

Wainuiomata

Pre 1878

16th October 1862 TO SCHOOLMASTERS. WANTED a Competent Schoolmaster for the Wainui-o-mata Public School, conducted according to the Act of Council. Salary £100 per annum, with an excellent house and two to three acres of land adjoining. Distance from the town of Wellington, fifteen miles. Mr. J. Wood, at Wainui-o-mata show the premises. Testimonials are to be forwarded on or before the 17th November next, to WILLIAM FITZ HERBERT. The Hutt, 18th Sept., 1862,

14th May 1864 On Wednesday, the 4th inst., the children attending the school in connection with the Wainui-o-mata district, passed their yearly examination. William Fitzherbert, Esq., with his usual kindness, examined them in the following branches, viz. : — geography, history, composition, reading, arithmetic, &c, &c, which, much to the credit of their teacher, Mr A. G. Willoughby, they passed to the complete satisfaction of the examiner, and of all parties present. After the examination, the children were regaled with tea, cakes, &c, and all those little delicacies to which their appetites are so susceptible, finishing the day with as much amusement as they could press into the space of a few hours. The adults, having seen the children were thoroughly enjoying themselves, sat down, to the number of about 50 ; and after doing justice to the many good things which the ladies had provided, the tables were removed, and the remainder of the evening passed in a most rational and agreeable manner.

4th October 1866 A Provincial Government Gazette dated 29th September, and issued - today, contains proclamations defining the boundaries of the school districts for Turakina valley, Tawa flat, Wainui-o-mata, Lower Hutt, Porewa [Porirua?], Taita .or Middle Hutt; Tutinui, and Ohariu

18th December 1867 WANTED, a TEACHER for the Wainuiomata Common School ; salary £100 per annum, with dwelling-house and garden rent free. Applications, with testimonials, to be sent on or before the 28th December to GEORGE WOOD, Chairman

15th August 1870 We have been informed of a sad occurrence at Wainuiomata. The schoolmaster for that district, Mr. Clarke, left the school house on Wednesday afternoon, on purpose to gather some sticks in the bush. He had not returned that evening, nor did he come during the night, and, concluding that he was " lost in the bush," next morning a party of the neighbours started to look for him. The search was maintained during Thursday, Friday, and up to Saturday afternoon, when the dead body of the unfortunate wanderer was discovered in the bush, he having evidently perished from exhaustion and exposure.

8th July 1876 Education Board WAINUIOMATA SCHOOL. Mr. Leary having written resigning his post as master of this school, and the numbers in attendance having decreased considerably, it was resolved that the Inspector be authorised to supply the vacancy, for a probational period, before the regulations in reference to affiliated schools be enforced in this case.

9th February 1877 Inspector's report included Five of the sixteen schools at the. time" of my visit were under bad management, but two of them Wainuiomata and Kaiwarra—have since been put under" better management\

1878

1878		Wainuiomata	Palmer	E		Head	£100.00
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28th March 1878 Wellington Education Board Mr. Dick, of Wainuiomata, wrote, offering to lease a portion of the education reserve for fourteen years at the rate of £7 10s. a year. The subject was referred to Mr. Toomath to report upon

30th May 1878 Robert Lee's report on his last month's inspections included The Wainuiomata school, under Mrs.' Palmer, has an increased attendance of thirty children.: .The general condition of the work was much improved, and there was promise of still greater improvement.

In a table at the end was this report from Inspector Lee. Number on books 30. Number present at examination 30 6 passed level 1, 5, level 2, 3 level 3 and 1 Level 5

29th June 1878 An application was received from the Wainuiomata School for £15 for repairs. It appeared that the building had never been lined and was cold and comfortless. It was agreed to have the necessary work done.

Mrs E Palmer only taught at Wainuiomata in 1878 There was an Elizabeth Palmer who taught who taught in 1881 at Carterton and 1882 and 1883 at Clareville who may have been the same person.

1879-1881

1879		Wainuiomata	Paterson	J		Female	£100.00
1880		Wainuiomata	Paterson	Agnes Jane		Female	£100.00
1881	16	Wainuiomata	Paterson	Ann Jane		Female	£100.00

21st March 1879 Wellington Education Board At Wainuiomata and Kaiwairai [Between Featherston and Martinborough] no committee has been elected, and as the householders have twice failed to elect, the Education Board will have to appoint commissioners for the district.

3rd May 1879 Wellington Education Board Mrs Paterson to Wainuiomata School

1st April 1880 Wellington Education Board The consideration of applications for additions to the Karori School, and repairs at Wainuiomata and Park Vale [East of Carterton]was deferred till next meeting,

28th July 1880 Deputations from Wainui-o-mata and Kaitoke waited on the Board — the former to urge that the teachers' residence should be roofed; the latter to ask for a school. Both were informed that the Board had no funds available; but the former were told that if the Committee would do the work the Board would become responsible to the extent of .£25.

28th October 1880 Wellington Education Board Repairs at Wainuiomata residence approved £25

14th April 1881 Wellington Education Board In the Porirua and Hutt districts, including four half-time schools, there were sixteen schools held in buildings, all of which have since been rebuilt or largely added to, except Porirua, Wainuiomata, and the one at Taita, which at that time was the best public school building in the whole Educational District. These sixteen

schools presented 563 children, of whom 153 were classed in Standard 1., and 59 in Standard 11.

30th June 1881 The Wainuiomata School Committee obtained permission to make an addition of 16 feet to their building. Attention was drawn to the small attendances of scholars at several country schools—those at Tenui, Tauherenikau, Wainuiomata. and Waingawa being specially mentioned—the average attendance being under twenty-five. It was resolved that the committees of the schools mentioned be written to, to the effect that unless the attendances improved, their schools would be put on the footing of aided schools, and also enquiring whether the compulsory clauses of the Education Act are in force in their districts.

30th November 1881 Mrs Paterson of the Wainui-o-mata school resigns

1882-1884

1882	18	Wainuiomata	Wilkinson	Fannie		Female	£100.00
1883	17	Wainuiomata	Wilkinson	Fannie		Female	£100.00
1884	25	Wainuiomata	Erskine-Smyth	H		Master	£120.00

Fannie Wilkinson and Erskine-Smyth only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Wainuiomata

28th January 1882 Wellington Education Board Wainuiomata School appointed Mrs Wilkinson Mistress 4 applicants

13th April 1882 Inspector's report for the 1881-82 included Rural Schools. —There are ten of this class, including the three new schools Waihakeke, Taueru, and Wallace. Of these schools Kaiwairua has the highest classification. With the exception of a little weakness at Waingawa and Wainuiomata, the general condition of these schools is fairly satisfactory, and there is a decided improvement apparent at Tauherenikau.

1st May 1884 Wainuiomata, Mr H. E, Smith; appointed

30th July 1884 Wellington Education Board The Wainui-o-mata school authorities also applied for a bell and a colonial oven, which were granted [A colonial oven was a cast iron pot with a lid that was placed on the fire

27th November 1884 Wellington Education Board £5 was granted towards papering the teacher's residence at Wainuiomata.

1885-1889

1885	23	Wainuiomata	Smyth	Henry E		Master	£120.00
1886	24	Wainuiomata	Pilkington	John		Master	£180.00
1887	22	Wainuiomata	Pilkington	John		Master	£180.00
1888	21	Wainuiomata	Searle	Constance		Female	£100.00
1889	24	Wainuiomata	Searle	Constance		Female	£100.00

There was a John Pilkington teaching at Masterton 1878 to 1880. Then from Wainuiomata this John Pilkington went to Taueru [A few miles East of Masterton on the Castlepoint Road] for 2 years before going to Porirua in 1890 and finishing his teaching career for the Wellington Education Board there in 1910 when the roll was 66

Constance Searle in 1885 was at Te Aro Infants followed by 2 years at Carterton and the 2 years at Wainuiomata

1892/1436 Constance Clive Searle Andrew Hope Frame

22nd November 1894 Mrs Frames mother dies in Christchurch and Mrs Frame is in North Otago

15th January 1885 My Smythe of the Wainui-o-mata School interpreted and took own the the evidence in Hindoo characters,

29th January 1885 Wellington Education Board A sum of £5 was granted for repairs at Wainuiomata.

20th February 1885 The new School Committee at Wainuiomata is composed of the following gentlemen : Messrs G. Wood (chairman), John Wakeham, A. Shaw, H. Campbell, D. Dick, R. Prouse, and J. Jackson. In their annual report, the outgoing committee expressed its great appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which the school has been conducted by Mr Smythe, the average attendance having increased, since his appointment, from 19 to 30

25th February 1885 Wellington Education Board £5 was voted for water purposes

26th February 1885 An expenditure of L10 was authorised for repairs at Wainuiomata. The board then rose. [The L sign was sometimes used instead of the £ sign]

28th October 1885 The question of additional accommodation at the Eketahuna school was deferred, as was also the question of voting £10 for the purpose of erecting shelter-sheds at Wainui-o-mata.

7th May 1886 Civil service examination results included [The successful candidates were placed in a department not necessarily of their choice] Cecil Watson Palmer, Wainuiomata School 1 year, Private School 9 months, Clareville School 1 year , Carterton School 1 year, Wellington College 1 ½ years, marks 1428 :

1st July 1886 It was resolved to grant a sum of £8 or £10 for additions to the Wainuiomata school.

25th August 1886 Wellington Education Board The resignation of Mr. H. Erskine Smythe as teacher of the Wainuiomata School 'was accepted.

25th August 1886 Mr. W. E. H. Erskine Smythe, of the Wainui-o-mata School, was present as interpreter to the Mussulmen

29th September 1886 Wellington Education Board The Secretary of the Wainui-o-mata Committee wrote that the Chairman would not hand over to him the books. The Board resolved to forward the Chairman a copy of the letter, and request an explanation

19th October 1886 Wainuiomata. — Attendance, 24; salary, .£150 and residence.

27th October 1886 Inspector Lee's report The results of the examinations in the Upper Hutt, Makara Wainui-o-mata, and Ohariu schools are only moderately good.

24th December 1886 The Wainui-o-mata Committee applied that Mr Pilkington should be permanently appointed to the school. Agreed to'

23rd June 1888 FANNY Ingram Wilkinson asking in court for a divorce When he came out of prison she was school mistress at Wainui-o-mata, and he lived with her again. He left her after a while, saying he was going to find a home for her, but he had never returned. Her second child was born seven months after he came out of gaol, her husband being the father of it. An order for the support of the children was made against him by Mr. Wardell, SM

25th July 1888 Wellington Education Board he resignation of Mr. Edward Edridge, Taueru School, was accepted, and Mr. Pilkington , of the Wainui-o-mata School. was appointed his successor. It was decided to appoint a lady to the Wainui-o-mata School.

29th August 1888 No suitable male teacher applied for the appointment at Wainuiomata, and the Board decided to submit to the committee the name of a qualified lady at present attached to the staff of a city school.

30th August 1888 Wellington Education Board Mr J. J. Pilkington was allowed L4 10s, the amount-expended by him on a shed built to his order while, master of the Wainui-o-mata school.

30th August 1888 The Board has selected a teacher for the Wainui-o-mata school, subject to the approval of the local committee.

5th September 1888 The appointment of Miss Searle as teacher of the Wainui-o-mata school has been confirmed by the committee, and she will enter upon her duties as soon as arrangements can be 'made" for her transfer from the Carterton school.

11th September 1888 The Inspector's annual. report on the Wainui-o-mata School shows that out of 26 pupils presented (10 of whom are infants), 10 were passed. The passes in the various standards are.as follow : —Standard 1., 1 presented and 1 passed ; Standard 11., 5 presented and 4 passed; Standard 111.,, 6 presented, 4 passed ; Standard IV., 3 presented, 3 failed; Standard V., 1 presented, 1 passed; Standard VI., 1 presented, 1 failed. .

1889 The question of removing the teacher at Wainuiomata was left m the Chairman's hands.

26th April 1889 Wellington Education Board A grant of L3 was given to the Wainui-o-mata Committee in aid of a pump

30th April 1889 The school committee elected last week by the householders of Wainui-o-mata consisted of Messrs. D. Dick, jun. (Chairman), J. E. Jackson (Secretary and Treasurer) J. Wood, R. Dick, W. Burdan, J. Chealtham, and J. Wakeham

31st August 1889 On Monday next Mr. Lee will commence his last inspection for the year of all the schools Under the control of the Board of Education. The Wainui-o-mata School will be taken first, and after the other suburban Schools have been visited Mr. Lee will go through the Wairarapa and Manawatu districts, and finish up with the scholastic establishments in the city.

4th September 1889 The annual inspection of the Wainui-o-mata School was made by Mr. Lee on Monday with the following results :— Preparatory class, 11 presented and all passed ; Standard 1., 5 presented and 4 passed ; Standard 11., 2 presented and 1 passed ; Standard 111., 6 presented and 3 passed; Standard IV., 6 presented and 5 passed; Standard V., none were presented; Standard VI., 1 was presented, but did not pass ; totals, 31 presented end 24 passed

1890-1892

1890	22	Wainuiomata	Burns	Andrew		Master	£35.00
1891	22	Wainuiomata	Burns	Andrew		Master	£85.00
1892	23	Wainuiomata	Burns	Andrew		Master	£145.00

Andrew Burns had a very successful career with the Wellington Education Board

1872/38508	Burns	Andrew	Nesbit	Jessie	Andrew
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1890- 1892 As a 17 or 18 year old taught Sole Charge at Wainuiomata

1893-1896 Hutt

1897-1905 Masterton as an assistant In 1905 he had earned a BA

1906-1913 Headmaster of Carterton School

1914 to at least 1917 Headmaster Hutt DHS and had earned a MA

15th January 1990 Head Teacher, Wainuiomata salary, £100 and residence

11th October 1890 The Board of Education have arranged to place the Rev. H. E. Tuckey in temporary charge of the Greytown School, which has been carried on since Mr. Bunting's death by the assistants. The Wainuiomata School, which Mr. Tuckey was to have taken charge of during Mr. McNeill's indisposition, is not to be reopened until the end of next week.

I Can find no appointment for Mr Burns and think he must have been seconded and then kept on at Wainuiomata

30th January 1890 2 teachers applied for position at Wainui-o- mata Salary £100

15th February 1890 Though he has been appointed to the charge of Wainui-o-mata School, Mr. Archibald McNeil will remain in his present temporary station at Tawa Flat until he is temporarily relieved.

13th August 1890 The Wainui-o-mata School is to be visited first. , Mr. Lee will be accompanied by Mr. T. R. Fleming, the newly-appointed Assistant Inspector of Schools, whose assistance will enable the work to be got through more expeditiously than in previous years

28th January 1891 Wellington Education Board The permanent appointment of Mr. W. Burns to Wainui-o-mata School was agreed to on condition that Mr. Burns receives his certificate

6th February 1891 Fourth Year pupil teacher passed N Burns Wainui-o-mata

22nd December 1891 The school year at Wainui-o-mata was closed in the usual manner last Friday. The treat tendered by the committee to the children was held in the playground and surrounding grounds. The forenoon was 'spent in races by the children, each one receiving a reward from the committee. The presentation of prizes was then proceeded with, Mr. J. Wakeham being in the chair •and the Rev. Mr. Watkin undertook the duty of giving the books away. Unlike most other schools, the prizes were not awarded for merit, but each child received one according to his or her position in the school the opinion of the people of the valley being strongly in favour of this plan Votes of thanks were passed the chairman to Mr. Watkin and to the master Mr Burns for his work during the year and the children ,at the master's request gave three cheers for the committee and it's chairman (Mr Wood) for their liberality.

25th December 1891 . The annual treat tendered to the children of the Wainui-o-mata School, on the occasion of the closing of the School for the summer holidays, was held In the adjoining grounds last Friday, The parents and friends assembled in great force in the forenoon, and spent the first two hours in watching the athletic sports indulged in by the children. Foot races were run until, by some means or other, each scholar had received a gift from the large stock purchased by the Committee. The next item on the programme was the lunch. This was provided by the ladies of the valley and was set in the schoolroom, which had been decorated for the occasion. The children, of course, were served first, and then the elders treated themselves. The room having been cleared, distribution of prizes began, before

the largest crowd ever seen in the building. Regarding the prizes, Mr J. Wakeham, the chairman, wished it to be understood that they should be called presents, since every child received one without respect of merit, and has also went on to speak about the thankfulness the children should feel towards the Committee for treating them so. The books were then presented by the Rev Mr Watkin after he had given the children a very interesting address, encouraging them to honest and useful living. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman, to Mr Watkin, and to the master (Mr Burns) for his work during the year, and the children at the teacher's request -gave three cheers for the Committee, and its chairman (Mr Wood). Several games were indulged in by all before the final break up

26th April 1892 School Committee The following committee was elected:— Messrs. W. J. McCutcheon, John Wakeham, Wm, Burdon, J. E. Jackson, and James J. "Wood. Mr. Wood was elected Chairman and Mr. Jackson Secretary and Treasurer.

21st June 1892 A very enjoyable concert was given in the Wainui-o-mata schoolroom last Friday evening in aid of the prize fund of the school. The settlers and their families turned out in full force, and there were also present an unusual number of visitors. Notwithstanding the absence of two of the local singers, a very fair programme was presented, and each item without exception was well received. Songs were given by Misses Prouse (Wellington) and Hollard (Petone), Mrs James Wood, and Messrs James Wood. J. Wakeham and John Wood; while Miss Wakeham. besides joining in a vocal duet, played the majority n! the accompaniments. One of the overtures was played by Miss Crowther, and Mr N. Willoughby varied the programme by a violin solo. Recitations were capitally rendered by Miss Lizzie McCutcheson and Mr A. N. Burns. But the item that was most enjoyed by both young and old was the concluding nigger farce, 'A Stupid Servant/ Mr John McIlvride, jnr., in his part, the black servant, scored a big success, and a prominent Wainui -o-mata resident acted the old bachelor equally well. After the concert was finished a large number of those present joined in the social games and dances that followed close on one another until midnight. The proceeds amounted to a substantial sum

26th October 1892 State School drawing examination Wainui-o-mata —D. S. Campbell, C. J. Scholes.

20th December 1892 The annual treat in connection with the closing of the Wainui-o-mata school for the summer holidays was held on Friday. Races for the children were got off, the result being that each child received a present. Luncheon was then provided in the school by the ladies, and after that the presentation of prizes was carried out by the Rev. T. N. Griffin. The first prizes were won by W. T. Dick (St. 6 and dux), A. McCutcheon (St. 5), B. Burdan (St. 4), and F. McCutcheon (St. 2). Attendance prizes were presented to Masters' G. Dick, J. Dick, B. Burdan, and M. Burdan. Every child received a school prize, but the value varied with the place in the class. W. T. Dick received a special prize for neatness. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Griffin, the ladies, Mr. Wood, Chairman of the School Committee. and Mr. A. N. Burns, the master.

1893-1895

1893	23	Wainuiomata	Feist	Adolf		Male	£145.00
1894	23	Wainuiomata	Feist	Adolf		Male	£145.00
1895	29	Wainuiomata	Feist	Adolf		Male	£145.00

1883-1890 Adolphus, Adolph Feist pupil teacher Fernridge [West of Masterton]
 1891 Adolph Assistant Master Fernridge
 1892 Adolf Assistant Master Clyde Quay
 1893-1895 Wainuiomata Sole Charge
 1896 Levin Adolph Relieving
 1897 Not teaching for Wellington Education Board
 1898 Adolph M Reikiorangi Master
 1899 – 1908 Adolph M Ohau Headmaster

27th January 1893 The board's carpenter was instructed to report as to the repairing of the Wainui-o-mata School ,

2nd March 1893 Among those who have passed the first section of the B.A. degree examination is Mr Andrew N. Barns, who is in charge of the Wainui-o-mata School. He has been attending the Wellington collegiate classes for the past two years.

3rd April 1893 Mr. Burn, of the Wainui-o-mata School, succeeds to the Hutt assistantship.

27th April 1893 School Committee he following were elected the school committee for the Wainui-o-mata district : Messrs Wakeham, Jackson, Burdan, Jas. Wood, R. Dick. Mr Dick was elected chairman and Mr Jackson secretary.

12th May 1893 ne of the most interesting events that has taken place at Wainui-o-mata for a long time come off on Wednesday evening week in the schoolhouse. The occasion was a farewell concert and presentation to Mr A. N. Burns, the teacher there for the past two years and a half, who was lately appointed first assistant at Lower Hutt. The chairman of the school committee, Mr R. Dick, presided. Quite an artistic concert was given by Mesdames Burdan and Wood, Misses Prouse, Wakeham, Mellvride and Wilson, and Messrs Wood and Willoughby. At the conclusion of the concert the chairman, on behalf of the residents of the valley generally, presented Mr Burns with a Rotherham silver hunting watch, suitably inscribed, as a token of the esteem in which he was held and his highly satisfactory conduct of the school. Mr Dick said that Mr Burns had not only raised the school to a high state of efficiency but had also endeared himself to the scholars and taken an interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the district. Mr J. Wakeham and Mr James Wood, the chairman of the late committee, also spoke favourably of the recipient's work. Mr Burns suitably acknowledged the gift and the compliments paid him. An hour's social amusement concluded the proceedings. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the school was crowded.

25th October 1893 First Grade drawing examination Wainui-o-mata 22 sat 11 passed which was an average pass from most of the schools

31st May 1895 Mr Lee to inspect Wainui-o-mata on 13th May

12th October 1895 1 child from Wainui-o-mata sitting Scholarship examination

1896-1900

1896	25	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara		Acting	£100.00	
1897	32	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E2	Female	£123.15	
1898	32	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E2	Female	£125.00	
1899	30	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£125.00	House
1900	32	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£125.00	House

Sara Letham started at Mt Cook Infant's in 1886. In 1887 to 1915 She was at Kaiwarra School. From 1896 to 1915 she was at Wainuiomata School then from at least 1917 to 1919 she was sole charge teacher at Tawa Flat School

Sara Letham died June 25th 1938 leaving £500 for the Red Cross

26th July 1938 The League of Unitarian Women and the little congregation of Liberal Christians, who meet at Charming Hall, Lambton Quay, have sustained a severe loss in the death of Miss Sarah Letham, lately passed away, states a correspondent. Miss Letham was a chapel trustee and a most loyal and devoted member, always attending services and meetings when health permitted. Holding her own faith firmly, she was yet in full sympathy with all Christian endeavour. She read Higher Thought literature widely and appreciated the work Christian Scientists are doing. She was modest and retiring in temperament, but never yielded a jot where principle was concerned. She was "honour and honesty" right through her nature, and to this she added a generous recognition of the good in others. For many years she taught in the public schools, where her influence was strongly felt. The congregation and league wish to express sincere sympathy with her relatives and friends.

25th March 1896 Wellington Education Board Three months' leave of absence was granted to Mr. A. Feist (Wainui-o-mata).

28th May 1896 Mr R. Lee, Inspector of Schools, will inspect the undermentioned schools as follows : —June 8th, Wainui-o-Mata; June 11th, Pencarrow Lighthouse.

4th June 1896 School Committee Wainui-o-mata — Messrs. J. J. Wood (Chairman), D. Dick, junior, C. Jansen, H. Pederson, and J. E. Jackson.

29th July 1896 Leave of absence was granted to Mr. W. Johnston (Masterton) and Mr. Feist (Wainui-o-mata) on account of ill-health.

25th February 1897 Wellington Education Board A letter was received from the Wainui-o-mata Committee recommending Miss Letham for the charge of the school. The Board agreed to the suggestion [Miss Letham must have been relieving in 1896]

21st December 1897 The annual picnic and distribution of prizes in connection with the Wainui-o-mata School took place on Saturday. Sports were held, prizes in the shape of toys being freely dealt out, and both the children and their parents sat down to a sumptuous meal. Addresses were given by the Chairman of the School Committee and by the Rev. J. H. Gray, who distributed the prizes. Several pounds must have been expended in books, many of them being large and costly. Every child received a book. The proceedings concluded with cheers for the mistress (Miss Letham) the Committee, the ladies of the district (who presided at the tables), and the Chairman.

6th April 1899 The tender of Mr S. H. Hall, Lower Hutt, of £50, for effecting repairs to the Wainuiomata School, was accepted.

27th April 1899 School Committee Messrs. J. E. Jackson (Chairman), Pedersen (Secretary), Jansen, Dick, and Wood.

27th April 1900 the School Committee for the Wainui-o-mata district for the ensuing year will consist of Messrs. J. E. Jackson (Chairman), H. Pedersen (Secretary), J. D. Wood, S. D. Thompson, and D. Dick, jun.

26th July 1900 Wellington Education Board was overpaying S Letham £8 in a long list of overpayments being made

30th August 1900 Wainui-o-mata School Committee was granted £10 for new offices, [Offices was the name used for toilets where you went to do your business]

1901-1905

1901	28	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£122.00	House
1902	26	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£128.00	House
1903	31	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£121.00	House
1904	33	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£136.00	House
1905	30	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£138.00	House

31st January 1901 Wellington Education Board Proposed teacher pay rises Wainui-o-mata S Letham New Salary £125 A rise of £8

21st March 1901. Final Proposal Wainuiomata — (roll 31), sole teacher, £130 (rise £5).

28th November 1901 Wellington Education Board Miss Letham, Wainui-o-mata School, was granted extended leave of absence till the end of February, without salary.

31st December 1901 The ceremony of unfurling the flag at the Upper Hutt school, before the adjournment for the holidays, was performed by Mr W. H. Field, M.H.R., who gave a brief address. Mr J. Golder, the chairman of the school committee, also spoke. There was a large attendance of the parents and friends of the children. A programme of sports was afterwards gone through at the railway recreation grounds, Upper Hutt. The flag was also unfurled at the Ghana school, by the youngest boy in the school; and in the evening prizes were distributed to the scholars of the Taita school, Mr Field being the chairman. Mr Field unfurled the flag on the following day at the Wainui-o-mata school, where prizes were also distributed.

28th May 1903 Wellington Education Board The Chairman was authorised to complete the school committees for the Hutt, Mitchelltown, Wainui-o-mata, and Ngaturi districts.

30th July 1903 Wellington Education Board Requests from Wainui-o-mata (a shed at the teacher's residence), Tokomaru (additional room), Masterton (improvements to grounds), Island Bay (grant in aid or chemistry and cookery), Clyde-quay painting), Featherston (stove for residence) were deferred for want of funds.

1905-1910

1906	34	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£ 144.00	House
1907	34	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	\$160.00	House
1908	36	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£160.00	House
1909	37	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£185.00	House
1909	37	Wainuiomata	Newton	Mary	E3	Assistant Female	£90.00	

Mary Newton Taught at Kaiwara School from 1887 to 1895 and then again for the Wellington Education Board 1909 to 1911 at Wainuiomata

25th April 1906 School Committee Wainui-o-mata. — Messrs. J. J. Wood (chairman), J. Burrow (secretary), H. Pedersen (treasurer), W. Gustafson, C. L. Jensen.

29th June 1906 Wellington Education Board It was decided, on the recommendation of the Works and Finance Committee, to repair the roofs of the Kaitoke and Tawa Flat schools and to instruct the clerk of works to report on the question of repairs to the old Carterton school

building and outbuildings and on an application for the erection of a new school at Wainui-o-mata.

25th October 1907 Wellington Education Board the following recommendations of the clerk of works were approved:—Painting and repairs at Mangaone, Hinemoa, Wharau, Wainui-o-mata,

28th February 1908 The new-school at Wainui-o-mata is to be formally opened on Saturday next, and members of the Education' Board have been invited to attend the opening' ceremonies.

3rd March 1908 'The; settlers' of • Wainui-o-Mata with their wives, and families turned out in great force on Saturday last.-'The .occasion was the annual school treat .and, reunion of farmers; with which was combined the ceremony of opening the new. school just erected. by the Education Board. ' The .old school had done. Service for over 40 years. Some of, the old .boys notably, Mr Wood, who .is now chairman of the School Committee and Mr Wakeham were present at Saturday's function and had many interesting tales to tell of the early days, when, the stockade .was. in 'existence and education was imparted by Mr. Willoughby under most exciting circumstances. The school just-erected will, it is hoped, serve the: district for •many years to come. It is. well-lighted and-ventilated, and is' furnished with , modern school-desks and conveniences.

The, opening, ceremony was performed by Mr. J. G. W Aitken,. M.P., who is a member of. The Education Board- Mr. Aitken congratulated the parents upon ;the healthy appearance of the children and, the: splendid work. achieved ,by the .school committee and teacher, (Miss Leatham). Mr,. A., H Vile, another member of "the Board presented .the prizes won by the children during 'the year, and, at his request, lusty -cheers were given for the school committee and .teacher; Cheers were afterwards given for Messrs. Aitken and Vile after which 'games of various' kinds, were indulged in. Refreshments in abundance were provided, and everything passed off without a- hitch. In the evening an enjoyable dance was held in the old school-house

13th February 1909 Miss Newton appointed assistant mistress

28th April 1909 The committee elected to supervise the working of Wainui-o-mata School for the coming year comprises Messrs; J. J. Wood (chairman), J. Burrow (secretary), C. L. Jensen, G. Burdin, H. Witcher, H. Drummond, and F. Prouse

10th December 1909 Wellington Education Board declined repairs to old school at Wainuiomata

1910-1915

1910	37	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£190.00	House
1910	37	Wainuiomata	Newton	Mary	E2	Assistant Female	£95.00	House
1911	27	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£195.00	House
1911	27	Wainuiomata	Newton	Mary	E2	Assistant Female	£100.00	House
1912	21	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Assistant Female	£200.00	House
1913	27	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Assistant Female	£205.00	
1914	29	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£210.00	
1915	30	Wainuiomata	Letham	Sara	E1	Female	£190.00	

26th April 1911 Wellington Education Board Wainui-o-mata Residence £410

3rd July 1911 Widespread regret is felt in the district at the approaching departure of Mr. J. Pilkington, headmaster of the Porirua School, who is retiring on superannuation. Mr. Pilkington was born at Bridgworth, Shropshire, England, in 1855, and came to Wellington, in 1874, Shortly afterwards he entered the service of the Wellington Education, Board as assistant at Thorndon School. Subsequently he was successively headmaster at Upper Tutaenui, Masterton, Wainui-o-mata, and Taueru, and since 1890 he has been headmaster at Porirua.....Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington leave ' this week to take up farming at Rangataua, near Ohakune.

1st November 1911 Tender Wellington Education Board Mr J G Lusty erection of residence Wainuiomata

1st May 1912 Miss M Newton Resigns

29th May 1912 Wellington Education Board The Board agreed to the disposal of the old residence at Wainui-o-mata

24th December 1912 The annual picnic of the Wainui-o-mata School was held on Mr. J. Burrows s property, and the children and their friends turned out in full force. Rewards tor diligence, with special prizes, for regular attendance, were distributed to the scholars. Mr. Cowles, a retired teacher, who has had temporary charge of the school for the past quarter, made the presentations. He stated he had been agreeably impressed by the up-to-date appearance of the new school and teachers residence, and the school garden. These were evidence of the interest displayed by the committee, the parents, and the. teachers in the welfare of the school. This enthusiasm also extended to the pupils. They had a keen interest in nature study and elementary agriculture, which he hoped would lead them to value country lite, with its health, freedom, and independence. Myrtle Schirnack Selena Gustafson gained Standard VI proficiency certificates, and John Wood a standard VI competency certificate.

5th February 1914 Wellington Education Board Calling for tender to paint the school 26th Tender let to J and E Battersby who also won the contract to paint the Kaitoke School

10th August 1914 Last week the death took place, in Palmerston North, of Mrs. Mowlem, widow of the late Captain Mowlem. She was 68 at her death and had been ill some time. Mr. Duncan Sinclair, of Palmerston, was her twin brother, and they were the first white children born at Wainui-o-mata.

11th September 1914 Ambulance Equipment Fund all state schools in New Zealand 14s 3d

11th December 1914 Belgian Children's relief fund Wainui-o-mata £5 5s 0d

1917-1923

1917	27	Wainuiomata	Oswin BA	Mabel E	B-60	Sole	£190.00	
1919	26	Wainuiomata	Oswin BA	Mabel E	B-60	Sole	£260.00	House
1921	29	Wainuiomata	Cheek	Eva		Reliever	£150.00	
1923	18	Wainuiomata	Kerr	Arthur H		Reliever	£175.00	

Miss Oswin started teaching at the Terrace School in 1895 until 1899.

1890-1891 There is a gap of 2 years presumably because Miss Oswin went to Training College

1902 to 1910 she was sole charge teacher at South Featherston school with a BA\

1911 to 1915 Mabel was at Makerua School in the Horowhenua before coming to Wainuiomata by 1917

By 1921 Miss Oswin was at Te Marua School as head Teacher]

Eva Cheek only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Wainuiomata

Arthur H Kerr taught at Akitio in 1911, Cross Creek in 1921 and Wainuiomata in 1923 to 29th March 1916 Wellington Education Board decided to sell the old school building at Wainuiomata

5th April 1916 Miss Oswin, who has been in charge of the Makerua School, has been appointed mistress of the' Wainui-o-mata School, near Wellington.

26th May 1916 School Committee Wainui-o-mata. — Messrs. S. D. Drummond (chairman), F. R. Jenkins (secretary), E. R. Wood, G. Burdan, F. G. Appleby, H. D. Drummond.

21st December 1920 There was a large gathering of .parents, and friends at the annual picnic of the Wainui-o-mata School last Saturday . A most enjoyable day was spent. During the afternoon the children had races and games. The elder girls held a small sale of work, providing funds for material for school games. Great credit was due to their efforts – The sum of a £6 was taken. The following gained certificates for proficiency at the recent examination :-Marjorie Wood, Edith Drummond, Edna August, Eileen Cook, for competency-Lionel Burdan. Every child received a prize, but special prizes were presented for English, and arithmetic Standard VI, Marjorie Wood, Eileen Cook Standard V.-'Elsie Burdan. Standard IV, Margaret. Thomson. Standard III. Iney McCormick Standard II. Frank McGlinchey. I, John Witcher . Sewing- Senior, . Edna .August junior, Mildred Witcher. Writing, boys only-Senior, Lawson August Junior Jack -Witcher., First-class attendance certificate—Marjorie Wood.