

Wainuioru Wainuiorau

The Wainuioru River is 11 kilometers or 7 miles west from Te Wharau towards Martinborough

All information is from Papers Past

It is quite clear that the official name of this school was Wainuiorau but locals/papers called it Wainuioru

16th February 1897 Inspector Robert Lee to visit Wainuioru School on the 30th

8th December 1898 Residents at Wainuioru are not a united family as regards matters educational, for I am informed that several of the settlers in the vicinity of Mr York's Contemplate taking steps to obtain a school in that neighbourhood instead of sending their children to the Wharau. Should this eventuate there is every probability of the Wharau School being a failure, as very few children will attend.

21st May 1895 The residents have appointed Mr. Joseph Guest, formerly of Wainuioru, to the charge- of the school, at a salary of .£50 a year, with board and lodging. *(Joseph Guest ended up teaching at Te Ore Ore and then the Chatham Islands see Te Ore Ore for his story)*

23rd December 1897 I notice that the Rev. Charles Murray, of Carterton, who recently made a tour of the Wainuioru and Coast District, has directed the attention of the Chairman of the Wellington Education Board to the want of schools here. The great difficulty is to place a school in such a central position as will serve a number of families, when homesteads are so scattered as in this district. Probably

one established near Mr York's would serve the greatest number of children. Settlers living too far to take advantage of a school at this point might probably receive some monetary assistance towards the cost of a teacher if application was made to the Board

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

28th August 1899 Mr Fleming, of the Education Board, has recently visited the Wharau in connection with the school, He was interviewed by Mr York, who pointed out the necessity of some provision being made for a school near Mr Barrer's residence, as the children from several families would attend. No matter where a school is established in the Wainuioru it is almost hopeless to expect children to attend until the roads are in a much better condition during the winter months,

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

6th October 1889 An Aided School has been established by the .Education Board at Mr York's, at Wainuioru, under the charge of Miss Richards. It is probable that this School will prove to be more beneficial to the settlers than the one at Wharau, as there will be a greater number of children attending it

23rd February 1900 T R Fleming inspector going to visit Wharau and Wainuioru Schools on the 6th March

1895		Wainuioru	Closed			
1899	4	Wainuioru	Richards	May M	Female	£16
1900		Wainuioru	Closed			
1901		Wainuioru	Closed			
1877/4420	Richards	May Maude	Martha	Charles Alfred		
1902/1450	May Maud	Richards	Donald McLaren	Douglas		

Only school May Richards taught in Wellington area

Fears are entertained for the safety of George Buck, a son of Mrs. Buck, of Taita. He was returning from Carterton on Sunday afternoon to Cooper's Station, Wainuioru, and has not been seen or heard of since. He is supposed to have been drowned in the Wainuioru River, as his horse was found with the saddle on near the river. There is no clue yet to the perpetrator of the robbery at the Railway Station on Saturday night. Masterton, This Dat. Mr. Buck's bridle has been picked up lower down the river, which has been in high flood for some days. Search is being made for the body. A further report is to the effect that the accident took place in the Wainuioru, on the road from Gladstone to Glenbrnrn