

Wairere

Established 1897

Closed 1905



Wairere 1897-1905 37 Kilometres from Masterton through Bideford and Glendonald Roads

5th May 1897 The Wairere School Committee is Messrs J Rutherford (Chairman), James Wilton, W A Oliver and J Johnston PP

21 June 1897 Teacher, Wairere Aided School. Attendance, 11; salary, about 40 pounds, and board and residence.

30th June 1897 ... and also appointed teachers to the Carterton, Hutt, Mangatainoka, and Mikimiki. and Wairere (aided) School, subject to approval by the respective Committees.

16th March 1898 Head Teacher, Wairere Aided School salary, £40, and board and residence, with prospect of a fixed salary of £90

30th March 1898 Resignation of Miss Jessop accepted

7th April 1898 Miss Mary McGowan, of Timaru, has received the appointment to the charge of the Wairere School near Mauriceville, which will be opened on Wednesday next PP

28th April 1898 Miss Milner takes temporary charge of the Wairere School as recommended by the settlers (this School is an aided one at present) PP

2nd May 1898 ANNUAL EXAMINATION. The above school was examined the result being that .the seventeen children on the roll all passed.

Standard V,-Nellie Rutherford, Florence Dagg.

Standard IV.—Elliot Rutherford, Robert Dagg.

Standard 1,-Lucy Dagg, Willie Wilton, Olive Dagg, Alexander Rutherford, Wyville Rutherford, Rose Wilton, Ida Johnson, Fred Johnson Jessie Oliver.

1st April 1899 Wairere. Bounded on the south by the Bideford District, on the west by the Dreyer's Rock School District and the Wangaehu-road, on the north by Block 16, Mangaone, and on the east by the eastern boundaries of Blocks 4 and 8, Rangitumau.

24th April 1899 The school has passed a good examination and the Inspector's remarks on the State of the school was most satisfactory,

all the children passing their standards well. The following is the list of the names of those who passed .-

Standard VI; Florence S. Dagg, Kellie Rutherford;

Standard V: Elliot Rutherford, Robert Dagg;

Standard II: Willie Wilton, Wyyille Rutherford, Alex Rutherford, Fred Johnson, Lucy Dagg. Rose Wilton, Ida Johnson, Olive Dagg, Jessie Oliver; Standard I: Eva Dagg, Norman Johnson Preparatory Class Maggie Oliver, Florence Rutherford.

1st March 1900 Mary McGowan Wairere paid 30 pounds over scale Advertisement Wairere. — Attendance about 12; 40 pound salary, probably and board. Apply Mr. J. Rutherford, School

11th May 1900 Miss Olive Dorset, pupil-teacher at the Pahiatua 21st march 1901 School, has been appointed to the charge of the aided School at

30th January 1901 O Dorsett salary 52 pounds 10 shillings a rise of 12 pounds

30th March 1901 Wairere School. On the following day this school was examined, with good results, Standard VII.—Robert Dagg.

Standard V,—Lucy Dagg, Alex, Rutherford.

Standard IV.- Wyville Rutherford, Ida Johnson, Jessie Oliver, Olive Dagg.

Standard III .—Norman Johnson, Eva Dagg.

Standard 11.-Florence Rutherford, Maggie Oliver

27th Feb 1902 Wairere — Miss Hinemoa Bray, sole teacher, at £64 (to fill Miss Dorset's place) *Ex Hastwell School*

13th March 1902 The annual examination of the Wairere School was held on the 6th inst., by Mr T. B. Fleming, Inspector. All the pupils passed in their respective standards

Lucy Dagg in the Sixth Standard;

Olive Dagg, Wyville Rutherford, Jessie Oliver, Ida Johnson, in the Fifth;

Eva Dagg and Norman Johnson, in the Fourth

Maggie Oliver and Florence Rutherford, in the Third; and

Alic Johnson, in the First.

23rd February 1904 It is very much to the credit of our talented local teacher that the national scholarship awarded to small schools, was carried off by a pupil of the Wairere School, over which Miss Hinemoa Frances Bray so ably and successfully presides.

18th March 1904 All school picnics must be considered much of a muchness, and the details of one may well serve as the description of another, but, gentle reader, if it had been your good fortune to witness the scene presented in the Ihuraua Valley, on Tuesday last, the conviction would have been forced upon you that on this occasion nature and art had combined to make this picnic a memorable one, from many points of view—not only from the added numbers to prior occasions of those who foregathered for this purpose, but to the length and varied nature of the programme set forth for the day's entertainment.

The weather was perfect, and as the sun rose to its meridian height and became somewhat warm, its rays were tempered by some passing fleecy clouds as if the heavens were in full sympathy with our festive day. The spot chosen is an ideal one, being strictly rural, and in the greenest of pastures, with the charm of a piece of beautiful native bush in close proximity, within whose shaded precincts, the hospitable board was spread, with a lavishness suited to the capacity of forty dozen Aldermen. Fortunately no such visitors were expected, so the tables were lined with scores of bright and happy children, who discussed the things thereon, with a zest, that did honour to their upbringing or their rustic constitutions. The proceedings terminated

by the distribution of prizes for meritorious school attendance and successful competition in the day's sports.

The Chairman (Mr J. C. Cooper) in a lengthy and able speech, referred to many points of interest in regard to the local school, and to education generally, and hoped to see in time the Education Act so extended, that experts would go round and lecture in the remoter part of country districts, upon agricultural subjects, chemistry, etc., and thus supplement the knowledge obtained at small schools. He also considered it might induce a taste for reading and study, if facilities of this kind were placed before young men, who, having left school at an early age, were naturally under great disabilities, if desirous of pursuing their studies, from the lack of information, or books, so liberally supplied in the larger centres or townships. A feature of the day was the number and costliness of the prizes distributed, reflecting, as the Chairman observed, the highest credit on parents and subscribers generally—for it was a proof of the interest they took in educational matters. Three hearty cheers were then given for the teacher, Miss Graham, for her zeal in school work and her great exertions towards the successful results of the day's entertainment.

The prizes at the Wairere school were distributed on Monday, but, as the day was wet, it passed off quietly, Mr H. Dagg giving a short address and complimenting the recipients. Prizes were awarded as follows Alexander Rutherford, best pass in Standard VII. Eveline Dagg, best pass in Standard VI. Margaret Oliver and Florence Rutherford, equally successful in Standard V.; Elizabeth Dagg, best pass in Standard II. Edith Oliver and Thirza Oliver, strong passes in Infants. Sewing Prizes –Olive Dagg, best in Standards VI. and VII. Margaret Oliver, best in Standard V.; Elizabeth Dagg, best in Standard II.; Edith Oliver, best in Infants. Elizabeth Dagg receives a special prize for sewing, being the best work in the school, according to age. Prizes for diligence and conduct were awarded to Wynette Rutherford and Gessil Oliver.

23rd September 1904 There will be a concert in Mr Jno. Dagg's woolshed on Friday evening, given by the children of the Wairere School under the management of their gifted teacher, Miss Hinemoa F. Bray

25th September 1904 There was a despondent look about the physiognomies of the Ihuraua folks throughout last week, for there was to be a school concert on Friday evening, and the weather seemed .determined to intervene and mar their pleasure. But a clear blue sky and moonlight came at the last moment, and so encouraged some fifty equestrians to Mr Jno. Dagg's woolshed to witness a lengthy programme of songs and recitations given by the children of the Wairere School. There were no fewer than twenty-one items, which were successfully gone through and much appreciated by the audience—if their repeated cheering and calls for encores may be taken as an indication of their feelings. We are unwilling to particularise when all did so well, but as two prizes had been forwarded for singing and reciting by Messrs McLeod and Young, of The Academy, Masterton, it was necessary to elicit the opinion of the audience as to who were the stars of the evening. This was declared by a show of hands to be in favour of Margaret Oliver for singing and to Amy Oliver for recitation. Both were well-deserved compliments, the former having a voice of great promise and well worthy of special cultivation. One person present remarked he had never heard a purer voice off the stage. There was no lack of the requirements which go towards making a pleasant gathering, so with music, dancing and refreshments the festive time went merrily on till three o'clock in the morning. Mr H. Dagg, as one of the School Committee, presided. The proceedings terminated with three cheers for the juvenile performers, and one hearty one for their popular and able teacher, Miss Hinemoa F. Bray, whose careful training and management had so largely contributed to the success and pleasure of the evening. The Rev. Vincent Kitcat held divine service in the Ihuraua schoolhouse on Thursday evening. There was a fair attendance, notwithstanding most

inpropitious weather. The following morning Communion Service was celebrated at Wairere, and, on the return journey, through the Ihuraua Valley, four subjects for baptism were presented.

4th April 1905 On Tuesday, the 11th inst., we are promised a social and dance in Ihuraua Valley, to be held in Mr John Dagg's woolshed, for the laudable purpose—amongst others —of raising funds for school prizes, besides the usual commemoration of the annual examination of the Wairere School

13th April 1905 The Wairere School Social, which came on Tuesday evening, was a record one, in regard to numbers in the attendance — the four corners of the earth, seemingly, with reasonable limitations, having contributed towards the enthusiastic assemblage. The attractions were varied, not the least being to do honour to the departure of one gifted school teacher—Miss Hinemoa F. Bray who is taking up a more lucrative appointment under the Education Board, at Ohariu, near Wellington. In the absence of the Chairman, from ill-health, Mr J. C. Cooper made a eulogistic reference to our popular teacher, who, before the close of the evening, was presented by the pupils of the school with a handsome gold brooch. Also a silver-mounted biscuit barrel, by the children of the Ihuraua Sunday School, in grateful appreciation of her unselfish devotion to their welfare, for it often necessitated long journeys, under all conditions of weather, over roads which could have been better. Refreshments in unlimited quantities were, of course, to the fore- the word "stint" having no place in any Ihuraua programme. Music, recitations and dancing, and the meeting of distant neighbours, conduced to a very pleasant evening- more especially as these re-unions in country districts have the advantage of bringing together old friends and acquaintances long separated by time and distance, whose recollections of one another might otherwise fade, but for lack of a hearty shake of the hand and a good gossip anent the old time. I omitted to say that in making the presentation on behalf of the

Sunday School, the audience were very favourably impressed, with the modest but very appropriate speech, made by Miss Lena Petersen, whose manner of delivery was all that could be desired. I may further add that it is the intention of the Wairere School Committee, later on, to express their appreciation of their departing teacher's many excellent qualities, who, for three years, has ably and satisfactorily conducted the management of this school

26th April 1905 The- distribution of prizes to the children of the Wairere school came off, on Thursday last, at a social given in honour of our departing teacher (Miss H. F. Bray), to whom a presentation was made on behalf of the parents, as a proof of their appreciation of her zealous work, whilst in charge of their olive branches.

6th August 1905 Wairere — Solo Teacher, £54 and £10 h.a. (Housing Allowance)

1st Sept 1905 The resignations of Miss Olive Dorset (Carterton) and Mr. R. S. Gilmour (Wairere) were accepted

21st August 1905 Wairere— Solo Teacher, £54 and £10 h.a.

5th February 1906 Wairere— Solo Teacher, £54, and £10 house allowance

19th July 1923 Unused schools at Tahuahua and, Wairere were removed and re-erected at Mirza (Marlborough and Ngaumu respectively)

Building 1895 272 square feet. School Closed 1905

1922 Building transferred to crown untouched, The site transferred on March 26th 1956

Building transferred 1922 untouched

Year	Roll		Teacher				
1897	12	Wairere	Jessup	Alice	Female	£45	\$8,028
1898	16	Wairere	McGowan	Mary	Female	£80	\$13,704
1899	13	Wairere	McGowan	Mary	Female	£80	\$14,195
1900	13	Wairere	Dorset	Olive M	Female	£45	\$7,824
1901	11	Wairere	Dorset	Olive M	Female	£60	\$10,129
1902	11	Wairere	Bray	Hinemoa F M	Female	£64	\$10,552
1903	11	Wairere	Bray	Hinemoa F M	Female	£64	\$10,604
1904	9	Wairere	Bray	Hinemoa F M	Female	£64	\$10,598
1905	9	Wairere	Gilmour	Richard S	Master	£54	\$8,540
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