

**Tuhitarata: 1923-1967.** A small school between Kahutara and Pirinoa Schools. 26 Kilometres on Lake Ferry Road from Featherston



- 1926 Original 320 sq feet
- 1956 Addition 105 sq feet
- 1958 257 sq feet added
- 1937 A Portable bach brought in
- 1957 Additions Altered
- 1959 Residence erected

## 1918

25<sup>th</sup> March 1918 Tuhitarata

### CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

**TUHITARATA ESTATE.** The announcement that Mr John. McMaster has decided to subdivide and auction in small areas suitable for dairying the greater portion of the well-known Tuhitarata estate will be read with keen interest and extreme satisfaction throughout the Wairarapa.

Mr McMaster purposes retaining only about 300 acres surrounding the, homestead, some of which is more for grazing sheep than dairying, that portion of the estate which he is opening to the public can be best described as the very pick of his bullock country well watered; most of it fronts the Ruamahunga river, and the balance is served by an unlimited artesian supply, and we are given to understand arrangements will be made to preserve for the benefit of the whole of the purchasers this artesian-supply, which is practically an unlimited one, rising sixty feet above the surface. It is the intention of the owner to reserve a site for a school and one also for either a dairy or cheese factory and he is prepared, if necessary, to erect the factory. Unquestionably the beet land in the Wairarapa is that known as the Ruamahunga flats, and the portion to be sold is really the cream of it. Country, that will fatten, a bullock to the acre, as this portion of the estate has been doing for some time, is more suitable for dairying than any other purpose, and it is asserted with confidence by practical men that within a short period practically the whole of the Lower Valley adjoining the Wairarapa Lake will be diverted from fattening to dairying. decided,

We understand Mr McMaster has decided in addition to reserving a site for a school and factory as described above, to immediately make a road through the centre of the property to be sold, which he will metal straight away and the purchasers will thus obtain that benefit, .PP

19<sup>th</sup> September 1918 An application was received for the establishment of a school at Tuhitarata, which was referred to the inspector, for a report PP

## 1925

12<sup>th</sup> August Letter from Mr. W Linton Secretary of the Lower Valley School Committee have selected a site for a school which has been inspected and approved by the Members of your Board The School Committee have instructed me to request you to send a long a surveyor at the earliest possible

With a view to having the site surveyed and the land transferred to the Education Board

12<sup>th</sup> August Letter from R McMaster to the Education Board Mr. Linton is sending an up to date list of those likely to attend

26<sup>th</sup> August Secretary Wellington Education Board to Mr. Linton.

I note there are 19 on the list of school age and 10 pre-schoolers

29<sup>th</sup> August Messrs Seaton, Sladden and Pavitt, Perry St Masterton will be surveying part of Tuhitarata next week and could easily carry out the work required at school

2<sup>nd</sup> September Letter to surveyors asking them to Survey the three acre block

Representative is Mr. Linton C/- the Lower valley dairy factory

24<sup>th</sup> September School should be pegged on Monday

13<sup>th</sup> October Note to solicitors Tuhitarata Block Has been given to the Board I think the seller of the land is Oldridge

## 1926

28<sup>th</sup> January 1926 It was agreed to urge that grants be provided without much delay for additions at Hataitai, Khandallah, Petone West, and Seatoun, and for the establishment of schools at Pukerua Bay, and Tuhitarata; PP

15<sup>th</sup> July Edith D C Whibley (*From Hawkes Bay*)

I opened the school today with a roll of nine. Excuses for nonattendance were received from three children These will bring the roll to 12

Today is very rough and stormy no doubt keeping other pupils away A supply of handwork material, continuous readers, chalk, ink etc. was safely stored in the cupboard by the Committee a few days ago. A bell and mantle clock have been supplied by the Board

I have applied to the Committee for a broom, dustpan, drinking mugs, axe, soap, towels, nibs, blotting paper and answer booklets to the progressive arithmetics. During the afternoon Mr. Brockett agricultural inspector paid a brief visit but did not make any suggestions as he is shortly leaving the Wellington Board

19<sup>th</sup> July The goods I have applied for the Committee have been supplied

I have written to the Education Board applying for scissors, gum, garden tools, paint school journals etc.

6<sup>th</sup> August 6 pairs of scissors have been received but nothing else

7<sup>th</sup> September Reopened today. 4 new pupils making a total of fifteen

22<sup>nd</sup> September School was visited today by Mr. Howell, school architect and Mr. Hopkirk Physical drill instructor

30<sup>th</sup> September Inspector Burns paid a visit to the school for the purpose of conducting an examination. Present 13/14

21<sup>st</sup> October Received copy of Inspector's report Today

Teacher Miss Whibley (Temporary) Sole Teacher

Management, order, tone and discipline Very good

Attendance satisfactory considering the long distance children have to travel

Miss Whibley opened the school on July 15<sup>th</sup> and has been carrying on the work in a highly satisfactory manner. A N Burns Inspector

27<sup>th</sup> October Having resigned my position as relieving teacher here. I am leaving today

27<sup>th</sup> October Mr. Lorton, Science instructor called today and left schemes of work

16<sup>th</sup> November Reopened school today It has been closed since 27<sup>th</sup> October Roll number 14 present 12

A starling has entered the down pipe of the tank which has had to be drained leaving the school with no water supply. Will get the outside openings of the down pipes netted in.

An excepted half day today owing to the very bad weather. Some of the children especially the smaller ones have a fairly long distance to travel.

9<sup>th</sup> December A proposal is on foot to hold a combined picnic of the Tuhitarata and Pirinoa Schools early in the New Year PP

## 1927

Same unnamed teacher Reopened the school today after the summer vacation with an attendance in the afternoon of 19

Mr. Lawton agriculture instructor paid a visit to the school and made suggestions regarding the laying out of the school grounds. He pointed out that the produce of the school glebe legally belong to the teacher (*The glebe was the horse paddock, I only heard this term used in reference to schools in the Bush area*)

21<sup>st</sup> February Received today a maximum and minimum thermometer, and magnet (To reset the thermometer) and a mariners compass

3<sup>rd</sup> April The school supply of firewood from the sawmill has been carted and stacked outside the woodshed- two cords of Kahikatea in 2 foot lengths

14<sup>th</sup> April Reopened the school today for the Easter vacation – mail that was delayed by being sent to wrong address was forwarded- informing me of the correct date for the Easter Holidays Having closed one day later than the usual time I with the permission of the chairman opened one day later.

1<sup>st</sup> August Have lost one of the school records the work book dropped from the luggage carrier on the road to Martinborough – have advertised in the local “Star” for it.

10<sup>th</sup> August Have received a reply from the Featherston school stating that the request to join the Central School Library there is to be laid before the Committee

5<sup>th</sup> August Miss Pope entered upon her duties as sewing mistress today at 1 p.m. (*This May be Betty Pope who became Betty Sims and taught with me at Featherston School*)

## 1928

5<sup>th</sup> November Date of inspection October 4<sup>th</sup>

Order and discipline very satisfactory

Attendance satisfactory except for a standard pupil who frequently comes late, she was late on the the day of my visit

Teaching. In the standards classes a very fair standard of attainment has been reached. The primer pupils are making very a satisfactory progress

Buildings and grounds are in satisfactory order

## 1929

Standard 6, 4 pupils. Standard 4, 2. Standard 3 3, Standard 1 4 Primers 4 . Total 17

Marking of register is regarded as important, scheme must be finished soon as some subjects may be neglected

Drill was a must. Your children behave well. You evidently treat them well. I was pleased with the daily preparation of reading and arithmetic

These subjects in particular are progressing satisfactorily

Reading is progressing in a most pleasing manner. Pupils answered well when questioned in the subject matter of reading.

The room is clean except for windows, desks have been cared for.

Garden is successful H C Watson Inspector 4<sup>th</sup> April

## 1930

29<sup>th</sup> July Reopened school today after it had been closed for four days as result of an accident incurred by teacher on the way to school on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Explanation sent to Board

Undated Inspection Report 1930 included

Roll 25

- a) The pupils are particularly well behaved and industrious  
Work is so organised as to allow them to work on their own behalf
- b) Appoint monitors to dust and tidy the room regularly
- c) Work book must be at school each day
- d) It is necessary to be at school each day at 8.45
- e) An amount of intensive work is to be devoted to arithmetic
- f) Some essays are quite promising
- g) Nature Study books are very creditably kept
- h) Drawing work is good
- i) G H Stubbs

7<sup>th</sup> October had to punish a child today, corporally because of an occurrence on the road on the way home from school

## 1931

6<sup>th</sup> February Mr. Wade Greytown member of the Board for this district arrived at the school today. Among other things he inquired if there was anything the school needed..... I mentioned the unsatisfactory nature of our sanitary service

1<sup>st</sup> May Owing to unforeseen circumstances the opening of morning school was 1 hour late on this date. It may be noted that the children commenced work at the usual hour however.

14<sup>th</sup> June Received from Board

1 Evaporating basins

1 Glass Flask

4 test tubes

1 foot rubber tubing

1 dozen corks

20 Ounces potassium Chlorate

1 tin caustic soda

1 Ounce acid Pyrocullic

! foot magnesium rib

1 quart Methylated spirits

1 Rain Gauge measure

16<sup>th</sup> June 3 cords of Kahikatea firewood from the saw mill has been delivered today

30<sup>th</sup> July School opened at 8.30 and closed for the day at 11.30 to enable the teacher to attend a Physical Instruction class in Featherston

## 1932

15<sup>th</sup> November Suspension of three pupils from school pending Committee investigation, Alex Adams, Ray Busch, Kim Busch. Reason Misconduct on the way home on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

## 1933

10<sup>th</sup> February Received today in electric immersion heater

17<sup>th</sup> February

Received 3 dozen blotters, 1 ream foolscap, 2 tins ink powder, 1 box nibs, 250 envelopes, Arithmetic answer books, 1 ream quarter (A4), 3 Indian ink, 1 "Good" stamp pad, 2 boxes coloured chalk

17<sup>th</sup> February School picnic held in Mr. Holme's paddock adjacent to the factory- subscriptions amounting to ----- Gifts bought for all the children including those not yet at school age. Ice Cream- Fruit donated by Mr. Martin , Otaruia

25<sup>th</sup> July Inspection Report included

- a) Roll 15, present 15
- b) The children of this school are well behaved. A fine spirit exists and a good tone
- c) The teacher is working earnestly. The work is now of very fair quality and is making definite progress in some directions
- d) The buildings and grounds are well cared for
- e) H C M Watson Inspector

Two members of the Board Messrs McDonald and Donald and Mr. Powell (*Board Architect*) visited the school to meet the Committee

6<sup>th</sup> October received today for light woodwork from Kaiwaiwai School (*Kaiwaiwai did not close until 1939*)

Separate inventories on file

A whole list of carpentry tools etc listed in log

November Working bees comprised of residents of the district worked on levelling a piece of the tennis court. Mr. Oldridge ploughed the area and the turf was carted away by teams. Bees also

carted the gravel for the contractor Messrs Linton and ..... carted cans of water. The contractor for carrying out the laying of concrete was let to Watson and Johnston Featherston. The work was done during the Christmas Holidays. The concreting was completed before school opened on 5<sup>th</sup> February

### 1934

12<sup>th</sup> February Two sanitary pans received from the Board

13<sup>th</sup> April Received from Board one watering can

17<sup>th</sup> August A working bee comprised of the neighbours and the school children assisted in laying down concrete paths from the porch to the shed

Inspection Report Included

- a) Work well prepared
- b) The children are well behaved and the progress steady. Work overall is very fair to good.
- c) The writing throughout and the play reading in Standard 3 and 4 is worthy of special commendation
- d) The cleaning of the room is satisfactory
- e) Mr. Watson

### 1935

13<sup>th</sup> July Inspection report included

- a) Teacher V Gardner
- b) Roll 15 Present 15
- c) A good working spirit has been established together with a very pleasant tone among the pupils

- d) Under sound methods of teaching steady progress has been maintained. The general level of the work ranges from very fair to good
- e) The classroom is clean and attractive. Ground improvements are under consideration
- f) G H Stubbs

19<sup>th</sup> November On the occasion of the funeral of the late Mr. John McMaster a pioneer of this district and one who contributed in generous measure to the founding of this school, a partial half holiday was observed in respect to his memory. Several of the larger boys and the teacher attended the ceremony

Inventory of school appliances as at second term 1935

1	Organ	1	Gramophone
1	Globe	1 Box	Cardboard Coins
1 Box	Velvet Letters	1	Map of World
1	Map Brit Islands	1	Map of Australia
3	Pictures	1	Map of New Zealand
1 map	Relief of NZ	1	Map of world
1	Atlas	1	Dictionary
1	"the Growing Body"	3	Picture Frames
4	Pairs of Scissors	1 box	Tools
1 Box	Garden tools	7	Chairs
1	Table	1	Fire Screen
1	Broom	1	Dustpan
1	Ladder	1	Axe (handle broken)
1	Electric Immersion Heater	1	Wheelbarrow (Home made)
1	Scrub Brush		

31<sup>st</sup> October A special holiday was observed for the Wairarapa Show day at Carterton. The Board approved subject to there being no other holiday for the same purpose this year

27<sup>th</sup> November One half holiday for general election

24<sup>th</sup> November Synchronous proficiency examination. Three pupils sat, one being accredited, Only standard 6 children attended on this day

December School children's Xmas tree, to be combined with the Pirinoa's children in the hall on Thursday evening. Funds for the tree have been collected by the Women's Institute.

Items to be given by the children

## 1936

3<sup>rd</sup> February G Hepworth took charge of this school for the first time today. There were 12 children present today. After the severe southerly storm during the weekend the road below the bridge is covered with water

This caused the Gray Children to leave early; otherwise they would be cut off from home

1<sup>st</sup> June During the first term we combined with Pirinoa and held a most successful picnic in McDougall's paddock

Our term's work has gone on smoothly and there has been no events worthy of note

1<sup>st</sup> July During May the water tank was removed and a new one put in its place. The school windows were repaired

A supply of science material and handwork material received during May

17<sup>th</sup> July Exceedingly stormy day today Only two pupils Una Thorner (Sic) and Stewart Linton attended

17<sup>th</sup> July A visit by Mr. Brockett discussed tree planting for Arbor day

24<sup>th</sup> October School closed Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Teacher ill

4<sup>th</sup> December Today is very stormy Only a few children present. As most of them were wet through we have had a short school day to allow them to reach home and obtain dry clothing

School was closed on 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> November to allow me to attend University Examinations

Inspection Report 13<sup>th</sup> August included

- a) All official records are neatly posted up and up to date
- b) Instruction follows sound and thoughtful lines
- c) The work shows a great deal of variation between Junior and Senior Divisions
- d) Standard 5 and 6 acquitting themselves well in areas except spelling
- e) Their written exercises are very neatly set out while their reading and oral responses are vigorous.
- f) On the other hand there are definite weaknesses in Standard 1 and 2 that call for continued effort
- g) Order Discipline and tone are very good and a pleasant spirit of cooperation is evident
- h) The classroom is tidy and attractive while the grounds have a well cared for appearance

15<sup>th</sup> December In accordance with Broadcast instructions and with the authority of the chairman I have closed the school for the summer vacation

## 1937

22<sup>nd</sup> February E V V Mc Fadden (Edith Vera Violet McFadden) In accordance with instructions I have today commenced duties at Tuhitarata School

2000/1998 McFadden	Edith Vera Violet	3 August 1905
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1<sup>st</sup> March Today school opened officially Roll number 19, Present 19

5<sup>th</sup> March School party given by Women's Institute at Pirinoa. All children received books. This was the postponed breaking up ceremony of 1936

*The interruption was nationwide because of infantile paralysis scare*

19<sup>th</sup> April Closed School (Epidemic)

12<sup>th</sup> May Coronation of our King and Queen

24<sup>th</sup> May Reopened School for second term

5<sup>th</sup> June Mr. Brockett and Mr. Dwyer visited school re home and farm arts and craft display

16<sup>th</sup> July Closed school for one week National Education Federation Conference

11<sup>th</sup> August Planted trees for Arbor Day, matipo, lacebark, karaka, ngaio, may, fuchsia gum, red gum silver vaha, cabbage trees, rose cuttings.

Planted a silver oak in commemoration of Coronation of King George VI (September above growing well)

6<sup>th</sup> October Dr Anderson and nurse visited the school and inspected the children

25<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day

28<sup>th</sup> October A and P Show Carterton

17<sup>th</sup> December Xmas Vacation. School closed and gardens and lawns left in good order. EMcF

## 1938

1<sup>st</sup> February reopened school today. Thirteen children present. This month we intend to suspend our usual timetable to allow for swimming games, outdoor work and walks in accordance with advice of Health department

The gardens are very overgrown

12<sup>th</sup> March Mr. Partridge, inspector, visited the school

1<sup>st</sup> July School closed teacher on leave

Miss McFadden is to be complimented on the attractive condition of the classroom and grounds, a great improvement on previous years.

Signed E Partridge

24<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day

27<sup>th</sup> October Carterton Show

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

## 1939

1<sup>st</sup> February Reopened School



Gardens are very overgrown with weeds. Lawns in fair condition. New shed completed. The usual timetable will not be adhered to this month as much time will be devoted to swimming, nature walks, outdoor work etc. Full advantage will be taken of the ideal swimming conditions. (3 children gained swimming certificates)

24<sup>th</sup> February Closed school for 1 day- school picnic, combined with Pirinoa school held at Pirinoa

20<sup>th</sup> March School was closed on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> owing to illness of teacher

25<sup>th</sup> April School closed Anzac day

13<sup>th</sup> June Received from Education Board 1 rake and 1 watering can

7<sup>th</sup> July Storm only 1 child present

4<sup>th</sup> September Roll 14

23<sup>rd</sup> November School reopened after absence of Miss McFadden. G Dandy relieving

11<sup>th</sup> December E McF resumed duties

## 1940

6<sup>th</sup> February Reopened school Roll 14

School grounds very overgrown

9<sup>th</sup> March Closed for school picnic

26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> March. School closed teacher ill

29<sup>th</sup> School closed Prime Minister's death

7<sup>th</sup> August Took school to listen to arbor day broadcast

16<sup>th</sup> August E McFadden closed school for August holidays

3<sup>rd</sup> September E Anker Reopened school for third term Roll 14

## 1941

2<sup>nd</sup> February A J Keller reopened school after Xmas Vacation. Roll 13. I commenced work here on this date

7<sup>th</sup> February One new primer child admitted

5<sup>th</sup> February One child absent with measles

16<sup>th</sup> February Two new primer children admitted Roll now 16

17<sup>th</sup> February Child found not to have measles. Returned to school. Another child absent with whooping cough

18<sup>th</sup> February School piano Tuned

21<sup>st</sup> Feb School dental clinic attendance commenced

28<sup>th</sup> February One primer child readmitted temporarily

28<sup>th</sup> February received petrol licence for 6 gallons (February – March) for transport of children to swimming instruction

8<sup>th</sup> March School picnic held in conjunction with Pirinoa School

8<sup>th</sup> April Visit of Mr. Johnston- Inspector

28<sup>th</sup> April - 5<sup>th</sup> May Poor attendance due to whooping cough and probable whooping cough. Attendance only 8 out of 19 on 1<sup>st</sup> of May

5<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> May Poor attendance only 8 out of 19. Due to whooping cough

9<sup>th</sup> May School closed for May Holidays

7<sup>th</sup> May Received plane, vice, tenon saw, steel rules, 2 try squares, 1 six inch auger bit from Education Board

26<sup>th</sup> May Roll 19

29<sup>th</sup> May Received 4 spades and hoes from Education Board

3<sup>rd</sup> June King's birthday holiday

19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> June Southerly storm. Only 5 children attended out of 18

4<sup>th</sup> July 4 children withdrawn

1<sup>st</sup> July Received science equipment from Education Board  
7<sup>th</sup> July This term so far characterised by poor attendance, due to bad weather, sickness, school commences at 9.15 to allow all children to be on time  
8<sup>th</sup> August Only 4 children (Roll 12) at school Due to colds and southerly storm  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 1940 Miss E. V. V. McFadden, sole teacher, Konini, from Tuhitarata PP  
  
22<sup>nd</sup> August School closed for August Holidays. Past week characterised by poor attendance owing to stormy weather  
8<sup>th</sup> September School reopened Roll 14  
18<sup>th</sup> September Visit of Mr. Browne Manual Training supervisor  
10<sup>th</sup> October 4 children withdrawn roll 7  
22<sup>nd</sup> October Visit by Miss Taylor Instructor in Physical Education  
27<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day  
30<sup>th</sup> October Holiday for Carterton Show  
30<sup>th</sup> October New lawn laid in front of school  
6<sup>th</sup> November Been and pea seed for 1941 experimental crop sown  
10<sup>th</sup> December Visit by Mr. H G Johnston Inspector

## 1942

2<sup>nd</sup> February School reopened after Xmas Holidays. 3 new pupils 1 Standard 1, 2 primers  
3<sup>rd</sup> February Two new pupils 1 Primer 1, 1 Standard 3 Roll now 14  
19<sup>th</sup> February New drive into school begun on south side, up to car shed by Featherston County Council. Authority from Education Board

25<sup>th</sup> February drive completed and metalled  
22<sup>nd</sup> February Swing removed from south side of school for re erection under the trees on the North West Side  
23<sup>rd</sup> February Old swing site turfed and rolled for lawn  
26<sup>th</sup> February School piano tuned.  
2<sup>nd</sup> March Paths to tennis court and boy's lavatory completed  
27<sup>th</sup> march School picnic held on Mrs D A McMaster's property separate from the Pirinoa School picnic  
8<sup>th</sup> April 2 children excluded, chicken pox in the home  
20<sup>th</sup> April Two children excluded now with chicken pox  
22<sup>nd</sup> April Visit by Dr Mulholland School Medical officer  
28<sup>th</sup> April Letter from warden of E A S agreeing that trenches be dug for temporary protection of children in an emergency  
25<sup>th</sup> May Work began by boys to remove some of enclosing hedge to give a wider sweep of lawn for drill etc.  
1<sup>st</sup> June King's Birthday holiday  
25<sup>th</sup> June. Attendance of only 5. Other children probably kept at home because of earthquake last night and inconvenience of cooking arrangements due to demolished chimneys  
13<sup>th</sup> July Attendance only 2 owing to heavy rain and floods  
15<sup>th</sup> July Attendance only 1 owing to storm and floods. 3 children cannot get to school because of flood water and probably will not attend for some time  
4<sup>th</sup> August Sandpit of Primer Children's play and older children's lessons made behind playshed  
20<sup>th</sup> August Onions planted for school crop  
6<sup>th</sup> September School reopened after holidays. One left, three admitted

7<sup>th</sup> September Preliminary inquiries made about calf and lamb club.  
Good response  
20<sup>th</sup> September Swing re-erected on N W side of school  
September Carrot seed for crop sown  
21<sup>st</sup> September 12 entries for calf and lamb club sent to Group Secretary  
4<sup>th</sup> October School water tank cleaned out  
7<sup>th</sup> October Volume II of Making New Zealand received from Education Board  
26<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day Holiday  
5<sup>th</sup> November Visit by Mr. Browne Manual Training Supervisor  
20<sup>th</sup> November Judging of School Calf and Lamb club competition and parents afternoon  
December Group judging at Martinborough 1<sup>st</sup> care and Handling, 1<sup>st</sup> Dairy Type

## 1943

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened Roll 14. February Curriculum to be observed. Swimming and general outside work as much as possible  
12<sup>th</sup> March School picnic held at school due to bad weather in the morning  
21<sup>st</sup> march Working Bee of parents and others sawed and stacked wood from tress topped in 1942  
21<sup>st</sup> April Visit of Miss Sewell Specialist in Physical Education  
7<sup>th</sup> June King's Birthday holiday

8<sup>th</sup> June Dividing hedge from school to road cut out. Fruit tree planted at back of school Lawson Piny planted in Pony Paddock. Onion seeds planted for commercial crop for garden funds.  
8<sup>th</sup> July One each Lawson, Japanese cedar, Flowering Gum, aster shrub- planted in pony paddock and school grounds  
2<sup>nd</sup> March Teacher absent on leave  
10<sup>th</sup> September Holiday for the surrender of Italy  
Travelling allowance for John Sutherland "Burnside" approved  
Travelling allowance for small children Te Tipua not approved because Department states correspondence is suitable and adequate  
October Start made to extend lawn to North West of school  
25<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day holiday  
28<sup>th</sup> October Holiday for Carterton Show  
28<sup>th</sup> October Lawn sown on side of hedge from school to road fence  
30<sup>th</sup> October Two varieties of carrots sown as experimental crop  
19<sup>th</sup> November Judging in Calf and Lamb Club Competitions and parents afternoon  
40 adults present 8 calves and 3 lambs entered  
December Judging for Group Calf and Lamb competition in Martinborough 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in care and handling class  
17<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Xmas holiday

## 1944

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened roll 16  
21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February Teacher absent on sick leave. No relieving teacher sent  
3<sup>rd</sup> March School picnic held in school. Very wet day

1<sup>st</sup> April Vice for woodwork welded and one Tenon saw sharpened  
7<sup>th</sup> April School fireplace repaired and altered to prevent smoking  
25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac day Holiday  
22<sup>nd</sup> May Area at back of play shed metalled by School Committee member  
24<sup>th</sup> May Mr. R Guthrie observed work here for three days  
20<sup>th</sup> July Traffic educational film and filmstrip shown by Mr. Beere  
A A patrolman  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October School closed. Teacher quarantined for week as Scarlet Fever contact  
9<sup>th</sup> October School reopened on advice of Health Inspector  
15<sup>th</sup> October Golden Bantam and Black Mexican sweet corn planted as crop for 1944-45 season. Golden Bantam, plot 1, Black Mexican Plot 2, Yellow Horse Tooth Maize Plot 3  
15<sup>th</sup> November Lawn mower sharpened and set  
17<sup>th</sup> November Calf and Lamb club judging day. Cup for care and handling presented by the McMaster family to be held only for year and never won outright. A cup for the same class donated by Mr. A B D Weatherstone to be won outright. From money donated, a cup for dairy type calves and one for lambs were brought. 10 calves and 5 lambs judged. 2 calves entered were not exhibited. A very successful function. Over 50 adults present  
21<sup>st</sup> November Visit by Mr. Browne Supervisor of manual training  
1<sup>st</sup> December group championship of calf and lamb clubs held in Martinborough Lamb from this school placed first. 3<sup>rd</sup> place gained at Carterton with a lamb from this school in the Wairarapa Championships  
15<sup>th</sup> December Received one handsaw and three chisels from Board

15<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Xmas holidays

## 1945

5<sup>th</sup> February School reopened Roll 19  
February School picnic held on Mr. A D McMaster's property "Matawhero" About 75 people present including children  
February Curriculum observed with outside activities, including swimming which was carried over into march on suitable days  
21<sup>st</sup> march Visit by Dr Mulholland School Medical Officer  
25<sup>th</sup> April School holiday for Anzac day  
4<sup>th</sup> may Special holiday for German surrender in Italy  
21<sup>st</sup> May Supply of infant material received  
11<sup>th</sup> June School broken into probably Saturday night 9<sup>th</sup>. Window at South West of school forced open, a lock and bolt forced from tool shed.  
List of Education Board property taken.  
2 Volumes, "Making NZ", 2 Dozen No 6 paint brushes, 1 Dozen of Fitches (Brushes), 6 packets raffia and tapestry needles, approximately £1 worth school stationery purchased with capitation grant  
15/- proceeds from sale of stationery as above  
1 lawnmower, 1 spade, 1 digging fork, 1 hand fork, 1 pair hedge clippers, 1 long handled shovel, 1 woodwork tool box, 2 hand saw, 2 planes, 2 tenon saws, 1 coping saw, 4 coping saw blades, possibly some paper, 2 bits, 6 chisels, 1 hammer, 1 tack hammer, 2 try squares, 1 screwdriver, 1 coping saw clamp, 1 pair pincers, 1 oilstone, 1 brace, 6 steel rules, 1 bradawl ,

List of School Committee Property taken

1 gramophone and 12 records, 1 dictionary, 2 tennis racquets, 1 cord for electric jug, 2 number games 1 lock (found) 1 lb mustard seed

List of private property taken

1 barometer, 1 dictionary, 1 packet drawing pins, 1 electric plug, 1 pack cards ½ lb of tea

The school and shed were ransacked and left in disorder, and the doors left open. The matter was reported to the police who inspected the school and who now have the matter in hand. There were no clues which pointed to any known persons having broken in 28<sup>th</sup> June Letter from Board intimating that persons who made unlawful entry into the school had been apprehended, and granting leave for teacher to attend court to give evidence if needed

28<sup>th</sup> June Leave of absence to attend Lower Hutt Magistrate's Court to give evidence and identify school property recovered after burglary. All recovered excepting the following

1 Dozen No 6 Brushes, 1.2 dozen hog fitches, 1 hand fork, 3 coping saw blades, 1 coping saw clamp and table, 1 steel rule, Raffia and tapestry needles, stationery, money, records, 1 dictionary, 1 cord for electric jug, 2 number games. Small amount of private property

24<sup>th</sup> July A meeting of interested householders made the following local rules for the calf and lamb club

1. That, for 1945, there be a junior class (Up to Standard 3) and a Senior Class, (Standards 3, 4,5 and 6) for care and Handling. One class only for dairy type
2. The two winners and two seconds in each class for care and handling will compete in an open class for the McMaster

Cup. This matter will be judged annually to readjust number of calves in each group

3. The breeder of a pedigree calf entered in the competition must brand the calf with the breeders tattoo mark allotted to him, the year letter and number, at the time stated in the general rules of the club
4. That a child boarding out a calf must attend to it five days a week
5. All calves entered for the competition must be born in the district. District to be defined as the area affected by children attending the school
6. That the meeting forward to the Martinborough Group Committee a recommendation that all schools in the group be represented on the Group Committee
7. The general rules of the lamb club were considered suitable and sufficient as they stand
8. 15<sup>th</sup> August Today holiday in celebration of VJ Day (*Victory over Japan*)

6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> September Teacher absent on leave

26<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day holiday

27<sup>th</sup> October Soya Bean crop sown

16<sup>th</sup> November School calf and lamb judging at the school 6 lambs and 6 calves exhibited/ Miniature cup for care and handling of calves presented by Mr. C Hodder, and a medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize) for same, presented by Mr. H W McMaster. A very successful function Approximately 60 adults and 40 children present

22<sup>nd</sup> November Group championship of Calf and Lamb clubs in Martinborough. 4 calves and 3 lambs exhibited from this school. 3<sup>rd</sup>

place in Junior Care and Handling of calves. 1st place in in Junior shortwool lambs. 3<sup>rd</sup> place longwool lambs  
29<sup>th</sup> November Visit by Mr. Browne Manual Training Supervisor.  
School piano tuned  
8<sup>th</sup> December Visit by Miss H Taylor, Phys Ed Instructor  
19<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Xmas Holidays

## 1946

4<sup>th</sup> February School reopened Roll 22  
School floor oiled by Committee during holidays with “Shell” disinfectant oil  
15<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic held at Mr. A D McMasters property, “Matawhero” 45 adults and 40 children present  
8<sup>th</sup> March Combined school’s athletic sports meeting in Martinborough  
11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March School closed, teacher on leave.  
8<sup>th</sup> March Filmstrip projector bought by School Committee delivered  
4<sup>th</sup> May. School chimney swept  
6<sup>th</sup> May Spouting on school roof cleaned out  
7<sup>th</sup> June Received from Education Board 2 fork handles, and 3 hand forks  
Received from Board 1 Maximum and Minimum thermometer  
12<sup>th</sup> August Received 1 scythe and stone, 1 reap hook, 1 pair hedge clippers, 1 roll of netting, 1 bag agricultural lime from Board per WFC  
4<sup>th</sup> October Average grading roll for 1946 47 grading 20.6.

Visit by Mr. Carter, board Member to discuss proposed new water supply and craft building  
24<sup>th</sup> October Visit by Mr. Drummond, Board architect to discuss and examine proposals for water supply and craft room.  
Received 1 ounce litmus and ½ inch measuring cylinder  
2<sup>nd</sup> October Mrs Manning commenced as needlework instructress in place of Mrs Davidson who resigned her position  
23<sup>rd</sup> October labour Day Holiday  
15<sup>th</sup> November School calf and Lamb Club Judging. Approximately 100 people present. 7 calves and 5 lambs exhibited. Class for pets- 5 entries.  
Cup presented by Mr. C Hodder to be won outright by winner of care and handling class.  
22<sup>nd</sup> November Group judging of calf and lamb club. First in yearling class, second in best group of three calves, third in senior care and handling, second in junior shortwool lambs  
27<sup>th</sup> November School closed for Election day

## 1947

3<sup>rd</sup> February School reopened Roll 26  
19<sup>th</sup> February School picnic held at Mr. A D McMaster’s property having been postponed room 15<sup>th</sup> February, Approximately 80 people present including children  
28<sup>th</sup> February Interschool athletic sports at Martinborough D H S  
I finished work here today A J Keller  
3<sup>rd</sup> March T J Evans Arrived today and took up duties of relieving.  
Roll 27

3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> March Each day the members of the School Committee came to top pine trees in school playground for winter firewood  
10<sup>th</sup> March New admission. Roll 28  
28<sup>th</sup> march Three withdrawals from roll. Roll 25  
25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day  
9<sup>th</sup> May T J Evans finishes  
27<sup>th</sup> may M K Bowie opened school after holidays. Roll 25  
3<sup>rd</sup> June Beth and Kay Hodder (Standard 2 and Primer 3) admitted  
4<sup>th</sup> June 11 pupils away with colds etc. (16 present)  
2<sup>nd</sup> July Roll still 27 (Average attendance 22-24) Lewis Woods in Masterton Hospital  
Serious Floods (Worst for many years)  
14<sup>th</sup> July Traffic educational films shown by Mr. Herd of Traffic Department. Roll 29  
16<sup>th</sup> August Visit of Mr. O'Connor Physical Education Instructor  
8<sup>th</sup> October Visit of Mr. O'Halloran, Inspector  
21<sup>st</sup> November School lamb and calf judging Ten calves and five lambs exhibited  
28<sup>th</sup> November Group Championship of calf and lamb clubs in Martinborough. Seven calves and three lambs exhibited from this school  
19<sup>th</sup> November Two new pupils John Carter and Kit Rowntree Roll now 28  
28<sup>th</sup> November School closed owing to Infantile Paralysis precaution

## 1948

3<sup>rd</sup> February School reopened after Christmas Holidays. No pupils owing to health department precautions  
8<sup>th</sup> March School picnic held ad Mr. A D McMaster's property, "Matawhero"  
21<sup>st</sup> April Visit of Miss Little, School nurse  
28<sup>th</sup> April Visit of Mr. Ngati Barnett, agriculture instructor  
2<sup>nd</sup> June Visit of Mr. Hood Traffic Department  
Roll 28 3 new children admitted  
17<sup>th</sup> August Visit of Nurse Miss Little for diphtheria injections  
14<sup>th</sup> September Visit of school nurse Miss Little to examine and talk to children on the topic of "Milk"  
8<sup>th</sup> November Visit of Nurse Miss Little for diphtheria injections  
26<sup>th</sup> November Calf and Lamb judging at the school- 14 calves and 8 lambs exhibited. Decorated sand saucers  
3<sup>rd</sup> December Group championships of calf and lamb in Martinborough. 6 calves and 4 lambs exhibited from this school  
17<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Xmas holidays

## 1949

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened Roll 27  
10<sup>th</sup> February Routine visit of school nurse. Films shown by Mr. Horsfall of traffic Department  
25<sup>th</sup> February School picnic held at Mr. McMasters property Matawhero.  
4<sup>th</sup> March Interschool sports held at Martinborough DHS

10<sup>th</sup> June Visit to school by the chairman, secretary and architect of the Board

14<sup>th</sup> June Farewell to Mr. And Mrs Davidson

28<sup>th</sup> June Visit of Miss Lawrie Infant Supervisor

25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> July School closed Art Course at Featherston DHS

5<sup>th</sup> September Roll 25

28<sup>th</sup> September Routine visit by school nurse, Nurse McKay

24<sup>th</sup> November Visit of Nurse McKay for diphtheria injections

25<sup>th</sup> November Calf and Lamb judging at the school. Twelve calves and Seven lambs exhibited

30<sup>th</sup> November School closed for General election

1<sup>st</sup> December Group judging at Martinborough DHS 7 calves and 2 lambs exhibited from this school

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

## 1950

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopens after Christmas holidays Roll 21

2<sup>nd</sup> March Commenced relieving duties Paul B Boake

3<sup>rd</sup> March School closed I had to visit the Board

6<sup>th</sup> March Thea Sutherland, John Carter, Douglas Collie away. The last named has not attended this term because of illness

14<sup>th</sup> March John Carter back

20<sup>th</sup> March Thea Sutherland back

27<sup>th</sup> march Inspector and Phys Education specialist called- Mr. Woodley and Mr. Les Sissons

13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> April School closed teacher away on special leave of absence

17<sup>th</sup> April Four new pupils Roll now 28

24<sup>th</sup> April Douglas Collie back- this is his first attendance this term

25<sup>th</sup> April School closed Anzac Day

1<sup>st</sup> May Householders meeting for election of new School Committee held in evening. Chairman Mr. Manning, and Secretary (Mr. Rowntree) re elected. Other members are Mrs Sutherland, Mr. Woods and Mr. Casey

3<sup>rd</sup> May. Art supplies arrived. New cheque book also arrived. Short routine visit by district nurse

5<sup>th</sup> May Roll 25 Present 24. I finish relieving duties here P B Boake.

21<sup>st</sup> May K F Mills Commenced duties at this school after an interview with chairman Manning

22<sup>nd</sup> May School opened. Roll 23

31<sup>st</sup> May Children taken to Featherston in afternoon to see special showing of Empire Games. I finish here today after an all too short stay..K F Mills

9<sup>th</sup> June Olive Breeze Commenced duties as a relieving teacher at this school which has been closed since 31<sup>st</sup> May owing to a teacher not being available. School opened with 21 children present and two absent. Mr. Manning Chairman of the School Committee called this morning. Received memorandum this morning from Education Department asking details of the present supplies of English and arithmetic text books

22<sup>nd</sup> June farewell function for Mr. And Mrs Cameron, Marlene and Ronald who are going to Palmerston North held at 2.30. Mr. Holmes on behalf of the residents of the district made a presentation to Mr. And Mrs Cameron



30<sup>th</sup> June Mr. O'Connor Phys. Ed Specialist visited the school this morning. Owing to the wet weather the demonstration of on the mat were held inside

3<sup>rd</sup> July Mr. Sissons and Mr. Wiffen the Phys. Ed specialists visited the school this morning. The demonstration was held outside. Received three large pictures of Our Coast from the schools publication branch of the Education Department.

4<sup>th</sup> July Margaret Anne Farrell and Kevin Matthew Farrell admitted

5<sup>th</sup> July Admitted Valerie Farrell and Lyndsey Farrell

7<sup>th</sup> July Received from Education Department 3 copies each of Here We Go, Off to Play, Out and About, I Went Walking, beginner infant readers

14<sup>th</sup> July School closed today so that I could visit the dentist

19<sup>th</sup> July Received from A Reed and Co a number of books for the library

21<sup>st</sup> July Ronald Cameron and Marlene Cameron withdrawn Roll 25

8<sup>th</sup> August School closed so that Standard 4 to 6 could visit parliament

9<sup>th</sup> August Householders meeting with Mr. Nicol, chairman of the Wellington Education Board, Mr. Deavoll, Secretary of the Wellington Education Board present held at the school Decision has now been made to keep the school open

18<sup>th</sup> August Holidays commence today John Carter withdrawn from the from roll. Roll 24. Finish duties as relieving teacher Olive Breeze

4<sup>th</sup> September Resumed duties today as permanent teacher. School opened with 20 present one of whom John Carter is a

readmittance. One girl Margaret Farrell is withdrawn so that the roll now is 24. Olive Breeze

18<sup>th</sup> September Bryan Weatherstone admitted. Roll now 15 boys and 10 girls

26<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Horsfall the traffic inspector visited the school this afternoon and conducted a lesson outside on crossing the road and signalling for the bicycle riders

16<sup>th</sup> October J L Ewing inspected the school today

30<sup>th</sup> October Owing to his departure from the district Mr. Rowantree has resigned from his position as Secretary and Treasurer of the School Committee

30<sup>th</sup> October Received following inspectors report today A new permanent teacher has recently been appointed and there is evidence that community interest in school matters is being revived

The children are well behaved and work willingly

1<sup>st</sup> November Messrs Manning, Weatherstone, Farrell and Clarke came to school this morning and topped five of the pine trees.

6<sup>th</sup> November A very successful Guy Fawkes evening was held at the school last Saturday night. Also presentation to the Rowantrees

27<sup>th</sup> November Received Bisonplate 6 foot x 3 foot which was placed for teacher's use on the wall by Mr. Manning

1<sup>st</sup> December Calf Day held at school Mr. Connolly and Mr. Parker Judges

Lambs 1<sup>st</sup> Christopher Rowntree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Sutherland. 3<sup>rd</sup> Suzanne Rowntree

Calves Care and Handling 1<sup>st</sup> Lewis Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Wood, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joy Manning

Dairy Type 1<sup>st</sup> Ivan Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Woods 3<sup>rd</sup> Donald Woods

5<sup>th</sup> December Calf day for Martinborough Group was held at Martinborough DHS

Long Woolled lambs 1<sup>st</sup> Suzanne Rowntree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Christopher Rowntree, 3<sup>rd</sup> Robin Rowntree

Calves Care and Handling 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Woods, 3<sup>rd</sup> Donald Woods

Group of three Martinborough, Dyerville, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuhitarata

14<sup>th</sup> December Concert given by school pupils held in school grounds tonight. Help having been given by Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Gillespie

15<sup>th</sup> December School closed today for Christmas Vacation

## 1951

5<sup>th</sup> February School reopened today after Christmas Holidays Roll 26, Present 22 including two new pupils Geoffrey Busch and Gordon Collie

9<sup>th</sup> February Anthony, Christopher and Suzanne Rowntree withdrawn from roll. Roll number now 23

23<sup>rd</sup> February School picnic held at Whakatomotomo

6<sup>th</sup> March Combined school sports held at Martinborough DHS having been postponed from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

14<sup>th</sup> March The district nurse called. The Children's eyes were tested

19<sup>th</sup> March Miss Noakes Field Organizer of the Junior Red Cross visited the school this morning. As a result of her talk the pupils are forming a Junior Red Cross Circle.

22<sup>nd</sup> March Mr. Sissons the Physical Education Specialist visited and gave a demonstration lesson

28<sup>th</sup> March Dr McKendrick and the District nurse visited the school today for medical inspection

20<sup>th</sup> April The school savings bank organiser Mr. H S Harbutt visited the school this afternoon and addressed the pupils about the School Savings Bank

25<sup>th</sup> April School closed for Anzac Day

26<sup>th</sup> April received today new Arithmetic and English text books

21<sup>st</sup> May School reopened after May Holidays. There are three new admittances Barbara, Brian and Jill Evans bringing the roll to 26

28<sup>th</sup> June Ian and Eric Casey withdrawn

29<sup>th</sup> June School closed for a shopping day

6<sup>th</sup> July Valerie and Lyndsey Farrell withdrawn Roll now 22

11<sup>th</sup> July Mr Sissons the Physical education specialist came today and coached the children in football

13<sup>th</sup> July Visit from Rev. Mr. Stephenson who conducted a scripture lesson

20<sup>th</sup> July A dozen native trees for planting in the school ground arrived today

23<sup>rd</sup> July Mr. Kiernan and Mr. Mather commenced painting the school exterior today

30<sup>th</sup> July Mr. Styles assistant architect of the Wellington Education Board and Mr. Styles (Sic) of the Education Department met the following members of the School Committee Mr. D Sutherland, Mr. W K Manning, and Mr. A Weatherstone to discuss the installation of septic tank and adequate water supplies for drinking and washing

31<sup>st</sup> July Mr. Horsfall and Mr. Heaven Traffic Inspectors visited the school this morning to show the school sound film on road safety

1<sup>st</sup> August A farewell function for Mr. And Mrs J D Carey was held at the school in the late afternoon

6<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Evans Agriculture Inspector visited the school today to give advice in connection with the school agricultural club

5<sup>th</sup> November A successful Guy Fawkes Evening was held at the school with parents and friends present

7<sup>th</sup> November Donald Wood withdrawn from school Roll number 7 Boys, 8 girls

16<sup>th</sup> November The Boys and girls Agricultural club held their club day at school with many parents and friends present

Care and Attention, Bryan Weatherstone, Lewis Woods, Donald Woods

Dairy Type, Bryan Weatherstone, Lewis Woods, Donald Woods

Five lambs were entered but owing to the death of two only three took part

1<sup>st</sup> Thea Sutherland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy Manning, Anne Montgomerie

Mr. Connolly judged the lambs and Mr. Martin Parker judged the Calves

26<sup>th</sup> November Agricultural Club for Martinborough Group was held at the DHS today. Shortwool lambs 3rd Anne Montgomery

Care and Handling 1<sup>st</sup> Bryan Weatherstone. Dairy Type 1<sup>st</sup> Lewis Woods

Group of three 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuhitarata (Lewis, Russell and Donald Woods)

19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Tree party given at school this evening by School Committee as a break up ceremony for the year

## 1952

4<sup>th</sup> February School opened Roll 15, with nine present

5<sup>th</sup> May Dianne St Martin was admitted

6<sup>th</sup> February The following children were withdrawn Brian, Barbara and Jill Evans, Joy Manning and Kay Hodder. Roll now eleven

7<sup>th</sup> February Following broadcast announcement of death of his Majesty King George VI the school remained closed

15<sup>th</sup> February following the short broadcast service and two minutes silence in respect of H M King George VI a short ceremony was held in the school between the pupils and teacher

Rev Mr. Stephenson of Martinborough visited the school today to give a short scripture lesson

29<sup>th</sup> February School picnic held at Whakatomotomo

7<sup>th</sup> March Inter school sports held at Martinborough

13<sup>th</sup> March Lorraine Burling admitted. Six boys six girls

4<sup>th</sup> April Lorraine Burling withdrawn

17<sup>th</sup> April Rev. Mr. Stephenson conducted a scripture lesson today

23<sup>rd</sup> April District Nurse paid a visit . Infants had their eyesight tested

9<sup>th</sup> May Children Standard 1 to Form 2 paid a visit today to the Wellington Show and industrial fair before the school closed for two weeks holiday

17<sup>th</sup> May Mr. Horsfall the Traffic Inspector paid a visit to the school today and showed a sound film on road safety

2<sup>nd</sup> June School Closed Queens Birthday

13<sup>th</sup> June Rev. Mr. Stephenson conducted a scripture lesson today

27<sup>th</sup> June School closed shopping day granted by the Board

21<sup>st</sup> August Display afternoon was held at the school. A few parents were present

16<sup>th</sup> September School closed today in order that the eight senior pupils accompanied by their teacher could pay a visit to the Royal Tour Ship the Gothic and afterwards visit the house of representatives

17<sup>th</sup> October School closed today in order that the teacher could visit the dentist

23<sup>rd</sup> October Afternoon function held at the school to farewell the teacher

I finish duties her today as a sole charge teacher after a very happy 2 ¼ years. Olive Breeze

3<sup>rd</sup> November Miss (Maria?) O'Regan Commenced duties at Tuhitarata today, my first permanent position after ten months as a PA in Reefton. The school was closed for the last week of October. Miss Breeze having left. The roll number is 14, eight boys and six girls. Find the grounds in attractive condition

5<sup>th</sup> November Welcome to district by residents associated with the school

21<sup>st</sup> November Members of the Committee, Messrs, Manning, Woods, Weatherstone, Wood spent the morning preparing the grounds for the annual calf and lamb day. In spite of heavy rain all was well organised. Kiddies happy with their results

1<sup>st</sup> December End of year exams started today with arithmetic. Two new pupils, Anna Weatherstone, New Entrant and John Beattie from Featherston Primer 4

5<sup>th</sup> December Exam finished today Results are satisfactory. Received one set of Janet and John supplementary readers

11<sup>th</sup> December Mary Montgomerie admitted to roll. Now at 17

18<sup>th</sup> December School closed today for Christmas holidays. Tonight the school kiddies Christmas Tree evening was held in the school grounds

9<sup>th</sup> December Letter to Wellington Education Board from J Sutherland Secretary School Committee Roll 12 Site 3 acres.

Would the Wellington Education Board sell a small piece of land for a hall if the money for the hall could be raised. As there was only 3 acres of land the board was reluctant to sell any as it may be required

## 1953

2<sup>nd</sup> February School reopens. The roll number remains at 15 with all children present

3<sup>rd</sup> February Mariana Matenga was admitted today

23<sup>rd</sup> February School has been closed from 9<sup>th</sup> February until today because the teacher has been ill

6<sup>th</sup> March Annual school sports were held today in Martinborough Tuhitarata gained 38 points placing the school about sixth from top Joan Clark won the senior high jump

9<sup>th</sup> March Five children are absent today because of sickness

16<sup>th</sup> March George Fowler Standard 4 and Kevin Fowler Standard 3 admitted Roll 18

23<sup>rd</sup> March Sandra Fowler admitted to infant class

2<sup>nd</sup> April School closed for Easter Holidays. Teacher has been granted extra leave for attendance at a wedding

10<sup>th</sup> April School reopened today after Easter Break. It is a bitterly cold day and six children are absent

14<sup>th</sup> April Four Committee members cut and stored wood for the winter

17<sup>th</sup> April Miss Lowrie called today and gave helpful instructions on infant work. Mr. Stephenson conducted a scripture lesson from 11.30 to 12.00

28<sup>th</sup> April The annual residents meeting was held last night The new Committee is Mr. Weatherstone (chairmanship from Mr. Manning who has served a long term in the same). Mr. Clarke secretaryship from Mrs Sutherland, Messrs Wood, Montgomerie and St Martin

29<sup>th</sup> April Senior Inspector called today

3<sup>rd</sup> June Lyndsay Bruce I took up duties as relieving teacher The school has been closed since 29<sup>th</sup> April. Miss O'Regan having been rushed off to hospital and subsequently resigned owing to ill health. Two lots of library books were awaiting to be catalogued. Roll number at school 19. Two new children were admitted Robyn Morris from Muratai (Sic) Eastbourne and Kevin Morris a new entrant bring the roll to 21

5<sup>th</sup> June Mr. Horsfall and his assistant called today. The traffic officers conducted a lesson on the road code and road safety with the children

9<sup>th</sup> June The inspectors Mr. Hill and Mr. Robinson called this afternoon. Mr. Robinson stayed and gave me some helpful advice about class grouping and organisation and notes about subjects. John Beattie withdrawn to Featherston Roll 20

24<sup>th</sup> June Social Studies books arrived from Whitcombe and Tombs

26<sup>th</sup> June Received infant apparatus also 1 aquarium to be assembled

District Farewell in the school to Mr. And Mrs Woods

1<sup>st</sup> July Admitted Christopher Norman from Carterton DHS

Received circular re Broadcast to Schools publications for 1954

Form 6/80 H-12 re conveyance Robyn and Kevin Morris and Marianna Matenga

Mr. J Dixon of "Tuhitarata" presented the school with approximately 4 dozen bulbs for school garden

9<sup>th</sup> July Today the district nurse arrived to fill in the sanitation report

10<sup>th</sup> July School closed Shopping Day Permission applied for/ granted 9/7/63

12<sup>th</sup> July Began school examinations today. All pupils present English and Reading. Received 1 set of Birds of NZ

Another set of Social Study and Reading (Silent) books arrived from Whitcombe and Tombs

14<sup>th</sup> July Russell and Donald Woods removed from roll to Greytown

15<sup>th</sup> July Finished School examinations Results quite satisfactory

17<sup>th</sup> July Mr. Stevenson conducted devotion service 2.30 to 3.00

29<sup>th</sup> July Received circular giving permission for Robyn and Kevin Morris to receive travelling allowance

30<sup>th</sup> July The district nurse, Nurse Davies came today and gave the children a health talk

31<sup>st</sup> July Nurse came again today to test the eyes of Bryan Weatherstone and Margaret Collie

3<sup>rd</sup> August Today I had a short visit from the Inspectors, Messrs Hill and Robinson. They stayed about 30 minutes

4<sup>th</sup> August Tony Norman New Entrant Started

5<sup>th</sup> August Today I took the children to Featherston to see the coronation film "A Queen is Crowned" Mrs Hough and Mr. Montgomerie furnished the transport

6<sup>th</sup> August Miss Bengel the art specialist arrived at about 10 O'clock and spent the rest of the day with us.

11<sup>th</sup> August Mr. Harte the permanent appointee called today

21<sup>st</sup> August I finish my duties as relieving teacher after a very happy term. Roll number 17. Lyndsay T Bruce

7<sup>th</sup> September Commenced duties here as permanent appointee. Sixteen children present.

Notification: Woodwork and Cookery instruction available in Featherston on Friday morning from 1.0 to 12. Transport per Mr. Steward As from 18<sup>th</sup> September Thomas D S Harte (Thomas David Seymour Harte)

1<sup>st</sup> September Circular re Royal Visit arrangements plus questionnaire regarding transport

9<sup>th</sup> September received first circular from Senior Inspector

18<sup>th</sup> September Notification of intention to supply maps of NZ and Australia immediately and World and Pacific at a later date

12<sup>th</sup> September Marianna remained at home with the measles

22<sup>nd</sup> September Mr. Evans "popped" in for ½ an hour re Ag and Calf Club. 2 maps and rack arrived on bus

22<sup>nd</sup> September Map equipment assembled this morning. Start made on weeding flower gardens. Tennis Court being prepared also

The Children's Book of Knowledge and Book of Achievements arrived and were entered in library register

29<sup>th</sup> September An earthquake sufficient to spill water from overflow vent on the tank took place at 1.45. Force 4-5

6<sup>th</sup> October Full attendance for the first time this month. Have applied for Nature Study equipment and rain gauge and 4 Standard 1 Texts

14<sup>th</sup> October Note from H Henwood inspector, Enter lists of craft, library books admissions etc. in books supplied. No need to enter them in logbook

19<sup>th</sup> December Education Board's carpenter came and replaced the teacher's blackboard with an 8 foot X 4 foot Timonsplate and replaced old board as part of the infant blackboard. Closed today for holidays. T D Harte

## 1954

1<sup>st</sup> February School opened roll of 14. Five boys Nine girls.

Water supply provided during the holidays proved inadequate for flushing purposes

Gardens suffering from an attack of Mr. McMaster's Sheep and NOT a few itinerant rabbits

11<sup>th</sup> February Mr. K S Morgan spent Thursday afternoon discussing Nature Study problems and various topics contained in his report

23<sup>rd</sup> February Mr. Horsfall spent an hour on Tuesday Morning on traffic Instruction

16<sup>th</sup> March Mr. J Wareham and assistant installed an enamel wash hand basin underneath tap on tank stand

1<sup>st</sup> April Mr. K S Morgan was here this afternoon, he collected the science apparatus and was instrumental in helping me unload and install new sliding door cupboard which arrived at 3 pm on bus

23<sup>rd</sup> June 3 dozen Lawsonianas arrived this afternoon

25<sup>th</sup> June Skipping ropes and two large balls arrived this afternoon  
15<sup>th</sup> July Miss Benge Art Specialist spent the day with groups. Painting on paste, pastels on wet paper, crayon and transfer and Crayon and scratch  
2<sup>nd</sup> September Mr. Forbes Department of Education Schools' Inspector was here today  
5<sup>th</sup> August Mr. D M Bliethe Forestry ranger brought 4 Shortus (Pinus). 4 Douglas Fir, 1 Cryptomoria japonica, 1 Abelia today at 4 pm  
12<sup>th</sup> August Mr. Oldridge agreed to supply water to the school on the basis of £2/10/0 per quarter  
15<sup>th</sup> August Mr. Keith Morgan called re Home garden projects.  
15<sup>th</sup> September Mr. N Burgess Organising teacher arrived today. He discussed and demonstrated aspects of Junior Reading  
16<sup>th</sup> August Mr. Burgess arrived at 10.00  
17<sup>th</sup> August Mr. Burgess arrived at 9.00  
21<sup>st</sup> October Miss M Benge arrived 10.30 Colour Slides shown of art work "Collage" work in afternoon  
22<sup>nd</sup> October Visit from Kahutara "Softball Team"  
18<sup>th</sup> November Calf Club this afternoon 12 calves, 4 lambs Mr. Fairbrother and Mr. Connolly were judges  
20<sup>th</sup> November Group Day at Kahutara were successfully combined with Kahutara Group and won the Brough Cup. Bryan Weatherstone's Calf won the Donald Cup for champion dairy type  
2<sup>nd</sup> February District Nurse Miss Allen carried out duties from 2 pm to 3.15

8<sup>th</sup> December Mr. K Morton judged the children's gardens. Senior Ivan Clarke 1<sup>st</sup>, Margaret Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thea Sutherland 3<sup>rd</sup>. Junior Anna Weatherstone 1<sup>st</sup>, Daniel Nix 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Sinnema 3<sup>rd</sup>  
16<sup>th</sup> December School closed. T D Harte

## 1955

*Page dated 1954 actually appears to be 1955*

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened. Desks renovated by teacher during holidays create a pleasant effect. Commencing roll 20. Swimming in the river 2 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> February Commenced lawn cutting and gardens attended to  
3<sup>rd</sup> February Seven standard girls began their needlework course with Mrs D Manning. Swimming 2 pm  
5<sup>th</sup> February Rails for blackout curtains and attachments arrived  
7<sup>th</sup> February National library 110 books received. 2 reels of film received  
8<sup>th</sup> February Curtains and rails completed and fitted  
5<sup>th</sup> February Mr. K Morgan spent afternoon at school with 1955 inventory of equipment and we discussed Nature Study Plans for this year. Display shelf constructed under window, roller fastenings for blind reversals attached  
6<sup>th</sup> February A Masterton firm demonstrated the "Danson" Film Projector to the School Committee and myself at 7.30 in the school room Without transformer the amplification proved unsatisfactory  
17<sup>th</sup> February Mr. D Roper commenced the septic tank contract  
21<sup>st</sup> February The Committee provided wood (Manuka) from Matawhero 2 truck loads, 1 ½ cords

22<sup>nd</sup> February District Health Nurse enquired about Xrays  
25<sup>th</sup> February Teacher attended Masterton Hospital in the afternoon  
Government Xray scheme  
23<sup>rd</sup> February Mr. N Burgess Organising Teacher was here for the  
day  
3<sup>rd</sup> March Mr. C Poulter Demonstrated the Bell and Howell 622  
(*Film Projector*) to the Committee and teacher  
4<sup>th</sup> March The school picnic was held under ideal conditions at the  
Tauherenikau Racecourse 30 adults and 30 children present  
10<sup>th</sup> March Bell and Howell 622 received and tested  
11<sup>th</sup> March Martinborough District Sports postponed until 15<sup>th</sup>  
March Too Wet !!  
15<sup>th</sup> March Same Story. No Sports  
4<sup>th</sup> April Mr. G Wyeth and Miss G H Pemberton arrived this  
afternoon for a brief period of Phys Ed, Cat Springs and Crouch  
Jumps  
20<sup>th</sup> April Traffic Inspector Ian Marden conducted a road safety  
discussion and showed films. Very Good  
1<sup>st</sup> May At Householder's Meeting the following were elected to the  
School Committee Mr. J R A Weatherstone, Chairman, S R Clarke,  
Secretary, V F Wood, J T Montgomerie, N M Nix.  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Carpenters at work on toilet reconstruction  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 13 present at commencement of school  
1<sup>st</sup> June 8 Tables and Chairs Type B arrived  
2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> June School closed. No sanitation  
2<sup>nd</sup> June & each of type C and D Tables and chairs arrived  
3<sup>rd</sup> June Three new arrivals back to twenty  
12<sup>th</sup> June Mr. Stevenson conducted a Scripture Lesson

16<sup>th</sup> June Mrs R Warrington took over position of sewing  
instructress vacated by Mrs V Manning 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
22<sup>nd</sup> June Mr. S Jenkins took Art and Craft during the day. Crayon  
and Dye; Dye and Pastel; Chalk on Wet Paper; paper Dolls; Group  
Painting; Mask  
30<sup>th</sup> June Mr. Weatherstone took eight boys to Martinborough for a  
game of football at 1 pm  
4<sup>th</sup> July Severe flooding prevented two children from Te Hopai from  
attending. Main road (Featherston to Lake Ferry, closed 4 pm  
Sunday  
6<sup>th</sup> July School closed to attend winter tournament in Masterton  
3<sup>rd</sup> August Mrs L E Johnson Audiometry Technician for the Health  
Department carried out a test for hearing defects at 2.30  
9<sup>th</sup> August Repaired Front Gate Curious to see how long it lasts  
(Note in Log Replaced 8/8/58 with wire netting)  
4<sup>th</sup> August School closed ½ day Teacher attending specialist  
Wellington  
5<sup>th</sup> September School reopened roll 23  
6<sup>th</sup> September Carterton Show schedule received  
12<sup>th</sup> September Home and School held a film evening at 7.30. 26  
parents and their children attended  
15<sup>th</sup> September Mr. K Morgan was here this afternoon  
demonstrating procedure for Agricultural Field day. Illustrated with  
Lantern Slides  
26<sup>th</sup> October School closed Labour Day  
29<sup>th</sup> School Closed Carterton Show  
8<sup>th</sup> October The majority of the children joined with the  
Martinborough PTA Rimutaka Excursion to Upper Hutt



3<sup>rd</sup> October A Nature Study Field Trip was taken to a nearby poultry farm.

7<sup>th</sup> October (*Something wrong with dates I think above entries are for November*)

A very successful agricultural Club Day was held at the school There were 11 calves, 4 yearlings, 11 lambs, 15 cockerels. The Children's Committee ably conducted the gathering. (Further results in the minute book)

24<sup>th</sup> October The school was well represented at the Featherston Group day annexing among others, Champion Yearling, and Champion Dairy Type

16<sup>th</sup> December School closed for the year after a most successful concert and Christmas tree function. Roll 28

## 1956

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened Slight evidence of progress carpenters Job Commenced this time 1954. Roll 21

10<sup>th</sup> February Mr. Stevenson conducted a scripture lesson from 11.30 to 12 noon

11<sup>th</sup> February I completed painting cupboards and shelves. Fireplace and hearth to finish

15<sup>th</sup> February PTA Film Evening "Lili" record Attendance 26 Adults 19 children. These screenings are proving very popular

20<sup>th</sup> February Two projectors at Kahutara Hall give a continuous screening, well received

21<sup>st</sup> February Hercock Brother Carpenters say they have completed their contract

24<sup>th</sup> February Annual District Picnic at Greytown Memorial Park. Excellent facilities, successful day

26<sup>th</sup> February Working Bee at school. Hedges cut, ground prepared for lawns. Water Tank (Rain) dismantled for repairs, discovered to be u/s (Useless)

28<sup>th</sup> February Attached wash hand basin to porch wall. Short visit 4 pm from Jim Graham Pirinoa Head Master

29<sup>th</sup> February Mr. H C Parsons and Mr. R Dickson Education Board plumbing inspectors called to see the fruition of two years toilet reconstruction contract

5<sup>th</sup> March Mr. G Van Wering T Section Wellington Teachers College arrived last night, he will be with us for a month (*Section T students were one year training college students who already had a degree*)

6<sup>th</sup> March Mr. Keith White called this a.m. to see Mr. Van Wering March Mr. V J Currie inspected the school today

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March Teacher attending In service Training Course at Savage Club Rooms Masterton. Mr. Van Wering relieving

26<sup>th</sup> March Installed weather recording equipment supplied by Ngata Barnett Nature Study Adviser. Barometer and jar for rain gauge

28<sup>th</sup> March *Keith White wrote in log* Visited Tuhitarata today to see Mr. Van Wering in temporary charge of the school. K White Wellington Teacher's College

21<sup>st</sup> May Mr. Barker (Wellington Education Board) and Mr. Burling (Board Member) called today. They are making a tour of the

schools. The corridor wall was removed during the holidays and several minor improvements have been carried out

13<sup>th</sup> June Sports afternoon at Pirinoa Kahutara and Tuhitarata against Pirinoa 3, 7 aside football teams and 2 basketball teams

27<sup>th</sup> June Lower valley Teams competed at Masterton at rugby and basketball tournament

4<sup>th</sup> July The new district nurse paid a visit for a few minutes

11<sup>th</sup> July Three boys selected to play for the South Wairarapa Primary Schools v's North in rugby Two were selected for Wairarapa training squad 1<sup>st</sup> Game Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Viz Graeme Warrington (Prop) Bruce Hanson (Half Back)

6<sup>th</sup> July Similar flood conditions to (15/7/42 and 2/7/47) prevalent today. Four children excluded from school Film evening very successful considering weather conditions Feature Film. The Painted Hills

Miss Marie Dunn demonstrated folk dances and team games during the afternoon 1 ½ hours

August Miss Carol Tovey carried out art and craft lessons during the later part of the morning with Primers and Standard 1-4 and until 2.15 with Primers to Standard 6

29<sup>th</sup> July School Committee held a working bee and built a new woodshed

24<sup>th</sup> September District Nurse called re polio Injections

27<sup>th</sup> September Norm Burgess 11- 12.30 Organising Teacher Forwarded survey of intended enrolments to 1961 with grading return Present Roll 20

1<sup>st</sup> October Polio Injections nine year olds. Featherston 10 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal South Group at Greytown Oddfellows hall

3<sup>rd</sup> October Lou Grondin Pianist (Masterton Central School) took festival group for a run through the programme

6<sup>th</sup> November The last film evening at Tuhitarata and Kahutara was held this week, a successful year

16<sup>th</sup> November Twenty Eight animals exhibited at the Ag day

21<sup>st</sup> November Mr. N Burgess Organising teacher called for a few minutes. Some of us are going to his talk at Pirinoa this evening

22<sup>nd</sup> November Group Ag day at South Featherston. Kahutara-Tuhitarata successful for Brough Cup. 13 calves. 11 lambs Inspectors Meeting also at South Featherston Mr. Logan lead the discussion

23<sup>rd</sup> November teacher's Shopping day- School closed

11<sup>th</sup> December Reports sent home today

11<sup>th</sup> December definite prospects of a school house being included in the 1957 estimates (Education Department)

December Closed school for 1956 Roll 28 D Harte

## 1957

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened Roll 30 Present 29

400 gallon rainwater tank erected and connected to drinking fountain. Three water supplies now

- a) Toilets from artesian and pump
- b) Sink (+ alternatively hand basin!) Tuhitarata Dam
- c) Fountain as above

Concrete assembly area laid down in front of school

Necessity to fill all tanks for various reasons

5<sup>th</sup> February Power Board renewed mains and repaired power supply to electric pump. Visit of Correspondence teacher

8<sup>th</sup> February Mr. N Burgess called, offered to supplement my written report re overcrowding. "Side School" established in playshed for 6 Form 1 students. First swimming lesson this afternoon

Film The happiest Days of Your Life screened in the evening

22<sup>nd</sup> February Miss J Studholme NZ Junior Red cross Director gave a short talk at 11.00 on how the society functions and how this group can help

15<sup>th</sup> August Exactly 31 years 1 month since the opening of the Tuhitarata School A second teacher commenced duties as infant Mistress. The roll having reached 36. Luckily the playshed had been boarded in and the ten primers have a snug little room; under the tender care of Mrs R S Norman

A family of 13 children arrived today Six children of school age

17<sup>th</sup> August Education Board tenders appeared in the papers for 450 square foot of extensions to the existing school building, these close on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1957. (Loud cheers in all directions)

20<sup>th</sup> August Photographs of the first Tuhitarangi Lower Grade Teams were taken today Twelve boys from Tuhitarata were included 6 from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 6 from the 7<sup>th</sup>.

This was followed up with a wind up dinner at the Pirinoa Hall

20<sup>th</sup> December School closed roll 38 Carpenters very busy Cycle Shed completed

## 1958

February School opened in extended classroom. 29 Present Interior has been repainted. Painter busy on exterior

4<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Norman recommenced duties as relieving assistant

5<sup>th</sup> February Unpacked and stored equipment stored at Mr. V Wards during holidays

6<sup>th</sup> February Tidied classroom and prepared for Sunday Films. The Jungle Book

7<sup>th</sup> February School closed Queen Mother's visit to NZ

9<sup>th</sup> February Board's carpenter put stays on cycle shed

10<sup>th</sup> February Painter completed contract. Swimming Instruction

16<sup>th</sup> February Athletic sports instruction 2-3

7<sup>th</sup> March Sewing classes commenced

7<sup>th</sup> March Relieving assistant resigned. Country Schools Sports at Featherston

2<sup>nd</sup> May 20 Children taken on a visit to Museum 5/- per head

8<sup>th</sup> August Mr. Armstrong Education Board carpenter commenced repairs to front fence and gate Girl's toilet etc. Mr. Stevenson conducted a Bible History lesson at 11.30

22<sup>nd</sup> September Erection of Garage at Teacher's residence

23<sup>rd</sup> October Mr. Skogland Minister of education visited the school, spoke to the children about his visits to other schools and the Far North in particular.

He Then met and conversed with Chairman and Secretary of the school. Committee in all a twenty minute visit. A holiday is in the offing as this is the first visit of a Minister of Education to the district (No Luck!!)

28<sup>th</sup> October A successful Home and School Dance was held at the Kahutara Hall on Saturday. Net Proceeds approximately £14 each

19<sup>th</sup> December School closed for the year after a very successful Christmas Tree, Concert and presentation to three Form Two children who were leaving Roll 30

## 1959

2<sup>nd</sup> February Roll 22 Carpenters busy on school house construction. Linoleum laid by Committee during the holidays enhances the appearance of the classroom

February Chairman and Secretary School Committee cleaned cobwebs from school and buildings. Mrs R Warrington instructed 9 sewing girls

7<sup>th</sup> February Saturday District Picnic Held in fine weather at Greytown Memorial Park

10<sup>th</sup> February Teacher attended Country Schools Sports Meeting Greytown

11<sup>th</sup> February Mr. Doyle Traffic Officer spent the afternoon instructing and demonstrating pedestrian crossings, school patrol, public address systems etc.

17<sup>th</sup> February Sports meeting postponed from 10<sup>th</sup> February Programme outlined children practicing their team games

17<sup>th</sup> February Mr. Hunn school's saving bank officer Masterton called today delivered calendar and posters.

New Testament Mr. Wiltshire 11.30 – 12

2<sup>nd</sup> March A correspondence school teacher called to visit Carol Lewis

10<sup>th</sup> March P and T Faultman repaired telephone line broken by men installing Nolan Tanks

14<sup>th</sup> April Mr. Stevenson conducted a religious instruction session between 11.30 and 12. David and Goliath

23<sup>rd</sup> April Power connected through new transformer opposite school 250 volts now! Need to adjust transformer on B and H projector and Phillips Tape recorder and record player.

2<sup>nd</sup> May Keys of teacher residence handed over by Contractor F C Benton to self, with the approval of the Board Architect Mr. L Symmans. Rent payable from this date, though dwelling is incomplete. Job commenced 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1958

8<sup>th</sup> May Roll 20

26<sup>th</sup> May Mrs R A Warrington recommenced Sewing instructions 11-12 proving a most satisfactory time

30<sup>th</sup> May Mr. O'Dare Ex resident commissioner gave an illustrated lecture on life in the Island Territories. There being present 20 adults and as many children

This evening was the most successful in the Home and School's Two years of existence. Supper was served

May Film Screening Sally and ST Anne. Good Attendance

Mr. Les Morgan Electrician repaired flexes in all school amps and urn

June 12.30 Acted as Committee's representative while inspecting and discussing proposed maintenance scheme

Education Board's representative Mr. H Barker and Building Contractor Mr. Clive Benton correlated several overlapping works orders

Water supply to school, Siting of hand basins, concrete paths and outside seating Minor repairs etc.

22<sup>nd</sup> June Mr. Wiltshire Church of England conducted scripture lesson 11-12

29<sup>th</sup> June Maintenance 1958 commenced 11<sup>th</sup> June F C Benton

24<sup>th</sup> June R G Farley and T F J Warrington attended rugby football representative finals at Greytown DHS. No luck, too light, 6 stone 7 lb Max weight

27<sup>th</sup> June Pickwick Papers filmed in schoolroom. Very enjoyable

3<sup>rd</sup> July Wonder heat fireplace returned Boxing for concrete work removed. Zip water heater connected.

9<sup>th</sup> July Scripture 11.30 to 12 Mr. Wiltshire

Phys Education Specialist Folk and Square Dances Mr. R Stothart 1.30

15<sup>th</sup> July Seven aside tournament at Greytown Rugby Club. Basketball at Greytown

17<sup>th</sup> July Road Safety H L Doyle Signs and hand signs Regulations for cycles, keep to left. Reminder for walking on country roads

18<sup>th</sup> July The Ladykillers filmed at school Comedy 7.45

22<sup>nd</sup> July Mr. Ngata Bennett called 12 pm 25 Phebalium Hedge plants ordered

30<sup>th</sup> July School Committee meeting held at 8 pm

21<sup>st</sup> August Roll 21

11<sup>th</sup> September Home and School 8 pm

17<sup>th</sup> September School Committee meeting 7.30

21<sup>st</sup> September Sawmillers commenced felling and removing trees from school boundaries

24<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Wiltshire conducted lesson John the Baptist

Grounds being cut up considerably by machinery

November Mrs Boland Barnardos head Lady paid triennial visit , Public Works Department Fire Fighting Department called re equipment

November 10.45 Mr. L Robinson,(judge) and Mr. Fisher (Steward) Wairarapa and East Coast P and A Society arrived to judge the gardens. The vegetable garden entries were again successful.

Mr. Wiltshire took religious instruction at 11.30

Mr. R Stothart coached athletics, starting, arm movement, high jump (Scissors), and artificial respiration

17<sup>th</sup> November A return visit from Mrs Boland

3<sup>rd</sup> December 11.30 Mr. Wiltshire conducted the final Religious Instruction for 1959

16<sup>th</sup> December School closed Roll 21

17<sup>th</sup> December A very successful breakup function took place in the transformed classroom. Two plays were presented (Senior and Junior) which were well received by an appreciative audience. Brackets of songs were sung, excerpts from the 1959 Music Festival prior to Santa's arrival completed with Christmas tree. After supper served by Home and School Association the School choir sang 4 carols. The teacher presented awards gained during the year, traffic certificates, projectionist certificates, Home Garden certificates, A and P garden awards.

The two form two leavers were presented with inscribed volumes from the Home and School Association.

Thomas D S Harte

Commented [RC1]:

## 1960

1<sup>st</sup> February School opened roll 18 All present. Country School Sports Meeting held

2<sup>nd</sup> February Kuranui College Bus passed school 8.15 on its first trip from Lake Ferry Driver Mr. F H Seward

3<sup>rd</sup> February Wet day foreshortened by ½ an hour

3<sup>rd</sup> February Home and School meeting 8 pm

6<sup>th</sup> February Saturday. An enjoyable picnic was held by children and parents of the District at Greytown Memorial Park

11<sup>th</sup> February Manual Training at Featherston Commenced Woodwork only. 1 Boy from Tuhitarata

18<sup>th</sup> February School Committee meeting at 8 pm

13<sup>th</sup> February Feature Film Abbot and Costello go to Mars screened for Home and School 7.45

15<sup>th</sup> February School closed for afternoon. Teacher attended Education Board Swimming Coaching Course at South Featherston School

16<sup>th</sup> February Mr. Doig (Phys Ed) two hour swimming instruction at river

17<sup>th</sup> February Afternoon swimming lesson interrupted by skiers (*Water*)

22<sup>nd</sup> February School closed at 2 pm Teacher and senior boy attended working bee preparing sports ground at Greytown for the South Wairarapa Country School Sports.

24<sup>th</sup> February School participates in sport. Maintained high standard in individual and team events. 1<sup>st</sup> Senior girls High Jump. 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Girls Long Jump. 5<sup>th</sup> Senior relay, 3<sup>rd</sup> team relay. Games 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 12 years girls 75 yards

25<sup>th</sup> February Wayne Roper plumber cleared blocked toilet, repaired broken water supply line to school from 5000 Gallon supply

5<sup>th</sup> March Miss D Gaze Public Health Nurse tested hearing, eyesight etc Form 2 to Standard 2

15<sup>th</sup> December Closed for Christmas vacation Roll 15

## 1961

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened Roll 11

4<sup>th</sup> February Anti Tetanus vaccination in school room

9<sup>th</sup> February Agricultural Calf Group Meeting 8 pm Kahutara School

18<sup>th</sup> February Teacher screened The Bob Mathias Story School room 8 pm

11<sup>th</sup> February School and district picnic at Greytown

12<sup>th</sup> February School Closed Education Day Masterton Intermediate

22<sup>nd</sup> February Wairarapa Primary Schools ruby union meeting Carterton 8 pm

26<sup>th</sup> February Mr. Petersen held Sunday School 2.30- 3.30 (Three Locals)

28<sup>th</sup> February Power Board Meter Reader

1<sup>st</sup> March Callers. Mr. Hand religious Instruction 11.30. Mrs Montgomerie Sewing 1.00 Mr. Bill Hedley inspected Wonderheat 2 pm. Home and School 8pm Schoolroom

4<sup>th</sup> March Film evening held in schoolroom at 8 pm

6<sup>th</sup> March School closed at 2.30 Teacher attending working bee to prepare grounds for Country School Sports at Featherston

7<sup>th</sup> March A very successful sports day attended by whole school (11)

9<sup>th</sup> March Catchment Board meeting in schoolroom. Working model of Lower Valley Drainage scheme in operation. Apparatus will be left until Monday

13<sup>th</sup> March Mr. Donovan demonstrated Catchment Board Model to school children prior to dismantling at 2.30

18<sup>th</sup> March Reach for the Sky screened in classroom 8 pm

4<sup>th</sup> April Heater inspected by manufacturer

6<sup>th</sup> March Home and School meeting held in teacher's residence

11<sup>th</sup> April Plumbers completed 1960 Maintenance order!!!, Mr. Hedley inspected heater after Manufacturers report

12<sup>th</sup> April Rev R Hand conducted his last religious instruction lesson prior to returning to the United States on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

15<sup>th</sup> March Plumber completed heater Maintenance (Saturday Morning)

17<sup>th</sup> March Biennial meeting of householders to elect a School Committee was held in the school rooms. There was an attendance of nine. The following were re-elected J R A Weatherstone (Chairman), J Montgomerie, N M Nix, New Members. S R Clarke (Secretary), F G Jackson. Retiring members V F Wood 10 years, B Farley 4 years

13<sup>th</sup> April Agricultural Group Special General Meeting held in Featherston School 8 pm Supported Tuhitarata Motion to endeavour to form a South Wairarapa Boys and Girls Agriculture Club

19<sup>th</sup> April Religious Instruction Ron Taylor 11.30

22<sup>nd</sup> April Grass sown on playing area

24<sup>th</sup> April Anzac ceremony Flag Flown

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac day School closed

3<sup>rd</sup> May In-service training Miss Lenihan Infant Reading and Number Martinborough

4<sup>th</sup> May Special General meeting of Ag Groups to establish a South Wairarapa Group

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

22<sup>nd</sup> May Reopened Roll 14 , Teacher operates School Transport Service under contract with the Wellington Ed Board. Six Primary and 1 secondary from Te Kohai (Kowhai?)

27<sup>th</sup> May Film Screening Magnificent Roughnecks. 7.30

1<sup>st</sup> June South Wairarapa Rugby Meeting Primary seven aside @ Greytown 7.30

4<sup>th</sup> June Sunday School, Mr. Peterson in charge 2.30 – 3.30

5<sup>th</sup> June Queen's Birthday School Closed

13<sup>th</sup> June Religious Instruction conducted 10.00 to 10.30 New arrangement with Rev R Taylor began today. The Last Supper.

16<sup>th</sup> June Geisha Boy for home and School. 7.30 Poor Attendance

18<sup>th</sup> June School attended Masterton Amateur Theatrical Society's Show the King and I at 2.30 pm

20<sup>th</sup> June Miss Lee, district nurse called. School Committee meeting 7.30 Subsidies applied for, Books, Filing Cabinet, Typewriter

21<sup>st</sup> June Teacher and one delegate attended Ag group meeting at South Featherston 8.00 Secretarial Duties relinquished after three years

22<sup>nd</sup> June Refused permission, absence Joseph Renata – 1.30 – 3.00 (Friday)

25<sup>th</sup> Joseph Renata Absent

26<sup>th</sup> June Maintenance Officer Mr. W Hedley 10.00 pm? Fire Hazards check

Discussed garage doors, re enlargement of same. Renata still absent-notified child welfare branch Masterton

Teacher attended meeting called in Greytown Re South Wairarapa Rugby, Basketball Tourney 8.00 pm

27<sup>th</sup> June School closed early sickness- re registration Driver's Licence for school transport. Renata absent full week.

30<sup>th</sup> June Teacher screened Pride of the Blue Cross for Committee of Home and School

2<sup>nd</sup> June Renata Returned- had the "Flu" Teacher presided at Country School Sports AGM at Greytown at 8 pm

4<sup>th</sup> July 3 girls joined in Basketball team from Pirinoa to play South Featherston at South Featherston Left 12.30 Rev. Ron Taylor R I 10.10

11<sup>th</sup> July School Committee meeting 8.00 pm Maintenance schedules prepared by teacher approved in Toto

17<sup>th</sup> July Mr. Hedley Maintenance Officer discussed with Mr. Jackson School Committee representative and the Teacher Montgomerie Brothers brought two truckloads of pine blocks. Ex N M Nix

20<sup>th</sup> July Teacher collected filing cabinet from Masterton

21<sup>st</sup> July Child welfare representative called re Renata Joseph

28<sup>th</sup> July Film evening Sad Sack

11<sup>th</sup> August Film Its in the Air'

17<sup>th</sup> August Roll 13

3<sup>rd</sup> September Reopened school for 3<sup>rd</sup> term Roll 13 Three less than

it was nine years ago !!! What changes and improvements to school and environs have been brought about since then..

6<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Skippington Inspector visited today personal assessment

8<sup>th</sup> September Carry On Nurse film evening £3-0-6 collected

11<sup>th</sup> September Folk dance practice at Pirinoa Hall

13<sup>th</sup> September Folkdance practice at Pirinoa Hall 1.00

17<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Jack Cox Organising teacher called 10 minutes

18<sup>th</sup> September Folk dance practice at Pirinoa Hall 1.05 pm

20<sup>th</sup> September Folk Dance practice 1.15- 3.00

21<sup>st</sup> September Beans and peas planted in demonstration plot

## 1962

19<sup>th</sup> December School closed roll 13 Notification of appointment to Shannon School accepted

## 1963

13<sup>th</sup> January Verbal resignation handed to School Committee

18<sup>th</sup> January District Farewell

15<sup>th</sup> January Departed for Shannon

18<sup>th</sup> January School cleaned, keys handed to chairman. School mail held at Featherston Post Office until 4<sup>th</sup> February

Thomas D Harte 28<sup>th</sup> January

27<sup>th</sup> May The school has been in the hands of relieving teacher Mr. J

Buxton during the first term

Roll 14., during the first term



Roll 14. Form II, 3 Form 1 , 1, Standard 4 ,2, Standard 3,2 Standard 2, 1 Primers ,5

P Sinnett After 4 ¾ years at Roto-o-Rangi Cambridge

30<sup>th</sup> May Visit by Public Health Nurse. No problems connected with this school. Except Renata's- no cooperation from parents

31<sup>st</sup> May Visit from Mr. J Cox organising teacher. Introductory, A routine visit to be made during July

3<sup>rd</sup> June School closed for Queen's Birthday – Cold Wet Day

4<sup>th</sup> June Death of Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> June Manual Training Forms 1 and 2 10.00- 12.30

10<sup>th</sup> June Standard 2 – Form 2 attended Where's Charley at Masterton. Left school 1.15, Transport provided by Mr. Montgomery and Mr. And Mrs Jackson

13<sup>th</sup> June Distributed book accounts

17<sup>th</sup> June Mikaera Children visited dental clinic at Pirinoa. Absent all day

19<sup>th</sup> June School Committee meeting at house

26<sup>th</sup> June Completed maintenance requisition sheets for 1964

3<sup>rd</sup> July meeting of Home and School at house 7.30

6<sup>th</sup> July Film The Corsican Brothers 7.30 Fair attendance

11<sup>th</sup> Pat Herangi Withdrawn. Roll 13

16<sup>th</sup> July Bill Hedley Maintenance Officer discussed 1964 maintenance programme with School Committee

18<sup>th</sup> July Mr. Jack Cox, organising teacher spent the day with us

20<sup>th</sup> July Me E Alessi entertained home and school 7.30, showing coloured slides of his recent visit to Europe. A good attendance – encouraging start to programme arranged at last Home and School meeting

20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July Spring Like weather

24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July Bitterly cold (Friday Temp 37° F = 2.77° C)

27<sup>th</sup> July Film Evening Here Comes The Groom. Good attendance , not present myself

1<sup>st</sup> August School Committee meeting held at residence

5<sup>th</sup> August School closed for the afternoon for rugby and basketball practice at Kahutara School. Mrs S Clarke and Mr. Trounson furnished transport

6<sup>th</sup> August Religious Instruction- Mr. Julian (*Not every RI lesson recorded in these notes*)

8<sup>th</sup> August Traffic Officer Doyle called and showed Road Safety Film

11<sup>th</sup> August Film Evening Great Expectations

12<sup>th</sup> February School attended ballet The Nutcracker- Regent Theatre Masterton at 10.30. Mrs Weatherstone and Mrs Sinnett provided transport

14<sup>th</sup> August Ron Taylor took RI. Public Health Nurse Called, Mrs J Gordon who is conducting a speech survey, called at 9.30. She stayed only a few minutes as no particular speech defects are apparent among the children.

15<sup>th</sup> August The children attended a rugby and basketball tournament at Greytown. A fine warm day after a heavy frost was one factor contributing to a successful day's sport (*Robin Carlyon was there from Featherston School*)

On returning from Greytown Mr. Hyde had completed laying of a concrete path from the residence to the school

Mrs Jackson and Mrs Clarke provided transport to Greytown

21<sup>st</sup> August Two peach trees, Golden Queen and Million Dollar planted today by Mr. Trounson. A donation from the Home and School in observance of Arbor Day

Miss Lee Public Health spoke at Home and School

23<sup>rd</sup> August Closed for term holidays Roll 12

9<sup>th</sup> September Roll 16 Two visitors staying on at Mikaera's and two boys from Pirinoa Brian and Timothy Atkinson. Mary Schutte has left (Since readmitted 4<sup>th</sup> October 1963)

12<sup>th</sup> September Social visit from Mr. Fish (Inspector) 11-12

16<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Stothart Physical Education specialist spent the afternoon with us

18<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Golding District Senior Inspector paid a social call at 2.30

24<sup>th</sup> September Mr. John Anderson who is replacing Mr. Jack Cox as organising Teacher called this afternoon We discussed general organisation

27<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Jackson minded the school while I attended the opening of the Roto-o- Rangi school Cambridge

28<sup>th</sup> September Film The Thirty Nine Steps shown at the school

30<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Anderson called again re infant readers. Differences of opinion now "ironed out"

1<sup>st</sup> October Mr. R Taylor conducted religious instruction

3<sup>rd</sup> October Country Teachers Group monthly meeting held here 5 pm to 9 pm

4<sup>th</sup> October Mary, Helen and Ewart Schutte re-entered on school roll. Roll number 19

8<sup>th</sup> October Attended meeting at Kahutara to discuss organisation of Group Agricultural Field day on the 5<sup>th</sup> November

11<sup>th</sup> October Sandra Flett, Form II Kahutara School visited us and gave an illustrated talk on her homeland, Canada

12<sup>th</sup> October Gardens planted, recording started

17<sup>th</sup> October Gardens planted

28<sup>th</sup> October School agricultural field day held at the school. Flower and art and craft competitions most successful

Manning Cup to Diane Weber, Champion Calf M Weatherstone. Champion Lamb Cup. Freeman Jackson

Judges Calves Mr. T Ness. Lambs Mr. Trounson

30<sup>th</sup> October School closed for children to attend Carterton Show

3<sup>rd</sup> November Group agricultural day held at Kahutara Very Windy Primers and Non Competitors remained at school. Championship won by South Featherston

15<sup>th</sup> November Violent wind storm Damage to power lines, sheds in Lower Valley. The only school damage two branches broken off oak tree

22<sup>nd</sup> November Assassination of John F Kennedy at Dallas Texas 7 am NZ time

25<sup>th</sup> November Gentlemen (3) from Carterton Show judged school gardens

27<sup>th</sup> November R Stothart called and ran through programme for South Wairarapa Primary School Sports

Two minutes silence observed at 11 a.m. in respect for memory of President Kennedy

Ewart and Mary Schutte withdrawn from roll. Now 17

2<sup>nd</sup> December School Committee meeting held at residence 8 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> December South Wairarapa Country Schools Sports Meeting held at Greytown Memorial Park. The day commenced at 9.30. Point scorers Thomas Dugin, Tim Atkinson, Margaret Jackson

5<sup>th</sup> December End of year surveys commenced

6<sup>th</sup> December Surveys continued. At 2.00 Mr. V Saunders an old identity from Pirinoa, visited the school and spoke to the children about the early days in the Wairarapa

9<sup>th</sup> December Surveys completed

10<sup>th</sup> December The children were taken to Wellington by railcar to visit, The Zoo, The Museum, Broadcasting House and the Liner Northern Star. We were accompanied by Mesdames, Sinnett, Atkinson, Clarke, Weatherstone, Weber and Jackson. We were met by a New Zealand Railways Bus and taken to the zoo where lunch was taken before the remaining visits were made. We returned to Featherston on the 3.56 railcar

11<sup>th</sup> December Mr. R Taylor conducted Religious Instruction for the last time prior to his departure to the Tanganyika Mission. Bon Voyage!

Home and School meeting held at the residence 8 pm. Final preparations made for the Christmas function

13<sup>th</sup> December Received results of the Carterton Show garden competition. We gained third place

16<sup>th</sup> December Mr. Ngata Barnett Agricultural Instructor visited the school. He judged the home gardens and awarded the following places. Margaret Weatherstone 1<sup>st</sup>, Margaret Montgomerie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Diane Weber 3<sup>rd</sup>, Margaret and Freeman Jackson, Very Highly Commended

17<sup>th</sup> December Mr. Thompson and colleague representing the Wairarapa Electric Power Board, visited the school and spoke to the children on the need for care with electricity

18<sup>th</sup> December Mr. Julian conducted RI for the last time for 1963

19<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Summer Vacation

In the evening the children entertained the local residents with a Christmas Concert. "Santa" then distributed gifts from the decorated outdoor tree

Books were given to our three Form 2 girls. Margaret Weatherstone and Margaret Montgomerie who are to attend Wairarapa College and Diane Weber who is going to Kuranui College

Garden and Agricultural Club awards were given. Our Gratitude was accorded to Mrs Montgomerie who after several year's service is to discontinue sewing lessons. Greetings were accorded to all

## 1964

1<sup>st</sup> February The School Committee commenced a working bee on the school grounds and tennis court fences. Will continue during the coming weeks

3<sup>rd</sup> February Teacher's day I found the institution of this day to be very beneficial. A large amount of organisation was completed

5<sup>th</sup> February School reopened at 9.00. School roll has dropped to 11. Thomas and Panny Herangi have returned to Mangakino and Helen Schutte has rejoined her family in Greytown, The two Renata Boys were not present

5<sup>th</sup> February Swimming commenced in the pool in the Taunui River on the property of Mr. M Atkinson. I find it surprisingly suitable for instruction purposes

The Renata Children have apparently been transferred to Pirinoa School I am puzzled by the behaviour of the parents who gave no indication in recent phone conversations that their boys would not be attending this school Roll 9

Mr. Jackson sprayed the weeds growing through the tennis court. This should enable us to repair the badly broken surface

6<sup>th</sup> February School Committee continued working bee

8<sup>th</sup> February School and district picnic held at Greytown Memorial Park

10<sup>th</sup> February Mr. Julian called and introduced the new Anglican Minister Mr. Hartley. RI will commence in March

12<sup>th</sup> February Nurse Lee paid first visit of the year. New Entrant check-ups will be made next year

NZEI Picnic Martinborough 4.30

17<sup>th</sup> February Tennis Court Fence renovated by School Committee

20<sup>th</sup> February Four Boys commenced manual training today.

24<sup>th</sup> February New Entrant Sue Elizabeth Sutherland arrived today, she is from the Cape Palliser area and is staying Monday to Friday with her grandmother Mrs H Sutherland

The weather has cooled considerably rain (much needed) is imminent

25<sup>th</sup> February Attended AGM of South Wairarapa NZEI Elected to the Management Committee

27<sup>th</sup> February Nurse Lee called and carried out TB test on new entrant Sue.

3<sup>rd</sup> March Home and School meeting AGM held at residence 8 pm. Poor attendance, Same officers elected. Decided on a full year's programme

4<sup>th</sup> March Nurse Lee called and checked the T B Test taken on Sue last week. Mr. Julian conducted Religious Instruction for the first time in 1964

5<sup>th</sup> March We participated in the South Wairarapa Country School Swimming Sports held today at South Featherston 1.00 We gained three first places and a second in Minor events. Rain held off until 3.00

11<sup>th</sup> March Mr. Hartley conducted RI at 9.45. Nurse Lee called and discussed the possible programme for health education for the next year

School Committee meeting held at the residence 8 p.m.

14<sup>th</sup> March Screening of the film Fun and Fancy Free at the school 8.00

16<sup>th</sup> March New Entrant Duncan Sutherland Form 1 from Pirinoa. Roll now 11

19<sup>th</sup> March School Children taken in two groups by Nurse Lee for health talks

2<sup>nd</sup> April Mr. Hartley called and asked us to distribute pamphlets in aid of the CORSO Appeal. We agreed to help

7<sup>th</sup> Donna Maree Sinnett commenced school (*Teacher's Daughter*) Roll 12

11<sup>th</sup> April Film Carry on Constable screened at the school 8 pm

12<sup>th</sup> April First rain for 3 ½ weeks

15<sup>th</sup> April Mr. Campbell visited the school to conduct school and grading inspections

23<sup>rd</sup> April Mr. John Anderson Organising teacher visited the school at 2 pm  
24<sup>th</sup> April Poppy sale held at school gates 9-12  
5<sup>th</sup> May Nurse Lee visited the school Conducted a safety lesson  
8<sup>th</sup> May School closed for holidays  
9<sup>th</sup> May Film Tammy Tell Me True screened at the school 7.30  
26<sup>th</sup> May School Committee meeting held in residence 7.30. Business concerned transport enquiry with the Board Subsidy for Library Books, and drainage overflow problems  
27<sup>th</sup> May Nurse Lee continued health talks  
29<sup>th</sup> May Mr. Weatherstone commenced cutting winter firewood supply  
30<sup>th</sup> May Mr. Atkinson used his Hayter mower on the rough grass around the school grounds  
1<sup>st</sup> June Queen's Birthday holiday  
3<sup>rd</sup> June School Committee working bee. Gardens Rotary hoed, Firewood chopped, rugby goalposts erected, Hedge cutting commenced. Rain interrupted work  
5<sup>th</sup> June Screening of Film Simon and Laura 7.30  
5<sup>th</sup> June Attended meeting of South Wairarapa Country Teacher's Group at Kahutara 5.00  
10<sup>th</sup> June Children of Standard 3 and above were taken to see performance of Carousel at Masterton 2.00  
15<sup>th</sup> June Screened film A Night to Remember A good attendance  
20<sup>th</sup> June Home and School meeting held at school 7.30 Small Attendance Decided to provide School Committee £20 as contribution towards school expenses for the ensuing year- Showed films educational and informative

25<sup>th</sup> June Children were taken to Pirinoa School for combined rugby and basketball practice  
1<sup>st</sup> July School closed Teacher's illness  
2<sup>nd</sup> July Attended Country Teachers group Meeting at Hinakura  
14<sup>th</sup> July School closed illness in the family. New Children Kaye Ranger, Danielle Mundy admitted roll now 14  
18<sup>th</sup> July Mr. Atkinson bought the Hayter mower to cut much of the long grass round courts and gardens  
1<sup>st</sup> August School Committee meeting discussed maintenance programme for 1965. No urgent requirements except residence drainage which has been awaiting investigation for 3 Years  
5<sup>th</sup> August Home and School meeting Slides shown by several residents. Best attendance for some time. Next meeting visiting speakers  
6<sup>th</sup> August Children attended rugby and Basketball practice at Kahutara. After several days rain the boys left for home swathed in a liberal coating of mud. No irate phone calls yet  
12<sup>th</sup> August Attended meeting of Country teachers Group at Hinakura 5-9  
13<sup>th</sup> August Farewell visit from John Anderson who is returning to the classroom after relieving as organising teacher  
15<sup>th</sup> August Showed film Robin Hood. Attendance still good and Home and School continue to make a small profit  
19<sup>th</sup> August Children took part in South Wairarapa primary schools Rugby and Basketball Tournament at Kuranui College and Greytown Recreation ground A fine day after twice postponed Teams containing our children performed creditably  
5<sup>th</sup> September Screened film Five Pennies Good Attendance

9<sup>th</sup> September Reopened school for third term Roll 14, 8 Boys, 6 girls

10<sup>th</sup> September Visit from Mr. Bill Hedley Board Maintenance Officer. Discussed programme for 1965. Likelihood of having court resealed

11<sup>th</sup> September Country Teachers Group meeting held here 5-9. Topic under discussion Creative Language

18<sup>th</sup> September Nurse Lee began a course in first Aid with Standards

20<sup>th</sup> September Attended annual meeting of the South Wairarapa Primary School Sports Association. Elected Chairman

25<sup>th</sup> September Attended meeting of South Wairarapa Educational Institute. Mr. John (G A) McDonald former organising teacher speak on his experiences while working for U N E S C O in Tanganyika

27<sup>th</sup> September Meeting of Country Teacher's group at South Featherston Topic Infant Reading

28<sup>th</sup> September We received a visit from Mr. W Farland the new organising teacher

29<sup>th</sup> September Film Lonely are the Brave filmed at 7.45

2<sup>nd</sup> October I attended management committee meeting of the NZEI at Martinborough

3<sup>rd</sup> October received a visit from Education Aids and Services Mr. Olivecrona. Arranged purchase of Beacon Library Series

Nurse Lee conducted a first aid lesson 1.30 to 2.00

4<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Lapworth from Health department called and conducted an audiometer test for hearing defects. None located

10<sup>th</sup> October Home and School meeting 7.45. Decided to discontinue regular films from this year due to costs

10<sup>th</sup> October Mr. Julyan conducted R I. Nurse Lee took a first aid lesson

14<sup>th</sup> October Three new children admitted. Marion Margaret Irvine (Form 1), Ina Robert Irvine (Standard 4), Gillian carol Irvine (Standard 3) from Picton School

19<sup>th</sup> October Annual Agricultural Club Day. A very successful day-fine weather. Cup winners. Manning Cup Margaret Jackson, Calf Cup, Duncan Sutherland, McMaster Cup, peter Clarke, Lamb Cup Mahia Mikaera Highly Commended. Lambs Freeman Jackson, Karen Mikaera, Donna Sinnett

20<sup>th</sup> October Group Day at Featherston We were represented by two calves and five lambs. All received highly commended ribbons

23<sup>rd</sup> October Film The tunes of Glory screened at the school Good Attendance

28<sup>th</sup> October Received a visit from Gordon and Gotch representative. Purchased Natural Science Encyclopedia on approval

1<sup>st</sup> November School closed for Wairarapa Show

6<sup>th</sup> November Film Alias Jesse James screened Fair Attendance

12<sup>th</sup> November received visit from dental Nurse and District Controller re examinations

17<sup>th</sup> November I was relieved by Mrs M J Jackson while sitting diploma exam at Masterton

20<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Jackson relieved again while I sat another examination

23<sup>rd</sup> November Accompanied by Mesdames Jackson, Atkinson, Clarke and Irvine the School Children were taken on an educational trip to Wellington. We travelled by railcar reaching Wellington at 11.00. We visited Shaw Saville Line Corinthic, the Cable Car, The

Lyll Bay Aquarium, Mount Victoria lookout, and Todd Motors assembly plant, Petone. We returned to Tuhitarata via Featherston on the 4 pm Wellington to Featherston railcar. A most enjoyable day was the opinion by all

25<sup>th</sup> November Mr. Julyan conducted R I for the last time. *(Note not all R I lessons recorded in this record)*

30<sup>th</sup> November Spent the afternoon at Memorial Park Greytown preparing the ground surface for the sports day. Mrs Sinnett relieved 1<sup>st</sup> December The children spent the day competing at the South Wairarapa Country Schools Sports days at Greytown

They performed creditably in all events Outstanding performances were recorded by Duncan Sutherland, winner of the Intermediate Boys Championship and Kaye Ranger, runner up in the Girl's Intermediate Championship

2<sup>nd</sup> December School surveys were conducted during the week

12<sup>th</sup> December Final film evening Screened Whistle Down the Wind. Best attendance of the year. Next year's film will be obtained from other sources but we trust that regular programmes can be arranged

16<sup>th</sup> December The annual Christmas function was held at the school at 7.30. The children entertained with a concert notable for its originality of dramatic performance (Mostly slapstick, but audience pleasing) Following the concert, prizes and awards were given, being presented by the wife our School Committee Chairman- Mrs Weatherstone. All children received garden awards Other prize giving included

Progress Prize (Senior School) Brian Atkinson – presented by Mrs Jackson

Progress Prize (Junior School) Karen Mikaera- presented by Mr. Atkinson

Swimming confidence awards Margaret Jackson, Brian Atkinson, Winning Duty Team, Falcons- Leader ,David Mikaera. All received book prize

Following the prize giving ceremony Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts to all the children. The function ended at about 10 p.m. following a sumptuous supper provided by the ladies of the District

The attendance at this function was quite staggering in its size and reflects the support that this small district gives to its school

17<sup>th</sup> December The school closed today after a good clean up Roll 17

21<sup>st</sup> December Mr. Farley and I completed 150 yards of protective fencing and set 123 ewes to grazing on the school playing fields

7<sup>th</sup> January notified that Teaching in English Diploma Unit most successful;

## 1965

1st February Teacher only day Carried out routine organisation

2<sup>nd</sup> February School children attended. Roll 13. Three boys T and B Atkinson and D Sutherland returned to Pirinoa School. This was brought about by their being unable to travel on the College Bus this year. Despite the determination expressed by their parents that the boys should remain settled here, when the time came, it was found that the transport problem was too great for a number of domestic reasons and they therefore have returned to their original school

3<sup>rd</sup> February Lawns first cut since early January Dry weather continuing. Unable to conduct swimming lessons as insufficient transport available

4<sup>th</sup> February School picnic cancelled. Due to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> but discovered that only 4 school children and families were intending to come. Main counter attraction is speedboat sports on Ruamahunga. Home and School organisers and myself rather disgusted. Perhaps picnic funds might serve a better cause

8<sup>th</sup> February Mr. Farley dismantled temporary fencing. Sheep grazing has certainly tidied playing area.

Took swimmers for practice in Ruamahunga. Better than expected but not for non-swimmers

10<sup>th</sup> February Attended Country teachers' group meeting at Pirinoa. Mr. Farland organizing teacher spent an hour with me from 2.30 to 3.30 we discussed Reading, records and diploma work

11<sup>th</sup> February School Committee meeting 8.00 Discussed school roll and decided to wait for further concrete evidence regarding rumour of outside groups enquiries re school future

Committee approved purchase by Home and School of Pilot Library

14<sup>th</sup> February Received a visit by Mr. Des Doyle schools' traffic officer. He introduced Mr. Banks who is to succeed him after his pending transfer. Mr. Doyle took traffic mural and poems written by the children and expressed his approval of them and gratitude for them in Red Ink **These have since been read over station 2XB Masterton on several morning safety programmes**

17<sup>th</sup> February District survey completed. Included Film Evening, Home and School meeting, Swimming sports notices and enquiry re pre school population

19<sup>th</sup> February Children completed an exploration of school and surrounding neighbourhood as part of their social studies programme

20<sup>th</sup> February School Flower gardens tidied Weather has broken. Showery and much cooler.

24<sup>th</sup> February Attended South Wairarapa NZEI general meeting at South Featherston Elected to management Committee

25<sup>th</sup> February Home and School Meeting at the school. Usual few attended. Discussed picnic "Debacle", possible excursion to business and commercial plants in Wairarapa, agreement to pay for pilot library (*SRA Reading Programme*) Film evenings for 1965

27<sup>th</sup> February First film evening for the year. Films on loan from the Post Office. Showed 6 films between 8 and 10 p.m.. Quite popular 24 attended.

During the afternoon some of the children set up a roadside stall and took £116 (*\$4431.91 value at December 2014*) for the sale of mushrooms. In addition they conducted a sweets, cake and produce stall at the film evening. They raised a total of £5-3-8 ½ which they passed onto the Home and School as part payment for the Pilot Library. The effort was completely voluntary and the children responsible have been highly commended by all

1<sup>st</sup> March Donna Sinnett will be attending Otaki Health Camp for the next 6 weeks

2<sup>nd</sup> March Bitterly cold wet day. Fires all round. Definitely the end of summer

3<sup>rd</sup> March Mr. Julyan conducted Religious Instruction (RI) for first time in 1965



6<sup>th</sup> March Working Bee held all day at the school. Hedge clipped and roadside fence replaced. General appearance impressively neat

10<sup>th</sup> March Mr. Hartley conducted RI

12<sup>th</sup> March We decided today to write away for West Indian School with which to correspond. Letter sent to Education Director, Port of Spain Trinidad

This will I hope greatly stimulate Social Studies Topic on New Zealand and Later on the Caribbean area Note (Never answered)

16<sup>th</sup> March I began a 4 day course at Martinborough today. Mrs S C Sutherland of Burnside will relieve in the school until Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup> March A most rewarding reading course up until now

18<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Sutherland reported that the children are working well. She is indeed a great help at this time

19<sup>th</sup> March We received a letter from Donna Sinnett today. She seems to be enjoying Health camp. Some children will reply next week

22<sup>nd</sup> March Film Projector away for repairs (150 hours check) Should be back with a fortnight. Letter of thanks written to Mrs Sutherland

24<sup>th</sup> March I attended first liaison meeting for year at Kuranui College 3.30 (Arithmetic)

27<sup>th</sup> March Annual Home and School Meeting. Fair attendance. Same officers as previous year. Bank Balance £55. Purchases for 1965, Filmstrips, vaulting horse, football jerseys. Arithmetic equipment, Excursion for school and district to Mt Bruce Reserve in April (After Easter) Children to arrange visits

31<sup>st</sup> March Mr. Weatherstone, School Committee Chairman, called in to discuss Firewood Bee for Saturday

Firewood collection will have to take place on a weekday. Too many people unavailable. I learned that the work required on the residence drainage effluent has again failed to be approved. This must NOT be left here!

3<sup>rd</sup> April Lawns and rubbish tidied today. Great help from Neil Irvine (Kuranui College) and 2 pupils Ian Irvine and Freeman Jackson

5<sup>th</sup> April Three truckloads of firewood collected today by 6 local men. Messrs Weatherstone, Clarke, Montgomerie, Farley B, Farley A, Davidson. It is worthy of mention that only one of these men is a parent of a present day pupil (Mr. Clarke). An indication of community support

6<sup>th</sup> April Mr. D Campbell, Inspector visited the school for grading purposes.

Attended NZEI Management Committee Meeting 3.45. Asked to work out General Meeting Programme for remainder of the year

13<sup>th</sup> June Donna Sinnett returned today from Health Camp

26<sup>th</sup> April Film Evening held at the school Programme from National Film Library, good attendance, well balanced programme

23<sup>rd</sup> April Biennial Meeting of Householders. Attendance of 13. New Committee Mr. Jackson (chairman), Clarke (Secretary-treasurer), A Weatherstone, Farley, Davidson and Mundy. Mr. A Weatherstone and T Montgomerie resigned from the Committee after many years of reliable service. Both offered to take part in future school activities if called upon.

3<sup>rd</sup> May Children and Mr. And Mrs Jackson, Mr. And Mrs Clarke and I visited the Northern Wairarapa today. We were shown through the Masterton Post Office, The Wairarapa Times Age, The Mount

Bruce Native Bird reserve and W.A.C.O cordials Ltd Masterton A very interesting and enjoyable day was had by all

24<sup>th</sup> May The Irvine family returned to Wellington during the vacation Roll is now 10

26<sup>th</sup> may Mr. Hartley conducted R I Nurse Jelly tested children's eyesight

27<sup>th</sup> may Home and School meeting held at residence 8 pm

4<sup>th</sup> June School closed to enable me to attend interview in Wellington

7<sup>th</sup> June School Closed. Queen's Birthday

10<sup>th</sup> June Children attended rugby and basketball practice at Pirinoa 2 pm

15<sup>th</sup> June Attended N Z E I managing committee meeting 4pm

17<sup>th</sup> June Received a short visit from St Barnardo's representative

26<sup>th</sup> June Film evening at school Films provided by Caltex Ltd

7<sup>th</sup> July School Committee meeting at residence. Full attendance of new Committee

8<sup>th</sup> July Received visit from Junior Red cross representative. Accepted papers but took no action re formation. This could be considered later

15<sup>th</sup> July Mr. W Farland visited the school re terminating visit-records etc

A country teachers meeting was held at Kahutara, main topic Language and creativity

23<sup>rd</sup> July Miss Whitehorn who has some years teaching Eskimos in North Canada spoke to a gathering of Pirinoa and our children at Pirinoa School at 2 pm. A very interesting person

29<sup>th</sup> July Children attended country schools rugby and basketball in the afternoon at Martinborough

9<sup>th</sup> August Very few fine days in the past two months. Snow lying for several days on surrounding hills very cold. Cocoa and Fires daily. Seven aside tournament postponed due to ground conditions. General attendance at present for this term remarkably good.

11<sup>th</sup> August Still very cold but weather relented sufficiently to enable 7 aside at Kuranui to proceed. A very tiring day as usual, Too many games, too few referees

12<sup>th</sup> August Mr. Adams Hydatids Control Officer, visited the school, spoke to the children and showed a film on Hydatids disease and Dog care

17<sup>th</sup> August Mrs Sinnett, Kaye Ranger and Margaret Jackson went to Carterton this morning to give a cot blanket- knitted and sewn in needlework class to the children of the Home of Compassion

19<sup>th</sup> August Combined fancy dress and folk dancing held at Pirinoa Hall. A good show

20<sup>th</sup> August Film evening and farewell to us at school 8 pm

21<sup>st</sup> August School and residence cleared

23<sup>rd</sup> August Keys handed over to chairman as we leave after a short but fruitful 2 years 4 months stay. Off to sunny Fiji  
Bob? Sinnett

6<sup>th</sup> September H (Harry) R Rendall commenced duties here as permanent appointee after august holidays. Roll 11, Form 2,2 Form 1 1,2 Standard 4, 2 Standard 2 ,2 Primer 4,2

Previously 1<sup>st</sup> assistant Berampore

8<sup>th</sup> September Rev Hartley conducted religious Instruction. Nurse Jolly visited the school

9<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Gannoway Post Office Saving Bank (POSB) Rep called for brief visit. Returning next Thursday

10<sup>th</sup> September School opened 8.40, closed 2.40 to keep appointment with doctor in Featherston. Permission granted by chairman School Committee

13<sup>th</sup> September Mr. Farland Organising teacher called- stayed all day- most helpful

15<sup>th</sup> September Visit by Mr. Soughton Secretary Group Day Calf and Lamb Club. Issued entry forms

16<sup>th</sup> September Senior members attended manual training at Featherston a.m., continuing to Pirinoa School where remainder of school joined them for school sports, rugby and basketball in the afternoon. Very successful day

Home and School parents meeting held at the school house in the evening. Total attendance 8. Very good for small community. Arrangements being made to purchase new motor mower. Evening concluded with a film A Coach Tour of the North Island and supper. Parents most cooperative

22<sup>nd</sup> September School opened at 8.30 and closed 2.30 to enable me to attend liaison meeting at Kuranui College at 3.30

Nurse Jolley and Dr Roberts (Mrs) visited school checked record cards

27<sup>th</sup> September Attended Calf club meeting at Featherston South School with Chairman and Secretary School Committee 8 pm

12<sup>th</sup> October Committee (School) meeting held in school. Full attendance Purchase of new lawn mower deferred through lack of funds

19<sup>th</sup> October School visit to the Narrows to observe dragline operations (*This is the start of the Ruamahunga diversion scheme in the Lower Valley area*)

Attended NZEI meeting 4 pm at Martinborough

School playing field cut by Mr. Wood. A big improvement

20<sup>th</sup> October Attended a Country Teacher's meeting 5 pm at South Featherston. Reports and discussion on Social Studies

21<sup>st</sup> October Sports held at Kahutara in afternoon

25<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day School closed

29<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton Show

1<sup>st</sup> November School calf and lamb day. Very successful

3<sup>rd</sup> November Mr. Golding Senior Inspector paid a brief visit 1 pm on his way to attend Pirinoa Calf and Lamb Day

8<sup>th</sup> November Ruamahunga River in flood today, made no difference to attendance

10<sup>th</sup> November Attended arithmetic course at Martinborough 4 pm to 9 pm

11<sup>th</sup> November Took children with entries to Featherston for calf and lamb Group Day. Peter Clarke 1<sup>st</sup> in Ringcraft (calf), Sue Sutherland 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize (Lamb) Mr. And Mrs Jackson and Mr. Clarke assisted with transport

15<sup>th</sup> November Playshed window broken by rifle fire during the weekend possibly by vandals passing by. Reported.

16<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Leywood from Health Department visited school for audio purposes

Mr. (*John*) Scott Featherston police visited school for report on broken window

17<sup>th</sup> November Rev Hartley conducted R I

18<sup>th</sup> November Mr. Farland Organising teacher visited school a.m. Helped with music and infant reading. Supplied useful suggestions in Cuisenaire number work

24<sup>th</sup> November Two Form II boys attended Kuranui College for tests. Peter Clarke and Mahia Mikaera

Mr. Julyan conducted religious instruction. Final Attendance Transferred to Waipu

30<sup>th</sup> November Inspector of works came to inspect Water tank and broken window

1<sup>st</sup> December Wairarapa Power Board electrician came to fix water pump. Unsuccessful. Wiring needs to be dug and replaced

Featherston policeman called re broken window

1<sup>st</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> December School surveys being conducted

7<sup>th</sup> December Home and School meeting held at residence at 8 pm. Discussed forthcoming Christmas Party and School picnic in February

8<sup>th</sup> December took pupils to Kahutara for interschool sports and swimming. Returned to school for review of assessment for personal report with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Fish (Inspectors). Review very successful

13<sup>th</sup> December Children's reports sent home

14<sup>th</sup> December Annual Christmas Festival held at school 7.30. A concert was produced by the pupils which was enjoyed and appreciated by all. The play was performed very well and considering the short time the children have been on instrumental music they were very good.

After the concert the children sang carols around the Christmas Tree while waiting for Father Christmas to arrive and give out presents.

School leaving awards were presented to Mahia Mikaera and Peter Clarke. A progress prize was awarded to Margaret Jackson

There was a particularly large attendance from various parts of the district

15<sup>th</sup> December Swimming instruction was taken at Martinborough followed by a picnic lunch

16<sup>th</sup> December Swimming instruction taken at Lake Ferry. School closed for 1965. Today's Roll 11

## 1966

26<sup>th</sup> January Broken window repaired in playshed

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened today. Teacher's day Routine organisation carried out

2<sup>nd</sup> April Roll 9, 4 Boys 5 Girls

3<sup>rd</sup> February Began swimming instruction at Pirinoa No Transport Problems (*I understand all children travelled in one car*)

4<sup>th</sup> February Sue Sutherland transferred to Pirinoa School due to more convenient transport and supervision by teacher boarding with Grandmother

Swimming instruction taken at Pirinoa

7<sup>th</sup> February Attended infant course at Martinborough

8<sup>th</sup> February Swimming instruction at Pirinoa 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>  
Attended swimming at Pirinoa

1<sup>st</sup> March All pupils taken to South Featherston for swimming sports. All competed with very satisfactory results. One 1<sup>st</sup>, One 2<sup>nd</sup>, Three thirds

2<sup>nd</sup> March Rev Hartley conducted religious instruction

4<sup>th</sup> March Took swimming instruction at Pirinoa  
10<sup>th</sup> March Mr. Clode, health inspector and Mr. Barker Wellington Education Board Building Inspector visited school re drainage hazard. It appears that something is going to be done at last  
14<sup>th</sup> March Home and School Parent teacher Association Annual General Meeting. Held at residence. Excellent attendance 14. Film Rewi's Last Stand shown after meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> March Kaye Ranger and Danielle Mundy withdrawn from roll. Family shifted to Carterton. Roll now only 6  
Road Traffic Instructors Mr. Banks and Mr. Hall gave instruction to pupils  
23<sup>rd</sup> March Visit by NZ Bible Training Institute. Rev Hartley conducted religious instruction  
I attended liaison meeting Kuranui College. Subject Social Studies 3.30  
28<sup>th</sup> March Meeting at school 7.45 p m School Committee and Three representative householders. Proposal was made to approach Board to hold a Householder's Meeting re future of school  
30<sup>th</sup> March School Committee meeting 7.45. Resignation of Mr. Mundy accepted. Mr. A Weatherstone appointed in his place. New lawn mower being purchased. Letter forwarded to the Board re Householder's Meeting. Request to open school 8.30 and close 2.30 on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April approved  
5<sup>th</sup> April Contractors started excavating new drain. Visit by Health Inspector  
7<sup>th</sup> April Pupils taken to Martinborough for Shell trainer programme taken by inspector Banks. *A Model street and bikes and pedal cars used.*

13<sup>th</sup> April Rev Hartley conducted religious Instruction  
Nurse Jolley paid final visit before returning to England. Nurse Wenn introduced to school  
Sinclair and Watkins (*Plumbers Greytown*) still working on soak pit. 15 feet deep  
15<sup>th</sup> April Contractors completed new drainage today  
19<sup>th</sup> Standard 2 pupil enrolled today. Roll 7  
25<sup>th</sup> April School closed Anzac day  
26<sup>th</sup> April School closed Visit of Queen Mother to Wellington  
28<sup>th</sup> April Received official notice of Householders meeting for 5<sup>th</sup> may 7.30 re future of school  
4<sup>th</sup> May A lot of local activity is being carried out in preparation for Householders meeting. Large attendance expected.  
5<sup>th</sup> May A public Meeting was held at the school 7.30 pm to discuss and take a vote on proposal to consolidate the Tuhitarata School on Kahutara School. The Board members were Mr. Yule, chairman and Mr. Tritt. Mr. Bruce School Inspector and Mr. Hickey transport Officer also attended.  
There was an attendance of approximately 55 to 60. Mr. Tritt explained the situation very fully. After a very orderly meeting a vote was taken and the papers were taken by the Board for consideration  
Both Kahutara and Pirinoa Schools were well represented  
23<sup>rd</sup> May School opened for 2<sup>nd</sup> term During the holidays the Committee cut firewood for the school. We filled the woodshed. Good effort  
23<sup>rd</sup> May Jennifer Ann Rendall enrolled today Roll 8  
24<sup>th</sup> May Fitted new Yale lock to playshed

25<sup>th</sup> May Fire drill taken today

31<sup>st</sup> May John Daymond withdrawn from roll. Returned to previous school. Roll now 7

1<sup>st</sup> June Mr. Gannoway Post Office Savings bank visited school and distributed the pamphlets and poster. A short talk on saving was given

2<sup>nd</sup> June Took Children to Pirinoa for football and basketball practice. Mr Farland, organising teacher visited school in the afternoon. Useful discussion on infant method. Folk Dancing and games were taken also

2<sup>nd</sup> June Attended Country Teachers Meeting at South Featherston after attending address at Fareham House by Mr. Brown Psychologist

15<sup>th</sup> June Received official notice that this school will not be consolidating on Kahutara. The result of the voting was:

In favour of consolidating- 29

Against Consolidation 29

The report stated:- It is quite clear that the people in the school district who have been sending their children to Kahutara School want the Tuhitarata School closed simply so that they can be provided with transport

It was recommended that no action n be taken to consolidate Tuhitarata School on Kahutara

16<sup>th</sup> June School sports at Kahutara

20<sup>th</sup> June took children to Masterton for Social Study visit to Hansell's factory a.m. and Theatrical Society Showboat p.m. A worthwhile and enjoyable day. Mr. Jackson assisted with transport

22<sup>nd</sup> June Visit by Nurse Wenn Farewell to Stevenson's

27<sup>th</sup> June Began Mid Year Surveys

30<sup>th</sup> June Sports at Pirinoa

5<sup>th</sup> July School Committee meeting

11<sup>th</sup> July Ruamahunga river in flood. No effect on attendance. Road to Kahutara impassable. It is interesting to note that all the children attending Kahutara School from this district were unable to attend today

12<sup>th</sup> July Mr. Fred Wallis visited school. (Building Inspector) for annual maintenance survey for 1967. Mr. Jackson chairman of School Committee discussed requested work and the completed forms were taken by Mr. Wallis

13<sup>th</sup> July. I visited Dr Budd in Martinborough at 9.00. Mrs Rendell looked after school until I returned. Rev Hartley took R I. Featherston Road still in flood.

14<sup>th</sup> July School sports at South Featherston

18<sup>th</sup> July All children taken to Pirinoa Dental Clinic p.m.

21<sup>st</sup> July Took children into the Haurangi mountains in morning to see the snow. A wonderful experience as all the children had not had contact with snow before

2<sup>nd</sup> August Took children to Masterton to see the Lions football match Transport supplied by Mr. Jackson and Mrs Rendall

3<sup>rd</sup> August South Wairarapa rugby and basketball tournament at Greytown. All competed. Heavy frost but beautiful day. Fire drill taken

11<sup>th</sup> August Football and Basketball at St Teresa's Featherston with Pirinoa

17<sup>th</sup> August Rev Hartley conducted R I

5<sup>th</sup> September School opened for third term Two new admissions.  
Roll 9 Chairman School Committee delivered new mower. Most  
welcome and very necessary  
Attended Calf and Lamb Day Committee at South Featherston 7.45  
8<sup>th</sup> September Fire Drill taken today  
14<sup>th</sup> September Country Teacher's meeting at this school 5 p.m.  
Excellent Attendance  
21<sup>st</sup> September Brent Davidson enrolled. Roll now 10  
Maintenance contractors delivered new outside seat bench and  
carried out repairs  
27<sup>th</sup> September Took children to Pirinoa and also to see dredge  
progress in river  
28<sup>th</sup> September New Minister Rev Hewson conducted Religious  
Instruction  
Mr. Soughton rang re Featherston Calf and Lamb Day entries  
4<sup>th</sup> October Mr. Ivan Hislop reading adviser attended school. No  
problems  
6<sup>th</sup> October Attended Fareham House Country teacher's meeting .  
Interesting talk by Reading Adviser  
11<sup>th</sup> October Home and School Parent teacher meeting at residence 8  
pm. Very good attendance Interesting talk given by Mr. Trounsen on  
his recent world tour.  
12<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Berryman (Wife of Pirinoa Teacher) relieved for  
the day to enable me to attend Wellington Hospital  
13<sup>th</sup> October Attended sports meeting at Greytown School 4 pm  
19<sup>th</sup> October Children's pet day  
26<sup>th</sup> October I attended sports meeting at Kahutara

28<sup>th</sup> October School closed Wairarapa Show day. The children's art  
was displayed  
1<sup>st</sup> November A new tennis net has been purchased from sports  
funds  
4<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Rendall relieved to enable me attend a funeral in  
Wellington  
9<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Rendall relieved me to attend an observation of  
pilot arithmetic scheme for Standard 1 at Lansdowne School from  
10 to 12 noon. A Worthwhile effort  
10<sup>th</sup> November took children to Featherston Boys and Girls  
Agricultural group Day p.m. Mr. Jackson assisted with transport  
14<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Leywood from Health Department visited  
school for audio tests for infants  
16<sup>th</sup> November School sports at Pirinoa. Wet day but programme  
was completed.  
17<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Berryman (*From Pirinoa School*) relieved for  
me to attend Wellington Hospital  
23<sup>rd</sup> November Wayne Mikaera attended Kuranui College for Form  
2 tests  
24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> November Pupils attended dental clinic at Pirinoa  
1<sup>st</sup> December School Committee meeting 8 pm.  
7<sup>th</sup> December Rev Hartley conducted final religious instruction for  
the year. Bill Farland organising teacher paid visit. Assisted with  
preparation of school concert  
Dental nurse Miss Russell visited school and gave talk on dental  
care to pupils  
8<sup>th</sup> December Mrs Berryman relieved today to enable me to attend  
Wellington Hospital

South Wairarapa school sports held. All pupils participated. Transport provided by Mrs Jackson and Mrs Rendall  
Home and School meeting at Residence 8 pm To make preparations for breakup e.g. concert and Christmas tree etc. Suggestion of school picnic next February  
14<sup>th</sup> December Miri Anne McArdle's record card forwarded to Greytown Roll 9  
15<sup>th</sup> December. Mr. Dave McKenzie woodwork instructor Featherston visited school  
End of year celebrations. A concert was presented by the pupils and enjoyed by a large audience. Father Christmas arrived and gave out presents from the Christmas tree Very enjoyable ending of the year. Wayne Mikaera was given a book as leaving present  
16<sup>th</sup> December School cleaned and tidied for the holidays. School Committee cut field

## 1967

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened. Teacher Only day Carried out routine organisation. Sewing teacher's services terminated  
2<sup>nd</sup> February School children attended 4 boys and 3 girls. Roll 8  
3<sup>rd</sup> February New incinerator delivered  
6<sup>th</sup> February Waitangi Day. Ceremony of honouring the flag observed  
Swimming lessons taken at Pirinoa School Baths  
7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> February Swimming at Pirinoa  
9<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Rendall relieved today to enable me attend Wellington Hospital. Swimming taken as usual

Attended country teachers group AGM at 6 pm  
10<sup>th</sup> February Woodwork and Homecraft lessons at Featherston started today. One Form II girl attended from here  
Raana Rigby (Munro) withdrawn from roll returned to Martinborough Roll now 7  
13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> February swimming taken daily at Pirinoa  
16<sup>th</sup> February Social Study and nature study trip to Cape Palliser Lighthouse. A worthwhile visit enjoyed by all pupils  
20<sup>th</sup> February Swimming tests taken at Martinborough Baths  
21<sup>st</sup> February Swimming sports at South Featherston school. Children did very well gaining some major placings as well as minor ones. Mrs Davidson and Mrs Jackson provided transport  
23<sup>rd</sup> February Nurse Wenn visited school. Gave two infants TB injections  
27<sup>th</sup> February Fire and earthquake drills taken  
5<sup>th</sup> March School and district picnic held at Lake Ferry, excellent attendance .Very enjoyable day  
6<sup>th</sup> March New Entrant enrolled today William H Parkinson, Roll now 8  
8<sup>th</sup> March Rev Hartley conducted Religious Instruction  
15<sup>th</sup> March Mr. Hewson conducted R I  
20<sup>th</sup> March Attended art workshop evening at Martinborough School 7 pm  
21<sup>st</sup> March Miss E Archdall District Art Adviser visited the school Took art lesson p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> April Took children to Dyerville (*Ruakokopatuna*) to visit limestone caves



10<sup>th</sup> April School Committee working bee to cut hedges and top dress lawn

12<sup>th</sup> April Mr. Logan senior inspector paid a brief visit

14<sup>th</sup> April Mrs Rendall relieved today to enable me to visit Wellington Hospital

Children taken to Wellington to visit Berampore School, The Dominion Museum, The Maori Arts Exhibition, the art gallery and the primers were taken for a ride on the cable car. Transport supplied by Messrs Jackson, Rendall and Davidson

17<sup>th</sup> April Mr. W Farland, organising teacher visited school a.m. Took infant reading and showed filmstrip on new mathematics

Biennial meeting of householders for election of School Committee held at school 7.30. New Committee elected. Chairman Mr. G Jackson, Secretary Mr. I till, Mr. W Mikaera, Mr. G Chittock and Mr. T Davidson

21<sup>st</sup> April Ceremony of honouring the flag observed for Anzac day. Teacher gave talk

24<sup>th</sup> April Fire and earthquake drill taken

27<sup>th</sup> April Miss Fergusson and Miss Archdall paid brief visit to school in preparation for future art morning

25<sup>th</sup> May Pupils taken to Pirinoa Dental Clinic for inspection and attention to teeth

31<sup>st</sup> May The Dominion president Mr. J C Garvey and The Secretary Mr. E J Simmonds (NZEI) visited school pm

Attended NZEI meeting Featherston 7,30

15<sup>th</sup> June One new admission today Roll now 8. Children taken to Pirinoa for football and basketball

Attend Country Teachers meeting 5 p.m. Guest Speaker Miss Lenihan on infant number. Held at Kahutara

*Last Log Entry*

## 1968

Interested in grazing land S G Clarke

Building removed to Pirinoa