report stated a distinct improvement in discipline.

The School Committee has plans to lay down concrete paths and improve the environment in other directions.

7th November The horses have been grazing in the school grounds for some time. The grass was particularly long, giving the grounds an untidy appearance. The boys have cleared grass from side of school and around fences and paths

11th November Two minutes silence was observed at 11 a.m. Several residents placed wreaths at the memorial

14th November A special effort is being made to improve the standard of work throughout school in order that several of the backward children all will be ready for promotion in March. In reading, enunciation, phrasing, and voice modulation shows an improvement.

Spelling is very weak in all classes Subject is receiving due attention. In arithmetic special efforts are being made to secure greater mechanical accuracy. A slight improvement is noticeable. In composition greater freedom of expression is being arrived at.

Received from Wellington Education Board a notice re capture of small birds, the matter has been explained to the children

17th November Harold Laing and Harold Schofield have discontinued cleaning the school Ruby Schofield and Alan Berthelsen commence the cleaning today

18th November I spent an hour this morning in questioning the boys regarding a certain filthy practice which many of them have been indulging. The boys were questioned individually and six of them admitted the offense, two telling falsehoods. Jack Fawcett was the worst offender; he has been admonished and severely punished. And is remaining at school on the condition that he gives no further trouble. This is the first time since I took charge of the school that he had been in any serious trouble, although he has constantly been quarrelling with the other boys. His previous record is not good and I consider that unless he is under strict surveillance his influence is extremely injurious to the younger pupils attending school. All the offenders in the case have been severely dealt with and I feel that the

moral tone of the school which showed a distinct improvement will continue to improve still further. I believe that something behavioural such as has been developed today has been practiced at this school for years but I am pleased to say this is my first experience of anything of a filthy nature

26th November Admitted into a new pupil Florence Smith, Rewa Rewa

1st December At the School Committee meeting Owing to the warm weather it was decided to discontinue the idea of holding a fancy dress ball. Reported to the School Committee that a school concert was impossible owing to an absence of talent.

Application has been made by a local resident to rent the school residence which is in a neglected state owing to non-occupation.

The School Committee passed a resolution of appreciation of the work done during my term in Tinui.

16th December Alan Berthelsen and Ruby Schofield have received their cheques for cleaning the school

The Berthelsen family are leaving the district at the end of this week

18th December After having charge of the school for the past six months my engagement as relieving teacher terminates tomorrow. I trust my efforts on behalf of the children have been appreciated. I have striven to improve the week moral tone and discipline of the school. I feel sure that all pupils have made progress but I am sorry to state that the general standard of work is by no means high. Although my task had been an arduous one my stay in Tinui had been most happy. I trust my successor will meet with every success in his new sphere of labour

1925

30th January F G Haggett Took up residence in school house

13th February Wrote to Wellington Education Board re

- 1) Condition of trough in boy's latrine
- 2) Insufficient water supply for residence
- 3) State of roof and piping of residence
- 4) Need of Hydroplate for school
- 5) Need of wash basins for school

25th February Received letter from Wellington Education Board promising 18 foot hydroplate

4th March Received letter from Wellington Education Board authorising me to instruct plumber to repair

6th March Received communication from Wellington Education Board instructing the concreting of the boy's convenience and promising an extra tank for residence

8th March Owing to the prolonged holidays due to epidemic infantile paralysis, sent letters to parents re commencing school work at home.

10th March Issued typed sheets of school work received corrected and returned homework, gave private tuition to prospective proficiency candidates

15th April Opened school- attendance 24 (attendance not yet made compulsory owing to epidemic)

18th April The School Committee took as many children as were permitted by their parents, to Masterton in cars to see the cinema pictures. The Ten Commandments- matinee at 10 a.m. Thirteen children went in as well as adults.

5th May The new School Committee Mr Ashworth (Chairman), Mr O'Connor, Mr E H Schofield, Mr S Schofield and Mr F Vick

14th May School closed on account of Mr Massey's funeral.

15th May Mr Vick erected horizontal bar, for which he donated material. Mr E Schofield brought material also, and carted the firewood which had been felled and split.

19th May Received a complaint from Mr Fantham that Rob and Lloyd Stevenson had ill-treated Humphrey Fantham and behaved in a disgusting and filthy manner towards him on his way home after the morning session. On investigation it appeared that the like of this had occurred before.

I severely strapped Bob and Lloyd in front of all the boys at the same time pointing out the gravity of the offence. The same evening I interviewed the parents of the boys concerned explaining the whole position

20th May Inspector McKenzie visited the school this morning.

21st May Received letter from Mr Fawcett re separation of boys and girls in playground together with recommendation of chairman. My reply together with the above mentioned correspondence attached.

(Missing in log book)

Learned from children there had been some language of a doubtful kind indulged in during my absence with the inspector the previous day Almost all the children of the Upper Classes were involved either by direct participation or by their encouraging attitude. After a somewhat pointed discussion on the subject all those concerned volunteered for the strap which was severely administered.

22nd May School closed so that I could consult doctor in Masterton

23rd May Saturday held school instead of on Friday, present 24. Tom Fawcett being still in hospital

1st June Tom Fawcett returned today after more than five weeks of absence due to tuberculosis foot.

1st June Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the school improvement funds the School Committee resigned in a body tonight.

8th September Resumed duties today after having been absent from school from August 31st owing to my having had to undergo an operation for Appendicitis.

6th November The children of this school in cooperation with the children of the Whakataki school gave an entertainment in the hall tonight, with the object of raising funds to provide gramophones for both schools.

3rd December The three children in Standard 6 gained proficiency. 26 children present for Inspector McKenzie's annual examination

1926

1st February Opened school attendance 25

15th September I have been absent from duty on Monday 13th September owing to having sustained injuries to my leg by being run over by a motor car on the previous Saturday

December The children were given a Christmas tree in the hall in the afternoon.

1927

2nd February roll 26 Attendance 23

16th February A special holiday was granted today to enable the pupils to visit the Masterton Show

19th March. The school picnic was held at the Tinui Station today. There was a large number of visitors, parents and children from the neighbouring schools. The function was a great success.

5th March The School Committee made arrangements to take the children to Masterton where they joined in the demonstration in honour of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York

8th March There was no school yesterday or today, a holiday having been granted in honour of their Royal Highnesses

25th April Anzac Day An impressive service conducted by Rev Ashcroft was held in the school for the special benefit of the children after which the children adjourned to the Tinui Hall for the United Public Commemoration Service.

20th May The school dance and prize distribution took place in the hall tonight.

8th August School recommenced after having been closed since 29th July owing to my own sickness, the result of a football accident.

12th September I opened school today a week earlier than the regulation time of opening as I anxious to make up the time lost during my recent sickness. The School Committee and Wellington Education Board consented to the arrangement

9th December A very successful dance and concert was held in the Tinui Hall at which the children of the Castlepoint and Whakataki Schools assisted.

1928

1st February Attendance 25 roll 27

2nd May A nurse from the dental clinic in Masterton examined the e children's teeth this morning.

4th May A plumber has been at work renovating the roof at the school residence today. He is renewing the gutters and has been trying to stop the leaks in the roof. He has nailed down some of the iron afresh and soldered up the old nail holes but he is of the opinion that a new roof is necessary as the timber is unsound underneath

I have promoted several of the children in the lower classes as shown in the register

9th June Received children's appointment cards for the dental clinic in Masterton

22nd June I was given a farewell social tonight in which the children took part.

19th June Much of the time today was spent in cleaning and tidying the school

Mr Haig has been appointed

I found when I took charge here that with the exception of three or four the children were all retarded. I have worked hard with the backward scholars and I am most glad o be able to say that there are only 4 retardants

Some of the scholars will appear to be backward in their classes owing to recent promotions.

I can be contacted at my new address Headmaster Public School Matawai Gisborne

2nd July H J Haigh Took charge of the school

16th July

16th July Mrs. E. J Roy-Chatterji, to be teacher at Tinui

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17th August Several Children have been absent recently on account of sore eyes and some with colds

Completed duty here today

2nd September Though the ground is still very damp the boys have commenced to dig the three plots in the plantation.

4th September Took Charge of school to 23 being present Mrs. E. J Roy-Chatterji,

The children were reminded about putting their horses in paddock over the road.

10th September The chairman brought to school an axe as for the past year the children had been using Miss Pickett's at the school house

10th October Inspector Blackie examined the school

8th November Inspector Blackie's Report included.

- a) Organisation is suitable
- b) Management is very satisfactory
- c) The pupils show a good working spirit
- d) Teaching: Mrs Roy Chatterji has had charge 6 weeks
- e) In the upper standards English does not appear strong

Mr Brockett visited school and talked to the children about gardens and result of digging while ground still very wet. He also gave notes to those who had entered the Mangold Growing Competition

3rd December Mr Brockett called at the school at 2.30 and Took Frank and Laura Schofield to see each other's mangold plot at their homes.

1929

5th February W G Meyer commenced duties at Tinui School. Much time was spent in rearranging and tidying of material and books in cupboards and drawers. I am unable to find any copies of the Education Gazette later than June 1928

20th February School closed for Masterton Show

16th March School books for annual prize giving purchased- These are to be presented at the Children's fancy Dress Ball on April 12th

28th March The books in the school library have been rearranged according to numbers and a list of same placed on the door of the cupboard. Nine books are missing.

The vegetable gardens have been sown in blue lupin.

Completed duty at Tinui Today

3rd April New Teacher commenced duties.

Children are in general very backward especially in arithmetic. Lack of text books has severely handicapped the work in Geography-History

5th April Wrote to the Board complaining of the unsatisfactory state of the school residence as left by the last occupants.

17th April Received notification from the Board that the inspectors require the school to remain open during the first week of the May holidays and to take a week later. Acceded to

19th April desks received but have no need for them

23rd April School closed to enable disinfection to be carried out owing to a case of scarlet fever.

Gramophone records (2) received but duplicating present records. Returned these to be exchanged

25th April Anzac Service not held at school owing to danger of spreading infection.

26th April School closed and thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with Formalin by direction of the Health Officer who visited the school. A second case of scarlet fever occurred in another family-Robertson's. Three children will be absent as contacts for the prescribed time.

15th May School not opened as children were cut off by a rising flood already over the road in several places.

16th May 12 pupils still isolated by flood

22nd August School closed at midday because of rising floods

10th September 26 pupils. News received that Laura Schofield being awarded 4th prize in schools Mangold Growing Competition

Received form of entry for Wairarapa Show Schools Exhibition

19th September Visit of school doctor

1930

3rd February School reopened with 25 pupils. During holidays the school has been renovated and repaired, the result being a great improvement to the lighting and cheeriness of the room.

10th March School picnic held at Langdale where the Combined School's Sport's were held. The result was very satisfactory from all points of view.

25th April Special Children's service held at school by the Rev H Whitby James at 2 p.m. to commemorate Anzac Day

28th ay Children requiring attention visited dental Clinic this and following days in Masterton

Errors in past register were corrected enabling two pupils to have treatment from which they had been wrongly withheld

18th July School Closed by Minister of Education for the death of Sir Joseph Ward,

15th July Visit by Miss Blackburn physical instructor. Several Folk Dances and new physical exercises taken

Received light woodwork tools and timber from Wellington Education Board One plane required repair and was returned.

15th July Special meeting of School Committee to elect a new committee made necessary by the resignation of Mr Liddington.

8th September Eric and Robert Schofield have been announced winners of the 1st and 2nd prize winners respectively in Mangold Growing Competition.

19th November Children questioned in regards to theft from Tennis Clubs property. Guilty children suitably punished.

1st December Inquiries were made in regard to the behaviour of certain children in the playground during the lunch hour and on the way home from school.

Guilty children were suitably punished and parents were asked to cooperate to prevent loitering on the way home from school.

19th December School closed roll 18

1931

1932

1st February At School Committee meeting tonight my resignation was accepted. Finish duty on Friday 28th February

25th February Completed rainfall record this month, the incomplete return showing over 12 inches

1st March Commenced relieving duty today. C E Wiseley

8th March At School Committee meeting last night letter from Board received re school being reduced to Grade 1

2nd April Combined school's picnic held at Castlepoint

30th June Completed relieving duty today C E Wiseley

4th July Commenced duties at Tinui Much time spent in tidying material and books and rearranging same. I cannot find any copies of timetables.

6th July Nature study period spent in clearing away grass choking the small trees growing in the enclosure at the rear of the school.

8th July Mr Brockett called again this morning, give the children and talk on pruning of rose bushes and pruned three trees in the garden.

He also discussed the nature study scheme with me

5th September Inspectors report included

A) Roll 27 present 24

B) Buildings are in good order

C) It is to be hoped that better results will be obtained from experimental plots this year.

D) The general level of attainment is fair.

25th October Received synchronous tests in Geography, History and Drawing. Not to be opened before 1st November

1st November Synchronous tests given today

16th December Completed duties today after having spent an enjoyable term in Tinui

The classwork was very difficult the standard of work being low but I find the behaviour of the children to be all that could be desired during my short 5 months here.

1933

1st February W R Atkinson Teacher

19th 20th December School closed Teacher in Hospital

1934

17th 18th September Teacher Refresher Courses- School Closed

1935

5th February 10 Withdrawals 3 new pupils. Standard 7 and Proficiency pupils and those who have left district comprise these

1936

3rd February District Flooded School Closed

4th February Reopening First Term 30 pupils

5th March Boy strapped (4) for spitting on child's face and book.

11th December School closed Infantile paralysis

1937

9th 12th November School Closed Teachers Exam

1938

23rd May Roll Boys 14 Girls 16

29th June Visit of Miss Lowrie Department's Infant Instructor

16th July 19th August Measles epidemic through the district

19th August Relinquished Duties at Tinui School today W R Atkinson

30th August 1938 Mr A V Scanlon Sole Teacher Granity to Tinui

5th September 3rd Term New teacher A N Scanlon B A

9th September Torrential rain; river rising rapidly. Children from east unable to attend. Children present 18 School dismissed 10.30

5th October Visit of Mr Stubbs School inspector (roll 35)

4th November Visit of Mr Brown Inspector of Manual Instruction

2nd December Standard classes visited Mangapakeha School (Mr C E Wiseley) Travelled up by Mr Fly's Bus (11 a.m.) back by Mr Savage 3 p.m. Mr Hampson, local publican, kindly donated 2 dozen large bottles of lemonade. Played cricket match- a draw- because time prevented a finish. Learned later that no charge was made for conveyance.

13th December Mr Jones painter of Masterton finished painting the exterior of the school buildings.

15th December Short concert held in hall, followed by a children's fancy dress ball, followed by an adult ball.

1939

1st February School reopened 34

15th February School closed for Wairarapa Show

5th March Saturday Tinui and East Coast combined school's association held annual sport's meeting at Langdale (Whareama). Shield for aggregate points retained by Tinui

16th March Thursday Swimming sports and certificates- meeting at Langdale organised by Whareama School Committee. Mangapakeha, Whakataki, Whareama and Tinui School attended. 25 yards, 50 yards for certificates and also competition events.

30th March Relinquished duties at Tinui today. School closed tomorrow to allow me to travel

3rd April Mavis J Ross M A Dip Ed. Took charge
3rd April 1939 Miss N Ross ST to Beramphore special class 22 Oct 1940 PP
19th April Visit of Inspector Mr McClune
25th April Closed school for Anzac Day. A children's service was held at the war memorial in the school grounds at 2.15 p.m. Pupils of Tinui School deposited wreaths on the monument.
4th May The Wairarapa members of the Wellington Education Board, Mr A Donald and Colonel McDonald and the Secretary Mr Deavoll visited the school to inspect sites for the new residence
27th June Wairarapa Automobile Association erected School. Drive Slowly Signs
14th July School cleaner Mr R McIsaac commenced duties
2nd August Took squad of senior pupils to Tinui Women's Institute Meeting 3-15- 4.40 pm where we demonstrated Folk Dancing and taught the members Brighton Camp, Danish Dance of Greeting and Gathering Peascods (Peapods)
8th August Closed school at 12 noon to enable Messrs Dobbs, Speedy and myself to transport some of the children to the Wairarapa Primary Schools Arts and Craft exhibition in the Municipal Hall Masterton. At which many of the pupils from this school were exhibitors
6th September Forwarded nine shillings to Otaki Health Camp Funds
11th September Inaugurated Tinui School Junior Red Cross Circle
13th September Election of Office Bearers of Tinui School Red Cross Circle

Patron: Miss Ross, President: William Perry, Secretary: Lyla Bacon. Treasurer: Noeline Speedy. Committee The above and Mary Clark and Barbara Macalister

23rd October Received information that Lyla Bacon had won a first prize for Knitting and Alison Dobbs a second prize for drawing at the Carterton Show

15th November Closed school for teacher to sit for Experimental Pedagogy for Diploma in Education

7th December Doctor Mulholland and Nurse Hodges conducted medical examination of all school pupils also preschool children aged two to five years

1940

6th February Reopened School New roll number 13 boys, 16 girls. One form 3 pupil returned to school for a further year's secondary correspondence tuition

8th February Received information that Lyla Bacon has won first prize for N Z in the Junior Red Cross Specimen minute writing competition

14th February Closed school for People's Day, Masterton A and P show

9th March Annual School Sports at Tinui. This school retained the Hay Shield for aggregate points in athletic events, results being Whareama 80 points, Mangapakeha 70 points, Whakataki-Castlepoint 52 points, Tinui 182

14th March 19 pupils those for whom transport had been arranged attended centennial celebrations in Masterton

28th 19th Closed School death of Prime Minister M Savage

5th April Received information from Department of Internal Affairs that Tinui School had won a prize of £2 in the centennial competition for regional surveys by N Z Schools

22nd April Biennial meeting of householders New School Committee Rev Dobbs, Secretary and Treasurer Mr Ritchie. Other member Mrs Thorby, Messrs Brodrick and McIsaac

21st June Tinui School Football team beat Whareama 6-3. Tinui School basketball team won 13-6 Matches played at Langdale

11th November Observed 2 minutes silence at 11 a.m. Armistice Day

16th December Closed school for my observation day at Masterton Central Special School

Mr Stubbs inspector report included

- a) Roll 26 Present 26
- b) Teacher M J Ross
- c) It will be necessary to make certain promotions at the end of the year on age rather than ability
- d) The pupils being well behaved, courteous, and readily willing to participate.
- e) The teaching is along progressive lines with a useful emphasis on oral expression and dramatic activities that in no small measure have added very genuine interest to school life.
- f) The classroom is brightened with pictures, the grounds are tidy,
- g) A number of very fine books have been added to the library.

20th December Relinquished duties at Tinui School. Left keys and records in charge of School Committee

1941

3rd February Miss L S D Junker started. Roll 29

20th February Swimming instruction given in new pool on Castlepoint Road. This to be continued at least 3 times per week while weather is suitable

6th March Swimming Sports held at Whareama (Courtesy of Mr Andrews)

7th March Definite training in practice for high jump, long jump given in drill and recess periods.

Practice in Tennis will also be given on duller days while swimming will also be continued weather permitting

17th March The Annual Combined School Sports were held on Castlepoint Beach on Saturday 15th March. Every child (Tinui) participated and the combined effort resulting in Tinui winning the points shield. Nancy Speedy and Ray Perry winning their championships'

27th March Visit of Nurse Horner, Dental Clinic Nurse

5th May Flood water and silt in school porches, shelter sheds 13 inches flooded lavatories.

School closed. Cut wood and logs washed away.

6th May School sheds etc. cleaned of silt. Attendance good considering state of roads prevalence of colds.

3rd June Began serving hot cocoa (milk) at morning playtime and lunchtime. Monitors (Nancy Speedy and Barbara Macalister)

29th July A further consignment of centennial Prizes has been received.

8th September 53 peggy squares and 3500 used stamps sent to Junior Red Cross

16th October Visit of woodwork instructor who listed tools and gave demonstration and talk on use of tools

17th October Meryl Smith and Nan Jenkinson left this school. Roll now 24

21st October Visit of School Doctor Dr Mulholland and Nurse (Miss Craig) Primers Standard 2 and Standard 6 were examined also Standard 5 boys

Flag hoisted for Trafalgar Day, Talk on Trafalgar Day

11th November Observed 2 minutes silence for Armistice day. Special Lesson

1942

2nd February School opened with a roll of 23. 2 pupils gaining Primary Certificates and the other two having passed into Standard 6 (Age 14, 15 years)

Projects for life saving (both land and water) practice and ergot collecting will be undertaken for the months of February and March
24th February 6 sets of splints completed by the boys and presented to the local branch of Red Cross

27th February Ergot to date 23 ounces

One way many rural schools contributed to the war effort during World War II was to send out their pupils to collect ergot, a tiny

seed head-borne fungus with known hallucinogenic properties and a remarkable ability to stop bleeding .Stuff June 2013

2nd March On Friday 27th February a party of school pupils (Standard 3 – 6) under charge of teacher and led by guide. Alan Perry Standard 5 climbed the Taipos. After lunch a wreath of native flowers (Gathered on the summit) was placed and tied to the cross on the summit. The cross had been erected years ago to the memory of those who from this district fell in the war,

11th March Visit of Miss H Taylor Drill Instructor

A total of 24 ounces of clean dry ergot collected

17th April School picnic held in Tinui- at tennis court. This was held in lieu of combined school sports which were abandoned this year because of transport difficulties.

20th April Receipt of letter from Commander of Achilles thanking us for book City of the Strait presented by Tinui School from proceeds from sale of ergot

ERGOT COLLECTION

23rd April 1942 One of the best efforts in the recent national collection of ergot was that of the little school at Tinui whose pupils gathered 24 clean ounces. The school is to receive the congratulations of the Wellington Education Board. PP

25th May 2nd term Roll 26 Severe colds, influenza and croup prevalent in district. The holiday trains being booked up Several children were late in returning to the district

Observance of Empire Day Songs- Land of Hope and Glory, N Z and National Anthem. Empire products project begun

24th June Severe earthquake- time approximately 11.20 p.m.

25th June School Closed, Disrupted Transport Services- family arrangements: home circumstances

Damage Done

- a) War Memorial Shaken Down
- b) Gramophone thrown from top of cupboard
- c) Stove shifted angle 45°
- d) Bricks Down old chimney

26th June School held, fire not lit until chimney is thoroughly examined by committee during week end . Attendance 17/27

29th June On further consideration have decided not to light school heater until the chimney is passed as fit for use.

At 3 p.m. Wellington Education Board inspected school buildings. School stove is safe for lighting

9th July Presentation of Union Jack by Navy League (2 p.m.) Visitors present Sir Charles Norwood, Mr Darroch, Mrs Gawith, Miss Sellar

18th August School closed. Outbreak of measles. Illness of teacher. Roll Number 27

17th September Rita Finlay being withdrawn because of illness (Unable to attend school for one year)

18th September Received letter re forwarding magazines etc. for use in soldiers hospital

6th October Demonstration of papier mache splint making given by Mrs Beck. These to be made and donated to the Red Cross

25th November Forwarded parcel to Director- War Library Service. Digests, Pictorials etc..

10th December Forwarded 18/- to health camp (Per Wellington Education Board)

11th December Forwarded 9/- and 1745 stamps and 29 peggy squares to Red Cross Wellington

19th December A very successful Xmas breakup party was held in the Tinui Hall last night. The programme consisted of games, items and ballroom dancing.

18th December 5 toys (Movable parts) forwarded to Cripple Children's homes

1943

1st February Roll of 25

10th February Swimming instruction in pool at back of Mr Owen's paddock

25th February Children commenced sweeping of school

5th March School closed to enable teacher to attend the drill display etc. in Masterton

18th March Drill display given by children to parents (2-3 pm)

19th March Miss Bloomfield, Whareama School, visited this school to observe class work

30th 31st March School closed Illness of teacher

1st April Questioned children re obscene talk, behaviour after school.

25th April A service held at War Memorial on school grounds The majority of the children were present. The children recited 3 verses of the fallen and three read the names from the monument. At the conclusion of the service, the school wreath was placed on the monument

7th May Dismissed children early for May vacation. Time was previously made up

24th May The school reopened. The flag was hoisted in honour of Empire Day. A talk on Empire Day was given and Land of Hope and Glory was sung

18th June Wet Day Children dismissed at 2 p.m. owing to flood danger

1st July Flood danger 12/23 children present

1st July Full membership Navy League 1943

12th July Only seven children were present. Owing to flood danger the school was closed at 10.15 a.m.

31st July The Junior Red Cross Circle conducted a very successful Bring and Buy in the Tinui Hall. The sum of £25 was raised

9th September Twenty Three Books added to library

10th September Special holiday to observe celebration of capitulation of Italy to the Allies.

4th October Parts of air heater arrived in sack instead of crate as ordered. One side and two backs came instead of 2 sides and 1 back. One foot was missing from the side.

18th November The school agriculture Club held its Calf Judging Day at the school. Three calves were presented for judging day at the school. The cow judging competition was a great success. An indoor section (flowers, cooking, handwork and sewing) was keenly entered for (125 entries)

1944

1st February Roll 17

29th February 1st March School closed to enable teacher to visit a specialist (Wellington)

13th March Mr J Perry Tinui (RAF) a former pupil of the school, gave a discussion- Talk on the people of the Solomon Islands and New Caledonia. This was most interesting and educative.

28th April 6 empty apple cases forwarded to I M D Hastings

5th May School closed for May Holidays. Linda Junker finished

29th May Miss A P Whyte was relieving from 22nd May to 3rd July

3rd July M Shankland took charge as relieving teacher

19th July Received information from the Wellington Education Board that Josephine Michele Leach would be entitled to a boarding allowance

15th December E A Chatfield teacher ends year. *Looks as though arrived on 4th September*

1945

5th February School reopened.

3rd May School close a day early because of German Capitulation in Italy

15th August School closed Japanese war ended

1946

1st July School closed through lack of numbers owing to a flood.

30th September School closed awaiting a teacher

1st October Patricia Cumming Started

1947

3rd February Roll 18

2nd June King's Birthday. Tinui School played Whareama, Awatoitoi Seven Aside. Tinui won 12-Nil

16th June Admitted two pupils from Castlepoint as there is no teacher there at present

11th July Shirley Millar withdrawn as there is no place where she can board in the village

16th July Children of Junior Red Cross sent five pounds as a donation towards the Food For Britain Appeal.

21st July Owing to the fact that Mr Miles is leaving the district a new chairman and Secretary were elected at the School Committee meeting Mr W Laing (Chairman) Mr R Biddle (Secretary) Mr L Thorby, Mr M Paku and J A Munro

22nd July The school was visited by Inspector Hood of the Traffic Department who gave the children a talk on road safety

8th August Roll 21

25th November The School Children canvassing the district for funds for school Christmas Tree raised twenty six pounds

1st December School closed until further notice owing to outbreak of Infantile paralysis in North Island

1948

2nd February Returned to school on duty but school remains closed until Easter

12th February Attended a meeting of Sole teachers at Mangapakeha School conducted by the Inspectors. School still closed. Children doing their lessons by correspondence

20th February Six foot cupboard arrived for school use from the Wellington Education Board

23rd February Received notice that the schools would be reopening on 1st April

1st March School reopened Roll 24

6th May School visited by Miss M Steptoe Physical Education Instructress

17th August Senior Pupils went into Masterton for half day to inspect local industries

27th September A school concert was held on Friday 24th to raise funds for a school radio Over £10.00 is n hand from the proceeds.

18th November School closed for one day. Teacher unable to attend owing to sickness

1st December £26.18.0 for school Xmas tree

17th December School roll 16 Patricia Cummings

1949

2nd February New teacher School opened one day late due to he impossibility of transport for teacher on January 31st

Roll 11 boys 7 Girls. Present 10 boys 7 girls

7th February Began Swimming

14th February School Committee meeting Agreed to purchase one oil drum for incinerator. And £1 worth of library books for infants.

18th February Mr Munro, Mr Stewart (Members School Committee) and I concreted remaining section of path on north side of schools

21st Alex Tairoa's sister informed me that he would not be at school for some time due to treatment for bad Methylated spirits burns to his face, suffered before school started Exercise books ordered by Mr Laing (Chairman) arrived today

25th Teacher Received Board's permission to have leave of absence for this day owing to dental treatment

28th February A tumbling mat arrived from Wellington Education Board

3rd March 6 skipping ropes arrived from Phys Education instructor

7th March School Committee meeting. It was decided that the school should attend the special matinee of the Pantomime in Masterton on Wednesday March 23rd

8th March large Photographs on N Z scenes arrived today from Schools Publications office

6th March Combined School's Sports held at Castlepoint Beach. The winning school was announced as Tinui but Whareama called for a recount

10th March Tinui has definitely won the shield Tinui has collected for the sports £13-0-4 (less £2-2-0 for expenses) Surplus is to be used to buy equipment for the school

15th March Inspector Horsfall called to give a talk to the children about the rules of the road.

23rd March School ceased at 11.45 in order to attend the pantomime in Masterton at 1.45. More large photographs of N Z scenes arrived

26th March Received telegram from Wellington Education Board re beginning in new school on 1st April. Tomorrow will be my last day here.

30th March Albie Gaskin visited school and district to inspect lodgings and class etc.. Returned to Wellington the same day 4th April Started in the official capacity as permanent teacher. Could not start on the 1st April owing to unforeseen private circumstances

Roll 22 Present 20

5th April Cleaned out Art Cupboard assisted by several senior pupils

6th April Cleaned out science cupboard and filed all past inward correspondence.

7th April Mr Laing called this morning to collect the Hay Bros Shield that is contested each year between Tinui and East Coast

This year Tinui won it but Whareama have made repeated protests against. the decision as a result the Tinui School Committee have decided to send the shield to Whareama Committee intending to have no more to do with the contest

20th April Protest meeting regarding Hay Bros Shield held in school room.

26th April received 7 bars of plasticene

Received official notice of Mrs Perry's appointment as sewing instructress

27th April Received two drill balls and 20 sponge rubber balls from Wellington Education Board

4th May Received rugby football from the Wairarapa Rugby Union.

26th May Miss Wilson the district nurse called for a short visit. Mr Munro has put 10 sheep in playground to eat down the long grass that was too high for the lawnmower

7th June Came to school on Saturday morning and constructed new book shelves with Mr Stevenson's help.

10th June Closed school at 2 O'clock in order that I could go to have my hand xrayed at hospital.

21st June Resumed school today after being absent for a period of six days (Broken bones on teacher's hand and fingers) School closed during the time.

1st July Week ended with a very low average attendance of 15.3 Lowest for the year. This due to measles and other unknown ailments. Still unable to hold examinations.

4th July Only 7 pupils present today. 5 boys and 2 girls. Remainder away with measles.

Received notice from Wellington Education Board re payment to parents of conveyance allowance

5th July Received form for new issue of Arithmetic and English Text Books

8th July Only 6 pupils present today.

12th July Still have 13 children absent with measles. Little school formal work being done but children's time is being occupied in the utmost in book binding, reinforcing infant material and the indexing of library books. Reading, arithmetic and oral discussions being held daily

13th July 80 field pipes arrived today for new drain to run water away from porch sink, Decided at meeting to hold several working bees to do the job.

20th July Mr Laing has taken four boys Colin Biddle, Alex Tairoa, Dick Pura and Victor Thorby into Central School for the Wairarapa Primary School's Rugby Rep trials. They also played in the 7 aside

Rugby Tournament last Saturday. Did extremely well. Beaten in the semi final by the eventual winners 6-3. Alan Laing would probably have made the trials also but he still away with the measles.

Dug up the front patch of garden last evening and replanted stocks etc..

26th July Mr R M Johnstone member of the School Committee took two boys Alan and Victor into Masterton for further trials in the rugby reps. School roll nearly back to normal except for two pupils
27th July Boys unsuccessful. Received three Form 2 English Text Books

28th July School will not be open tomorrow teacher going to town

5th August Trimmed and cut new path around side of the school

Two pupils withdrawn Noel and Colin Biddle. Family has transferred to Featherston. Total now 19

9th August Heavy rain has been falling and river is in high flood preventing the majority of children attending school. Only 4 pupils present 7.2 inches of rain has fallen up until 3 p.m. today

9th August Received agriculture circular today re carrot crop experiment

10th August All but 4 pupils resumed school today. Senior boys cleared drain and washed silt from both shelter sheds and concrete square

15th August Working "b" consisting of Mr Johnstone, Mr Munro Rev Stewart and Myself commenced work on new drain to take waste water away from porch basin. Rev Mr Stewart also pruned the roses and clipped the hedge

19th August End of term. School room and porch floors scrubbed out and stained.

14th September Received art easel from Department.
 6th September Received notification of use of school as a polling place.
 17th October Visit of Mr J Warren Phys Ed Specialist. Brought two more drill balls and suggested work for infants. Also demonstrated Danish Rounders and Circle passing rounders. Most enjoyable. Ball handling standard High!
 25th October New tools purchased for the boys' woodwork
 4th November Had Mrs F Bennett in to demonstrate to the children how floors, foliage, bowls and saucers etc. were to be arranged. This was in preparation for the flower show to be held next week
 7th November Work commenced on fence around new school garden
 14th November District Flower Show held in Tinui Hall on Saturday
 12th November
 This school entered 72 entries. Four firsts, 2 seconds, and 2 thirds obtained. Dorothy Tairoa was first equal with John Innes (Mangapakeha) for most points in school sections. Show great success.
 16th November School Committee Meeting. Arrangements made for lamb and calf show and Xmas tree party at end of year.
 Most of the afternoon spent in cleaning up the grounds and school
 Donation list made up and given to the children for collection.
 17th November Calf and Lamb judging held at school in glorious sunshine. Approximately 40 people present. Physical Education display given and children's art, sewing woodwork and school work shown. Mr L D Cameron acted as judge and concluding speech given by the Chairman Mr R M Johnston. Afternoon tea supplied by parents.

18th November Front garden patch replanted in stocks
 24th November Xmas Tree Party meeting held in school room 8 present
 30th November School closed for general election
 16th December Held final breakup ceremony in Tinui Hall last night. Had Xmas tree where all the children in the district from 0 years to school leaving age were given a present by Father Xmas held with Mangapakeha School. 6 carols were also sung
 School closed for Xmas Vacation
 Albert Gaskin

1950

1st February Roll 20
 2nd February received two Norwegian Looms *.(For weaving scarves)*
 13th February Teacher unable to attend school owing to transport difficulties whilst returning from Wellington
 14th February School closed for day. Discussion group held with four visiting teachers and Mr Bringham Inspector attending
 School Committee meeting held in school Mr Innes attended to gain support of School Committee on transport problem
 24th February Wairarapa Transport dropped timber for woodwork.
 15th March Combined Country School Sports which was to be held today at the Park Oval was cancelled owing to rain. School was taken as usual,
 17th March. School closed teacher shopping Day
 21st March Suffered a frost which has ruined all tomatoes and beans

27th March District Nurse. Miss Milliken visited school and medically examined all the pupils Results very satisfactory

29th March Combined Country School Sports meeting at South Park Masterton

25th April Anzac Day A short service was conducted at the school by Rev J Stewart. Children from Tinui and Whareama schools laid wreaths on the monument. A longer service was later held at the Tinui Hall where the Rev Hadfield was the guest speaker. The majority of School Children also attended.

5th May School has been scrubbed out and oiled.

5th May Country library service books received and last term's dispatched. None missing

1st May Householders meeting elected a new School Committee.

The matter of the school bus was discussed. Mr Newton reported that he had been informed that a school bus with a carrying capacity of 15 had been approved by the board and they hoped to have it in service by the 2nd term

The erection of a new school residence was also discussed

2nd May Roll 26 Rangi Newland. Bruce and Graeme McKay are the three new pupils

24th May 2 scrub cutters moved belongings to old school house. It appears that they were going to set up house. Mrs Perry took sewing as usual today.

29th May A New Pupil Pinie (?) Smith arrived this morning Owing to transport difficulties she and the McKay boys will attend school only three days a week

1st July Teacher only day

6th July School visited by 2 Phys Ed Instructors, Messrs Don Wiffin and Len Sissons Showed how the new phys ed scheme operated with new grouping system

20th July 17 pupils away today 6 because of chicken pox and the remainder because of miscellaneous maladies and because members of families have the pox.

21st July 18 pupils away today with the Chicken Pox.

17th August Combined afternoon with Awatoitoti, Mangapakeha, Holmwood (*Okautete*), Whareama and Tinui Schools held at the Domain Langdale. Basketball and football were organised for senior pupils and minor games for juniors. At the conclusion afternoon tea was served in the Langdale Hall with one or two items

Although it was showery and damp underfoot both parents and children thoroughly enjoyed themselves

Dick Pura left to join the Wairarapa Rugby Football team which is going over to Levin to participate in the annual tourney. The children wished him a good trip and success

Film Projector E D 6 arrived today

18th August This term has been a disappointing one with too many interruptions owing to chicken pox and other illnesses

4th September Roll now 31

11th September Relieving district nurse Miss Hubbard visited the school and carried out a brief inspection of them all

14th September Mr Barnes agriculture inspector made a short visit to school today to discuss agriculture clubs and lamb and calf day

27th September Art and Craft Specialists Misses V Brooker and R Middlemass visited the school and gave some very interesting lessons to the children who thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

22nd September Mr D O'Connor and Mrs J Tooby visited the school and gave both the teacher and children valuable demonstrations in agilities and games.

25th September Three drill ball bladders and ½ dozen small skipping ropes arrived

Pinie Smith left and gone to Masterton Convent School

Children held meeting at lunchtime to elect an Agricultural Club Committee. Teacher also showed them meeting procedure,

5th October School reopened today after being closed for three days owing to death in teacher's family

Forwarded names of pupils to Miss S M Millar School Dental Clinic Masterton

Forwarded school grading numbers to board Average 29.55 for grading weeks (1st four weeks of September)

12th October Held Folk dancing afternoon in Tinui Hall with Mangapakeha School. It was decided to hold such afternoons each alternate Thursday. Mrs Johnstone played the piano and an enjoyable time was had by all

24th October Forwarded Navy League subscriptions to Masterton 100% subscription this year

Forwarded £1-3-0 to health camp authorities being amount collected in envelope appeal.

26th October Alex Tairoa broke a window this afternoon when he accidently kicked the football through it.

Meeting held in Tinui Hall to discuss plans regarding the Tinui School's 75th Anniversary which falls in October Next Year

8th November Spent majority of the day cleaning up the school and playground in preparation for show

9th November Children coming on the Castlepoint bus did not come to school this morning. They were given the morning to prepare their cooking and decorative entries for show.

Show commenced at 1.30 p.m and finished at 3.30 during which time Lamb and Calf Judging, decorative entries, cooking and singing items were judged. Afternoon tea was provided by the parents was served.

10th November Planted school lawn down in seed-watered Also sent maize out to the schools from the Board

20th November Tinui Flower Show held in Tinui Hall last Saturday. The children forwarded many entries in all the school sections

8th December Examinations completed today

14th December School cleaned and scrubbed out today. Mr Munro the School Committee Secretary came and paid the children their cleaning money

15th December Oiled floor today and closed school for the Christmas Family

Combined Mangapakeha and Tinui Districts Christmas Party held in the hall last night

The children sang some carols and danced some folk dances.

Father Christmas gave out the presents

Alex Tairoa, Rangi Greenland, Helen Perry and Dick Pura gained their school leaving certificates. Alan is the only one not going onto a secondary school

1951

5th February Roll 20

9th February Rev Arnold took his first religious instructions lesson in the school

19th February Plumbers arrived to raise the height of the water tanks and complete repairs to the roof

20th February Mr J Stevenson elected to School Committee to replace the vacancy left by Rev Stewart's departure to England

7th March Miss Noakes Red Cross Nurse, visited school and discussed their work with the pupils. The children decided to form a circle of their own

30th March School went into Masterton Park Oval to participate in Country Schools Sports. Transport supplied by parents

9th April District Nurse Miss Kidd, visited the school this afternoon. Eyes were tested and cards given to the children informing their parents that the Doctor would make her visit to the school on Thursday. It requested them to attend if possible.

12th April School Doctor McKindrich and District Nurse Miss Kidd visited and medically examined all the school children. All except four parents also attended

25th April School closed for Anzac Day. Service held at the monument in front of the school and later an address was given at the hall by Mr Arnold.

16th July David Paku played in a combined Mangapakeha, Grassendale, Whareama, Tinui Seven a Side team that played in Masterton last Saturday

They were eliminated in the first round but a good game was had by all.

19th- 20th July Mr Clive Norton newly appointed teacher at Castlepoint observed here today.

8th August Mr Heaven of the Transport Department called and talked to the children and gave them a practical lesson

- a) How to cross the road
- b) How to walk along the road
- c) How to walk around a bend
- d) On what side of the road to ride a horse

He left some pictures, pamphlets and small transfers

9th August Miss L Masser from the Grassendale School spent the day with us observing.

10th August Children from Whakataki children did not come to school because the bus, owing to mechanical upsets was unable to make its usual trips

15th August School attended Country School's Winter Sports day held at Memorial park Masterton. Parents provided transport

17th August Roll 18

3rd September Roll 14

Three new pupils started today including two Greek Children Leonidas and Sophia Papadopoulos

5th September David Paku and Fred Thorby went to Masterton today to play in the country school's Rep Team against Masterton West. Mr J Dalzell supplied transport

12th September In the afternoon all the inspectors, Mr Hill, Mr Woodley and Miss Simpson watched the folk dancing and square dancing in the hall. Mangapakeha and Castlepoint also attended. Mrs R Johnston played the piano and a wonderful time was had by all.

17th October Mr Hubbert from the Post Office called and lectured the children on the advantages of starting a P O S B in the children's branch

18th October Mr Hubbert called and started 7 children off in their savings account

29th November Agricultural Day held at this school Mangapakeha School attended

Seven lambs and five calves entered in the animal sections plus six other pets- dogs. 140 entries in the flower cooking and decorative sections

19th December School closed with an attendance of 24, 14 boys, 10 girls

1952

4th February 26 children present

5th February Took the school for a swim in the river this afternoon. Thoroughly enjoyed by all even though it was a little muddy

7th February King George VI is dead. Died peacefully during his sleep. School closed for the day

11th February School attended the reading of the Proclamation of Queen Elizabeth accession to the throne

15th February Late King George VI buried at Windsor Castle Today. School not closed but a 2 minute silence was observed at 11.00

22nd February School travelled to Masterton Central School Baths During lessons the school visited the Museum

25th February Travelled to Masterton for swimming held at Masterton East in the morning at the Park Baths in the afternoon. Four lessons had

26th February Swimming in Masterton as per yesterday

27th February Country Schools Sports held at Park Oval in Masterton

3rd March Swimming in Masterton

4th March Swimming in Masterton As a result of the series of lessons approximately 14 children have learnt to propel themselves through the water

The success of these excursions to town show just to what extent a Home Pool could be used here at the school

At the beginning of the year none of the children could swim a width. Today two children swam 100 yards and 4 swam 25 yards

17th March Swimming and Phys Education carnival held at Riversdale. Awatoitoi, Castlepoint, Whareama, Okautete and Tinui attended. Six Phys Ed Specialists took the children for swimming instruction and some Phys Ed

19th March Called a public meeting to discuss ways and means of building learners Swimming Pool. The meeting approved the plan in principle and left it to an elected committee to make a more searching investigation in to amount and costs of materials needed

8th April Health Department Officer visited the school to test the water in the river to ascertain its suitability for use in the proposed new baths

25th April School closed for Anzac Day Service at the school monument. Rev Arnold held a small service after which children from Mangapakeha and Tinui School said Bruce's Requiem and

read the names of the fallen from the monument. Wreaths were laid by the children of all the surrounding schools and the R A The usual service was later held in the hall.

9th May Roll 31 20 boys Girls 11

5th June DR and Nurse Kidd visited the school and medically examined the children Numerous parents were present for consultation with the Doctor. School held as usual in the "Museum" (Old School House)

16th July Mr Les Sissons Phys Ed Specialist visited school and took children for some advanced work in mat skills

17th July Mangapakeha School boys (5) down today for football practice with our boys. A game is being arranged with Taueru School for the Saturday

20th July Took two teams Midget and Junior and a basketball team to the Taueru School for friendly game. The two football teams won 12 and 15 nil respectively but the basketball team lost 7-0

Morning tea was served to those parents present

15th August Roll 35 Attendances have slumped this week owing to a slight epidemic of measles, mumps and influenza

22nd August School closed following returns were sent to Wellington Education Board

- a) A5 Attendance
- b) H2 Conveyance
- c) H 20 Boarding
- d) H3 Conveyance application
- e) Furniture (desks and chairs)
- f) Religious instruction

A swimming baths committee meeting was held in the school last Tuesday Night. Good progress is being made with canvassing which is most encouraging. It was proposed to make a beginning in December 1952

Those present were Messrs I McKay, R McKay, D McKay, W Laing, Colin Crump J Perry and myself

31st August Collected books and belongings today. Have been appointed to Northland School Wellington. I only hope teaching there will be as enjoyable as it has been here.

15th September Mrs J Younger Started

6th September Received 30 sheets brown paper (pastel) Admitted John Paku aged 5

6th October Load of school material delivered from Grassendale School including 4 new desks and chairs, teacher's table and chairs, blackboard and easel. School bus began from Annedale.

9th October Sent off progress cards. L and S Papadopoulos

10 October Leaving today to go to Rangitumau Very sorry to such nice children and kindly parents.

14th October reopened School

1953

2nd February K E Hocquard Took up duties today Roll 29 New Teacher's residence in old police house

4th February Three new children turned up Two have been here before one just beginning school

Music and radio books turned up (*Schools had various options for taking radio lessons in the afternoon. Music and Current Affairs were the most often used.*)

5th February Gazette arrived with radio timetable for year

9th February Received 100 books from National library Service. This afternoon the children attended the official turning on of electricity in the district. Neither the school nor the school residence has been even wired yet. This makes night work impossible and is delaying me in the organisation of the school.

11th February Received request from Wellington Education Board for all records of Grassendale school

17th February Mr Horsfall from Traffic Department visited the school. Traffic films were shown in the hall. Roll 35

6th march School closed for Shopping day

17th March Visit from Health Inspector who was far from pleased with conditions at the school for hand washing and also the lavatories.

30th March Country School Sports in Masterton. Children taken in by parents and school bus Sports far too big to be well organised.

Have received reply from Board to letter written on 24th February pointing out need for new classroom and assistant. Request for desks ignored by Board. As 7 more children are to arrive after the Easter Holidays the position will become worse than it is now. The roll is now 38 and will be 45 after Easter,

8th April Admitted 6 children Roll now 44. When all children are present three will sit on the floor until the board see fit to supply desks.

Received letter from Mr Hill (Inspector) asking me to organise meeting of local sole charge teachers for 20th April

24th April Preparations for ANZAC Day completed. Grounds now in very neat order.

27th April Householders meeting. Mr J Bullen, R McKay, H Berry, W Innes, R Johnston

This meeting was fairly well attended. The elections were followed by a discussion on the idea of removing the school to a reasonable position in the village itself.

All were in favour of this and it now remains to maintain this interest in school matters.

I am also sowing the idea of a parent teacher group but this will I fear have to wait for a short while as will interest is at the moment directed towards the resiting of the school.

28th April Today we received a visit from two employees of the Board inquiring into the situation as far as improved and increased school buildings were concerned. They received the idea of resiting the school with much interest and showed great speed in looking over the proposed new area.

This evening another meeting of householders was held at which Mr Pledger explained what he thought could be done with the school building as it stands and the additions which could be made. These include

- a) New classroom
- b) Heating
- c) Renovation of present room
- d) New lavatory Block
- e) Storage Rooms

- f) Water Supply
- g) Walled in outside

The council has been approached to see if they would be willing to sell land in the village opposite the store for a new school site

The matter was received very favourably

While the board employees were here I enquired as to the wiring of my residence but neither knew anything of the matter

I trust that having at least got things under way I shall be here when all the words become facts

1st May School closed yesterday for a meeting with the inspectors and the teachers of this area. The inspectors promised to find another teacher. If they do I will take Standard 3-6 in hall.

8th May School closed for holidays. Building scrubbed and desks scrubbed, windows washed.

Roll 43 Blackboards have still to be painted- Paint for Blackboard not yet arrived although applied for over a month ago. Still no desks for all children.

Forwarded to Wellington Education Board Progress cards of children who have left over the last few years and whose cards have not been claimed.

29th May Held ceremony for coronation of Queen Elizabeth. School to close until 3rd June

10th June Very heavy flooding in river. 7.85 inches since 9 am yesterday

11th June School closed District flooded and cut off by road from any other district

12th June School opened but only 6 children able to attend. Day has been spent in cleaning mud from outbuildings and paths. District

still isolated. Water did not enter school but a number of houses have had water through them.

15th June During flood School Bus was caught in water on the road and damaged the bus. No bus for a few days. Further rain has made Annedale Road impassable again.

29th June For the first time since flood bus ran. Road better but still far from normal

Letter received from Board regarding school grade to 3B Assistant advertised for.

1st July Standard children and parents went to town to see film of Coronation. School closed from 11.30 a.m.

13th July Mr Arnold and I took children to town for 7 aside rugby at Wairarapa College. Only one game of 8 minutes played. We lost to Carterton A 12-0. Two Castlepoint boys played with ours

21st July Mr Des Hillary and A Mathewson called at the school and showed film of country school Phys Ed and other films to children. Some balls and ropes were left for our use.

21st August Closed school after washing out school. This has been a very poor term with little continuous work possible because of floods and sickness. Roll 39

7th September Roll 41 No assistant yet the outlook is far from bright. Made start on putting in new glass in broken window after school today

23rd September Visit by Art and Craft specialist Mr Drawbridge today. Excellent day spent on various activities. Have completed programme for visit of Lyall Bay children (12) coming from 12th to 17th October

12th October School closed at 11.30 because we had to go to Masterton to collect children and Mr R M J Martin

19th October Lyall Bay children returned on Saturday Afternoon

30th October Tomorrow 16 children and I leave for Lyall Bay for 1 week.

9th November Returned from Wellington on Saturday morning.

As a result of the committee seeing the minister we should see a new school started in January 1954. This will mean that most if not all of next year will be spent in this building. Still no assistant Roll 44

23rd November Miss Wilkinson started work here today. She is to stay until the end of the year.

17th December Miss H Wilkinson will not be returning next year

1954

1st February Miss E Ryan took up duties as relieving assistant. Roll 46 Work on new school which was due to start 15th January has not been started.

22nd February Miss Ryan received word of her appointment to Seatoun. To start on 1st March. Rang Board who promised another reliever Roll 47

23rd February At School Committee meeting the information that no new school was going to be built was discussed. It was decided to approach Board to reopen tenders so that other builders in area can enter tenders for the job.

26th February Miss Ryan completed her work her. Board advised that no reliever would come in her place. Roll 47. Sent word to

Board that infant children would remain at home until reliever arrives.

New School: Board now says that new school as planned is set aside and two prefab rooms will be erected on new site- present building to be sold

2nd March Board orders that all children must attend school although they refuse to provide a reliever until the end of March. This means that 47 children will be caged in 500 Square Foot (*8 x 4.6 metres*)

12th March Shopping day School closed. Many children travelled to town to see Royal Tour Film

2nd march Miss S Allen arrived today. She will do a Training College T Section. with me and take charge while I am away on a Country School Refresher Course. Still no assistant

1st April Mr B Parkin began work in school as relieving assistant. Roll 50

19th April On Saturday parents began work on room to be made in old school house. This is to serve as classroom until the "promised" pre-cut school has been completed.

23rd April Roll 52 temporary Classrooms ready except for heating. This is to be installed by Board Workman

7th May Closed School at end of first term Mr B Parkin finished duties. Still no heater in old school house room

Average temperature at 9.00 40° F Noon 44°F (*Celsius 4.44 to 6,66*)

24th May Roll 54 Mrs Smith is to come as reliving assistant

25th May Received telegram from Board saying Miss Smith has refused to come here. Standard 5 girls will look after infant room until reliever arrives. Still no heater in my room Very cold indeed.

1st June Miss Shailer arrived this afternoon to take up duties as relieving assistant Roll 55

11th June Two new heaters were put in today and leak in roof mended.

14th June On Saturday 12th the school tanks were cleaned but unfortunately a leak developed in one of the tanks and there is only one rung of water left.

13th July. New school started today

20th August Miss D Shailer has been appointed to the position of assistant for next term. Roll 52

26th November Special holiday for opening of new hall in Tinui.

17th December Closed school for year. No bus for last 10 days

1955

1st February Still in old school and house. No bus, children are being conveyed to school in trucks

23rd February A Departmental bus No 133 driven by Mr. K Beaver began the Annedale Road today carrying 17 passengers

1st March Roll 65 No work being done on new school.

2nd March Last night at a combined meeting of committees of the schools of this area a dental clinic committee was formed to assist with the running of the Tinui Dental Clinic. This clinic will be operated in the staffroom of the new school until a permanent building can be built

Work on grounds at new school began last night. No work yet on building

31st March Sports Day held at Awatoitoi

8th April Still no word about new school

14th April Received keys for new school today Requested Board to close school on 18th and 19th for move to new school

18th April Began move into new school with aid of committee. No fences around school, no storage shed or shelter shed, no incinerator. Much cleaning up to be done both inside and out.

19th April Day spent arranging new school and committee attempting to bring some order into grounds.

20th April Children attended new school for first time today. Roll 74. Committee still working on grounds and fence. Dental clinic under Miss B M Cartwright started in staffroom to serve Tinui, Castlepoint, Whareama, Mangapakeha,

27th April Official opening of new school by Mr W Nicol a member of Wellington Education Board. Mr Masters the board member also attended the opening. About 100 parents and old pupils attended. Mr H Groves was the eldest old pupil to attend having been here in 1881. Afternoon tea was served in the new hall and the children were entertained in the new school. The committee who have worked every day since the 18th except Anzac Day completed the fence and approaches to the school this morning. They have been an outstanding committee during the last two years. The new school building replaces the two old buildings being used one built in 1876 and the other in 1884

3rd May At the householders meeting last night the following committee were elected. Mr A Lee chairman, Mr J Perry Secretary, Mr R M Johnston, Mr D Obrien and Mr W Laws. Of the old committee Mr J Bullen, Mr W Innes, Mr R McKay and Mr O Percy did not seek re-election.

The outgoing committee have been an outstanding one and I am extremely grateful to them for their work during the last two difficult years,

20th June At a meeting held this evening a Home and School Association was formed Mr J Bullen (Chairman) Mrs R M Johnston (Secretary Treasurer) Mr D Obrien, (School Committee Rep) Mr W Jennens, Mr R Emerson, Mrs E Wellington , Mrs W O'Doud and Mr K E Hocquard (Staff Rep) 30 parents were present

4th July On Saturday 2nd July a flood rose in Tinui. The level was about 1 foot below 1953 flood level.

6th July School closed because sewage at school was blocked due to damage done by contractors who had done ground work

20th August School closed for end of term Miss D Shailer left to be married.

5th September Roll has dropped considerably

15th September Shrub planting held at school Very successful 53 shrubs and 100 trees planted. Miss R Macalister commenced work yesterday as assistant relieving.

16th December Closed school for year Roll 52. Miss R Macalister leaves school today. She has done excellent work with the infants and has obtained many new pieces of infant equipment

1956

1st February Miss S Allen relieving assistant Roll 52

No bus for Tinui Valley Road as yet. A working day was held at school yesterday to continue the work on the shed.

6th February Bus for Tinui Valley arrived over weekend. First run today. I am driving this bus until Mr and Mrs Stothers arrive to take over as caretaker-bus drivers. No information yet about house to be built

27th April Piano arrived today

2nd May Combined sports day held at Tinui The road through the village has now been sealed.

21st May Roll 61

16th July After heavy rain the village was again flooded on Saturday Buses were unable to run today.

17th August Dental clinic still unfinished Roll 62

3rd September Miss S Allen has been appointed as permanent assistant. Dental clinic still unfinished

4th September A start has been made today on the new teacher's residence

11th September received letter from Wellington Education Board stating that Miss M S Allen has been appointed assistant mistress in this school.

1957

4th February Opened School Roll 57. Miss S Allen resigned during holidays Miss M Bell relieving.

Both Dental Clinic and Residence are still unfinished. Bus garage at old residence started but no work has been done on it for weeks now. The new school begun on July 13th 1954 was completed during the holidays! Received radio and microphone during the holidays

18th February At a meeting held this evening in the school the building of a learners pool at Tinui was reopened after a period of 4 ½ years

A new committee was elected

21st February The 19th and 20th have been spent at Riversdale for swimming instruction. Mr A M Mathewson and his staff attended. A larger bus (440) arrived today for use on the Tinui Valley Run. This will make the present double running unnecessary.

1st march Miss Bell left today for permanent position in Masterton No assistance is to be provided by board Roll 59

5th March Mrs N Arnold a parent, has agreed to look after the infant room until an assistant arrives.

12th March Mrs J Alcock arrived to take relieving assistant position

15th April Householder's meeting to elect new School Committee Very poor meeting indeed. Only 9 persons present.

24th April Mrs J Alcock in hospital and is not to return here. No assistant this week Roll 64

29th April Mrs G Tillson arrived as relieving assistant

10th June Mrs Miller is now relieving in the infant room as a P A (*Probationary Assistant, not yet certificated*)

23rd August Mrs Miller completed her work here today- resigned for health reasons

9th September Miss M G Bissett in new relieving assistant

21st October Linden school children arrived today for first part of exchange visits. Mr D C Weaver is the teacher in charge

20th December Closed school for year. A very poor year for the lower half of the year. 6 teachers in all having passed through this year

1958

3rd February Mr E Walker Assistant Relieving

20th February Today and Wednesday have been spent at Castlepoint where with assistance from Mr Mathewson and his assistants the children from schools of the district have been given swimming instructions.

13th March School closed meeting of teachers and inspectors. A start has been made at last on the swimming pool. Mr J Moss is the contractor, He undertakes to complete work in two months

20th March Mr W Laws, committee man and helpers inspected the tile draining of the school playground today. This should allow the children to play on the grass.

24th March Today the children held a party to farewell Mrs R M Johnston who has been an outstanding helper in H and S matters and an ex teacher in the school and will be missed in this district. They leave on the 31st March

31st March Mr Walker relieving assistant today informed me that he is leaving on Wednesday

3rd April Mr Walker left today. There is no assistant coming Roll 63

30th April The walls of the learners pool were poured today A working party of 15 parents took part.

5th May Miss R Campbell arrived to begin work as relieving assistant today. It is now four weeks since I have had an assistant and the work of the school has been almost at a standstill. Roll 65

6th May Last Night at the monthly meeting of the School Committee I informed the School Committee of my appointment at another school. I shall complete my work here next Friday.

26th May By permission of the Wellington Education Board school was opened today for the infant room, no relieving headmaster yet at Tinui. I am relieving teacher for this room R Campbell

3rd June Mrs B Douglas came to relieve today in the Standards room

4th July Mrs Douglas left today after relieving for five weeks. No relieving headmaster appointed.

14th July Derek Ingram My wife (Betty) and I took up our duties at Tinui School The roll is 66. There has been no attendance of Standard 2-6 pupils over the last week.

23rd July Were paid a visit by the Phys Ed Specialists who before leaving gave us some balls to bolster our practically non existent amount of equipment

29th July Sports at Langdale 23 of our children were conveyed in private cars to the Langdale sports ground to play with Whareama and Mangapakeha children against. combined teams of Te Ore Ore and Taueru. In basketball and football. The basketball was won by our children 13-1 and the rugby lost 11-8

31st July Children living above Churcher Hill unable to attend school today due to poor state of the road.

11th August Asphalt area in front and behind school resealed.

11th September New urinal installed in boys toilet.

16th September School Committee held an afternoon tea at the school to give parents a chance to meet my wife and me.

15th October Tinui hits the headlines. Heavy rain caused flooding. The Annedale bus was unable to collect any children The Tinui bus could only go as far as Barthomlews. Roll 23/68

Our "plight" mentioned over wireless news bulletin

23rd October Plasterer prepared baths for plastering

5th November Plasterers completed their work in the swimming pool

14th November A working bee transferred remaining equipment from the old school round to the present school.

18th November Children had their first swim in the pool.

27th November The Wellington Education Board Traffic Officer (Transport Officer) Mr Hickey went over the bus routes with Mr Lee and Mr Stother and discussed likelihood of extending routes and providing a larger bus

4th December The Visiting Teacher Mr Burgess called in after school to make an acquaintance

9th December A team of Phys Ed specialists held a two day learn to swim campaign at the school

Children from Castlepoint, Mangapakeha, Whareama and Homewood attended

10th December The swimming pool was officially opened. The Phys Ed people gave a display, using children for the parents to show them how the respiration was demonstrated

19th December Roll 71

1959

23rd February Only 25 children present out of roll of 68. Heavy rain caused flooding of the roads in both valleys.

9th March The percussion instruments purchased by the Home and School have arrived

10th March The Home and School Association held a highly successful shop day in Masterton today.

19th 20th March School closed for two days to allow my wife and I to attend Refresher Course in Masterton

1st April The school dental nurse Miss June Hughes arrived today

13th April Mr and Mrs Stothart (PE and Science) spent the morning at the school

Householders biennial meeting for School Committee 23 persons attended. Of the old School Committee only Mr Brownell was available for re-election. Mr Brownell, Mr Pottinger, Mr Booth, Mr Hammond and Mr Stewart

My wife passed in her resignation to the School Committee and will retire at the end of the term

8th May School closes today for school holidays. Roll 75 My wife retires this day; no word of a reliever.

25th May School reopened today We have no reliever and no news of one. My wife will continue teaching

25th June the dental nurse has completed the duties she began at Easter

30th June The mothers of children attending the school farewelled my wife

1st July The Annedale Bus run has been extended to Bullen's gate

2nd July My wife has finally retired. The reliever Miss Helen McKay has arrived to take over the infant room.

7th July Mrs Ingram started sewing lessons for the girls.

18th July Working Bee a court for basketball (netball) were painted on the parking area by the hall

24th July We received the record player and folk dance records

27th July Tinui was again flooded. Only 16 children were able to attend

3rd October The annual Home and School Fancy Dress party was held in the hall

9th October The cricket net which was purchased by the Home and School has arrived

16th October Mr Deacon visited the school to inspect Miss McKay for a personal report

4th November Mr Deacon revisited the school for the purpose of issuing a school report

16th December Miss McKay has heard she has a permanent position to a school at Eketahuna

1960

1st February A permanent assistant Miss J Mason has been appointed

22nd February Mr Hickey (Wellington Education Board) visited the school while making a report on the possibility of consolidation on our school by Mangapakeha

6th March School Picnic held in Bennett's paddock

11th March Standard 1-6 attended a country schools athletic meeting in Masterton Children performed well to take 10 firsts, 4 seconds and 5 thirds

Mr Parkes called in to measure up toilets for the addition of two new hand basins

31st May Mr John McDonald visiting teacher, spent the day at school

28th June Children conveyed to Whareama to take part in combined practice with neighbouring schools for coming winter tournament

13th July Children from Standard 2 upwards took part in winter tournament in Masterton.

25th July Mrs Stothers terminated her bus driving duties somewhat abruptly, Calling Mr Tritt and Mr Hickey down round my ears for a discussion regarding behaviour of children on the bus and what disciplinary action I took. Informed them that Mrs Stothers ideas of discipline extreme and I disciplined them as I thought necessary. The School Committee gave me their full backing over the matter and dispatched a cryptic letter to the Board on my behalf. This is the 2nd or 3rd time Mrs Stothers has relinquished her position and is apparently the last

I shall drive the bus in the meantime

16th August Rev E M Dashfield commenced doing the morning run up Tinui Valley in order to give me some extra time at school

15th September Maintenance Officer (Mr Hedley) paid respects and examined the building

1st October Fancy Dress held in Tinui Hall As always a most successful Show. Classes judged by Mr and Mrs Kerr Whareama

5th October Wool promotion Day organised by a committee composed of members of federated farmers etc.. Children's programmes in morning displays of shearing, wool handling

27th October Have advised that school has been upgraded to IVb and will be advertised in the next gazette. While roll is above 72 with the forthcoming amalgamation with Mangapakeha

1st November head teachers position at Tinui advertised.

2nd – 16th November This fortnight saw much agitation among local residents regarding my forth coming transfer. School Committee pointed out by circular that the transfer was inevitable and that

Going to the Minister would not keep me here. A petition to the Wellington Education Board was circulated in the district and signed by residents. While to petition was to no avail I am most grateful for their vote of confidence in me.

1961

1st February 1st term opened with roll of 62 Not likely to remain so for long. I am to be the driver of Tinui Valley bus for some time yet.

21st February School closed to enable Miss Mason and me to attend course on spelling conducted by Dr Arvidson

26th February School picnic held in Bennetts paddock

21st March New room to be built has been sited. It is to be erected in front and to the side of dental clinic.

5th April Mrs Morris commenced driving the Tinui valley Bus. I'm most thankful to be able to hand job over.

10th April Mrs P Thornton, Department of Health officer, tested hearing of Standard 2 children

11th November I have been offered Koromiko (Just out of Picton and in Wellington Education Board area) on strength of this I applied for Neudorf in Nelson Board

12th April Mr J Logan visited school to grade Miss J Mason

13th April Local group met at Tinui after school for discussion on Art and Craft. Two specialists organised the meeting.

14th April Speech Therapist from Masterton visited the school

21st April Appointed to Neudorf

5th May Roll 67. No news of reliever for next term Position being readvertised as two successful applicants previously appointed have turned the position down. My duties at Tinui terminate today

4th September J Matheson commenced duties Roll 81. Infant room teacher Miss J Mason

18th September Heavy rain today- Tinui Valley Bus had to make return trip at 1.45. water flowing over bridge to depth of 1 foot.

20th September map of N Z arrived Wellington Education Board

25th September Large numbers absent due to being in contact with measles. District Nurse inspected the children for signs of measles.

28th September George Stother's bus broke down. No children from Annedale run. Only 29.80 present Form 2 boys mowed with motor mower along shrubbery and outside gate along road etc..

17th October Castlepoint school here for dental Clinic Mr Carew (*Clarrie, Masterton Intermediate School*) visited us, Discussed possibility of Tinui, Castlepoint and Whareama visiting Masterton for Manual Training.

20th October Shopping Day. School closed

25th and 26th Sick Two days in bed. Form 2 girls carried on as helpers. They are good types and have done well in my absence.

27th October Received word of Mr Oliver Balls (Mangapakeha) appointment as third teacher subject to housing being available

7th 8th November Mr F Booth and myself started cutting the grass with school mower.

8th November Completed cutting. Form one and two went to tennis coaching by local enthusiasts.

14th November Miss Moans Morice an untrained assistant commenced her duties today to assist Miss Mason in Infant room. Roll now 84. No sign of classroom starting yet.

20th November Swimming now in full operation. Having trouble with chlorination.

30th November First heavy rain for 6 weeks at least. Much appreciated by farmers and village folk alike.

12th December Whole school transported in private cars to sports @ Wainuioru

14th December Farewell to Mrs Hammond and Xmas party

1962

2nd February Builders (Alan and Loader) arrived to commence building of new classroom

5th February 3 bus runs now that Mangapakeha has amalgamated with us. First Day roll 83. Mr O Ball arrived to take up duties. He is driving the Mangapakeha Bus and he is living at the end of the bus run let to him by the county

His class Standard 1, 2, and 3 are housed in supper room of War Memorial hall until classroom completed

20th February Filtermaster agents called and inspected the pool

24th February School picnic held at school and baths. Very successful

6th March Tinui Valley children did not attend school- road unsafe for loaded bus to travel on.

15th March Mr Hedley Board maintenance officer repaired infant chairs.

Mushroom season now on- mushrooms abound in paddocks around Tinui and Up the Annedale and Tinui Valley Roads.

19th March Mr Clarke of Wairarapa Electric Power Board visited school to measure up for poles and to quote for taking power to the baths

21st March 51 pupils travelled by private car to Masterton to see the ballet Peter and the Wolf by N Z Ballet Company

28th March Home and School Meeting. Subcommittee set up to raise funds for filtration plant. Home and School donated £100 to start it off. 29 parents actually present

11th April Filtermaster visited the school and met the Fund raising Committee to show ways of saving money

4th May Mrs Margaret Hannan speech therapist visited

21st May Took party of boys and girls to Mangapakeha and cleared out school and equipment and loaded a truck (D Schofield) and brought to Tinui

28th May Started moving into new room

25th May Manual Training commenced in Masterton for Form 1 and 2

18th June 36 children went to Masterton to see a performance of The King and I. Mr Ball was teacher in charge. Room not swept last night

11th July Mr Barker- board building Supervisor- visited school to inspect fire fighting equipment and exits etc.

11th July Committee inspected grounds re the large amount of surface water lying about

24th July Mr R McIsaac- driver of the Castlepoint bus killed in an accident at Mataikona on Sunday night. Funeral in Masterton today

25th July Representative of Gordon and Gotch called at school to show books. Tentatively purchased 2 sets

1st August Display of District Survey held in Tinui War Memorial Hall- most successful- schools taking part were Tinui, Whareama, Castlepoint, Okautete

6th August senior Children left to go on visit to Timaru- taken by self and wife. Full programme ahead of us

13th August Arrived back at school on Saturday 11th August

3rd September Roll 92

7th September Mr Barker inspected school to authorise final payment to Mr Loader for new classroom

12th September Took Standards to Whareama to Play Masterton East at football and basketball.

20th September Mr Jack Cox Organising teacher visited school in the afternoon

1st October I started driving the school bus on the Annedale run

3rd October Power Board put in lines to sheds at baths for filtration plant

19th October Shopping day

23rd October Wairarapa Country School Sports held in Masterton

24th October Miss Small, Barnardo Helpers League- visited school

2nd November Standard 3 and 4 taken to town in Manual Training Bus to visit aquarium in Masterton

10th November Filtration plant installed at baths

14th November All classes commenced swimming today

22nd November A representative of Armstrong and Springhall delivered new 300 T Gestetner. *Gestetner was a printer of*

newsletters etc using ink with a special stencil Working bee repaired baths fence

27th November School visited by Doctor A Paul (Medical officer of Health Hutt District, Dr Kennedy , Director Public health, Dr --, Inspector of Public Health Thailand and their minister of health. They inspected classroom, dental clinic, baths etc. and were very impressed

4th and 5th December Whareama, Castlepoint, Okautete school came to Tinui for a concentrated course of swimming and Phys Ed. Many parents observed

19th December Miss June Masson left permanently

1963

4th February teacher Only Day- very well worthwhile had stock take of furniture- ironed out the writing scheme

5th February Miss Moana Morice untrained assistant in Infant Department. Mr O J Ball, Standard 1, 2 and 3 and self, Standard 4, 5, and 6. Roll 83

19th February Whareama School came to take swimming lessons

26th February Mr Charles, Secretary Manager Wellington Education Board paid a brief visit to the school

28th February School picnic held in school grounds. Cricket and Rounders played as well as there being swimming races

26th March Children from Waimataitai (*Timaru*) School arrived for a 3 day visit to Tinui. Children billeted with Tinui Children

29th March Timaru children departed. Standard 4, 5, and 6 visited 2XB and the Times Age in Masterton

22nd April Householders meeting well attended. F D Booth, J K Pottinger, A G Lawrence, P Balfor, I Schofield Other matters discussed were

- a) Tinui Valley bus carrying shearers etc.

- b) Use of excess filtration money

- c) Staff shortage

27th May School reopened except for Infant Room- School Committee have decided Infant Room to remain closed until a trained teacher is available to relieve in infant department

30th May Miss P Kirk arrived to take charge of the infant room. She is boarding at Cameron's at Rewarewa. Infants returned to school.

4th June Heavy rain over the Queen's Birthday Weekend- Tinui valley and Annedale buses not able to go right to termini

11th June Mr Barker (New Buildings) brought 2 builders Clark and Taylor to inspect the proposed extensions of staffroom and give a quote

10th June Miss Russell, Dental Nurse commenced duties

40 Children travelled to Masterton to see Masterton Repertory Society production Where's Charley?

18th June Mr Doyle Traffic officer visited school and taught Road Rules

26th June Tinui Boys travelled to Whareama to join with other East Coast Schools in practising rugby. Castlepoint girls and Tinui girls stayed at Tinui where they conducted basketball by Miss Kirk and Mrs V Madden

15th July Mr Parkinson (Whareama School) visited the Senior Room to observe as part of exchange between local schools.

17th July Mr Ball came to school at 9.00 but went home at 10-' flu

18th July Mr Ball Still absent I drove his bus night and morning

19th July Mr Ball still absent his class carrying on without him.

26th July Nurse Russell Dental made her farewells. She has completed her work her for 6 weeks.

Standard 4 visited the Gym Exhibition in Masterton while Form 1 and 2 went to Manual Training

29th July Mrs Gordon and Miss Davies (Speech Therapists visited Tinui and examined several children. She said that speech of Children in Wairarapa generally very poor.

Painters finished the staffroom renovations

30th July Moved into new staffroom Sanding still to be done on the floor.
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5th and 6th August Display of East Coast Schools work in the hall. A large attendance of parents and friends were impressed. Each school did a country

14th August Mr J Logan (School Inspector) visited school to interview Henry Reiri who is entered for a Maori Scholarship

23rd August Roll 98

9th September Miss Kirk returned after holidays as reliever.

30th September I started driving Tinui Valley Bus

14th October Extension to head Shepherd's House granted and put into operation on the Tinui Valley Run into Te Mai

9 children being picked up at Te Mai Terminus

18th October 5 children went into see Peter Snell at Masterton

24th October Mr Barnes (Barnes the Mower People) brought a Hayer Rotary Mower to school to demonstrate to Home and School. Suitably impressed and purchased.

5th November First swimming classes taken. Water Temperature 64°. Water in perfect condition hygienically and for clarity.

19th November Mrs Jury (Crippled Children Society) called to see two children whom they assist.

24th November Flew flag at half-mast in honour of President Kennedy' who was assassination on 22nd November. Spoke to assembled children for a few minutes and then observed silence for a few moments

3rd December Mr Ball took his Standard 1,2 and 3 children to Masterton in the school bus. Visited 2XB, Fire Station (Standard 1) Police Station (Standard 2), Court (Standard 3) and all to Hansell's factory in afternoon.

6th December Infants went to Masterton by school bus and visited the Aquarium and Fire Station and also enjoyed a swim in the memorial pool

16th December Dress Rehearsal for School Concert

17th December School concert in Tinui Hall. A great success £23 taken at door.

1964

3rd February Teacher Only Day. Miss Cresswell took up duties as permanent Infant Mistress. She is boarding at Mr P Balfour's Bute

4th February Roll 86

5th February Annedale Bus broke down and had to send Tinui Valley bus to collect children

25th- 28th February Mrs Matheson relieved while I attended Head Teacher's refresher course in Masterton for the 4 days

20th March I let the water out of the baths for the winter. We used 3 drums of H T H during the season

3rd April The School Committee and Home and School assembled to farewell Rev and Mrs Dashfield and family . David Laws and Janet Pottinger presented Mr Dashfield with a dictionary and a dictionary of quotations on behalf of children

13th March Tinui Valley bus late this morning. Road into Te Mai in a very bad state

22nd April Mr Logan and Mr Trotter. School Inspectors visited the school to make inspections of Mr Ball and me

23rd April Mr Logan and Mr Trotter returned to complete my inspection. And to conduct the interview section of the report.

Mr Ball took his class to Wellington by bus

27th April Miss Lenihan from National Library came to catalogue the library,

26th may Mr Goodin started driving the Annedale Bus

2nd June Mr and Mrs Goodin now driving the school buses on both Annedale and Tinui Valley Runs

30th June. Mr Chatfield, Wellington Education Board transport Officer measured Annedale Run

1st August School closed for 2nd term Roll 95

7th September School opened Roll 96

8th September 7 aside rugby and basketball tournament held in Masterton

6th October, Infants and juniors went to Masterton to see film Amazing N Z. Juniors also went to Bull Sale.

14th October Pupils from Standard 4,5 and 6 travelled to Wellington en route for Christchurch on an educational tour arranged by Union Steamship Company. Had afternoon tea at parliament Buildings with Right Honourable K J Holyoake and Mrs Holyoake. Travelled to Christchurch by Maori to Lyttleton

16th October returned to Tinui.

19th October Transferred 8 primer 4 children from Infant Room to Junior Room and transferred 12 Standard 3 children to Senior room.

23rd November Mrs R S Schofield relieving in the absence of Miss Cresswell who is attending Infant number course in Masterton

1965

1st February Staff Mr G R Matheson, H T. Mr O J Ball Miss E Creswell

Miss D Russell Dental Nurse

2nd February Children came to school, Roll 94

12th March Picnic held at Wardell's Bridge Delightful spot and a most enjoyable day

22nd April Senior Class climbed to the top of the Taipos to be present at the erection of the new duralium cross and its dedication conducted by Rev D A Pullar. Seniors from Whareama, Castlepoint and Awatoitoi schools were also present. The trip organised by Tinui RSA

7th May Had a hangi in paddock behind hall. Vegetables well-cooked but meat raw caused by seepage of ground water cooling off the stones.

24th May Roll 99

27th May Took class to schoolhouse where we watched opening of Parliament on T V. First T V lesson at Tinui School

28th June Mr Ball off school- sick. Mrs Matheson relieving and I am driving Mangapakeha school bus

5th July Mangapakeha bus broke down

6th July Mangapakeha parents brought children to school

13th July Mangapakeha bus (774) broke down and parents collected children

14th July Parents brought Mangapakeha children to school. Bus repaired for afternoon run. Oliver Ball still sick

16th July Mangapakeha bus broke down again

23rd July Shopping Day

6th September School opened with roll of 105

8th September Mr Ball's new bus made first trip on Mangapakeha route

10th September Started having whole school for ½ an hours folk dancing in the morning on the hard area at the back of the school

17th September A Phillips tape recorder brought through Wellington Education Board at a cost of £31 (Value £133) arrived

23rd September Mr Ball received word he had won a position as Head Teacher of Goodwood School, Cambridge. It is a two teacher school

27th September Bible training institute caravan finished at Tinui

12th October 13 Form 1 and 2 children went to Masterton for tennis instruction

19th October Olympic Typewriter arrived ex Government Stores Board cost £14

26th October Athletic Sports in Masterton All children took part in this standards meeting. Tinui came third in the Inter School Relay

10th November Messrs Wilson and Kearney called to do school inspection but informed them we had school inspection 1964. They departed at lunchtime

11th November Two reps of POSB presented shield to school for classroom savings competition

16th November Transport Wairarapa started work on the building up of the playground to eliminate bog

18th November Transport Wairarapa completed filling the playing area with soil

30th November PTA (Home and School) 40 present to hear Panel discussion on Topics Set by the parents Panel Mr C Price Headmaster Lansdowne Rev D A Pullar Local vicar. Mr J K Pottinger and Self

1st 2nd December Activity days All East Coast schools gathered at Tinui for two days at swimming, Phys Ed, Water Safety

16th December School closed with roll of 108. Mr Ball and Miss Cresswell both leaving. Mr Ball to Goodwood and Miss Cresswell to Mangamutu

1966

2nd February Two new teachers Mr Griffiths and Miss Williams. Roll 90

11th February Working Bee under Mr Schofield (Chairman PTA) erected the volley board and laid the sides of the sand pit.

14th February Beautiful weather last fortnight. I am encouraging teachers to take two swims daily on very hot days.

17th February Most successful picnic held at Castlepoint Races, lolly Scramble and a ride in a boat provided by Mr B A McLennan

25th February Education Day. School closed and teachers attended course in Masterton

2nd March Country School Swimming Sports in Masterton Buses to school in the morning but no buses in the afternoon. Parents picked up children during morning.

Appointed to Headmaster Ramanui Hawera confirmed, I take up duties immediately after Easter on Wednesday 13th April

4th March Danish Gymnasts exhibition in Masterton cancelled because of inclement weather

11th March Mr Goodin's bus broke down in Masterton- Children at manual training brought home by Blue Bus Service. Great excitement!!

25th March Flag flown at half-mast in honour of Mr D Speedy who passed away on March 23rd. Children lined up at gateway as a mark of respect as funeral procession went passed.

28th March Children had last swim today and I let the water out of the baths

7th April Finished at Tinui School today after most enjoyable 4 ½ years here

A Blot out Hydatids circular enclosed.

23rd May T E Davies Head Teacher, Mr B Griffiths, Miss L Williams

Roll 96

24th May Appointed Cynthia Stewart and George Pottinger as prefects

25th May Received 4 padder tennis bats and 20 tennis balls from Wellington Education Board

30th May Visited by Mr Farland, Adviser to Rural Schools

15th July A heavy duty staple gun and staples were purchased

22nd July On a ceremony conducted at both the school and the Tinui Memorial hall, a plaque, commemorating the Tinui Patriotic Flag was presented to the school. This plaque is to hang in the senior room of the school.

28th July Banda Spirit Duplicator was today purchased from school funds. (*Banda system was a cheap form of duplicator. Methylated spirits was used on a special stencil*)

1st August parental interviews in lieu of mid-year reports commenced and will continue for the next fortnight

Arbor Day Three trees planted in the school garden

4th August Peter Gaskin elected as school prefect

12th August Received set of Black's Encyclopaedia's purchased for Junior Room

16th August Received 2 dust coats for two bus drivers issued by Education Department

5th September Received two rain capes for Safety wardens from traffic dept.

14th September Mass Xray Unit operated at the school for the day for the local public

25th September (Sunday) Assisted Mr Pottinger to plant 50 poplar trees in the school grounds at the back of the swimming baths.

28th September Conducted a fire drill

30th September received 1 group table and 6 chairs from Wellington Education Board

10th October Miss Margaret Taylor Wellington Teacher's Training College student, arrived on section with Miss Williams in Primer Department She will be on section for 7 weeks and will stay with Mrs Braggins in the village

11th October Mr Dawson Senior Psychologist visited the school.

11th October Received an ironing board purchased by the PTA

17th November Received set of NZ encyclopaedias for school

1967

1st February received daylight screen and stand purchased by PTA

2nd February Roll 98

28th February Attended the Country Schools Swimming Sports in Masterton. Tinui got most points

15th March School picnic held at Castlepoint Beach. Very poor weather experienced in the morning but cleared in the afternoon when the children held their races

16th March. Received two nature study tables from Wellington Education Board

20th March Received quantity of sweet pea seeds for children's home gardens.

11th April Mrs Goodin School Bus driver will be in hospital until the end of term

Rev D Pullar and Mr Goodin will be relief driving for this period.

17th April Householders Meeting 12 Nominations for School Committee and 13 Nominations for PTA

School Committee Mr Albie Gaskin, Mr K Sinclair, Mr P Groves, Mr P Sperry, Mr R Seymour

22nd May Staff attended seminar of lectures for Education Day held at the Masterton Town hall

23rd May Enrolled 8 Roll 103

24th May Te Mai Schoolbus (564) in accident with car on Te Mai Road. Damaged mudguard and fender only. No children on bus. Car driver at fault

29th May Mr Gaskin arranged for the cutting of grass on main field.

30th May Tar Sealing of playground area commenced by Ross Tar Sealing Ltd

1st June Annedale Bus involved in minor accident on outward bound morning run. Slight collision with Landrover. Panel Beating necessary.

1st June One singer sewing machine transferred to Manual Training Centre Masterton

4th June Mr R Hain donated and installed electric bell.

4th June Mr W Dalziel donated and installed extension bell in Senior Room.

8th June Football field set out and goal posts erected by working bee under control of Mr R Seymour

12th June Received 4 portable basketball goals made and donated by Te Mai Station (Mr G Bell)

13th June Received 4 stroke lawnmower purchased by PTA

20th July An electric school bell was donated and installed by Mr R Haines.

8th August The children attended a performance of The Princess and The Drummer's Boy put on by Children's Art Theatre in the Tinui Memorial Hall.

4th September Established as a grade 4b school Mrs P F Davies took up her duties as relieving assistant

Roll 115

4th September Received 1 group table and 6 chairs from Wellington Education Board

8th September Received supply of New maths text books from Standards 1 and 2 from the Wellington Education Board

3rd October Received Art and Craft Supplies for 1967 from Wellington Education Board

10th October Roofing on main block of school was stripped and replaced with new iron

The contract was carried out by Mr R Cairns

30th October School baths filled

7th November Received 10 lbs cyanuric acid for baths

1st December A very convivial social evening was held in the Tinui Hall for School Committee and PTA committee members and wives/husbands and school staff. This is the first time this type of function has been held at the end of a school year and it was a great success.

5th 6th December Annual Country Schools Activity day held at the school. Children of all East Coast Schools gathered at Tinui for a very successful two days programme of swimming, art, music, lectures etc..

9th December. Saturday. Annual pets day held.

1968

Head teacher T E Davies. Mr B G Griffiths, P F Davies, Miss R Leigh

6th February Roll 112

23rd February Head Teacher attended a two day inservice course on the science Syllabus for Form 1 and 2 at Masterton Intermediate School

29th February Miss Hooper Audiometrist visited the school to test children's hearing

1st March School Picnic at Castlepoint Beach

5th March. Mobile X Ray unit at school for benefit of the public

19th March Received 15 copies each of the New Mathematics Books for Standard 3 and 4

27th March Filmstrips to the value of £48 received These have been purchased by PTA and will form a very comprehensive filmstrip library for the school

18th April Nurse Duckworth Public health Nurse visited the school to give Tuberculosis tests to the new entrants

20th May Staff attended Education Day held at Masterton West School.

21st May Reopened School Roll 119

20th June Work commenced on preparation of site for new classroom which will be transported from Marima School (*Robin Carlyon was last teacher in this building*)

15th August Mr and Mrs Griffiths farewelled from the school. Mr Griffiths has been a member of the staff for 2 years and 2 terms. He has been appointed Head Teacher of Inangahua

2nd September Mr J D Driver assistant relieving

23rd September Parents evening held at School. I addressed the meeting on the topic of New Maths

24th September Miss Studholme N Z director of Junior Red Cross Mention here must be made of the fine work done by Mrs L Attack and Mrs G McLennan in conducting J R C with the children

26th September New Zip Water Heater installed in staffroom

27th September Shopping Day

9th October Received two teacher chairs from Wellington Education Board

11th October New classroom arrived by transporter from Marima School Pahiatua. It will be some time before a class can be accommodated in it probably first term 1969

17th October Received 3 drums of H T H and 16 lbs of cyanuric acid for school baths from the Wellington Education Board

21st 22nd October Miss M Armsted Psychological service visited school to conduct testing of various children the results of which will be used in her M A Thesis

22nd November Form 2 pupils went to town to sit entrance examination for Wairarapa College

1969

3rd February Head Teacher Mr T E Davies, S J C Mrs P F Davies

Assistant Miss A Buick, Mr J D Driver

The new classroom will be occupied for the first time is a great relief after having to use temporary accommodation in the memorial hall for a year and a term

4th February Roll 123

5th February Received 300 books from National Library

6th February received 9 new flutter boards bought by P T A

19th February Gordon Tarrant Art Adviser called and discussed programme with class teachers

4th February School picnic at Castlepoint

7th August Held Fire and earthquake drill

18th March A district welcome for new members of staff was held after school today

19th March All pupils of Standard 4 and Forms 1 and 2 were taken on a field trip to Mataikona Beach today for a marine biology study

26th March Head Teacher addressed an evening meeting of Tinui Play Centre Mothers on the topic More Effective Liaison between play centre and school

17th April A working bee was held at school today. It was extremely well attended and the following work accomplished Levelling and resowing of ground around new classroom, erection of new rugby goalposts, shelving put into tool/store shed, hedges trimmed.

21st April Householders Meeting Number on School Committee risen from 5 to 7 because of regarding of school. School Committee Mr A Gaskin, Mr R Seymour, Mr P Groves, Mrs J Innes, Mr G Wakeling, Mr S Meyrick and Mr I Schofield

22nd April Purchased 2 new basketballs

28th April Mr A Verwood health inspector visited. He expressed concern about a lack of adequate toilet facilities for staff and also the fact that children with infections or contagious sores etc. have to be treated in the staffroom where there are no hand washing facilities other than the kitchen sink. He intends writing to the Wellington Education Board

28th April Inspectors Johnstone and Boyce visited to give personal gradings to Mr Davies and Mr Driver

17th June Rreceived magnetic blackboard purchased by PTA

10th September Received new record player purchased from Wellington Education Board Full cost \$106 (Subsidised)

1st October School concert held in Memorial Hall to raise funds for additional sealed area raised \$127

13th October Roll 131

8th November First working bee held on extension of hard area of playground/ Work accomplished. Hard area excavated ready for 1st base course, football ground extension bulldozed, levelled and sown.

This is an ambitious project on the part of the district. Approximately \$2000 has been raised towards the cost of the programme.

12th November Received an electric organ purchased by the PTA from Steele and Bull Masterton at a cost of \$81

18th December Roll 136

1970

Head Teacher T E Davies

S J C Mrs P F Davies

Miss B Teviotdale, Mr J D Driver, Mrs Robyn Moynihan (Appointed 7th September 1970)

9th February A parents welcome to Miss Teviotdale was held in the Hall

The final parent's working bee to prepare the new hard area for sealing was held The actual sealing is expected to be completed sometime this month

26th February Oldfield's Asphalt commenced the sealing of the new hard area today.

13th March School closed for Royal Holiday on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's visit to New Zealand

25th March Received new Form 2 mathematics text books from Wellington Education Board

10th April Surfacing of hard area completed today with final surfacing of tar and sand. This has been a fine community effort. Final cost \$1729.01 The final surplus of \$600 will be used for fencing the area

24th July Purchased spring board for gymnastics \$8

Toady is the end of national Education Week We have held Open School for parents each morning during the week to enable them to observe their children working under normal conditions and, at the same time teachers have explained modern teaching and learning methods. The parents have supported this special week enthusiastically and all say they found it to be an interesting and enlightening experience

4th August All children excluding Form 1 and 2 children today received a vaccination against rubella (measles)

10th September Miss Melanie Schofield Secondary School Student spent the day observing in classrooms. Secondary school students who intend taking up teaching as a career were given special leave to visit schools on this day.

6th November Swimming baths filled. This year on advice from the Wellington Education Board the baths were not repainted (*Bacteria were living in the paint*)

17th November School received Triennial Inspection from Inspectors Brown, and Athol Blair

1971

1st February Took over today Peter a Donovan

Roll 83 Staff Mr J D Driver and Mrs M (Robyn) Moynihan Rang board for further staff.

Mrs V E Cotton enlisted as relieving teacher until end of week.

Mrs O Clark notified that her position as teacher aide is authorised on a temporary basis by the Board's Staffing Officer

9th February Mrs L Treverthen took over infant room (uncertificated)

11th March School Committee working Bee. Work done New netball court marked, football field marked and goalposts erected.

12th March Last Day of relieving work for Miss Trevethan

15th March S J C Scale 1 Mrs L Perry

18th March Bob Hopkirk Adviser to Rural School present for the day Representatives of a firm selling Overhead projectors called and showed their wares to the staff during the lunch hour

19th March School closed for shopping day.

23rd March School picnic held at CASTLEPOINT. Visit from Health Department representatives about the precautions to be taken to prevent the spread of hepatitis which is prevalent in the district at present.

24th March Working Bee PTA Transport Wairarapa supplied the use of a front end loader and with local trucks and tractors the areas around the new hard area were built up as a basis for a grassed area.

25th March Cleaner and teacher aide Mrs Clark ill Mrs R Templeton temporarily cleaner and Mrs M Ihaka and Mrs R Templeton, Mrs L Trevethan teacher Aide

5th April PTA Committee meeting. Purchase of new Haminex filmstrip projector approved.

8th April Mr Gaskin and Mr Groves levelled new fill around hard area and sowed grass seed.

23rd April Small ceremony held in afternoon around flag, to help give the children something of the meaning of ANZAC Day

25th April (Sunday. Children from the school attended the official ceremony at the hall and some read out the names on the memorial)

29th 30th April Working bee to erect pipe surrounds of hard area.

4th May Heavy rain. Many children absent. Tinui Valley bus sent home early because of flooding on the road.

Room 3 (standard 1,2 and 3) went to Wellington today to visit the Maori section of the Museum (Dominion)

5th May An afternoon tea was given by the PTA to farewell Mr and Mrs Driver. Mr Driver is going to Ashurst School next term after being here for two years and two terms.

7th May Roll 90 35 Boys and 55 Girls

20th May Working Bee at school Work carried out alteration of fuel shed, clearing area behind shelter sheds and round incinerator, re erecting the fence by the poplars at the back, cutting down some trees, mowing the football field.

24th May Relieving teacher Mrs Atack. Board's maintenance man called to inspect the school's oil heaters.

28th May School closed to allow teachers to attend a country teacher's day at Te Ore Ore

31st May Visit from school inspector Mr O Lawn about possible Maori Scholarship entries.

9th June New Masport Mower purchased from FCDC Masterton

14th -18th June Head Teacher absent at National inservice course in Christchurch. Relieving teacher in Room 4 is Mrs Ann Coventry

22nd July Winter sports afternoon. These started on Tuesday 8th June and will continue each Tuesday afternoon till the end of July. Several ladies in the district come here to take Netball, while the boys travel to Whareama for football. These afternoons are run with Castlepoint Whareama, Okautete Awatoitoi and Taueru Schools

23rd June Mrs Palmer, Mrs Coventry and Mrs Goodin helped at lunchtime today to run a gymnastics club which is being started.

This afternoon 4 boys attended the football trials in Masterton.

This morning the Audiometrist and vision checking personnel of the Health Department called and checked New Entrants, Form Two's and other children specially referred

25th June Shopping day

12th July Education Day. No school all teachers were at Masterton West School

15th July Expenditure of hard area \$3497.85 Amount left over from funds \$368.28

17th July Mr Pinkerton (Oil Heating Agent) installed two Kent oil heaters in rooms one and two

28th July Country School's seven aside at Masterton with all standard children attending having plenty of games

5th August Agent from Wormalds called and installed 4 dry powder fire extinguishers.

6th August For the last two weeks the Mangapakeha bus (522) on the Mangapakeha run has been driven by Mr G Stothers. Mr Innes to start again on Monday.

20th August roll 92

Mid-year interviews have been completed with a very pleasing response from parents

6th September Although the school is officially grade 4b entitling it to 4 teachers the Board would not provide a relieving teacher for this term forcing me to reorganise as for a three teacher school

Room 1 Mrs L Perry P1-4 23 children

Room 3 Mrs R Moynihan Standards 1 – 3 35 children

Room 4 Mr P Donovan Standard 3 – form 2 34 children

The resident district nurse called and will give a monthly talk to the children These talks will follow the National Syllabus as set out in the school scheme

29th October The children of Standard 1 and above attended an athletics day at Masterton organised by the combined rural teachers groups. Transport was provided by school bus on a servicing trip and parents.

1st December Work started on the retimbering of schoolhouse No 2 today. (The stucco walls are being recovered in weatherboarding.)

14th December School breaking up ceremony In the afternoon the children put on a concert in the hall and this was followed by afternoon tea.

1972

1st February P Donovan, Mr G Galbraith, Mrs R Moynihan, Mrs L Perry

Roll 92

21st February Visit from Speech Therapist

22nd February Official Welcome to Mr and Mrs Galbraith held in the hall at 3.15

7th March Annual School Picnic was held at Castlepoint

9th March Country Schools championship swimming meeting at Masterton Fifteen or so children from this school entered with reasonable success.

10th March The Junior Red Cross were taken to town this afternoon and shown through the Masterton centre.

15th March This afternoon the Junior School parts of Whareama, Castlepoint and Okautete schools joined with Tinui in a junior schools swimming afternoon.

The programme was run by Mrs Perry, Mrs Moynihan and Mrs Kingi Whareama

About 70 parents were present

The senior students played in a tabloid of cricket, softball and rounders. Afternoon tea for parents concluded the afternoon.

16th March Some children entered the Wairarapa swimming sports This evening

28th March Mr Galbraith attended an inservice course on Arts and Crafts. His class worked independently

29th March The children of Room 4 Mrs Innes and the head teacher travelled to Mataikona in a school bus to carry out a Rocky Shore Study at first hand

11th April Mrs Perry inspected by Mr Ned Rankin

18th April Visit from Correspondence School teacher Miss Oakley about local children on correspondence.

Country teachers meeting at Castlepoint in the evening

25th April ANZAC Day. No school. Children from the school attended the memorial parade at the Hall, as scouts or members of the Red Cross read the names on the memorial during the ceremonies.

17th May. Working Bee included erecting a shelter for the recently purchased tractor mower

29th May Departmental Psychologist Mrs C Pilgrim at school all day today, interviewing children who have been referred to the Psychological Service for reports and their parents

31st May Visit from inspectors, Mr H Foresman and Len Silcock to inspect work of Head Teacher

14th June Farewell afternoon tea for Mrs Perry

16th June Last day for Mrs Perry

19th June Mrs M C Henricksen started as STJC

31st July Visit from Board's plumber Mr Lou Piotrowski about location of septic tanks in residence 1 and 2. Roll 92

8th August Mr B Gilmore bus supervisor (mechanical) checked the buses.

22nd September Visit of Gladstone School Senior Room to play Tinui at Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Volleyball

25th September Visit from Children's Art Theatre in afternoon who presented the Blue Bird.

18th October Visit in the afternoon from the new ward member Mrs Prior who was accompanied by the assistant secretary of the Board Mr Tritt

26th October Sewing afternoon for Form 1 and 2 girls. The Board has given permission for local parents to take sewing on Thursday afternoons until the end of the year

The reason for this is because the present Manual Training Teacher temporary at Masterton is unable to take sewing and rather than have just two years of cooking local parents volunteered to take the girls for sewing for half a term this year.

16th November Last day for two R Moynihan yesterday a district farewell was given in the local hall. Mrs Atack will relieve until the year.

23rd November Room 3 children visited Puketiro School which was camping at Castlepoint

28th November Visit from Mr Gladstone P E Adviser to look at work of the children in the Gymnastic Club.

6th December School gardens judged by Mr I Speedy. The cup for the year goes to Pamela Schofield.

12th December A group of children from Tinui went to Masterton East School in the late afternoon to be tested for gymnastic badges. 4 gained bronze, 12 gained iron while 16 passed Grade One at school.

15th December Roll 92

1973

5th February Mr P A Donovan, Mr R Galbraith, Mrs M Henricksen, Miss F Graham (Supernumerary Teacher)

The interiors of residence 1 and 3 have been redecorated

26th February Miss K Jackson Welfare Masterton called to check on welfare children attending school.

28th February Rev Mr G Spargo took bible in school for today for the first time.

Received a threatening letter from Mrs A R Kiel today which I returned to her with a covering note

6th March Rang Mrs Takarangi today about the non-attendance of the child Kaylene, since she was enrolled.

8th March Adviser to Rural Schools Mr R D Hopkirk here all day today.

12th March Rang Mrs Takarangi about the non-attendance of her child Kaylene again

13th March Received a telephone call from Mr Walshe (inspector) about Kaylene She is to remain on the school roll but work from correspondence School Units

21st March Castlepoint racing club's centennial matinee meeting. School Committee holiday,

27th April Mr John Moriarty official of the Post Office called and presented a cheque for \$33 for the bonus account. He also addressed the children on the purpose and functions of the Post Office

21st May Education day in Masterton Staff attended a function during the day designed to provide background thinking in the implementation of the new science system

22nd August Opened school for Term 2 Roll 97

Note actual roll is 95 Malcolm Groves will be absent for some time because he recently underwent brain surgery; Kaylene Harper (Takarangi) is receiving correspondence school tuition but is enrolled at this school with DSI permission

29th 30th May Principal attending course in Maori Culture.

31st May 1st June Mr Galbraith attending Maori culture course

12th June First Day of Tuesday Sports Netball at Tinui and Rugby at Whareama

15th June School closed for shopping day

19th 21st June An organising librarian from National Library Service Palmerston North reorganised the school library. Local assistance was provided by P Palmer, P Guckert, M Savage, J McKay and M Innes

25th – 27th June Miss Graham attended music course in Masterton.

4th July Senior Room children taken to Masterton to see film To Love a Maori.

5th July Group of interested parents held a meeting to discuss the possibility of restarting the Junior Red Cross Group. Mr W Cowell Local area organiser was present

10th July Miss Graham attended a course in Arts and Crafts in Masterton

16th July Junior Red Cross meeting held in school to organise programme for term 3, for the children

20th July Shopping day

2nd August PTA meeting in evening on the subject of Reading. 18 parents attended and discussion following talks from 4 teachers was lively

10th August Gymnastics Festival in Masterton 24 children passed grade one, and 11 passed grade 2, from this school. 14 children attended the afternoon open competition section

3rd September Malcolm Groves entered on roll.

11th September Some senior children attended local Maori Culture Club lessons in hall, for some time this afternoon.

13th September Red Cross youth in afternoon. Renewed interest in this. Present were 6 local mothers.

The garden along the front of rooms 1 and 2 was planted as a Red Cross community Activity.

20th September Country Teachers Meeting at Tinui in evening

25th September Mr Thorne Masterton contractor started work today on sandblasting the paint off the school baths

28th September Mr Thorne finished repainting the school baths

14th October Country Teachers working bee to prepare for coming sports

16th October Combined Country Schools sports day at Tinui. Relays and Tabloid activities in the morning. Athletic programme in the afternoon. An enjoyable day in spite of high winds.

19th October Baths Filled

26th October Mr Galbraith sitting Dip Teaching exams. Class divided among room 2 and 4

31st October Mr Galbraith absent to sit paper B of Dip Teaching-Reading. Class taken by Mr J McKay

8th November Combined Country Schools Athletic day (Afternoon) Rathkeale College Grounds

Group of children from Tinui entered

9th November Visit of Art/Craft Adviser Gordon Tarrant and Mrs Poutu to help teachers in following work from Maori Studies.

27th November Children sent home early to prepare for Pets Day tomorrow.

28th November Pets day Greater number of pets than usual entered Indoor entries were also well entered for

Judges Lambs/Calves Mr J Bullen

Other pets Mr Balfour

Cooking Mrs Barthomlew

Flowers Mrs B Olsen and Mrs Balfour

29th November Visit from Ngata Barnett, senior science adviser helping Miss Graham and Mrs Henricksen, helping these teachers with implementation of the Wellington Board's Science Scheme

5th December Library working bee to finish cataloguing and chilling of library today

Visit of school inspector to inspect Miss Graham with regard to changing her teaching certificate to a NZ certificate Mr Johnstone was accompanied by his wife. And Mr Hopkirk Rural Adviser
15th January Farewell to Mrs Henricksen and P A Donovan (after 3 years

1974

4th February R D Galbraith Acting Principal
Miss J Read (Year 2 appointment), Miss J Gardner Relieving term 1
Miss J Macfarlane Relieving term 1
6th February New Zealand Day. School Closed

13th February Sent record cards of Henricksen Children to Dannevirke
19th February Visit by Mr R D Hopkirk Rural Adviser spent day assisting with mathematics
21st February Visit by Ian Macdonald PE advise to organise swimming
22nd February Miss Gardner's Class visited The Peaks to watch topdressing
26th February 3.15 Official welcome to staff by district in Tinui hall
Sent telegram to Peter Donovan (Peter please return phone account Tinui 582. Committee waiting)
6th March School picnic held at Castlepoint
15th march Shopping day
16th March. School Committee working bee work done in school grounds and in room One
19th March Sent out school newsletter No 2

20th March Attended Principals meeting at Masterton Central
21st March Miss J Read attended a music course in Masterton
22nd March Miss J Gardner attended music course in Masterton
25th March Rooms 1,2,3 Visited Wakeling's Airstrip
Room 4 trip to Taipos
1st April PTA meeting. Received 1 dozen tennis balls, 2 softballs, and 2 composition cricket balls purchased by PTA
3rd April Moved Fiona Hogg into Room Three. This was due to Fiona's lack of progress in Room 2. She had become a behavioural problem and became virtually uncontrollable. This prevented the effective teaching of the others in her class. This is an interim measure pending further investigation.
4th April Heating consultant came. He recommended that both heaters in Room 3 and 4 should be modified to be fed from a tank outside. He swept the chimney of the heater in Room 2 which was blocked.
10th April Room 1 and 2 visiting Mrs Innes's (Stanley's farm) to make hot cross buns.
Mr Spargo taking religious instruction this morning
23rd April School closed This was due to extensive flooding on all roads leading to the school Although some children may have been able to attend there was a distinct possibility of them not being able to get home.
29th April Four "Shortened Course" students from Wellington Teachers College arrived this afternoon to begin a three day school and community study around a rural area.
Mrs Hannon Speech Therapist was here in afternoon to test and complete follow up work with individual parents

10th May School Closed Rodger D Galbraith
27th May Myles W F Percy Principal
Assistant Master Rodger Galbraith
Assistant Mistress Miss Jan Read
Senior Teacher Junior Classes Mrs Mary J Percy
Roll 95
No further entry from Myles Percy

1977

6th September Roll 86
Teacher Aide Mrs H Attack
Principal M B Smales
Teacher John Le Grice
Year 1 Miss F Rouse
School Committee Brian Whitehead, Mrs P Palmer, Mrs A Savage
Mr B Seymour and Mr Colin McKay
Very wet weather has meant disruption to bus routes
Three bus drivers refused to drive the routes.
13th September Went on bus run with Hilary. Staff Meeting
administration
30th September Visit by Army. Display put on for children

1978

January Drainage pipes put into field
Principal M B Smales
S T J C Mrs J M Smales
John Le Grice

Mrs S Preasant Teacher
Teacher Aide Mrs H Attack
Contract called for resealing playground
6th February Waitangi Day holiday
14th February Police Officer Wright Visited School to talk to all
classes
Ian Perry's home burnt to ground
27th February Painters in room 1-2 Using Hall as temporary
Classroom.
6th April Open morning held for parents About 30 parents attended
28th April Cross Country Sports at Whareama. Very good turnout of
parents
23rd May Radio system connected up located temporarily in library
New mower supplied by Wellington Education Board'
29th May Asphalt Area resealed
Roll has fallen to 80
12th June Mr Chadwick attendance officer visited the school re
Woolley Children. District Senior Inspector rang re same problem
15th June Sports Today. Girls at Tinui given Netball, Hockey,
Badminton
17th June Working Bee by School Committee and PTA Old playshed
boarded in, roses planted, swimming pool fence repaired, goal posts
repaired, board around bottom of junior block mending of library
books.
28th June Wellington Education Board and Hawkes Bay Officers
visited re site plans for administration block and library.
Commented on pleasant upkeep of grounds and school surrounds.
Work on new building will commence this financial year

1st July Painted shed wall for School Committee
3rd July Pupils reports sent home.
6th July Room 4 launched 4 metre high hot air balloon.
10th July School taken to Film Oliver at Regent Masterton
Oliver production will be put on by school at end of year.
12th July Room 4 joined parents at hall for Scottish Country
Dancing.
17th – 20th July. Parent interviews held.
21st July Listening Post purchased
8th August More troubles with Te Mai Bus. Mrs Wakeling did
double run. First run at 2.15 2nd at 3.35
14th August Nib wall erected along pebble garden. Doors put on
shed.
13th September Room 2 Went to Riversdale to see the sea elephant
20th September group of mothers attended in the morning to cover
library books
30th September Tenders called for additional administration facilities
of approximately 36 square metres, construction of a bookstore 35
square meters between two existing classrooms. Plus conversion of
existing staffroom to store/resource room. Tenders close 20th
October
10th October Room 2 visited Ngaumu Forest
17th October Hiona staff took children for gym badges in the hall.
26th October Rooms 1 and 4 visit to Wellington by train. Room 1 to
zoo and Room 4 to parliament buildings
13th November 3 Form 2 pupils attended funeral of Mr G Stothers.
Former bus driver. Wreath sent from the school

1st December Accident in school pool Child in hospital. Accident
happened out of school hours. Mother not prepared to take any
responsibility
13th December production of Oliver held in the hall.

1979

13th February Bus controller Department of Ed visited school Re
Mangapakeha bus. We have only had a bus for four days this term
so far. Mrs Palmer has been using her own private vehicle making 4
trips daily. Bus promised for tomorrow
20th February Rooms 1 and 2 to Whatman House
23rd February 2 members of the pest destruction board visited the
school to talk about their work and their activities in the district
27th February Work-a-thon towards Hawkes Bay visit.
27th – 30th March Room 4 Visited Hastings/Napier
Pupils were billeted by pupils of Twyford School Children visited
Winery, woollen mill, Watties, Fantasyland, Marineland, aquarium,
an orchard, brewery and Radio Apple.
6th April PTA Shop Day held in YMCA in Masterton
Approximately \$500 gained for library books
15th April School choir made up of Standard 3-6 sung at Easter
Church Service
21st May Roll 71
Began Shortened lunch period Afternoon now 12.30 to 2.30
24th May Traffic Officer visited to take License tests for bus driving
and heavy traffic

29th June School held a walkathon to raise money for Telethon Appeal. Tremendous turn out of parents and children. Nearly \$00

9th July School Committee holiday for Mid Term. Purchased \$509 worth of library books from Bennetts Palmerston North. Money raised by PTA

4th September 18 absences today with wet weather and with children not returned from holiday. Some discontent in district with families still on holiday.

9th November School has been graded Grade 2 for 1980 and again we have somehow just managed to hold onto four teachers for 1980

12th December Break up in Tinui Hall 7.45 pm

13th December Picnic at Castlepoint

14th December end of term

1980

Unsatisfactory supervision of children at pool has resulted in extra cleaning of the area over the holidays. Again smashing of a block wall has happened during a holiday period.

29th January Pupils first day. Roll 63 and likely to fall further.

Received from Wellington Education Board Filmstrip projector, Cricket bat shapes and Padder bats

6th February Waitangi Day

22nd February Septic tanks cleaned.

28th February School attended Golden Shears in Masterton

15th April Open Day at School. Morning activities included pottery, spinning, Floral arranging, shearing, possum skinning, dog trialling,

wood turning, poker work, afternoon activities, Tabloid Sports. Very good turnout of parents,

26th May Roll 75. Staffing unchanged.

6th June Began winter club activities. Children being offered, gymnastics, macramé, needlework, leatherwork, appliqué, leisure activities.

16th June Received 1 set of Lego for junior room

A tape recorder from Wellington Education Board

27th June Shopping day. *Recorded in this record occasionally*

15th July Youth aid officer visited the school re children breaking into the District Nurses Home.

22nd July Chip heater chimney at both school houses attended to.

15th September Received new EIKI Film Projector purchased by PTA after holding of a raffle.

20th September Working Bee Pineview Farm clearing under woolshed, proceeds for school camp. Mighty turnout

13th 17th September Successful School camp held at Riversdale Rooms 2,3 and 4 attended for a full week. Room 1 made two day trips out on Wednesday and Thursday

1981

30th January Shed arrived for storage of chlorine. *Meat Killing Concrete Sheds ?*

3rd February 68 children

13th March Dental Nurse once again absent. It is a concern that she is very rarely here for a whole week

16th – 19th Attended a Physical Education course in Wellington

24th March Dental Nurse completed duties.

10th April Working Bee held at school to repair front fence and cut hedge

25th May Richard Bell relieving Principal Glenys Bullen Relieving Problems with oil fired heating No further entries until

1985

29th January 55 pupils. Colin Wharton Head Teacher, John Le Grice, Mrs J Macdonald (Relieving)

13th February PTA and Mr Percy spray school weeds and Lions play area.

22nd February School picnic at Castlepoint

22nd March Own swimming sports- School Pool- Day bitterly cold- Principal thrown in fully clothed- shoes- the lot. Vengeance by parents for making them swim against. the best children

29th March Afternoon cricket, Softball and Tabloids at Whareama

11th April Challenge in Cricket, Softball and Pegball with Hiona Intermediate- Lost 2 and Won One

17th April Senior Speeches to parents and visiting country schools. Maori performers Group gave an excellent concert.

24th April Cross Country running at Whareama

29th April Mr John Falloon M P visited school at 5.00 to speak with community on political matters

30th April Civil Defence Assistant Commissioner Mr Moriarty visits and as well checking radio, speaks to children on aspects of civil defence

1st May Cross County Mikimiki- Children performed really well- whole school involved- perhaps take poorest children out next year. Perhaps only 2 were outclasses.

11th May Jane Macdonald leaves to have a baby. We welcome Irma Hinchcliff the lighthouse keepers wife at Castlepoint to the junior room

Room 2 has become our school resource room. 27 bodies contributed to the shelving out of the room. Mr Bill Mansell donated the 120 meters needed for the task.

8th June New school mower arrived\

15th June The beginning of a bad flu bug which saw a quarter of the school away and suffering at the worst. Two deaths in the community related ?

19th 21st June 9 exhibits in the Masterton/ Wairarapa Science Fair. Excellent quality of exhibits from Tinui. One group received a prize.

2nd July Visit by new rural adviser Mr Barry

23rd July One entrant for Maori Scholarship essay Competition posted. Lee Perry.

30th July Police Dog handler and Dog visited and put on a display to Play Centre/ Whareama/ Okautete/ Castlepoint and us.

19th August A parent/Community/Teacher meeting discussed the first four papers involved in the Ministerial Curriculum Review and sent submissions to Wellington. About 20 present

21st August An open morning at school to observe a typical programme

The afternoon was a great gathering with over 30 community adults enjoying a clubs activities and wind up concert.

A play Gruzzel Fumruitt

Recorders

Cooking

Electronics

Patchwork

Sewing Crochet

Then finally a folk dance display from each classroom. We video recorded the morning.

22nd August A challenge in Soccer/ Hockey/ Netball and rugby against. Wainuioru School heeded with a one game victory by Wainuioru

28th September The school gardens 1985 were planted. All up 24 children have gardens

3rd October Children and about 40 adults shared a hangi lunch on school grounds. Mr Paki and children set, prepared and cooked the hangi

Only 1 cut finger- predictably Nigel Le Grice !!!!!

16th October Wairarapa Country Teachers tea. In Masterton with guest speaker Marie Clay, reading and Reading Recovery leader. Some 50 were poisoned. The pork was suspected!!! No deaths!!

2nd November The PTA Guy Fawkes evening Poorly attended because of conflict with other happenings.

28th November We began consideration of a photocopier with the visit of a salesman. PTA decided to wait until they had funds Approximately \$2000

10th December A group of senior citizens numbering about 50 watched our production of Joseph

11th December End of year prize giving evening and production Joseph and the amazing Technicolor dreamcoat. Highly successful

Prizes given

3 Strive prizes per room , certificates a and a book

And 3 book prizes to Form 2 pupils 1 maths 1 Language 1 Cultural
Mr John Le Grice was farewelled after 9 years at Tinui School. He takes up position as Principal Castlepoint

1986

Colin Wharton Principal, Irma Hinchcliff (Permanent), Mrs Jayne Greaves (Year 1) Teacher Aide Mrs Hilary Attack

5 hours per week have been given as an entitlement because of Mrs Greaves appointment. Mrs Attack will fill those hours

10 Hours have been made available by the District Senior Inspector for special needs within the school

Mrs Judy McKay will be teaching that time

4th February Roll 55

6th February Waitangi Day

19th February School Picnic this year was preceded by a visit to Castlepoint lighthouse. A Slightly windy but most enjoyable picnic We sited ourselves beside the new walkway on the sand.

Parents left the picnic about 3.45

25th February A Rocky Shore field Trip to Suicide Rock at Mataikona.

26th February Maintenance Survey for the school. Only one every 2 years from this survey onwards.

28th February School swimming sports in pouring rain. Fortunately it was warm

It worked- we shuffled from library and pool and ended up with a house result.

17th -21st Room 4 camp to Riverbend (Hastings) was highly successful escapade. Accommodated at Riverbend Campsite Havelock North

Recommend an outing every 2 years of similar magnitude but to different venues

16th April PTA AGM a change of personnel with Mr John Percy retiring after some 13 year's service to the school

18th April Whareama School at Tinui for a cricket challenge

21st April Parents shared afternoon tea with staff and discussed the new handwriting Scheme and Junior Reading techniques

22nd April Cross Country Event at Whareama seemed short- perhaps a social game of softball or cricket next year

1st May Mikimiki Cross Country A wet/cold day. Children were most successful

Fitness from the first of the term- daily- is to be definitely recommended.

5th May Mr Hamilton (Traffic) at school planning with teachers for a term 2 unit of work

8th May Whole school partook in a FUNGI FEAST over lunchtime which concluded a unit on that topic- highly successful and amusing.

26th May Will Hamilton the school traffic officer presented a unit The painter and his team are in the school beginning a job which was tendered about 3 years earlier

25th June Winter clubs began Destined to be an excellent 6 session excursion into the arts. Ballet, Drama, mad scientists, recorder, crafty creations and art clubs.

Gymnastics operated throughout the winter with Mrs Jenny Magill leading a 5 strong team

27th June Library adviser- Barbara Murison visited library culled and plans set for a complete check of all Dewey Library Cataloguing

28th July Police Education Officer Karen Goggin- at school- a week long block at all levels begins.

Term 3 was a very hot term with hardly any rainfall of the previous year.

16th October Jump Rope Jump Off and Mr Jim Holland from Wairarapa College visited

20th October Mothers spend a day at school strengthening Junior Readers

21st October Visit Forestry to Ngaumu- It rained- we survived- Just

5th November Guy Fawkes evening- Let seniors left off crackers, Form 1 and 2- good idea- as long as areas roped off.

17th November Further Book mending

24th November A meeting consider a school council- speakers invited from Gladstone and Wainuioru- excellent evening- decision to remain as we are

5th December Gym badge judging for Iron badges. Mr Cochrane wasn't appreciated- choose a new judge next year.

15th December garden judging by Mr Tom Johnstone

19th December School closed

The painters completed the job on the school 5 years after the job was contracted.

The bell tower painting was finally not funded by the Wellington Education Board It cost the PTA \$185

No 2 school house contract for internal redecoration let and completed January 1987 by Colin McKay for \$400

We farewelled Mrs Jayne Greave after a 1 year appointment

1987

The year is a modified 3 term one as a lead in to probably a true 4 year term in 1989

Colin Wharton- Room 4

Mr D Smith Room 3

Mrs I Hinchcliff room 1

Teacher Aide Mr H Attack

Cleaning Mrs P Schofield

12th February PTA/School Committee Cricket Match and welcome to the Smith family

31st March Mrs Barbara Roydhouse visited the school to talk to staff about school art.

6th May Dress rehearsal Masterton for Music festival.

Term 2

This term for the first time we had a midterm break of a week and this combined with a mild fine winter and absence of flu etc. has seen the staff and children alike remain settled the whole term

Irma Hinchcliff Acting principal Room 1

Duncan Smith Room 3

Reg Wilton Room 4 relieving

3rd June The whole school travelled to Masterton Intermediate School to practice for the Central Zone Country Schools Music festival.

4th June 7.30 p.m. Music Festival at Masterton Intermediate School
Winter sports programme started with Netball and Soccer for all children from Standard 1 to Form 2. Castlepoint School joined with us

19th June Mrs Jayne Greaves relieved in Room 4. Mr Wilton's Shopping day

22nd June Mr Judy McKay relieved in Mr Smith's room while he was away (Shopping Day)

30th June Mr Hinchcliff attended and Inservice course. Mrs Elizabeth Wharton relieved.

14th July PTA meeting Mrs Karen Groggin Police Education Officer brought along a video to introduce the Sexual abuse aspect of the new keeping safe syllabus

Unfortunately we had a power cut before it could be shown. However we had a very enjoyable evening by candlelight with luke warm coffee but very hot discussion

21st July The whole school visited Wellington. We travelled by charter bus with parents accompanying us in their private cars.

26th September Mr Moriarty Starts

Roll 54

27th October

I have changed the timetabling of school assemblies on Thursday to straight after lunch to enable Castlepoint school to join in our assembly time when they are over here for combined PE

I would like to thank Mr John Dalziel and Ian Balfour for the sterling day's work done in the rain on my TV landline. What these two achieved in one day is incredible and should have been in the front row when Taranaki played Wairarapa Bush then Taranaki would now most probably be in the 2nd division

30th November A very successful working bee was held.

The health Nurse Miss Wendy Woodhouse spoke to the Standard 4 and Form 1 girls on Understanding Pubertal Changes. All parents wished their children to attend.

1988

Mr Moriarty, Mr Smith and Mrs E G Greaves relieving

Parents and staff collected \$ 85 for a gift form Mrs Hinchcliff whose resignation was a bit of a shock.

A glazier has replaced all the broken and cracked windows throughout the school following recent vandalism during the holidays

28th March I have arranged that the Annedale bus run be extended to take Joshua Bullen up to Percy's woolshed. We are awaiting a reply to see if the board will pay or the Bullen's

A 4 slice toaster has been purchased as a gift to Mrs Hinchcliff and sent to her.

1990

Dorothy Mckie Acting Principal Stds 1 -3

Mrs Jayne Greave Ne- J2

Mrs Carol Whitehead relieving term 1 Seniors

Roll 59

29th January Farewell to Mr Tim Moriarty

7.30 Board of Trustees. Jayne Greaves as acting teachers rep

7th February a successful working bee was held. Work included checking on the two houses. The working bee was followed by the annual cricket match PTA Versus BOT a victory to the BOT the activities concluded with a barbecue tea

12th February A very long staff meeting held to cover many points which needed to be discussed- these included report forms, activities for the picnic and coming visitors

15th February The computer bus was at school

22nd February Members of the new review team came to speak about their roll

26th February Jayne Greaves and Dorothy McKie shopping. As yet we are not sure who is responsible for paying relievers

The material below is material re Tinui School taken from records at National Archives Wellington

1929

28th August letter from Alex Donald Burnlea, Kopuaranga, (Wellington Education Board Member) to Secretary Wellington Education Board included

- a) A proposal is being made to amalgamate the following school Te Nui, Mangapakeha, Langdale (Whareama) and Awatoitoi. Mr Gilmore chairman of Langdale School has asked me to go out to a meeting to be called and explain the scheme of centralisation
- b) I understand that the minister has been approached and has expressed approval of the suggestion
- c) There is some opposition towards the scheme

4th September Letter from Mr Stewart Secretary of Wellington Education Board to Mr Donald included

Awatoitoi to Mangapakeha 8 Miles

Whareama to Mangapakeha 4 1/2 miles

Tinui to Mangapakeha 6 1/2 miles

Whareama to Tinui 8 miles 10 chain

If all the schools combine there will be a two teacher school with a total of 72 The difficulties are generally those of conveyance, local prejudice and building accommodation. In the scheme outlined there is a considerable saving in salaries

On the other hand new buildings will be required and there would be considerable charges for conveyance

25th September Letter to Mr Donald The Board understands nothing will be gained by proceeding

1940

September 1940. Another meeting re amalgamation. Mr Donald pulls out with a sore throat. Mr Deavoll Secretary to the Wellington Education Board is in hospital in Blenheim after a train accident

16th September Letter from C L Dobbs to Mr Dyer Chairman of Wellington Education Board

- a) The School Committee has interviewed the parents and possible parents in the Tinui School area and with the exception of one woman (Whose husband is in favour) all are desirous of consolidation. This woman has several shifts in the last 12 months and doesn't want her children disturbed any more.
- b) The opposition at the Mangapakeha End seems to have entirely disappeared
- c) I understand the other districts are indicating their positions by the same mail

17th September Following the meeting a letter from the chairman of a meeting asking that amalgamation of Mangapakeha, Whareama and Tinui go ahead. Even the Riversdale parents were in favour. At Whareama 24 in favour of amalgamation and 4 against.

25th October Letter from Wellington Education Board to all 3 chairman saying the proposal was not going ahead as there was some opposition

1958

17th June Derek and Betty Ingram appointed

24th September Derek writes asking for a shopping day as both of them are teaching. Wellington Education Board replied that generally only sole charge teachers were allowed the 5 days per year, but in these circumstances while both were teaching then the days would be allowed

20th October Letter from School Committee thanking them for sending the Ingram's the teachers are ideally suited to us and are doing a grand job

1959

21st May Letter from School Committee Betty is 6 months pregnant but the Wellington Education Board cannot find a reliever. The roll is 75 and Derek is certain he cannot handle that number on his own. If no teacher is appointed he will have to close the infant half of the school

29th June Telegram. Any news of reliever. Ingram

2nd July I wish to advise you that my wife ceased relieving duties at Tinui School this afternoon Thursday 2nd July

November Inspectors report Roll 75 D Ingram H McKay A very positive report

1960

15th November Alfred Hodder appointed Head teacher The appointment could not be confirmed until the transfer of Mr Ingram was completed

16th November June McAllister Mason appointed.

23rd November Ronald Weenink appointed

Petition WE are deeply concerned that D Ingram Head teacher is going to be replaced.

Mr Ingram has held the position for 2 1/2 year. Mr Ingram has given outstanding service please wait until the roll rises again etc.

Signed by a big list of names

Then a letter on the 1st November asking that Mr Ingram stay on under the new grading from the School Committee

Mr R J Weenink withdraws his application

1961

21st June James Matheson appointed as Head teacher

20th October Oliver Ball transferred as assistant from Mangapakeha School

14th November Roll Nearly 90 Miss Moana Morice is appointed as uncertificated assistant

1962

13th November 1962 Inspectors report Roll 85 Head Teacher J R Matheson, C J Ball. Miss J Mason

Positive inspector's report The school has the active support of an enthusiastic School Committee

1963

24th May Letter from School Committee to Wellington Education Board That if no qualified teacher was available for the infants in the second term the infant room would not reopen after the holidays

11th June 1963 I have been requested by Mr J Gray of Te Mai station to inquire the number of children needed to establish a household school on the station. J R Matheson. Reply at least 5 There must be suitable teaching accommodation available,.

1964

23rd April Inspectors Report Roll 90

Mr J R Matheson, Mr C J Ball, Miss E N Cresswell. Mrs J H Matheson Needlework and sewing

A pleasing tone and happy work atmosphere were noted in the school

1966

16th March Mrs Nan Laing of Castlepoint to be appointed as I leave for Hawera at Easter. Mr B Griffiths is quite capable of relieving as Head teacher

Mrs Laing will travel 14 miles each way daily

1967

20th February Tinui School is classed as remote and the teacher if married gets £37/10/0 and if single earns £18/15/0. Remote allowance was taxable

2nd August School roll 111 I have accommodation in the hall and my wife is available for teaching for another class

27th November Application by Pauline Davies to be appointed to Miss L Williams's position. Mr T Davies is Head Teacher

1968

3rd October Mrs Goodin will vacate teacher driver's residence and will then be available for a teacher. The house will remain as a teacher driver residence The house must be available to a teacher driver if needed. Bus drivers house was purchased from the Police Robin Carlyon's old school at Marima is shifted to Tinui

1970

28th April First 10 teacher aide hours of 10 hours per week. All ancillary staff are temporary and a review of their employment will be made at the end of the year.

17th November Inspector's Report

Roll 101

T E Davies Head teacher, J D Driver, assistant, Miss B Teviotdale Assistant, Mrs P F Davies S J C

Mrs R Moynihan Additional Assistant Remedial teaching of reading and mathematics with selected pupils

Mrs C S Clark Teacher Aide 10 hours per week

Total number of school residences is now 3

1971

11th February Peter A Donovan Head Teacher, came from Makomako School

1974

2nd May Inspectors report Roll 91

R D Galbraith Acting Principal

Miss J McFarlane Relieving assistant

Miss J Read Assistant

Miss J Gardner Assistant reliever

A very positive report under the guidance of a very conscientious relieving principal who has the fullest support from an interested and hardworking staff

2nd October Taken off remote school list because it is a 3 teacher school. However those teacher getting remote allowance keep it while still teaching in the same school

1975

18th March Mrs Atack should have been paying tax at the secondary rate. The computer has been reloaded to do this

1976

5th April Myles Percy Principal

Up to Copy and then cut and paste

25th April 1877 Mr. Whishaw wrote, stating that further expenditure was necessary on the schoolhouse at **Tenui**. The consideration of the question was postponed until the Rev. Mr. Andrew could report on the subject.

29th May 1878 The **Tenui school** under Mrs. Scales was in good working order, and the results reflected great credit upon both the late master and the present mistress

Tinui (Tenui)

Mr- George Pope was appointed matter of the school at **Te Nui**, where he has been in temporary charge 24th September 1890

THE EDUCATION BOARD OF THE DISTRICT OF WELLINGTON. ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES. IT is hereby notified, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1877, Amendment Act, 1885, that meetings of householders for the annual election of now School Committees will be held on MONDAY, the 25th inst. ant, at 8 o'clock p.m., in the respective school buildings of the following districts : — **Te Nui 14th April 1887**

A report from Mr. A. McDougall on the condition of the teacher's residence at **Te Nui** was adopted, and it was decided to carry out the repairs recommended by him 27 April 1892

certain repairs were authorised to be done at the Eketahuna and **Te Nui** Schools 25th July 1894

Petitions for aided schools at Te Ore Ore' and **Te Nui**, and a school near the railway station at Opaki, were left over till next meeting 24th June 1896

A Teacher is also required for the Aided School near **Te Nui** ; salary, £42 and board and residence Forms of application must be obtained at this office 21 Jan 1897

WAIRARAPA NEWS .

© [by telegraph. — own correspondent^ Masterton. This Day. During the late heavy rains the **Te Nui** and "Whareama districts suffered a good deal | through floods. The damage done was inconsiderable, but very great inconvenience was caused to many settlers by the Te Nui river remaining unfordable for several days. 17th August 1898

Owing to the bad weather having set in, the[^] re-ciection of the much - talked .about **Te Nui** bridge will not be proceeded with till after the winter 17th May 1899

J Mckenzie 40 pound over 26th July 1900

For many years, for example, it has been known that "**Te Nui**," the official name of a district on the Eas(> Coast of Wellington, is nonsense ; many insist on writing It correctly, "Tinui,' 1 but the correction has never been authorised 6th Oct 1905

Some alterations in the examination and inspection of schools in the Wellington district are projected by the local board's inspectors for 1909. A rough outline of the changes proposed is as follows : — With the exception of schools J in the Pongaroa and **Te Nui** districts, and a few other outlying schools, the visit paid to a school during the earlier part of the j'ear will be an inspection visit of which no previous notice will be given. The second visit, of which the statutory ten days' notice will be given, and on which the annual report will be based, will, as a rule, be paid in the latter part of the year. This will be the visit more especially mentioned in the regulations as the "annual visit." In the case of the schools particularised above, previous arrangements are to be adhered to in view of the fact that, owing to the condition of the roads in winter, and the distances the majority of the people have to travel, the best and most continuous work is done in •/hese districts in the summer months. 24th March 1909

and for drainage of residence at **Te Nui**. The board went into committee on various matters. 12th Dec 1913

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

SEVEN MORE CASES

Up to noon to-day seven more cases of infantile paralysis were reported in the Wellington Health District, including two new cases .in Wellington City. The fresh cases are as follow :—Manaia 1, Palmerston North 1, Feilding 1, **Te Nui** 1, Rangitumau 1,

Wellington City 2. **Te Nui** and Rangitumau are in the Wairarapa District. It should be noted that the Wellington Health District includes half of the North Island, and also the Nelson and Marlborough provincial districts in the South Island. 17th April 1916

APPOINTMENT OF TBACHBRB. After a lengthy discussion upon the relative powers of the Board, the appointment of teachers committee, and the local committees as to the appointment of teachers, the appoint-1 meat of the Rev. T. Porritt as head master to I the Grey town 6chool was confirmed • Wita 1 reference to a second master, the Teachers' Committee recommended Mr. Pattie, while the local committee asked that Miss Maber should be appointed, as they preferred a mistress. The Inspector recommended that Mrs. Scale, of the **Tenui School**, should bcappointed, and the Bjard adopted this recommendation, subject to the approval of the local committee. The following teachers were also appointed :— Miss Gooder to Kaiwarra **School** (temporarily) • Miss Craig to Mount Cook **School** (pupil twher); Miss Archer to Mount Cook Infani **School** (pupil teacher); Miss Mullins to Kaiwarra **School** (mistress). Mrs. Hausen was promoted from Tauherenikau **School** to **Tenui**, subject to the approval of the **Tenui** Committee. [The Board was sitting when we went to press.] 26th Feb 1879

28 Feb 1881 The Education Board is advertising for a master for the **Tenui school**, and an assistant master for the Newtown **school**
T7IDUCATION BOARD OF THE DIS- JII TEICT OF WELLINGTON. Further applications are invited for the Mastership of the **Tenui School**. This **school** was built as a boarding-**school** for the East Coast District, and contains accommodation for a dozen boarders — bedsteads, mattresses, I &c. A suitable married master is required ; salary (if certificated), I40 per annum, with house and the

use of two well-fenced paddocks, containing 2 and 8 acres respectively. Applications must be sent in on or before the 29th day of March. EOBERT LEE, Secretary. THE EDUCATION BOARD OF THE DISTRICT OF WELLINGTON 2nd March 1880

The **Tenui School** Committee applied for £b to repair damage done to the local **school** chimney by tho recent earthquake, tho committee having no funds. Granted 29 June 1881

Inspector reported that there were no passes in the higher stanards at Tenui and therresult of the examination could be consider only moderately successful 18th April 1883

TO BUILDERS. SEPARATE TENDERS will be received at the Education Board Office, up to Monday, the 26th inst.ant, for the ereotion of **School** Buildings at Kaitara (Morrison's Bush), and **Tenui**. Plans at my office, and at the Standard Office, Greytown, for Kaitara, and Daily Office, Masterton, for **Tenui**. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. THOMAS TURNBULL, Architeot. Education Board Offico, Wellington 21 November 1883

Ohariu. Mr. T. L. Ward (removed from **Tenui**) ; 30th Jan 1884

The sum of 3 pound was voted for repairing the chimney in the **Tenui** Schoolhouse. An application for a vote of £5 for repairing the fence in the same district was not granted 25 Aug 1886

The Board decided that tho horses belonging to those children who came from long distance should be allowed to graze in the paddock attached to the **school** residence at **Tenui 29 Sept 1886**

Mr. S Turkington, of tho **Tenui school**, applied to be allowed to close tbe achool for tho midsummer vacation ow ftbe" 22nd November, in order that ho might pvepsi'o for the teachers' examination. Tho application, which was supported by tHo Committee, was granted. It was stated f»ot thr ; length of the Vacation would not be in- ■ creased by granting the application of the : master

5 pound for shelter shed 29 June 1887

Tenui.— Total on roll, 33, of which 9 are below Standard I. Results :— Standard I. — Presented, 2 ; passed, 2. Standard II. — Presented, 6 ; absent, 1 ; passed, 5. Standard III.— Presented, 6 ; failed, 1 ; passed, 5. Standard IV —Presented, 4 ; excoptod, 1 ; passed, 3. Standard V.— Presented, 2 ; pasted 2. Standard VI.— Presented, 4; passed, 4 6th April 1889

In deference to the wishes of the **Tenui** Committee and to a petition of the residents in the district, the Board agreed to retain Mr. Turkington's servicos until the frid of the year, so as to give him an opporntniity of qualifying for the necessary certificate. 24th April 1889

. Greaves, who was selected for the position of master of tbo **Tenui School**, has doclined to tako up the appointment, and Mr. G. H. Pope, recently from Ashbnrton, has been placed in temporary charge 9th August 1890

Consideration of the proposal to purchase an acre adjoining the Featherston **School** was deferred for a month, as was also the question of reconstructing the schoolhouse at **Tenui**. 27th May 1891

It is reported that an outbreak of diphtheria has occurred in the **Tenui School 7th Aug 1891**

The **Tenui School**, after being closed for some weeks on account of an outbreak of diphtheria, has been re-opened 3rd Sept 1891
toaohor at Cross' Creek, Mr. Samuel Turkington, fomiorly of **Tenui 26th August 1892**

The carpenter was instructed to effect repairs to the residence at **Tenui 31 August 1892**

An application for a now range for the teacher's residence at **Tenui** was granted, 31 May 1893

In accordance with the recommendation of the local oommitteo, Mrs. Bell was appointed sewing teacher at **Tenui**, and tinerection of a fence and outhouse at a total coat of 10pound was authorised 13 Dec 1893

The appointment of a pupil teacher was authorised 25 April 1894

Robert Owen First Year PT 13 feb 1895

was decided that Messrs. C. R. Joplin (**Tenui**) and M'Kenzie (Mauriceville) should exchange positions 24th April 1895

A grant of 4 pound for outhouses was made to the **Tenui** Committee 31 July 1895

A pupil teacher is required at Tenui 17th Jan 1898

Miss Jennie Watson resigned as PT 29 Sept 1898

The **Tenui School** Committee has " asked the Education Board to supply a teacher to take the place of the late head teacher, Mr. John M'Kenzie, who died suddenly from heart disease on [. Monday night. Mr. M'Kenzie had been , s in charge at **Tenui** for several years. 0 Mr. H. Sutton is to take temporary ,_ charge of the **school** from next week 5th Nov 1902

With regard to an application from Mr. Forman, near **Tenui**, for a grant for schooling for his family, tho applicant was advised to apply to the Department for the capitution allowance in terms of the Act 30th Sept 1904

Tenui culvert adsn removing willows 4 pounds 25 may 1905

Painting **school** residence at **Tenui**, Welch and Hope, Masterton 9th Dec1911

LOA Mr H Sutton 27 Feb 1912

Mr Andruw was requested to ascertain the cost of a schoolhouse, residence, and 10 to 20 acres land at **Tinui**, with a view to the establishment of a weekly boarding and day **school** for the Castle Point district 18th Dec 1872

tinui. : It was resolved that the tender of Barry and M'Dowell, for £610, exclusive of the cost of carriage of material from Wellington to Castlepoint, for the erection of a **school**-house at **Tinui** be accepted 23 feb 1876

Mr Seaton Master 1st April 1880

Resignation of Mrs Seaton accepted 30 Nov 1881

An application for £1s for repairs to the **Tinui school** was acceded to 22 Feb 1882

Letters were read from the committees of the Park Vale and **Tinui** schools, urging that the "long vacation" of five weeks should take place at midwinter instead of at mid-summer, the reason given being that in midwinter the roads were in an impassable condition, and the Children were unable to get to **school**. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hutchison, to refer the matter to the committee on standing orders. 31 May 1882

The Inspector recommended the Board to erect a small **school** at **Tinui** apart from the dwellinghouse, which also required papering and repairing. It was resolved to call for tenders for the work to be undertaken early in the spring 28 March 1883

It was decided to pay 5 pounds for a sewing teacher

Plans for the **Tinui School** were approved, and tenders ordered to be called for. 31 Oct 1883

Mr. T. L. Ward asked to be removed from the **Tinui school**. No action was taken. Tenders for works at **Tinui** were opened, and those of Mr. A. Cleghorn were accepted. 28 Nov 1883

Mr R J Coeltson was appointed. 5 pounds was granted for extra accommodation 27 Feb 1884

The sum of 5 pounds was granted for the services of a sewing mistress at the **Tinui** school. 30 April 1884

An application for the reconstruction of the teacher's residence at **Tinui** was referred to the architect for report 28th May 1884

J McKenzie overpaid 95 pounds. Current salary 195 pounds 27 Feb 1901

Mrs H Barnes sewing teacher 29 August 1901

It was decided to get a report on Mr. Young's suggestion that an aided **school** should be established at **Tinui** Valley 31 July 1902

H Sutton Resigned 19th July 1923

Mr A V Scanlon ST Granity to Tinui 30 August 1938

3rd April 1939 Miss N Ross ST to Beramphore special class 22 Oct 1940

FRGOT COLLECTION

«. One of the best efforts in the recent national collection of ergot was that of the little **school** at **Tinui**, whose pupils gathered 24 clean ounces. The **school** is to receive the congratulations of the Wellington Education Board. 23 April 1942

Tinui Public School, which was established in 1876, is conducted in a building of the ordinary style, to which is attached about ten acres of land, used as a playground and paddock. It has forty-seven scholars on the roll, the average attendance being thirty-six.

[Mr. John McKenzie](#), the Master in charge of the Tinui School, who holds a C1 certificate, came to the Colony in the ship "Tinui" in 1886. He is assisted by one pupil teacher.

Mr. Ronald S. W. Owen, Pupil Teacher at the Tinui Public School, was born in 1877 at Palmerston North, and was educated in the Colony. In 1894, after an experience in the office of the *Wairarapa Daily Times*, Mr. Owen was appointed to the position he now holds. He has ever taken lively interest in athletic sports generally, and is fond of literary pursuits, having acted as local correspondent for several papers. Mr. Owen is fond of poetry, and gives promise of considerable talent as a writer of verse.



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Buildings

1884 660 square feet Residence 1892 4 rooms

Area 10 acres being part Secretary 286 Whareama SD
Vested in the County Council as exchange for new site
Sale for removal approve 27th May 1951
1955 2 rooms /1238 square feet
New site approximately 2 acres
1951 garage added at residence
1957 New House 1150 square feet.
1957 new residence
1956 Bus garage
1957 New Baths

Otahome

An area set aside for a church a school and a cemetery at
Otahome see memo 3rd July 1926 Doesn't appear to have been
used

1878		Tinui (Te Nui)	Scale	C F Mrs	Head	£105
1879		Tinui	Hansen	H	Female	£105
1880		Tinui	Seaton	Arthur J S	Master	£150
1881	10	Tinui	Seaton	Arthur J S	Master	£150
1882	21	Tinui	Ward	Thomas L	Master	£100
1883	22	Tinui	Ward	Thomas L	Master	£100
1883	22	Tinui	Ward	Mary	Sewing	£5
1884	26	Tinui	Turkington	Samuel	Master	£100
1884	22	Tinui	Brading	Ellen	Sewing	£5
1885	22	Tinui	Turkington	Samuel	Master	£100
1885	22	Tinui	Brading	Ellen	Sewing	£5
1886	18	Tinui	Turkington	Samuel	Master	£100
1886	18	Tinui	Brading	Ellen	Sewing	£5
1887	22	Tinui	Turkington	Samuel	Master	£100
1887	22	Tinui	Brading	Ellen	Sewing	£5
1888	21	Tinui	Turkington	Samuel	Master	£100
1888	21	Tinui	Brading	Ellen	Sewing	£5
1889	18	Tinui	Turkington	Samuel	Master	£100
1889	18	Tinui	Turkington	Janet E	Sewing	£5
1890	36	Tinui	Pope	George	Master	£145
1890	36	Tinui	Smith	Lucy	Sewing	£5
1891	26	Tinui	Pope	George	Master	£145
1891	26	Tinui	Smith	Lucy	Sewing	£5
1892	14	Tinui	Joplin	Charles A	Master	£100
1893	33	Tinui	Joplin	Charles A	Master	£175
1894	31	Tinui	Joplin	Charles A	Master	£175

1894	31	Tinui	Owen	Ronald		Male Pupil Teacher	£25
1894	31	Tinui	Bell	Alice		Sewing	£5
1895	38	Tinui	McKenzie	John		Headmaster	£195
1895	38	Tinui	Owen	Ronald		Male Pupil Teacher	£25
1895	38	Tinui	Bell	Alice		Sewing	£5
1896	28	Tinui	McKenzie	John		Headmaster	£195
1896	28	Tinui	Owen	Ronald		Male Pupil Teacher	£31
1896	28	Tinui	Bell	Alice		Sewing	£5
1897	32	Tinui	McKenzie	John		Headmaster	£175
1897	32	Tinui	Bell	Alice		Sewing	£5
1898	34	Tinui	McKenzie	John		Headmaster	£195
1898	34	Tinui	Manning	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1899	34	Tinui	McKenzie	John		Headmaster	£195
1899	34	Tinui	Manning	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1900	25	Tinui	McKenzie	John		Headmaster	£195
1901	24	Tinui	McKenzie	John		Headmaster	£128
1901	24	Tinui	Barnes	Ellen		Sewing	£5
1902	27	Tinui	Sutton	Henry		Master	£114
1903	32	Tinui	Sutton	Henry		Headmaster	£137
1904	35	Tinui	Sutton	Henry		Master	£139
1905	29	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D3	Master	£150
1906	22	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D3	Master	£144
1907	22	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D2	Master	£144
1908	26	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D2	Master	£130
1909	22	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D2	Master	£155
1910	28	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D2	Master	£160
1911	26	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D2	Master	£165
1912	31	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D2	Master	£170

1913	34	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D2	Master	£175
1914	31	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D1	Master	£180
1915	27	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	D1	Master	£190
1917	27	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	Sole	D-68	£190
1919	19	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	Sole	D-68	£260
1921	20	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	Sole	D	£320
1923	20	Tinui	Sutton	Henry	Sole	D-136	£305