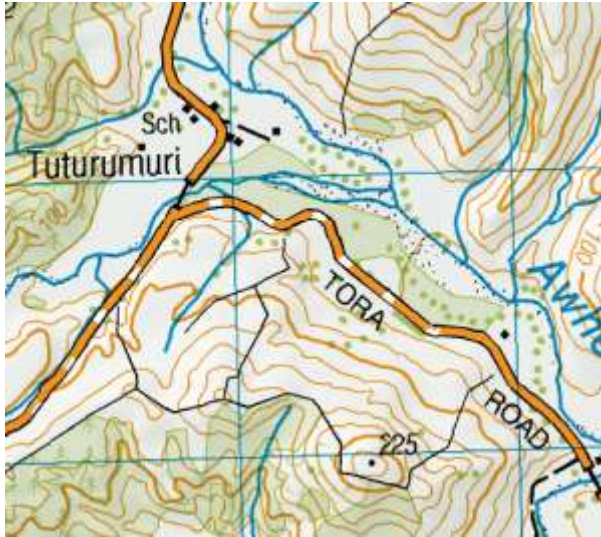


Tuturumuri

30.6 Kilometres from Martinborough on the White Rock Road
Still Open in 2016



Jubilee Booklet Kaiwaka School, Rough Hill and Tora School combined to make Tuturumuri Schools

In 1920 Tuturumuri Station 7437 acres were purchased by the Government from the Riddifords. 3rd May a ballot took place in the Featherston Town Hall. There were 99 marbles. Eleven sections were sold and 8 held over for a school site

By the end of 1921 all the settlers were living on their own farms

The returned servicemen were Messrs M Chapman, W Wagg, G Hardy, P Broderick, F Deller, G Gilbert, I Moore, R Ross, C Black, D Mitchell, P Dayle

1934 Saw building of new school Roll 6 Mrs Rona Anderson (nee Brooker) started in 1935. Started at the home of Mr. And Mrs Fed

Deller and moved to a new home each term. Nearly all the children rode ponies to school, some 3 miles

The only form of transport into Martinborough was by mail truck driven by Alan McCarthy. It came out twice a week

We had a oold little concert held in Mr. And Mrs Ted Fuller's lounge

There was quite a gathering and parents came up from Wellington as guests of Rita and Bill Wagg The Wagg household was the first to have electricity. They had the house wired and a generator installed 1924 School opened for year after infantile paralysis closed the school

1931 Mr. Fuller made cupboard out of apple boxes

1932 Roll 12

4th 6th April School closed due to flooding

6th August New School building commenced

9th November School moved to new building

1936 School closed to end of February for infantile paralysis

1941 School closed owing to floods (5 times mentioned)

1942 June 25th School closed to disastrous earthquake Buildings suffered no serious loss

13th 14th July, 31st July 10th September School closed due to flooding

2nd December Heavy earthquake Seams of tank burst and wall cracked

1943 School closed due to flooding

1944 – 1945 School closed

1946 School reopened

1947 June School closed for lack of pupils

8th September School reopens

1st December School closed due to floods
1948 3rd March School reopened after Infantile Paralysis epidemic
1949 School closed
1950 School opened for 1 month and then closed until February
1956
1956 School reopened Roll 7
1958 School roll up to 14. Electric power installed in school
1961 present school residence occupied for first time
December Road in front of school tarsealed
1962 Roll 17th
25th February School Picnic White Rock
1964 6th March Swimming sports South Featherston
8th June Lost all water from tanks
1965 Roll 11
9th March School visit to Wellington
1966 Roll 10
1967 Roll 13
29th March Combined with Tora School to visit Wellington
30th November Visit to Pirinoa School
1st 3rd December Camping trip to Akatarawa Valley
1968 Roll 10
29th February Swimming sports at South Featherston
10th April School closed Wahine Storm
12th November Visit to Masterton to see Ballet Coppelia
1969 Roll 16
8th July School visit to Masterton
6th August School visit to Masterton to see film Oliver
1st October Visit to Martinborough to meet Governor General

5th November Bonfire at school
13th November Swimming instruction started at Lagoon Hill pool
21st November Visit to Museum in Wellington
25th November Athletic Sports Greytown
4th December day visit to Hinakura
1970 New bus in operation Children from Tora enrolled
17th February Hinakura school visited us
6th March Local swimming sports held at Lagoon Hills
31st March Extension to school buildings started
27th 31st July School in hall while school being painted
15th September Visit to Wellington to Maori Hall in Museum
14th October Pet Day Filmed by NZBC for Country Calendar
16th-20th November Educational Visit to Napier
1971 February Carpet laid in schoolroom. 20 children
3rd March Swimming Sports at South Featherston
18th March Pineapple Poll Ballet in Masterton
23rd March Manual Training in Carterton for Form 1 and 2 pupils
8th April Day visit to Ponatahi
28th May Masa Maru ran aground at Te Awaiti
12th July Visit to Masterton to see Gemini Display
17th August School closed due to floods
30th November Athletic Sports Greytown
1972 School roll 21
14th February Mumps epidemic
4th November Bonfire. Boynes at Tora
1973 School reopened 22
19th April Mr. Hartley our bus driver left

Writing in Tempus 12 is material from National Archives Wellington

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1923

13th February 1923 Applications for a school

John James Connolly	Mail Contractor	1 chain	Pukenui	16 km
Eva Theodon	9			
Ruth Hinemoa	7			
Margaret Thelma	6			
Albert Frederick	5			
4 other children not yet of school age				
Frederick Alfred Deller	Farmer	Leasehold 1 mile	Pukenui	16 km
Frederick J G Deller	6			
2 children not yet of school age				
Paul F Brodrick	Farmer	leasehold 1 Chain		
2 children not yet of school age				
Maurice Paul Chapman	Farmer	Leasehold 2 Mile		

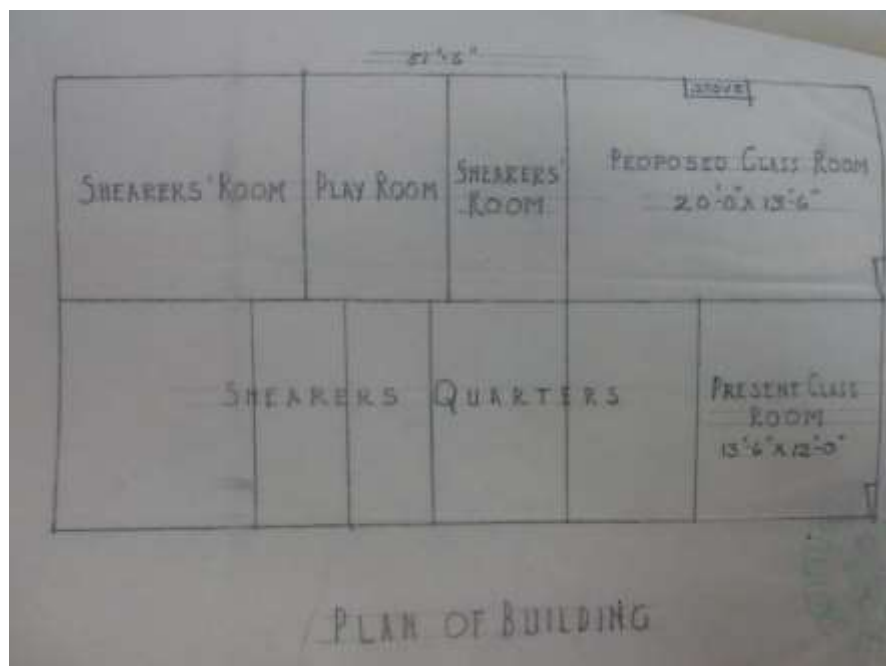
1 child not yet school age				

Unused school at Homeburn also apparatus there Pukenui 16 Miles away, Martinborough 22 miles, Dyer 22 miles 16th May An aided school to be set up on Mr. Connelly's Farm 10 feet by 11 feet

28th May The reference to a school at Homeburn related to a privately owned building on the property of Messrs Ross and Carrick. I am making inquiries into the ownership of the apparatus 1st December Mr. Brodrick writes to Wellington Education Board stating that the room at Mr. Connolly's is not suitable

1925

1st February Letter from Mr. Brodrick We are applying to have a school built at Tukurumuri .The school is at present held at Mr. Connelly's house and this we do not consider a satisfactory arrangement In a Letter to Mr. A D McLeod M.P. Department replies at present the roll is only 7



1932

18th May Roll 12 A new room and a play room is available
 The room now under consideration requires heating and flooring.
 It is the premises of Mr. Broderick. Rent of 4/- per week is asked
 for
 26th Letter to Department was formerly a household school and
 now is a grade 1
 7th June 4/- rent approved

1933

29th May Messrs P T Broderick F A Deller E J Fuller

Meeting of householders

Nominations received for School Committee Broderick, Deller,
 Fuller, Chapman and Emsley and were duly declared elected

Mr. P D Wilson elected Secretary to the Committee and Mr. P F
 Broderick elected chairman

It was decided that the first Committee meeting be postponed until
 further information concerning the capitation from the Education
 Board and that the Board be notified of the election of the
 Committee

10th July Messrs Broderick, Chapman, Deller, Fuller

The chairman reported receipt of cheque of £5 for first instalment of
 annual grant

It was decided to lodge the money with Bank of NZ Martinborough
 That Kerosene and supplies received from Broderick since 1st
 March 1933 be refunded to him

It was moved that the chairman be empowered to grant permission
 for purchase of necessary school material

The Secretary was instructed to enquire from the Ed Board as to
 what money could be expended

Cleaning expenses of school from 1st March to be paid to school
 club under supervision of the teacher

15th August Discussion concerning application for new school. It was decided to inform the Education Board that the Committee was prepared to fence and metal the school site as found necessary
Correspondence with Board re provision of hot lunches discussed

1934

Area of 4 acres to be acquired by Wellington Education Board from Crown Lands. Section 15s In Tukurumuri Settlement

17th April Application for New School. School at present held in private building

Application for school

Letter included School is closed when Mr. Broderick wants the building for his workmen

Letter from Architect The contractor has the frame erected and two sides of weatherboard

IN view of difficulty of getting sanitation attended to Mr. Broderick suggested the pit system be adopted instead of the pan system specified

Site 3 ¼ acres

6 dual desk at 2 pound

1 easel, 1 blackboard

Curtains in lieu of blinds

1 Hydroplate (*Blackboard*)

12 children

Nearest Schools Ruakokopātuna 15 Miles, Dyerville 15 miles, Tuhitarata

20 Miles

Stove with wrought iron screwed pipe flu

Convenience for boys and girls. One for teacher

Section 15s Tukurumuri Settlement 3 to 4 acres

30th April. Householder's Meeting

5 Householders present.

That Mr. P D Wilson be requested to approach the Education Board in Wellington to enquire as to what steps have been taken in connection with the new school at Tukurumuri and to urge that the matter be put in hand immediately

The meeting then adjourned

At subsequent meeting Mr. P D Wilson again acted as the Committee Secretary

16th May The case is Number 2 on the list of urgent works The school closes when workmen need the building

There are 12 children on roll

The site is a portion of a block of 6 acres part of which is river bed and subject to flooding in wet weather

The Board proposes to build to erect a classroom 16' x 11' (*4.87 metres x 3.35 metres*) Fencing is estimated to cost £46 and furniture £26

15th May Department approves of purchase of site for 65 pounds

And erection of school

23rd July Map of proposed school district received from the Education Board and filed

Request received from the Education Board for estimate of required fencing for new school grounds. This matter was left in the hands of Mr. Brodrick

The meeting then adjourned to measure off the lengths of fences required

14th September Contract price 326 pounds for building

13th December Full Committee present

Discussion on arrangement for fencing to be erected by Committee men themselves

It was decided to put in the strainers and that each man put in what time he can spare after that until the fencing be finished

1935

Shelter shed 14' (4.26 metres) x 7'6 for 40 pounds

9th May Department is of the opinion that a shelter shed is not necessary for the small number of children attending

1936

5th February Messrs Wagg, Fuller, Chapman, Deller

Mr. Brodrick sent in his resignation of the chairmanship which was accepted with regret

That Mr. Wagg be chairman

That Mr. Deller be Secretary

Mr. Moore elected to Committee to fill vacancy

26th February Letter from Director of Ed to Wellington Education Board re transport of Rough hill children to Tukurumuri included

- a) Approached by Mr. J T Haycock of Rough hill if the Rough Hill school had to be closed

b) There were 4 Haycock children and one other boarding with them

c) In addition a child named Roses lives about a mile away and does correspondence

d) Rough Hill is 8 miles away. And transporting children for a total of 32 miles would be too expensive unless the residents would help cover costs

e) The alternative of correspondence tuition was stated as unsuitable owing to the difficulty of supervision

f) Is there any possibility of the Board supplying an uncertificated teacher to Rough hill

9th March The teacher at Rough hill will be withdrawn at end of April .We will advertise for an uncertificated teacher but it is difficult to get someone to go there. Conveyance between Tukurumuri and Rough Hill would appear to be difficult

10th March Philpott's account for grass cutting passed for payment
Decided to forward a letter to Mr. McDonald (*Wellington Education Board member for Wairarapa*) with a letter of condolence at the death of Mrs. Worrall a former teacher

21st April The following accounts were passed for payment W F C A, McHardie and F Chapman

14th July Letter from Mr. Chapman resigning from Committee

That Mr. Chapman be asked to reconsider the matter

J Philpott labour for spreading metal

8th September Permission granted by Board to buy sundries from grant

Whistle for school and stamps passed

10th November decided that 16th December day for school picnic

1937

18th March (*Finance*) Books made up and sent to Board

13th October Shelter Shed to be shifted from Matarawa School

10th June Decided teacher order mat, mousetrap etc.

10th August Decided that the chairman write to the Board re shelter shed

1938

28th February Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department I have written to you at least on two occasions asking for an opinion on removing a shelter shed from Matarawa
Reply OK as long as all costs are met by Wellington Education Board

2nd May (*At previous meetings only accounts passed for payment*)
That Mr. Fuller be Secretary'

1st July decided to write letter of appreciation to W F C A for gift of sweets for school picnic.

18th October Decided to carry out concrete work and draining

12th December E Tamaiti Cleaning Money. It was decided to increase cleaning money room 2/6 per week to 3/6 per week

1939

7th June Present Messrs Chapman, Wagg, Deller, Fuller

Decided to lend blackboard to Rough Hill School

10th August Decided to send letter of sympathy to Miss Brooker

1940

27th August Miss M J Burdett appointed as reliever

Telegram to Mr. W J K Wagg Miss Burdett Relieving teacher leaving Welling 4 pm service car Monday Would you meet her at Martinborough

1941

January Miss L Crosbie appointed relieving sole teacher

19th March Miss E C Grant Grading no 153 8 Years service
Unemployed at present appointed

To start 7th April Miss Grant to relieve from 1st April to her appointment confirmed

21st October letter from Miss Eileen Grant School closed for Carterton Show

1942

Householders Meeting Present Messrs Wagg, McLeod, Fuller, Chapman, Deller, Gilbert. Mesdames Wagg, Fuller and Chapman

As 5 householders constitute the necessary Committee an election was held (9 nominated)

4th May That Mrs Fuller be elected chairwoman

Mrs Chapman to be Secretary

An apology was received from Mr. McLeod and it was declared on the voices that the necessary leave be granted

That Secretary communicate with the Secretary of the Education Board with regard to accident insurance for casual employees

That a scythe and sharpening stone be purchased

18th August It was resolved to instruct the teacher to get in touch with an EPS (Check) member for the safety of children

It was decided to arrange weed killer to be put on the paths also a load of metal

That a lamp be brought for the school

The Secretary was instructed to buy trees for the shelter belt

28th October Approving of appointment of Mr. A Kelly to start on 2nd November Would you please notify him that the only way to get to Tuturumuri School is by Mail Bus which leaves Martinborough twice weekly on Monday and Thursday

Unless there is a private car come which is most unlikely on Saturday and Sunday

30th October Miss Nutting relieving teacher reporting to you on Monday .Telegram to Mrs Chapman Secretary

25th November That a letter be sent to the Department approving of the appointment of Miss S Brown

It was decided to have a school picnic to be held on or after 14th December

It was decided to get a man to cut the grass- to be left in the hands of the chairman

18th November War Appointment Miss S Brown 2 ³/₄ years service Probationary Assistant Boulcott School

26th November Letter from Frances B Nutting advising that school would be closed for school picnic

1943

30th April That the grass round the school be cut and the grounds tidied up before the winter

26th June Mr. And Mrs Chapman's resignation was received by the Committee and sent in to the board

30th July Mrs Fuller (Chairwoman), Mr. McLeod, Mrs McLeod Mr. Fuller and Mrs Dellar were elected by the Committee to fill the two vacancies

That Miss Brown be elected Secretary

That a first aid outfit be bought for the school

5th October Shirley Brown applying for Carterton Show day Chairman of School Committee is Mrs E T Fuller

18th November Notice from Board re transfer of teacher. Miss Brown also gave notice that her position terminated on January 31st 1944

J Full (cutting Grass) E Wagg Cleaning School to be paid

That the Committee give the children a picnic at the end of the year

That two truckloads of gravel should be obtained

The resignation of Miss Brown as Secretary was accepted

30th November Letter from S Brown Secretary of School Committee

The present teacher is leaving on account of drop of school roll and they wish to know whether they will have a teacher next years

Letter from G W Gilbert EHuma Tuturumuri

- a) The school is to be suddenly closed on 30th January 1944
- b) I now request that the school be opened at the beginning of the year
- c) There are already 5 children anxiously waiting for a teacher, aged 12,10,8,10 and 7
- d) Two neighbours have asked me when the school will be opened
- e) But the school must be open before they advertise their desires

1945

25th October Application to open school

G W Gilbert has two children Jennifer Louise and Deidre Jacqueline

D W Ross has three children Margaret, Shirley and David all on correspondence

26th Reply asking if suitable board and lodgings are available

Reply available at 25/- per week

27th November Board agreed to open a grade 1 school at Tuturumuri

30th November Schools at Tuturumuri and Stronvar can be opened says Secretary of Ed providing there were at least 5 children at each

1946

10th February Letter from Patricia W Tucker I wish to appeal to the Board for a transfer on account of the very rough accommodation and people here where I am staying. The place is not clean, the language used is extremely bad. There appears to be no other accommodation available

Reply Roadman. Wife Three children Girl 13, Girl 11 Boy 8 all very backward

Alternative is James Gilbert 2 children Girl 10 all right educationally, Girl 7 beginner P 1

22nd October Letter from Education Board Your roll is now 4 Could you please supply me with numbers for next year

14th November Patricia Tucker writes

I cannot see the numbers rising as the three children of the Ross family are likely to be leaving the district

There was hope of two married shepherds coming to the district but they haven't arrived yet

Other children who are school age live over 6 miles away

19th November (No meeting recorded since 18th November 1943)

That it was necessary to keep the school open the following year. an average attendance of 5 was necessary. Eventually a letter was drafted to the effect that the prospect for the coming year appeared good

1947

28th January Letter from Tom Roberts Featherston Doctor saying that Margaret Ross would be able to attend school more often this year

3rd January Mr. Manchester starting school vice Miss Tucker who is not available

10th February Letter from Brian M Manchester As I am forwarding my application form and oath of allegiance to your office I thought I might also take an opportunity of mentioning in passing that there are still only two pupils at Tukurumuri School

4th June Letter from County Clerk I beg to report that we have at last appointed a roadman at Tukurumuri School with 3 children

I apologise form not letting you know earlier but in every case the appointments were declined by the applicant after quite a delay

9th June Letter from Education Board Secretary We have had to withdraw the teacher. We must have a roll of 5

17th July Letter from Mr. L G Walker who has taken over the land of Mr. Speedy

I have a wife and five children Two boys have been attending Eketahuna School

My wife has five children under 8 it would be practically impossible for my children to do correspondence school

24th July Education Board saying that they are advertising Grade 1 school and would be trying to employ one teacher for Tukurumuri

30th July Miss J Chamberlain will commence duty on 1st August

30th July Letter to Mr. A Hardy Secretary School Committee Linkwood. Could board be arranged for Miss Chamberlain?

17th September Miss Jean Chamberlain attendance on 26th May 3 pupils and was closed on the 4th June because the teacher was transferred to another school

Reopened again on the 8th September

I will require a Standard 2 English Book next year

1948

12th June Roll is four One small boy has been operated on for appendicitis and will be absent for a month

1949

20th November Letter from Helen N Gilbert applying for a teacher for 1950

Name	Age	Standard
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Jacqueline Gilbert	11	4
Gordon Gwilliam	11	2
Barry Gwilliam	10	2
Kenneth Gwilliam	6	1
Wilys Gwilliam	5	1
Michael Morton	10	2

The list of these pupils is definite for the coming year
 Adequate Board is available 100 yards from the school
 19th December The School is to be reopened

1950

6th March Letter from Helen Gilbert. Many thanks for finding us a teacher. Mrs Gwilliam is very pleased as she would rather Board a lad than a girl

If he is not too strong I am sure that his health would improve out here and he will be at no distance from the school

I suggest you tell him to catch the 4 pm service car to Martinborough which leaves from the railway station

It would be wise for him to book his seat immediately. We will meet him in Martinborough

18th April Letter from David Waugh From 19th April this school will have a roll of 1. I will close the school on and report to the Boards Office on Monday 24th

1954

26th March Closing of Paruwai School (Mount Mabel)

For your information Paruwai (Mount Mabel) was established as a grade 1 school in 1952 to cater for 8 or 9 students coming from 3 families in the Paruwai Settlement. This school is located approximately 18 Miles from Martinborough and is conducted in a whare made available by a Mr. Weber

Tuturumuri is on a different road from Purawai also 18 miles from Martinborough it would appear that the two settlements are from 5 to 7 miles apart by road and here any change would mean the Purawai children are to be transported to Tuturumuri

31st March At a Public Meeting it was decided to ask for the Children at Parawai (Sic) and Rough Hill School and children from Tora to attend Tuturumuri

There would be 25 children of whom 9 attend Parawai and 8 Rough Hill at present

As the Tuturumuri School is at the Junction of three roads and children are up to 12 miles distant transport is our main problem

Letter from W S Bellerby

15th August Letter from Mr. Bellerby to date we have not heard a word from Education dept about Tuturumuri School

7th September Angry Letter from Department to Wellington Education Board stating they are embarrassed by the Wellington Education Board's lack of action

19th September letter from Wellington Education Board to Education Department

- 1) The transport officer has had a meeting with parents re opening Tukurumuri unfortunately the prime mover was unable to attend because of a flooded river
- 2) This was a Mr Buchanan who has a grade 1 school known as Parawai catering for 9 pupils on his property. The Parawai School is approximately 11-12 miles from Tukurumuri
- 3) Of the 8 children attending the Grade 1 school at Rough Hill 5 live 8.1 miles and 3 live 5.8 miles from the Tukurumuri School
- 4) At Tora there are 3 children at present of school age
- 5) The roads are at present in quite good condition and it is felt that 15 miles per hour would be the maximum speed which a school bus could maintain
- 6) This means that a run with one bus would be very limited
- 7) Mr. Buchanan's proposal is
 - a) Tukurumuri be reopened
 - b) Combined school Bus mail run from Martinborough conveying Parawai Children to and from Tukurumuri
 - c) Special Transport to convey Tora and Rough Hill children to Tukurumuri
 - d)

- 8) The present school could not cater for more than 12 children
- 9) The cost of a combined mail school run would be prohibitive
- 10) It was suggested to open up Tora and Rough Hill and Tukurumuri Children would attend there
- 11) Rough Hill Parents now appear more or less satisfied to keep as they are
- 12) It is felt that the present arrangements are the best that can happen

1955

Letter from Director General Lands to Director of Education
There is an area of land at Tukurumuri set aside with a school on it though it has not been formally set aside. The school has been closed since 1945

The Wellington Education Board now advise the school may be reopened

19th October Wellington Education Board to Department included

- a) Mr. W S Bellamy has requested a school be established at Tora
- b) Messrs R L Hunter and W J McLeod that the Board reopen Tukurumuri

- c) There only 4 children of school age at Tora
- d) There are 7 children for Tukurumuri including 6 from a family who were said to be interested in the Tora School
- e) That the parents would purchase a suitable vehicle for the transport of 6 children from Tora provided the payment of 1/- per mile were paid
- f) Mr. McLeod would employ a man with at least 4 children to make the roll 11
- g) It is unlikely the Department would pay for the run from Tora as it would cost 28/- per day

1956

Letter from Minister of Education to Mr. Cooksley M P for Wairarapa stating that he could not yet open the school at Tukurumuri

1957

11th February Miss A Rutherford writing re taking of shopping days

30th April Letter from Secretary Wellington Education Board to Mrs R Hunter School Commissioner, Kandaqar. Included

- a) Roll is now 9

- b) To get a certified teacher the roll must be at least 13 for four consecutive weeks
- c) Otherwise if the roll remains at 9 then you will qualify for a certificated teacher provided the roll stays at 9 or above
- d) It could be an advantage but is more often a disadvantage for the teacher to have a car and agree to transport the children to school

Letter to Miss Rutherford From Wellington Education Board I understand you feeling a strain of teaching 9 children but have to advise that the Board can offer no relief in the meantime

6th May Letter from Miss Rutherford to the Board

I am unable to visit you during these holidays as I will not be in Wellington However the school commissioner is intending to visit you then

24th June Letter from Wellington Education Board to Ministry stating they are going to put a certificated teacher in the Tukurumuri School

4th November Letter from D R Marple Teacher stating they had found the admission register

4th December Became a Country Service School

1958

17th February List of current pupils

Name		
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Janet	Stevenson	P4
Jean		Standard 1
Janice		Primer 4
Pamela		Primer 1
Mark	Oldershaw	Primer 4
Miles		Standard 3
Garry	Moran	Primer 3
Theresa		Primer 1
Robert	Deller	Primer 1
Christine	Hunter	Standard 3
Timothy		Primer 1

18th March Mr. R B Hastings C certificate appointed

September Plans for extension to classroom

Cost £2330 including electric power reticulation and connection

Note: the Tora School now numbers 14 Could not this school be enlarged to take Tukurumuri roll?

22nd December 1958 From Board stating that they cannot recommend consolidation of Tukurumuri School on Tora

Mr. Ewing Inspector recommends an upgrade of buildings as there will be larger roll at Tukurumuri for a number of years

1959

14th January The school roll has increased unexpectedly to 15 The 1957 grading roll was 7 and in 1958 it was 9

The school is badly overcrowded and it is proposed to add a further 246 square feet to the room. It is proposed to provide a water supply and flush toilets

23rd January Minister approves of extension

Letter from Margaret McLeod (Mrs J A) Secretary of Committee to Mr. Cooksley demanding the reopening of the school

28th October While additions were being carried out to the school the class was accommodated for part of the time in the Tukurumuri Hall The Board received an account for 12 weeks rental at £ 5 per week. It was pointed out to the Committee we would not pay such a high rental and they have now agreed to £2

1960

July School residence built by B D Taylor Masterton £2062 -10-0 also tendered for Tora but Department doesn't think this will reduce costs

Department The school had a very low roll up to 1949 and was closed from 1950 to 1955

25th October Teacher's residence at Tukurumuri and Tora approved letter from Phil Skoglund Minister of Education to Mr. Cooksley

After much debate from Department re costs of building in the country

1961

16th May Morris John Shirley Married, From Taranaki appointed
12th June James Hugh Marks To be married in August from
Taranaki appointed
13th October Mr. Marks advising of holiday for Governor
General's visit

1962

20th August Letter from Mr. R L Hunter complaining about the
Board notifying the teacher re Mr. Hunter's inquiry, not a
complaint The teacher took offence at my inquiry and was very
unpleasant. I have resigned from the School Committee

5th July Inspectors Report included

- a) Roll 15
- b) J H Marks. (*Teacher*) Mrs Deller Sewing
- c) This school is making steady progress. The interruption to
the school for a considerable period last year is being
gradually overcome
- d) The teacher is keenly interested in the welfare of his pupils
- e) The children are very friendly and cooperative
- f) The School Committee has the welfare of the school at
heart and requests for equipment or other forms of
assistance are responded to.

- g) New items recently purchased included a Filmstrip
projector, a Multiplex (*Commonly called monkey Bars*)
set, a rotary mower, (An absentee owner provided this
money) and a radio record player
- h) The cleaning is done by the teacher
- i) The very fine new teacher's residence is a valuable asset for
the district
- j) Additional funds are raised by annual shop day in
Martinborough
- k) There have been trips to the pantomime in Wellington
and frequent trips to the beach at Tora
- l) The teacher who has a special interest in swimming takes
the children to a river pool in February
- m) The children on the Lagoon Hills Tukurumuri Road are
conveyed by private transport provided by Lagoon Hills
Station

1964

7th February R Reynolds, teacher inquiring about shopping days

1965

9th September Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 12
- b) Mr. R A Reynolds. Mrs Reynolds takes sewing

- c) This school is under control of a hard working teacher who is working successfully to raise standards
- d) Good use is made of the National Library service

1966

5th October G E Woods teacher applying for shopping days

1967

20th February G E Woods entitled to remote allowance

11th December Teacher applying for two days release to attend a science course for Form 1 and 2 in Martinborough. His wife Mrs J A Woods to relieve

1968

11th April (*Wahine Day*) School was closed on April 10th as there was a danger to children from flying debris and it was likely that the rivers were going to wash the bridges and roads away leaving the children stranded at school

The only damage at school was one willow blown over and light flooding to the schoolhouse garage

30th May Re Pauline McLeod Mrs McLeod was certificated in 1961 and her last school was Pirinoa in the Wellington Education

Board. Maiden name McHugh . *Pauline later became a Member of the Wellington Education Board*

August Inspectors Report included

- a) Roll 13
- b) G E Woods
- c) There is wide use made of visits outside the classroom, the Akatarawa Camp be particularly noteworthy

1969

5th May Secretary of School Committee Pauline McLeod notifying that Mr. Woods has resigned

13th May Mr. I R McKinney Featherston school has volunteered to act as relieving teacher at Tukurumuri school

1970

20th February Mr. Alexander Teacher

8th June Letter from Board in reply to Teachers request for payment to Pauline McLeod for relieving work

Wellington Education Board reply. Mrs McLeod has been paid for both days but unfortunately, the second cheque was sent to Mrs Patricia McLeod who kept the payment

We are sending Mrs McLeod another cheque for the amount.

1971

29th June

Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 24
- b) D A Alexander Teacher
- c) This school is under a capable headteacher who is well aware of the needs of children and role which a school of this type plays in the community
- d) Due attention is being paid to the basic curriculum areas of reading, arithmetic and language
- e) A feature of this school is the effective use which is being made of educational visits both within and outside the local area
- f) A large amount of equipment has been purchased or provided by local effort This includes a tape recorder, duplicator, basic readers, vacuum cleaner, gymnastics equipment and other essential material
- g) The new addition to the school seem to be fairly satisfactory but it is considered that the exit passage way too narrow and thus constitutes a safety hazard

1972

12th June Mike Dixon acting as sole teacher at Tukurumuri school. *Working from Carterton School later was Principal of Solway Primary and then Totara Drive Schools*

1973

28th September Roll 29 Proposed to shift a small room from Awatoitoi for second classroom

The Price from ACE removers was too high and the roll kept on growing reaching 29 It is expected to be 34 by the end of the year That two teachers work in 544 square foot is not on Department approved to ACE builders for removal (ACE Johnson Featherston)

15th October Peter Wimms Principal appointing Mrs B Holland as teacher aid

Inspectors report include

- a) Roll 30
- b) Peter Wimms Principal. Mrs A Stephenson Assistant
- c) Two significant events 50th Jubilee of a school and the recent appointment of a second teacher

1974

Mrs V Wimms teacher Aide for 10 hours per week

Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 30 Teachers Mr. P Wimms, Mrs A Stephenson
Assistant responsible for infants and girls welfare
- b) School had its 50th Jubilee and became a two teacher school
- c) Pupils are making very good progress in all subjects and the achievement in reading and writing are particularly pleasing
- d) A considerable amount of expensive but useful equipment has been bought

1976

Classroom from Awatoitoi came \$3170. *Awatoitoi school was on Masterton Tinui Road at the Riversdale turnoff*

1977

9th March Tuteurumuri appointed as dual appointment school. That is a husband and wife appointed together

1978

26th April Our teacher aide Mrs G Baker has resigned and we have appointed Mrs Cameron Whakapuni as replacement

20th September Inspectors report included

- a) Mr. Ross Cooper B2 Acting Head Teacher

- b) Mrs Chris Edge Relieving
- c) Roll 38
- d) Since taking the dual appointment permanent Mrs J M Cooper, principal and her assistant (Ross) have worked at a very pleasing level of effort and insight into their professional tasks
- e) The stated intention of the teachers is to make the school an extension of the family unit by fostering a warm caring atmosphere

Letter to Wellington Education Board from John Glendinning included

- a) The principal is on Maternity Leave
- b) The Assistant Principal is touring with the regional rugby team and we have two relievers

Then Pauline McLeod and Chris Edge (Later to become an inspector) covered for the third term

1979

14th November I wish to point out that both my wife and I have completed our country service

30th October New building a relocatable finished \$27 019.80

1980

4th January Letter from Jane Elworthy Secretary short and sharp

The above Committee feels that you have let us down by not notifying and confirming us on your change of our teachers Mrs Cooper resigned. The job was a dual appointment position so therefore Ross's position had to go , Ross Got another position and left

8th May Mrs Cameron resigned Teacher Aide and Mrs Beckett appointed

1981

13th July Mrs E J Duder Principal her Husband Eric Assistant

5th October Lynne Read teacher Aide

Subsidy for a relocatable covered para swimming pool a grant of \$4075 has been approved by the Department of Internal Affairs

1982

3rd June Inspectors report

- a) Jude Alderson Principal
- b) Bruce Alderson Assistant
- c) Roll 39

List of Teachers in Minutes Book

Miss Boyce

J McDonald (Mrs Worrall)

Mr. P D Nelson

Miss Jean Crosby (Thurston)

Miss Jean Feist

Miss Jean Chamberlain

Miss Anne Rutherford

Miss Thelma Major

Miss McKinley

Miss Isabel Horwell

Miss Shirley Brown (Ussher)

Miss Pat Tucker

Miss Frances Nutting (Last term 1942)

Miss E Grant

Mr. Bruce Welsh

Mr. Bob Hastings

Mr. D Marple

Mr. J Mark

Mr. R Reynolds

Mr. G Wood

Mr. D Alexander

Mr. E Thompson

Miss Rona Brooker (Mrs H M Anderson)

Rough Hill

Mr. Rockell

Mr. Bruce Keltie

Miss Hopper

Miss Diver

Miss Shirley Brown

Miss Marion Atkinson

Tora

Mr. Brian Welsh

Mr. Stroud

Mr. Yeoman

Papers Past

M Boyce resigned 17th Nov 1923

Miss F McDonald appointed 18th Feb 1924

23rd October 1925 FEATHERSTON COUNTY COUNCIL. TENDER. ' .
TUTURUMURI TIMBER BRIDGES. TENDERS, addressed to the
Chairman, are invited for the Erection only of Seven Timber Bridges. The
Council will supply all ironwork, timber, etc., on the site. Contractor to
supply Plant, Tools, Labour; etc. Plans and specifications may be seen at
the County Office, Martinborough, or at the office of the undersigned,
No. 11, Grey street, Wellington. Tenders close at Martinborough on
THURSDAY, 12th November, at 4 p.m. H. F. TOOGOOD, Consulting
Engineer

A grant for the erection of a new school building at Tukurumuri was
declined. 28 Jan 1928

Miss AM McKinley appointed 19th January 1931

Mr PD Wilson 2nd July 1931

Miss RJ Brooker 20 March 1936