

**Wainuioru:** 1899, 8<sup>th</sup> December 1958-Present. Roll 75 in 2010.

This school was built on a new site and Combine Fernyhurst, Poroporo and Ngaumu Schools. Later on children from Ngahape attended. 19 Kilometres from Masterton on the Westmere Stronvar Road Corner.

Writing in Times New Roman indicates material from Log Books  
*Writing in Tempus Sans ITC is from items at National Archives Wellington*

*Readers who wish to follow the setup of Wainuioru School could read the Poroporo school history which covers the setup of the new school*



## 1955

13<sup>th</sup> December.

Poroporo Roll 51

Ngaumu Road 12

Ferneyhurst Road 14

It would be needed to have a departmental bus run to convey children from Ngaumu and Ferneyhurst

10<sup>th</sup> March 1956. Wellington Education Board approved amalgamation of the three schools

14<sup>th</sup> July 1959 Swimming pool at Wainuioru school approved  
3<sup>rd</sup> November Approved to move Poroporo School to Wainuioru School (*Estimated cost £1075*) to be used for arts and crafts  
8<sup>th</sup> December 1959 Dental Clinic approved  
12<sup>th</sup> July 1963 At present teacher driver lives in a rented house at Ruakiwi and motors to and from school 17.5 miles daily This combined with 72 miles of the bus route makes a very heavy day  
Application for a bus drivers house at the end of Ngaumu Road is approved.

## 1958

25<sup>th</sup> August 1958 Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department of Education

- a) The Board expects to open the new Wainuioru School involving Poroporo, Ngaumu Road and Fernyhurst on the 8<sup>th</sup> September
- b) Unfortunately however the builders have not finished and there will be some delay in opening this school
- c) Mr W (Bill) E Farland formerly of Central School was successful
- d) He will take up the Headmastership of Poroporo School as Mr H Cameron who has been under notice of transfer has accepted a position with the Wanganui Board
- e) Other positions Miss J Squires from Poroporo and Mr G Parekowhai from Ngaumu Road will relieve until a satisfactory transfer for him can be arranged We particularly want Mr Parekowhai to help in establishing the new school in view of his bus driving and other abilities

11<sup>th</sup> September 1958 Letter to Bill Farland from Wellington Education Board Our proposal to appoint you to Poroporo School until the new school was built is illegal according to the Department

However we are going to Second you from Masterton Central to Poroporo and will be paid your scale 111b salary plus an additional £70 per year

19<sup>th</sup> November Appointment of Mr W S Crozier as assistant master

Wainuioru School opened on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1958, See Poroporo for details.

8<sup>th</sup> December The move to consolidate the Poroporo, Ngaumu and Fernyhurst

- a) 25<sup>th</sup> February 1952 Meeting held at the Poroporo School. The meeting was held to discuss transport to the school Mr W Deavoll Secretary Wellington Education Board suggested that consolidation be considered.

- b) The Poroporo School Committee acting through Mr Berill secured option on a 6 acre site from Mr A O Beetham
- c) Efforts were made to have a schoolhouse started but little progress was made.
- d) 13<sup>th</sup> June 1954 Mr C Burling (Board Member) visited site and authorised drainage of site
- e) 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1954 Tile draining of site
- f) July 1956 Residence completed
- g) 25<sup>th</sup> September electric power joined (3 weeks later in other parts of Westmere and 6 months to Fernyhurst and Ngaumu)
- h) 13<sup>th</sup> May 1955 Mr L J H Wilton convened a meeting of householders of 3 schools interested. (Ngahape not interested because of distance)
- i) It was agreed to approach Minister of Education (R H Algie) for permission to consolidate
- j) 3 roomed school was placed on Building Programme for 1956-57 but later removed
- k) A deputation interviewed Hon R M Algie in June 1957 (Messrs F McKinstry, R E O'Hara, L J H Wilton and school building was authorised.
- l) Built by Randall and Palmer, Pahiatua on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1957

## 1959

2<sup>nd</sup> February Bill Farland Head Teacher.

W Stewart Crozier first permanent assistant teacher-driver commenced duties

Miss Jennifer Squires infant mistress.

Roll 87 45 Boys, 42 Girls

18<sup>th</sup> February Commissioners met 16<sup>th</sup> February Steel Filing cabinet purchased Polisher, motor mower, Gestetner duplicator installed.

Swimming instruction in town baths twice weekly using school bus  
Cricket team in intermediate grade.

April Mucosal disease in cattle outbreak. District in quarantine for three months affecting several planned activities. Opening day ceremony and reunion of old pupils.

May Visit by Gladstone school for rugby football, basketball

June School Milk deliveries commenced.

August School garden fenced

September Start made on baths

3<sup>rd</sup> October Official school opening ceremony. Decorated novelty events for pupils Physical Education display. Choir Items and Scottish Country Dancing Group, Address by Hon R H Algie. Minister of Education.

November Agriculture Day at school November 10<sup>th</sup> and Solway  
November 17<sup>th</sup>

Cricket and softball teams entered in town tournaments. Carroll Cup for achievement in sports accepted.

December Miss Squires resigned, School concert December 15<sup>th</sup>

Carroll Cup Frederick Morgan. Dux Cup Brian Duffy, Roy O'Hara  
Trophy (Handwriting) Ann McGillivray.

End of year roll 94

## 1960

Miss R Rountree in relieving assistant. Swimming baths in operation  
An excellent district effort led by Messrs J Cooke and E Bannister,  
Roll 84

16<sup>th</sup> February Official opening of Baths

20<sup>th</sup> February School colours declared. Green. Girls equipped with rompers (Green with red stripes. Boys White Shorts with red over green stripe.

House Leaders

Rimu, John Carrol, Joe Burrows

Rata, Thelma McKellar, Richardson Jenkinson

Kauri, Linda Wright Neill Glover

Kowhai, Ross Williams, Julie Edgeworth

School leader Ross Williams

25<sup>th</sup> February Cricket and softball teams in town competition

11<sup>th</sup> March Country School Sports 27 certificates won by pupils.

Swimming season closed with wonderful progress made.

15<sup>th</sup> March 1960 Miss Robin Claudia Rowntree, single at Present  
relieving at Wainuioru Permanent appointment

1<sup>st</sup> February 88% non swimmers. 11<sup>th</sup> March 83% swimmers from 5  
yards to 22 yards.

18<sup>th</sup> March Standard 1 and 2 visited radio station 2XB, Willowbank  
Dairy (*Bottled Milk Factory*) Fire Station and Railway Station.  
School bus used. Mr Crozier in charge

23<sup>rd</sup> March Standard 3 Form 11 visited Ngaumu State Forest Thanks  
to Mr Collins Forest Ranger.

31<sup>st</sup> March Children picked mushrooms and sold them on  
Wellington market clearing £12.00 for school funds

4<sup>th</sup> April Visit by Dr Falla (Dominion Museum) who spent two hours at school and in the evening addressed 100 adults and many children at the PTA general meeting

6<sup>th</sup> April Party of 10 saw Krammer Tennis Troupe (Lew Hoad, Frank Sedgemen, A Cooper, M Anderson) (*Australian Tennis Players start of professional tennis*)

23<sup>rd</sup> May PTA discussion evening with films on children learning to read.

11<sup>th</sup> June PTA Annual Dance.

11<sup>th</sup> August School Fancy Dress ball held.

18<sup>th</sup> August. Primary Schools music festivals. Choir sang Aoteoroa and performed E Papa a stick game.

## 1961

J B Simpson relieving HT Bill Farland absent on sick leave.

Opening roll 91

21<sup>st</sup> February School closed while staff attend a lecture by Dr Ardvison on the new spelling scheme held at Masterton Intermediate School

24<sup>th</sup> March I B Simpson retired.

17<sup>th</sup> April Biennial Election. R Collins Chairman, E M Bannister Secretary L Wilton, J Cooke, M Sykes, L Ritchie, D J Packnall. 33 present 11 nominated. Presentation of handsome engraved tray to retiring chairman IJ Cooke who had done so much for the school in the first three years.

Last year he magazine raised £32 which helped buy a tape recorder. And an emgee duplicating pad as well as Taranaki Frame and Horizontal bars.

29<sup>th</sup> May Indoor bowling tournament held in school.

26<sup>th</sup> May 1961. Letter from Bill Farland saying she has got Miss C Williams as relieving teacher. Has University Entranced Born February 1944 So about 17 years

7<sup>th</sup> June. School dental clinic opened for business. Miss C Willoughby Nurse in charge. Richard Farland first patient.

17<sup>th</sup> June Fence erected around house and Poroporo shelter shed shifted to site for schoolhouse. 25 men present

Relieving Staff

- a) Miss R Rountree resigned to spend a year in England (8<sup>th</sup> May 61)
- b) Miss Lynne Gilmour- Wilson (Uncertificated) 22/5 to 26/5
- c) Miss Cecil Williams (Uncertificated) 29/5 to 30/6
- d) Mrs G Kjestrup (Uncertificated) 4/7 to 14/7
- e) Miss Annette Williams (Uncertificated) 17/7

20<sup>th</sup> June Confirming appointment of uncertificated reliever

4<sup>th</sup> July 1961 Mrs G Kjestrup (Nee Selby) commenced duties on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1961

4<sup>th</sup> July 1961 Mrs D (Dot) Farland relieved for one day. Can she be paid something- over the years she has relieved on at least 5 occasions and is getting disgruntled that she never gets anything for it! (Uncertificated). Letter from Bill Farland

10<sup>th</sup> July Mr C Morgan resigned as caretaker Tae recorder to hand

19<sup>th</sup> July 1961 Miss Annette Williams (C Certificate) commenced at this school on 17<sup>th</sup> July

To the best of my knowledge Miss Williams is prepared to relieve at this school until May 1962 at which time Miss R Rountree will return and according to her present plans reapply for her previous position

**14<sup>th</sup> August Secondary School Bus proposals discussed by School Committee**

**5<sup>th</sup> September 40 children went to Wellington International trade fair  
Mr W S Crozier appointed to Katikati High School**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Farewell to Mr Crozier by PTA He had been at school for 8 terms during which he drove 31 000 miles. No relieving teacher available Head teacher taught Standard 1 to Form 11. 65 pupils. And drove bus 65 miles daily until Mr L Macdonald was seconded from Lansdowne School and started on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

**4<sup>th</sup> October On imitative of HRH Beetham Esq, His Excellency The Governor General, Viscount Lord Cobham and Lady Cobham paid a short visit to the school, His Excellency declared a holiday**

**24<sup>th</sup> October Wainuioru School was host for 7 neighbouring schools for a "Pageant of United Nations" Slides and Tape made for deposit in UN Headquarters Archives (New York)**

**15<sup>th</sup> November. Lamb Day Hugh Kjestrup wins Pyne Cup.**

**12<sup>th</sup> December. Tabloid sports day with 8 visiting schools including Tinui, Castlepoint Whareama**

## **1962**

**5<sup>th</sup> February Roll 89 School used by English Film Unit making a documentary on the NZ Meat Board.**

**10<sup>th</sup> March School swimmers at Greytown Carnival.**

1<sup>st</sup> May 1962 Inspector's report included

- a) W E Farland 33
- b) W S Crozier 37capable head teacher
- c) Miss C Williams Uncertificated 25
- d) It is pleasing to write the first report for this comparatively new school which has been established in one of the oldest established part of Wairarapa
- e) The school is working on sound progressive lines under the skilful guidance of a very capable head teacher The children are well behaved friendly courteous to visitors
- f) The School Committee and the parents are to be congratulated on the fine range of teaching aids that have bene provided in such a short time

12<sup>th</sup> September 1961 Vacancy Male Assistant Excellent accommodation for single man in State Forest or Fully furnished 2 bedroom modern house rent £2 per week for married man

Bus driving at present 56 miles per day

Relieving teacher could reside in Masterton and travel by bus free of charge daily

Could you please ask South Auckland Board if S Crozier can be retained if not for whole term then until Labour weekend

**23<sup>rd</sup> October Permission granted to Barnado Homes Representatives to speak to children 53 members**

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1961 Appointment of Charles Bayley as assistant, Married Teaching at Taitā Intermediate

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1961 Appointment of Jennifer Anne Campbell Single Presently at Masterton Central

18<sup>th</sup> December 1962 Appointment of Miss P T Rewiti

Single

Presently at Lynmore South Auckland

## 1963

5<sup>th</sup> February 85 children

8<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic held at Payton's Bush

11<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Royal Visit

12<sup>th</sup> February 1963 Letter from Bill Farland stating school closed for picnic

5<sup>th</sup> March 1963 Letter from Bill Farland to Wellington Education Board re Miss E Budden relieving teacher asking about

1 Boarding allowance

2. Travelling allowance. She lives opposite the school for 5 days per week but by the terms of her boarding arrangement she must travel to Pahiatua, her home town each weekend

Reply entitled to boarding allowance of £80 per annum

7<sup>th</sup> March Visit to Golden Shears

8<sup>th</sup> April 40 Children Standard 4 to Form 2 visited Wellington. Todd

Motors, Zoo, Museum, M V Southern Cross

4<sup>th</sup> June 1963 Inspectors report included

a) W E Farland 24

b) Mr C Bayley 34

c) Miss W G M Johnson 30 Infant Mistress

d) In spite of certain difficulties created through frequent staff changes the children have continued to make steady progress

11<sup>th</sup> June 60 pupils transported in 13 cars to Major Rural School Sports day. Rugby and Basketball (Netball)

18<sup>th</sup> June Visit by 2 health Department Discussion on NO Smoking.

4<sup>th</sup> July. Visit by Mr Hickey Wellington Education Board transport Officer who surveyed routes for Teacher Driver residence

17<sup>th</sup> July Gym Teams visit Masterton Intermediate School

26<sup>th</sup> July School entered 2 gymnastic teams in Wairarapa Championships

14<sup>th</sup> August Music Festival 30 Voice choir.

9<sup>th</sup> September. No infant Mistress. Mr Farland 9-11<sup>th</sup> September.

Miss Low took up duties as relieving I M on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

I B Simpson relieving 7<sup>th</sup> October-11<sup>th</sup> October

25<sup>th</sup> October. School float entered in Golden Games Parade. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £10 worth of sports goods.

12<sup>th</sup> December Miss H Holme appointed Infant Mistress 1964

25<sup>th</sup> September Bill going to a course at Lopdell House Auckland for a week but can't get a reliever

## 1964

Mr I B Simpson relieving. Miss H Holme took up duties

17<sup>th</sup> March F E Rout relieving teacher

25<sup>th</sup> May Mr M G Petrus relieving junior school

F E Rout acting head teacher. First Day roll 63

17<sup>th</sup> June Miss Holme is now down with the 'flu Standard 6 girls helping out in Junior Room

7<sup>th</sup> September Roll 81 H J Farr permanent Head Teacher and Glen Lean as assistant master. Mr Lean will be teacher driver

22<sup>nd</sup> October Standards athletic sports in Solway. Abandoned after morning programme due to weather.

9<sup>th</sup> November The epidemic of mumps and German Measles which has affected the school seems to have subsided.

16<sup>th</sup> November Nurse Brewer took up duties in the Dental Clinic.

## 1965

2<sup>nd</sup> February Roll 85 A change of school bus due to increased loading.

12<sup>th</sup> February School picnic at Larsen's paddock.

24<sup>th</sup> February Country school swimming sports 72 children gained 33 places.

6<sup>th</sup> September Roll 90

26<sup>th</sup> October Interschool Athletic Sports. We won the inter school relay

2<sup>nd</sup> November Part 1 of Pastoral day. Part 2 postponed until Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

a) 596 entries Tabled by 10.30

b) Almost 100% of parents attended in afternoon

5<sup>th</sup> November Part 2. Wey Again!! Held at Mr J Arcus's' property to have sheds ready if needed. Fortunately not. 32 children and 4 preschoolers Making 72 entries

## 1966

2<sup>nd</sup> February Roll 75

25<sup>th</sup> February Education Day. All schools closed for Teachers to attend a course.

11<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic at Greytown Domain

18<sup>th</sup> August School now has a crest and Motto Endeavour- Kia Kaha. Done by Mrs Seymour

As from Term 3 the Ngahape Children will be attending Wainuioru.

10<sup>th</sup> November 1966 Inspectors report included

a) Mr Farr Head Master 28

b) Mr Lean 29

c) Miss Holme 28

d) Roll 85

e) A stable staff under a competent well informed and progressive head teacher

f) In the senior section of the school sound programmes of work in action are being carefully geared to the varying ability level of the teacher

g) The proposed extension of the existing bus run to include the children of the Ngahape School is received with great concern as it failed to consider

a) The needs of the children

b) The strain on the teacher driver

c) The state of the roads in winter as well as summer

d) The long hours travelling in the morning and evening

e) The problems of an all male staff in a school where girls and young children are so far from home all day

- f) 19<sup>th</sup> December 1967 Miss Clare Wadham appointed and School Committee complain as she is not available to drive school bus. Wellington Education Board advise that bus driving is not a part of appointment procedure. Letter written by L R Ritchie School Committee Chairman

## 1967

1<sup>st</sup> February Miss Clare Wadham appointed as Infant Teacher

Miss Holme still attached as supernumery

10<sup>th</sup> March Miss Holme resigned

6<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> Head Teacher at Lopdell House Course (Auckland)

## 1969

25<sup>th</sup> October 1969 Letter from Mr Rawsthorn Secretary School Committee Advising of Mr Farr's resignation "seeking pastures new"

11<sup>th</sup> November 1969 Inspector's report included

- a) Mr H Farr Principal 21
- b) Mr G Lean 27
- c) Miss H Duthie 26
- d) Roll 74
- e) There is a commendable staff relationship which reflects in the well established teacher pupil relationship
- f) The head teacher is to be commended for his leadership and guidance and for his efforts on behalf of the children
- g) The buildings are well maintained

- h) The head teacher is ably supported by the School Committee which has shown in many ways that it has the interest of the school at heart
- i) March 1971 Mr J G Lean appointed to Totara Drive

## 1972

30<sup>th</sup> May 1972 Inspectors report Included

- a) Mr I A Robertson 26. (*Note I taught with Ian at Featherston in my first year's teaching. Ian was running the special class. Helen was also involved at Featherston*)
- b) Mr G N Stevenson 22
- c) Mrs H C Robertson 17
- d) This fortunate school has much to commend it and under the leadership of a progressive head teacher is most successfully providing for the educational needs of its pupils
- e) The classrooms though shabby inside are roomy, clean and liberally equipped while the immaculate grounds are attribute to the parents, committees and staff alike
- f) An ambitious programme of visits, visitors and a class journey to Christchurch will provide ideas and inspiration for much of the written language

## 1973

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1973 Note to Ian Hanna chief Inspector asking for an acting Principal as I Robertson has been appointed to Totara Drive as Principal. A A Rowe deputy principal from Central School appointed reliever



17<sup>th</sup> July 1975 inspectors report included

- a) Doris G Cochrane 18
- b) G Lloyd 23
- c) Mrs H Robertson 20
- d) Roll 61
- e) The 61 pupils of this school receive a quality primary education from its three dedicated staff members
- f) No effort is spared in raising reading standards, to interest children in books, provide mathematics programmes that are in accord with current approaches
- g) Regular staff meetings are held where objectives are clarified and defined and learning experiences evaluated thus ensuring constant revision and improvement of curriculum programmes
- h) A fine school scheme has been prepared by the principal and staff

## 1978

10<sup>th</sup> April 1978 Ian McIndoe Principal

30<sup>th</sup> October Letter from Wellington Education Board asking Re Pamela Mary McKay who is being paid as a clerical assistant but I see she is a teacher aide as well. These two positions are paid at completely different rates

12<sup>th</sup> September 1978 letter from Alison McIndoe I received my clerical wages but no teaching money. This is the second time this has happened Reply you were indeed paid on the 8<sup>th</sup> August and a long detailed explanation *Forms were always difficult to follow*

*Mrs McIndoe sent a nice let of apology- I would think a rare occasion*

## 1979

18<sup>th</sup> September 1979 School Report

Report Included

- a) Ian McIndoe Roll 19 Form 2 Standard 3
- b) Roberta Graham Standard 2-1, 22
- c) Denise McCaffrey New Entrants J2
- d) This school is running well
- e) The tone in the classroom and playground is pleasing children working and playing happily together in a pleasant secure environment
- f) Pupils have the opportunity to show initiative and responsibility
- g) They visited Forest Lakes camp and the Kapiti School Visit
- h) Good use is made of the National Library service
- i) Extensive use has been made of visits by all classrooms such as Fire Station, Radio Station, Bird Sanctuary and Masterton Hospital
- j) An active PTA has done much to foster home school relationships

## 1981

23<sup>rd</sup> February 1981 C A Webb principal, Mrs Christine Webb Clerical Assistant teacher aid

## 1982

29<sup>th</sup> March 1982 Mrs D T Manson and Miss Roberta Graham stayed at School and Chris A Webb attended Stop work meeting

28<sup>th</sup> October 1982 C A Webb writes

- a) We are a three teacher school but because of a dropping roll we have 1 teaching position at risk. Both Roberta Graham and D T Manson have permanent positions in Masterton
- b) I wish the one position to be advertised as junior room and the other being held open for the year to have a reliever appointed

Inspectors Report 18<sup>th</sup> August 1982

- a) Christopher Webb 18
- b) Roberta Graham 18
- c) Dianna Manson 13
- d) Total Roll 46
- e) This country school has developed into a happy and well ordered place of learning
- f) The working tone is very good
- g) The interesting and well set up classrooms reflect the quality of the programmes provided
- h) Team sports and athletics have been well catered for with regular interschool and also Saturday competitions
- i) Educational visits are well catered for the support of parents in providing transport and coaching of teams and proving gymnastics tuition is appreciated
- j) The willingness too of parents to provide transport in times of rising costs is a much appreciated contribution