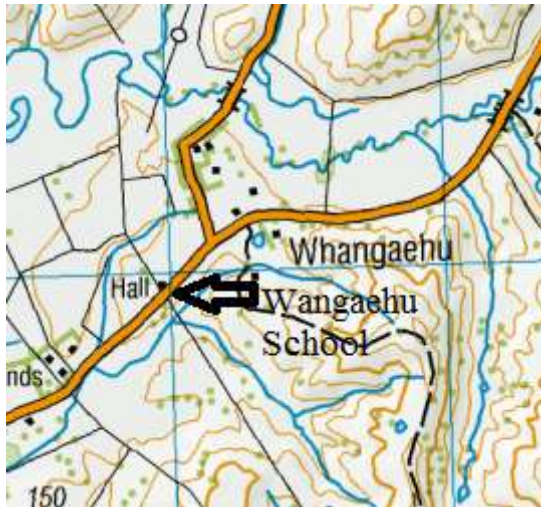


Wangaehu

Wangaehu 1884-1915. 1923-1939 One of the earliest schools in the Wairarapa, its roll never seemed to grow beyond a sole charge. In 1915 it closed down because of low numbers but then was restarted in 1923 to close in 1939. 11 Kilometres from Masterton on Te Ore Ore Bideford Road near turnoff to Bideford



PP indicates Papers Past Website. Though Paper Past items are not identified until 1925 as all copy till then comes from this source
Writing in Times New Roman indicates material from Log Books
Writing in blue Times New Roman indicates material from School Committee minutes

Writing in Italics are comments from the compiler: Robin Carlyon

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1883

31st January 1883 Recommended Building Wangaehu new school £200 PP PP

28th February 1883 A site for a school at Wangaehu was offered to the board and Mr Beetham promised to proceed to the locality and inspect the site at the end of the week PP

29th March 1883 As soon as the deeds for the school site at Wangaehu are in the hands of the Secretary, tenders will be called for the erection of the building. PP

27th June 1883 relative to the abolition of home studies for children attending country 3ohools. In reply to Mr, Beetham the Secretary stated that a site for a school at Wangaehu had not yet been vested in the Board, but as soon as it was tenders for the erection of a suitable building would be invited.PP

26th July 1883 The Board approved of plans for a schoolhouse at Wangaehu and resolved to advertise for tenders for the work PP

14th August Tenders for Wangaehu School called for. Plans at Wairarapa Times Age Office PP

12th September 1883 Wangaehu School Williams and Barker £243 PP

1884

10th January 1884 School Committee elections included Wangaehu PP

10th January 1884 Teacher WANGAEHU Salary £100 to £140 according to classification PP

31st January 1884 Wangaehu Miss McKenzie appointed PP

26th February School opened with only 18 children. Miss Christina McKenzie

17th March Mr Lee examined the school The following are the passes Standard 1 Anne and Williamena James and Mary Julia McMullen. Standard 2 Mary H James

29th March 1884 Inspectors report Wangaehu School (Miss McKenzie, mistress).—Number on books, 21; percentage of passes, 100. General management fairly satisfactory; working condition. fairly ,satisfactory; teaching, staff apparently competent for so small a school, (Alluding to this school, the Inspector states that only three children have been to school before this opened three weeks ago,) PP

1st April Received Geographical and Historical Readers.

19th May. Began to teach European mountains.

28th May 1884 The Wangaehu Committee applied for £30 for fencing refused PP

30th July Several children absent with bad eyes.

6th August Chairman took school clock to watchmaker.

11th August J McMullen broke the porch window

21st August. Saw chairman today not been able to get clock back yet.

26th August. Richard Lee inspector. Included the following comments

- a) Paid a surprise visit today
- b) Found the school in satisfactory working order
- c) 18/20 children present
- d) The school is finely appointed, good order maintained, and the work is active and well sustained.
- e) The weather is fine and warm so no fire has been lighted.
- f) I have taken the classes in some subjects and examined the school registers.
- g) The school ground should be fenced, as soon as the Committee has funds.
- h) Some of the children travel on very bad roads; but they appear to attend very well considering the roads are in such a state

27th August School clock was returned today

4th September Was unable to come yesterday on account of flood in the Wangaehu

12th September Began to teach 2nd class Long Division this week

26th September Some friends visited the school today.

17th October My sister visited the school today.

30th October Half holiday to allow children to attend the funeral of the late Mr J McKenzie of Woodlands

1885

6th February Very sultry day

13th March Mr and Mrs Goodin visited the school

18th March. Had sewing this afternoon instead of the usual lessons.

2nd April Mr Lee visited the following were the passes.

Standard 1 John James, James McMullen, Terence McMullen, Johan James, Elizabeth Harlan McKenzie

Standard 2 David McKay, Neil McKay, Alexander McKay, Williamena James. Edith James, Jane McKay, Mary Julia McMullan

Standard 3 Mary Helen James, Anne James, Anne McKay

9th April Holiday for school picnic.

20th April Began to teach science to 3rd and 4th classes today.

29th April 1885 Miss McKenzie of the Wangaehu School wrote asking for a bonus for results in addition to her salary of £100 per year. Refused PP

29th April 1885 It was decided to call for tenders for fencing Wangaehu School PP

4th May Holiday tomorrow to attend my sister's wedding

10th June Held monthly examination. Find History and spelling the weakest subjects

22nd June Showed Standard 4 how to work Bills of parcels

23rd June Began to teach compound multiplication to Standard 3

20th July Reassembled today Attendance small. Roads very bad.

4th August Was unable to open school yesterday on account of bad weather. The roads and playground are in a very dirty state.

17th August Three children entered school today Two in 5th Standard thus making another class in the school

20th August The children broke a pane in the porch window.

2nd September Report by Mr Robert Lee

a) The day is fine and mild

b) The school has increased to 25 in the books. There were 22 present today

c) The entries in this book need not be made on attendance or state of the weather. Except in extreme cases.

d) The Time Table posted up is not in use.

e) The copy books are well written and the reading is expressive

f) Drawing is not taught. As it is a compulsory subject in the next exam the teaching of this subject should be begun

g) There is much talking in class and I notice the movement of the bigger boys are noisy

h) The floor of the classroom does not appear to have been washed for some time

i) One of the window blinds is off the roller

j) The porch appears to be roughly used.

k) The ground is still unfenced.

l) The walls of the classroom look rather bare.

m) A few pictures are much needed.

n) I think Miss McKenzie might be rather more exacting in some matter of order and discipline.

1886

4th February Was obliged to Flog James McMullen and Michael Brodie for using obscene language. Ordered other children not to speak to them for a week. Terence and Thomas McMullen were also using similar language, but did not punish them so severely, partly in consideration of their ages and partly on account of it being their first offence of the kind

10th February School closed to allow me to attend Miss Shaw's wedding.

28th April Mr Lee examined the school today. 94% of the children presented in the standard's passed. One boy failed in Standard 3, one was excepted in standard 2 and one in Standard 5

Mr Lee gave us a holiday tomorrow, the chairman gave us Friday as it seemed useless to return for one day in the week immediately after an examination

8th May Prizes were distributed today by Mr Fulton. The child who passed best in each class obtained 1st prize in the class and a second was given in most classes for highest daily marks. One prize won by Anne James was given for the best sewing in the school. One was given for the best sewing in each class.

26th May Five children have left during the winter on account of the bad roads

July 1886 WANGAEHU SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

Mr Lee visited the above school on Wednesday, April 28th, for the purpose of examination. There were 29 children present out of 30 on the roll. Mr Lee expressed himself pleased with the work done. Percentage of passes 1st on No. on books 57, 2nd on No. presented 94. Percentage of failures 6. The following is a list of the successful candidates in the several standards

Standard I, Michael Brodie, Michael McMullen, Elizabeth M. Clark, Margaret Brodie, Margaret McKay, Margaret McMullen.

Standard 2.—John M. James, John Jackson, Terrence McMullen, Johan James, Mary Livingstone, Elizabeth H, McKenzie,

Standard 3.—Jane McKay, Williamena James, Edith James.

Standard 4, Mary Helen James, Annie James, PP

7th September Holiday yesterday to all to attend New South Wales v Wairarapa and the Masterton Costume football match

8th September Held monthly examination yesterday. Most of the work fairly well done One Standard 5 candidate did bad work in History and Geography the other shewed (sic) a bad dictation paper

29th September 1886 The Wangaehu Committee applied for a vote for carrying out some fencing. The Board resolved to ask the school to call for tenders PP

26th November School closed yesterday as nearly all the children wished to attend the Masterton Show

1887

30th March 1887 The sum of £10 was voted for fencing at Wangaehu PP

1st April Mr Lee came Most of the children did well

12th April 1887 SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

The Inspector, Mr Lee, visited .the Wangaehu school on Friday April 1 to hold his fourth annual examination. He expressed himself pleased with the work done. Special praise was given for reading, recitation, and arithmetic, full marks were obtained for sewing. The following is the list of classes with the names of the successful candidates.

Standard I—Presented 3, passed Henry James, .John McKenzie and James McKenzie, Standard; 11, Presented 4 '(but two were excepted on account .of non attendance, -Passed Margaret McKay and-Margaret McMullen)'

Standard III-Presented 7, Passed Johan James, Mary Livingstone, John Jackson, John James, Terence McMullen and Alexander .McKay,

Standard IV passed Edith James, Jane McKay. PP

15th April 25 children present

19th April Rev D Fulton distributed the prizes to the successful candidates this afternoon About 20 visitors were present The ladies praised the sewing

23rd May One boy and four girls have left school during winter month as the road is in such a bad state.

30th June 1887 Wangaehu £5 for a shelter shed' PP

17th June Closed school today for the Jubilee and mid winter holidays

9th September A playshed has been built during the quarter and I find it a great benefit in cold weather

12th October Was unable to come to school yesterday as the river was flooded and it was raining hard.

1888

24th January 17 children present

11th April It has been very windy here lately, and I find a difficulty in teaching as the ventilator in the centre of the school makes such a noise and I have almost to shout to make children hear.

16th April Mr Lee examined the children There were 23 children present 16 in the Standard's passed and three of them attended very irregularly. Mr Lee complained that the writing was weak.

25th April 1888

WANGAEHU SCHOOL. Mr Lee examined the Wangaehu School on Thursday last, April 12th. He told the children that he was on the whole very pleased with the work done, The reading, he said, was particularly good, and the arithmetic was also very satisfactory,

He concluded by stating that he hoped the children would attend better in future. All presented for examination passed, with the exception of one boy in Standard 11, who was absent. The following is the list of the successful candidates

Standard I.—Jessie James, Helen Jackson, and Elizabeth McKay.

Standard II.—Henry James, John McKenzie, James McKenzie, and Margaret Brodie.

Standard III—Margaret McMullen, Margaret McKay, and Elizabeth Helen McKenzie.

Standard IV. —John James, John Jackson, Terence McMullen, Johan James, Williamena Ross James

Standard V- Edith Jane James, and Jane McKay, PP

25th June Holiday given last Friday inst. to allow the children to attend the Wesleyan Exhibition in Masterton

26th September Holiday to allow me to attend my brother's wedding

10th October 28 children present

1st November Holiday for Carterton Show

23rd November Raining heavily. None present at 11.30 am so shall return home. Had a holiday yesterday for the Masterton show

1889

28th January Reopened School 22 children present

14th February Commenced to teach 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Standards Scale Drawing

20th February Obtained 13 set squares for use in drawing

4th March Received two dozen rulers for scale drawing. Was unable to obtain them before

29th March Mr Lee examined the school All passed but two and one excepted because she had not having made her right number of attendances Mr Lee said he was very pleased with the results

8th April The school picnic was held last Thursday The prizes were distributed to the successful candidates,

Obtained all the class books necessary so got fairly set to work today. The children appear to be trying hard since the examination and require but little effort on my part to make them understand their work.

24th April The following is Mr Lees Report

Marks for class subjects

History 75

Geography 75

Elementary Science and object lessons 60

Total 210 Percentage 70

Additional Subjects

Repitition and recitation 20

Drill and exercises 10

Singing –

Needlework 12

Subject matter of reading lessons 15

Extra Drawing 10 Total 67

Arithmetic is a strong subject in the school The teaching is sound and intelligent. Very good Standard 6 candidate

17th September Raining so heavily yesterday that I could not come.

4th October 1889 First Grade Geometry Drawing (*National Examination*) J James, E J James, J M James, J Jackson, M McKay, E McKenzie, James McKenzie. John McKenzie PP

28th October Received one set of wire models

6th November Masterton Show

21st November Holiday yesterday for the Wellington Show

1890

30th January 1890 (*Ditton*) It was decided to constitute an aided school at Wangaehu Valley PP

3rd February 26 children present

4th February Only 12 children present this morning and 14 this afternoon. Some absent because it is wet and others because it looks wet

11th February Only 13 children present It was rather wet this morning and some children have a long way to come. One family has about 5 miles and another has 4 miles to come.

19th February The heat this afternoon was excessive. It was almost impossible to work.

24th February It is cold today. The lightning last night and on Saturday night looked grand. It appeared at times as if someone at a distance was firing rockets Papers were prepared for the examination this afternoon.

Standard's two and three have worked through all Mr Lee's examination questions in arithmetic. Lately the 2nd standard have averaged four sums right out of 5 set. And on some occasions the paper was cleared. Standard 3 has averaged three right for a long time. But only one has cleared the paper. He nearly all does so, but it is not to be wondered at as he failed in Standard 3 last year.

Standard 7, 2 presented 1 failed

6, 3, 1 passed

5 2, 1

4 2, 2

3 6, 6

2 2, 2

1 3 presented, 1 excepted, 3 passed

Primers 8, 0

Standard	No	Passed	Excepted
7	2	1	
6	3	1	
5	2	1	
4	2	2	
3	6	6	
2	2	2	
1	3	3	1
Primers	8		

25th March 1890 (*Ditton*) The settlers of Wangaehu are urging the Education Board to grant them an "aided school" under section. VIII of the Board's regulations, In a letter received yesterday morning on the subject from Mr Manley, who is writing on behalf of the settlers, a list of settlers and the number of their children is given, the distances they live from the nearest school ranging from 3j. to 5 miles,. .The matter is urged because the settlers 'mentioned are living on their own property, and have a good number of children amongst them, They ask to be informed when the matter can be put in hand, as the carting of timber, etc., can only be done there in the next two months, owing to the roads getting so bad during the wet

weather; also, if they can appoint their own teachers, subsequent to the Board's approval, as they know of a person who they consider to be admirably suitable for the Nothing will be done in the matter until the Board's usual meeting, **PP**

26th March 1890 (*Ditton*) The Board decided to open a school at Wangaehu and ask the settlers to submit the name of a teacher. (*This school is the Ditton school which was opened in 1890,) PP*

2nd April 1890 A picnic and distribution of prizes in connection with the Wangaehu public school takes place to-day. The prizes are to be distributed about 2 p.m. The ceremonies will conclude with a dance, to be held in the school to night **PP**

1st May 1890 The following new School .Committee for Wangaehu was appointed on Monday evening- F Shaw, G McKay, H Falloon (Treasurer), H Jones, John McKay, John Jackson, D McKenzie (Chairman) **PP**

1st May 1890 (*Ditton*) An offer of a site for an aided school at Wangaehu was accepted, and £20 was voted towards the cost of a building. Miss Gleeson was appointed to the charge of the school. **PP**

24th May 1890 (*Ditton*) A meeting of settlers at the Upper Wangaehu was hold on the evening of the 23rd inst. at which it was decided to instruct Mr Daniells to proceed with the erection of a school at once, the Education Board having granted £20 towards that purpose. A subscription list was opened and further subscriptions are solicited, **PP**

4th July Closed school at 3.30 pm for midwinter holiday

28th July Reopened with 11. Three in one family are laid up with "La Grippe" I had one week extra through an illness of mother's

7th August Closed school for half a day yesterday in order to see my late Uncle Andrew before his funeral left home at Carterton

3rd September Examination held in drawing today. 7 candidates presented in freehand, 2 in geometry, 6 in scale

12th September Had a holiday yesterday so as to attend my brother's wedding.

7th October received a visit from Miss Hickson (Teacher at Ditton) today. Gave her what information I could.

29th October Holiday for Masterton Show

31st Holiday for the Carterton Show as not many children were coming to school Not more than 13 would have attended.

4th November Began to teach Standards 5 and 6 Compound Interest Today

1891

25th January Opened school with only eighteen pupils

30th January 26 have been present each day

12th March Had an a hour and half off to attend the wedding of one of my ex pupils

2nd April Resumed work this morning Have been unable to procure new books so am working at a disadvantage at present. (Children had been promoted by Mr Fleming before the holiday,

27th April Received examination report. All listed. The two candidates who presented in Standard 7 were a little weak in Arithmetic and Grammar but with this exception the standard work was excellent

1st July Have obtained a holiday from 11.30 today so as to be present at Miss Shaw's Wedding

20th July Lois M Feist Teacher. 20/22 on the register Was very much pleased with the whole behaviour of the whole school. The chairman handed me a list of saleable books etc. which I found in the cupboard.

24th July The children have attended well. Behaviour and work very good. Gave boys an hour this afternoon to tidy ground and carry wood.

31st July Weather very wet and cold. Several children complaining of their bags having been taken on of the lobby by rabbit dogs. Had to keep the outside door shut.

7th August Note received from inspectors offering to aid in collecting library books

14th August Board's new offices to be opened today. The holiday granted by the Board has been postponed to give me the opportunity of attending my sister's wedding later.

20th August Surprise visit of T R Fleming Inspector.

- a) The classes were working fairly well
- b) Miss Feist might be a little more energetic and if she wishes to do well she must attend to her discipline.
- c) 20/22 present
- d) The Kindergarten material has not yet arrived
- e) In the playground (near the tank) there is a large hole full of water, which makes the place very wet and muddy.
- f) If the School Committee can attend to this it might be filled up as soon as possible.

28th August Gave boys time to tidy playground

3rd September Drawing exam held here yesterday, the chairman supervising. 9 worked scale papers, 5 freehand and 4 Geometry

10th September Obtained half holiday on the 8th and whole day on the 9th for purpose of attending my sister's wedding in Wellington I was taken by surprise by My Brother on 8th at 12.00. Having obtained previous permission I closed school

11th September Have not yet received the kindergarten material which was ordered to be sent on the 4th August from Wellington Education Board I have called over and over at the Post Office.

15th September Ellen and Annie Torrey have come back to school after an absence of 4 months. They live a distance of 5 miles away

18th September Received on 16th parcel of kindergarten material, also plane drawing models. Mr McKenzie has reseated the chair

23rd September Attendance good. Earthquake at 2.30 seemed to startle children. Began the kindergarten lessons

1st October Attending to parents' wishes gave up "Home Exercises"

13th October The sudden death of Mr Shaw in the train has cast a gloom over the whole district

23rd October Heavy thunder storms this week. Boys have ben kept away to work with sheep.

4th November I caned John McKenzie today for rudeness and bad behaviour. I gave him two cuts. This is the first caning I have given.

6th November I am closing school an hour early today to enable me to catch the train

30th November Received science apparatus today

4th December Bad attendance this week through boys being kept for shearing

7th December Ten absent today mostly through "La Grippe"

11th December James McKenzie passed in freehand drawing, Johan James in Scale

15th December I am paying special attention to grammar as it was weak subject last year

1892

25th January Opened school 19/27 attended. It is a miserably wet day Applying to School Committee for a table

A severe thunder storm occurred last evening. The room was too dark for the children to work I kept them for half an hour after school hours were over. Read Fairy Folklore

9th February Caned John McKenzie for bad behaviour 2 cuts

12th February I have received a "Modulator" which I sent for

17th February Staying every evening with Standard 7

19th February Submitted half yearly accounts to School Committee

26th February Boys brought a spade and barrow and filled in several holes

2nd March John McKenzie still works very unsatisfactorily. I have tried in many ways to get him to take an interest in his work

5th March Mrs McGregor and Mrs Feist visited the school today

7th March Have to keep the front door closed to prevent dogs from taking the lunches.

16th March. Owing to dry weather the tank is empty

23rd March I sent the Lees and Torrey's home early on account of rising storm

29th March Two rails of fence broken while children were see-sawing

5th April Took an extra half hour at lunchtime and went with children to see the spring. We had a glass and had a good view of the country from the hill

12th April A very enjoyable picnic was held on Thursday 7th when prizes were distributed by Reverend R Ward and Rev Mr Dukes. In the evening a very successful concert took place the proceedings were £3-13-6

16th April 1892 WANGAEHU SCHOOL.

Result of Examination. The following are the passes at the examination of the Wangaehu school. It is to the credit of the teacher (Miss Feist) that there was not a single failure in the school:—

Standard VII—John James, Johan James,

Standard VI—James McKenzie, Henry James,

Standard Y,—John McKenzie, Jessie James, Helen Jackson.

Standard IV,—Mary Falloon, Elizabeth McKay.

Standard III—Annie McKenzie, Ellen Torrey, Adam McKay

Standard II,—Louis Jackson, Annie Torrey, Adam McKay, S

Standard I, and II.—John Falloon, Willie James, Kate McKenzie,

PP

5th May Mr Dorset Wellington Education Board Secretary returned a monthly return form on which I had omitted to write the date

16th May Inspectors Report

Standard	No	Passed	Excepted	Absent
7	2	2		
6	2	2		
5	3	3		
4	4	2	1	1
3	2	2		
2	6	6		

Primers	9			
	28			

Instruction of Standard 7 and Primers satisfactory

The school is in good order and under good discipline

The work is very satisfactory and is partly due to Miss McKenzie and partly to Miss Feist her successor.

The singing is the work of Miss Feist and so is the improved order of the school.

There was much intelligent work in the upper classes. Robert Lee

27th May On account of a slip on road one family has been absent a week

4th August Arbor Day No holiday as we cannot take active part

25th August. Received a table provided by School Committee

23rd September Mr De May came unexpectedly this morning and drilled the children

6th October Mr Rev Wood delivered a lecture on Robbie Burns in schoolroom on Thursday Evening

13th October Heather McKenzie passed Standard 1 at Featherston School while on a visit. Caned Mary Hood, Mary Fallon and Lizzie McKay for persistently coming late in afternoon. They remained in the bush till one o'clock today. Gave one cut

31st October Masterton Show

7th November Holiday for Carterton Show

1893

25th January James McKenzie refused to obey. Kept him in till 6.25 p.m. He was sent for by his mother. I let him go.

6th February Same boy persists in his disobedience. I caned him on his hands and kept him in after school hours. As he still refused, I sent him home and told him not to return till he obeyed rules of school Called and acquainted his father. The father was not very respectful and promised to see into the matter.

James came this morning and promised to conduct himself properly. He has behaved well today

27th February The drill inspector came this morning and kept children occupied for 1 ½ hours

15th March T R Fleming report

Examined school today. The three failures cannot be counted altogether against the teacher. One pupil was very dull and another was working in Standard 1 and presented in Standard 2 and at the same time very young. The schoolroom is now well appointed. A cupboard is very badly wanted for the science equipment. The playground is full of holes in which the water settles. Trees should be planted and (if possible) the playground would be greatly improved by ploughing.

I received some very good answers to questions in physics.

21st March 1893 Wangaehu School Examination Results.

The following is the result of the examination of the Wangaehu School, The school was examined by Mr Fleming;

Passes

Standard I,—Lilian James, Neale Jackson, Willie Falloon, John McKay, Elizabeth Torrey, Standard III-Louis Jackson, John Falloon, Adam McKay, Willie James, Kate McKenzie, Annie Torrey.

Standard V.-Mary Falloon, Mary Hood, Lizzie McKay.

Standard VI.—Helen Jackson, Jessie James.

Standard VII,-James McKenzie, Henry James PP

25th July Gave two slight taps with cane, one on each hand, to Mary Fallon, Lizzie McKay and Helen Jackson for deliberately tearing up and scattering newspaper on path by door, knowing this to be against the rules. Helen Jackson went home at 1.30 and didn't return
18th August Kept Ross Jackson till 4.40 for persistent disobedience
21st August T R Fleming . A cupboard is needed for the science equipment. The playground is wet I drew attention to a little carving in the shelter shed but I found it had been done some time ago. I was pleased with the state of the room (the pictures and maps were neatly arranged)

A slight leak in the schoolroom does not yet cause much inconvenience to the work of the school

26th July Two girls, Lizzie McKay and Jessie James went off at playtime without asking leave. Stayed away 40 minutes. They went on a message for a parent but should have asked leave These two girls have been very unruly and rude lately, especially Lizzie I detained hem after school

11th October These girls have improved in behaviour

8th November Rev Robert Wood visited school and watched a Standard 3 science lesson on solvents

1894

29th January Opened school

20th February Mr De May visited school today. He said there was an improvement in drill

7th March Arthur Hammond has behaved very badly today. He is not a bad hearted boy but often causes a great deal of trouble by laughing in school.

20th March Examination took place today Mr Lee brought Mrs Lee who examined sewing. Fine day. Mrs Lee remained nearly all day.

2nd April On 21st March, I was asked by School Committee to go to Masterton to help select books for prizes and a holiday was given. The next day was inspector's holiday. Then followed good Friday. On Thursday our picnic was held I was asked by parents to close school until 2nd April as it was considered not worthwhile opening for Wednesday and Friday

6th April Ross Jackson behaves himself very stubbornly. He has been very disobedient today. I have not punished him in any other way than by sending him in from drill yet has sat idle and disobedient the whole afternoon. I spoke kindly-gently to him. He at last gave in and I dismissed him.

11th April 1894 WANGAEHU SCHOOL.

Annual Examination The Wangaehu School was examined by Mr R. Lee on March 20th, the following scholars obtained passes

Standard 11.-Helon McKenzie, Lillian James,. Muriel Hood, Lizzie Torrey, Venice Hammond, Joan McKay, Neale Jackson.

IV.-Annie McKenzie, Willie. Torrey, Arthur Hammond, John Falloon Louis Jackson

Standard V Ross Jackson

Standard VI May Falloon, Lizzie McKay PP

23rd April Inspectors report. Singing is taught Miss F (*Feist*) attending Mr Parker's class. Good maps made. Sewing very commendable. School Committee recommended enlarging library. Interior of school kept exceedingly neat and orderly by Miss F

1st June Some of the parents have gravelled the playground

4th June Arthur Hammond is very ill behaved in school. I have told him that unless he behaves I will send him home.

11th June The behaviour of Arthur Hammond and Ross Jackson is so bad that affects that of the whole school These are the two eldest boys

7th August Inspector Flemings Report

- a) 20 children present 27 on roll
- b) The day was fine When I arrived the children were having their interval. The schoolroom clock was stopped. But according to Miss Feist's time the time for reassembling had passed. Miss Feist said that children had gone out late
- c) The schoolroom was very neat and orderly everything inside was well looked after by the teacher
- d) A few rails are loose in the fence
- e) The boys' offices were rather wet, a little urinal in the corner would remedy this
- f) There was a little scribbling in pencil on the shelter shed
- g) The gravelling round the schoolhouse is a great benefit.
- h) No trees have yet been planted in the grounds
- i) The children working arithmetic in their seats seemed to understand the work they were doing.
- j) I would advise that new style of writing be taught in the whole school At present there are two copy books in use "Southern Cross" and "Jackson's Vertical"
- k) Miss Feist is at liberty to try the vertical writing if she wishes to adhere to that style

- 1) I would not advise the geometry problems to be crowded on a page in the drawing books. The problems should be written out so that they can be revised by the scholars. And a problem should occasionally be worked out on the board by the scholars themselves.

7th August 10 pairs of clubs received

26th November Drawing results Freehand 3 passes, Geometry 9 passes, scale 3 passes

1895

28th January Opened school with attendance of 24

15th February Caned (2 cuts) Arthur Hammond Ross Jackson, Louis Jackson and Percy Hammond for bad behaviour outside.

14th March Visit from Chairman

15th March School excursion to Wellington

18th March Tank has been empty for 2 weeks

28th March 1895 WANGAEHU SCHOOL.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The Wangaehu School was examined on Monday, by Mr Fleming

The passes are as follow Standard VII-Mary Falloon, Jessie James.

Standard VI- Ross Jackson,

Standard V.—John Falloon.

Standard IV. —Adam McKay, Kate McKenzie, Willie James.

Standard III. Lillian James, Willie Falloon, Neale Jackson, Helen

McKenzie, Venie Hammond, Muriel Hood.

Standard II.—Percy Hammond.

Standard I.—Edward Torrey, Edmund Ryan PP

8th April Caned Louis Jackson for speaking rudely to teacher 4 cuts

20th April 1895 The Rev. R Wood in acknowledging the vote of thanks for his service as Chairman at the concert and distribution of prizes in the Wangaehu School on Thursday night, referred to the fact that for the last two seasons he had conducted in the school, with the consent and approval of the committee, a Bible class after school hours. He hoped to resume the class this year about the same time as last year. He was sorry to say some foolish persons in Masterton had propounded the doctrine that the School Committee there having granted the use of the school after school hours, to a minister of religion for imparting a religious lesson, was breaking the law. He had little doubt but that the Wangaehu people would look upon such a motive as a pitiable revelation of bigotry and ignorance,

. On Thursday evening, a very successful concert was held in the Wangaehu School, under the auspices of the School Committee, the Rev. R Wood in the chair. The meeting commenced by the school children singing (under the leadership of Miss L. Feist) an evening song. The Chairman then, at the request of the School Committee, distributed the prizes to the pupils. This was done, the prizes consisting of valuable books and other articles. The Chairman said he had a further pleasant duty to discharge, viz., to ask Miss Feist, the teacher, to accept a present from her pupils. A presentation consisting of a large handsome volume, and a beautiful hand-bag was received by Miss Feist and suitably acknowledged, A number of solos, duets and trios were rendered during the evening by Misses Perry, Prentice, Crann and Williams, and by Mr Ralph. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was accorded on the motion of Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr Falloon. After the concert the ladies provided a liberal supply, of tea and cake for the crowded audience, PP

15th July Opened school after a fortnight of fine weather. Playground has been ploughed.

17th July Two candidates passed Standard 7

4th September Holiday yesterday to enable me to attend my cousin's wedding

1896

28th February. Picnic held in paddock near school

15th April 1896 WANGAEHU SCHOOL.

At the Wangaehu School examination, recently held by Mr Lee, the following pupils were successful in gaining passes

Standard V.—Arthur Hammond, Louis Jackson, William James

Standard IV. Willie Falloon, Lillian James, Helen McKenzie Neale Jackson,

Standard I. -Isabel James, Lily Hammond, George McKay, PP

4th June 1896 School Committee J Torrey (Chairman) D McKenzie (Treasurer, J Jackson, G McKay, H Falloon, J McKay and H James. PP

1st July The school is faithfully and well taught by Miss Feist. Children in upper standard are young Their education is good for their years. The children should be taught to speak more distinctly with less reserve. Robert Lee

1897

25th January Opened school with attendance of 20

6th March 1897 The following are the results of the examinations held in the Wangaehu School on Thursday 4th: —

Standard 6 —John Falloon, Willie James.

Standard 5.—Willie Falloon, Lillian James, Neale Jackson, Annie McKenzie, Kate McKenzie, Helen McKenzie.

Standard 4 Venie Hammond.

Standard 3.—Edmund Ryan, John McKay.

Standard 2.—George McKay, Lily Hammond, Isabel James.

Standard 1. —Jeanie McKenzie, Flcda Hood, Ivy Hammond, Bella McKay. PP

21st May 1897 The Bazaar held yesterday at Wangaehu, in aid of the Foreign Missions of the Masterton Wesleyan and Presbyterian Churches, was a pronounced success. There was a large gathering of people including visitors from Masterton and Bideford. The stalls were presided over by the young ladies of the district, and good business was done, the takings being above what the most sanguine anticipated, and everyone connected with the promotion of the Bazaar arc to| be congratulated on their efforts. During the evening, the school children under Miss Feist gave several pleasing musical items. The Misses McKay (2) and Mr L. Donald recited, and were warmly applauded. Near the conclusion of the proceedings a "Dutch Auction" was conducted by Mr O. Pragnell, and caused good business and amusement, Refreshments were handed round, and a very pleasant day's enjoyment was brought to a close at eleven p.m. PP

12th July Opened after a three weeks holiday One week extra in commemoration of Queen's diamond jubilee

13th August Caned John Fallon for rude behaviour towards me.

1898

24th January Opened school attendance of 21

15th April My sister who is awaiting appointment as a pupil teacher has been assisting me by February 7th

25th April 1898 WANGAEHU SCHOOL.
ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The Wangaehu School was examined on Friday by Inspector Fleming. The following obtained passes

Standard I.—Effie McKay, Donald James, Harry Falloon, Donald McKenzie, Bessie Hammond, Mary McKay, Edwin Falconer.

Standard II.—Ivy Hammond, Bella McKay, Jeanie McKenzie.

Standard III.—Isabel James, David Falconer, Lily Hammond.

Standard IV.—John McKay, Percy Hammond, James Falconer.

Standard VI.—Willie Falloon, Lilian James,

Standard VII.—John Falloon. PP

27th June A very bad smell has been noticed in school for some days. Mr James kindly came and after digging earth from below outside wall discovered a dead rat.

11th August Received set of Murches Science Readers from Wellington Education Board

6th September. Truant inspector visited school today

8th September School has been painted and a new shed built.

1st December Gave 3 cuts each to Percy Hammond, Jim Falconer and David Falconer for coming back ½ hour late from bathing at midday

1899

24th January attendance 14 Roll of 27

23rd March 1899 WANGAEHU SCHOOL.

The Wangaehu school was examined by Mr Lee on Tuesday, when the following passes were obtained:

Standard I.—John McKay.

Standard II.—Ellie McKay, Mary McKay, Bessie Hammond, Harry Falloon, Donald McKenzie, Edwin Falconer.—Donald James,

Standard III. Ivy Hammond, Bella McKay.

Standard IV Emily Falconer, Esabel James, David Falconer.

Standard VI Helen McKenzie, Neale Jackson.

Standard VII. —Lillian James, Willie James, Willie Falconer, PP

5th April Chairman granted me two days holiday to enable me to attend my Mother's Wedding

24th April Had holiday on Thursday and Friday to go to Wellington to see my sister who was leaving for a long stay in England

25th April All three candidates passed Standard 7 .The general work is satisfactory especially when the short year is taken into account.

Room is well furnished and very tidy Robert Lee

29th August F H Bakewell (*Inspector*) paid a surprise visit

On inquiry I found the usual epidemic of measles was responsible for low attendance,

Miss Feist gave a good lesson on Physical Geography The questioning and illustrations were good but the children must be made to answer more briskly and distinctly

The exercise books showed careful supervision

Order, discipline and the tone of the school with respect to diligence, alacrity, obedience and honour- good

Supervision in recess good

Floor of shelter shed and parts of playground close to the building were in a very muddy state

The chairman informed me that with some assistance from the Wellington Education Board the School Committee are willing to expend their spare funds

1900

5th March Inspectors report

Instruction of Standard 7 and primers satisfactory.

The children show great nervousness and hesitation in their answering. Plenty of Viva Voce Work is recommended to correct these defects.. The teacher has done good work when the irregular attendance during the winter is taken into account F H Bakewell

22nd March 1900 Miss L. Feist, who has been in charge of the Wangaehu School, has been promoted to the charge of the school at Pahautanui, vice Miss Dowdeswell, transferred to the Kaitara School
27th March I am leaving school today. The Board have appointed me to Pahautanui School

30th March 1900 A social gathering was held at Wangaehu on Wednesday evening to bid good-bye to Miss Feist who has been promoted by the Education Board to the Pahautanui School. Mr .Falloon, in the name of the settlers, presented Miss Feist with a handsome travelling bag and a fine purse, He spoke of the good work done in the school and district by Miss Feist. Several others spoke of the influence for good Miss Feist had been in the district.

PP

1870/20114	Feist	Adoplhe Monad	Jane	William
1864/9718	Feist	Alfred William	Jane	William
1874/26047	Feist	Edith Lydia	Jane	William
1880/1415	Feist	Hannah Elizabeth	Jane	William
1864/9721	Feist	Lois Margaret	Jane	William
1872/20504	Feist	Martin Luther	Jane	William

1868/18308 Feist Mary Martha Jane William

1866/14633 Feist Oliver Cromwell Jane William

1868/18311 Feist Rhoda Ruth Jane William

The following are the teaching careers of Lois M Feist's family until 1923

1880		Clareville	Feist	Edith
1880		Fernridge	Feist	Lois
1881	54	Clareville	Feist	Edith
1881	53	Fernridge	Feist	Lois
1882	53	Fernridge	Feist	Lois
1883	62	Fernridge	Feist	Adolphus
1883	62	Fernridge	Feist	Lois
1884	61	Fernridge	Feist	Adolphus
1884	366	Masterton	Feist	Alfred
1884	61	Fernridge	Feist	Lois
1885	57	Fernridge	Feist	Adolph
1885	57	Fernridge	Feist	Lois
1886	58	Fernridge	Feist	Adolph
1887	59	Fernridge	Feist	Adolph
1888	59	Fernridge	Feist	Adolph
1888	87	Otaki	Feist	Lois
1889	72	Fernridge	Feist	Adolph
1889	66	Otaki	Feist	Lois
1890	73	Fernridge	Feist	Adolph
1890	100	Clareville	Feist	Lois
1891	88	Fernridge	Feist	Adolph
1891	20	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois

1892	714	Clyde Quay	Feist	Adolf	1904	23	Paihautanui	Feist	Lois M
1892	14	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois	1905	107	Ohau	Feist	Adolph M
1893	23	Wainuiomata	Feist	Adolf	1905	41	Muritai	Feist	Hannah E
1893	19	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois	1905	15	Paihautanui	Feist	Lois M
1894	23	Wainuiomata	Feist	Adolf	1906	113	Ohau	Feist	Adolph M
1894	20	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois	1906	42	Muritai	Feist	Hannah E
1895	29	Wainuiomata	Feist	Adolf	1906	17	Pahautanui	Feist	Lois M
1895	20	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois	1907	112	Ohau/Side School	Feist	Adolph M
1896	99	Levin	Feist	Adolph	1907	53	Muritai	Feist	Hannah E
1896	24	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois	1907	17	Dyer	Feist	Lois M
1897	21	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois	1908	60	Ohau	Feist	Adolph M
1898	28	Reikiorangi	Feist	Adolph M	1908	354	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E
1898	21	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois	1909	352	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E
1899	49	Ohau	Feist	Adolph M	1909	26	Alfredton	Feist	Lois M
1899	355	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah	1910	347	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E
1899	18	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois			Hutt DHS/Eastern		
1900	57	Ohau	Feist	Adolph M	1910	516	Hutt	Feist	Lois M
1900	426	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah	1911	331	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E
1900	30	Pahautanui	Feist	Lois M	1911	19	Carrington	Feist	Lois M
1901	58	Ohau	Feist	Adolph M	1912	346	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E
1901	365	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah	1912	16	Carrington	Feist	Lois M
1901	31	Pahautanui	Feist	Lois M	1913	344	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E
1902	62	Ohau	Feist	Adolph M	1913	11	Carrington	Feist	Lois M
1902	649	Clyde Quay	Feist	Hannah E	1914	342	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E
1902	25	Paihautanui	Feist	Lois M	1914	15	Carrington	Feist	Lois M
1903	73	Ohau	Feist	Adolph M	1915	335	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E
1903	635	Clyde Quay	Feist	Hannah E	1915	18	Carrington	Feist	Lois M
1903	23	Paihautanui	Feist	Lois M	1917	325	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E
1904	87	Ohau	Feist	Adolph M	1919	289	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E
1904	45	Muritai	Feist	Hannah E	1921	294	Mount Cook Infants'	Feist	Hannah E

1923 290 Mount Cook Infants' Feist Hannah E

18th April Miss McGowan started. Roll 24

30th April Began to teach Geometrical Drawing to Standard 4 and 5

7th June Held an examination in Geography (Standards 5, 6, and 7)

16th August Inspectors report F H Bakewell

- a) I found the work being carried out in an efficient manner
- b) Good blackboard demonstrations given
- c) Time can be spared from Geography for more important subjects.
- d) Miss McGowan is competent to make a thorough success of the school
- e) Order and discipline and the tone of the school with respect to diligence, alacrity, obedience and honour satisfactory
- f) Supervision in recess Satisfactory
- g) Manners and general behaviour of children Satisfactory.
- h) Outside offices are dirty and evil smelling.

30th August 1900 Miss Mary McGowan Resigns PP

14th October School has been closed a fortnight pending the appointment of a teacher. Opened today with an attendance of 22 Miss Kathleen Campbell Teacher

1st November Attendance low as some children went to Agriculture Show at Carterton

15th November Have had a fire in the school for the last two days as the weather has been cold and stormy

22nd November Weather today is very hot.

3rd December Commenced teaching Standard 6 Stocks. Standard 5 Proportion sums

5th December. Attendance today is 15. The irregular attendance is interfering greatly with the work of the school

1901

28th January Opened School

30th January 1901 K Campbell appointed PP

4th February Roll 27

12th February Closed school yesterday as most of the children went to Masterton to see Imperial Troops.

14th February Weather today excessively hot

20th February On account of Masterton A and P Show there were only 4 out of 27 children present

1st March School closed School Picnic. Mr James paddock

The day was fine and all present seemed to enjoy the outing

6th March The attendance during the last fortnight has been irregular owing to the prevalence of whooping cough

10th April School reading books have been changed and children are now using Imperial Readers

12th April Commenced teaching Club Drill (*That is drill using short clubs*)

23rd April Commenced teaching Standard 6 and 7 Model Drawing

11th June Received from Wellington Education Board Kindergarten material mat weaving

13th June Received medals to be presented to children in commemoration of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York to New Zealand

22nd July Inspectors report Robert Lee

- a) For the time Miss Campbell has been in charge the character of the work done is generally satisfactory
- b) Roll 27
- c) Standard 7 candidate passed well. Reading is well taught
- d) There are few young children attending and therefore little hope increased attendance.

29th July T R Fleming

For history the period for Standard 4 1066 to 1485 may be taken this year in the upper standards

Miss Campbell is an earnest hard working teacher. Owing to bad weather the attendance has fallen

The average last week being 11 only

The discipline during the time of my visit was good

The condition of the offices has improved but the boys offices should be separated from that of the girls and should also have an urinal attached

7th October The School Committee gave permission for me to close the school for few days last week as my mother is seriously ill

30th October The School Committee have supplied 1 dozen pairs of clubs for drilling

11th November Received from Wellington Education Board needles for mat weaving

1902

30th January During the holidays a new cupboard and new blinds were supplied by the School Committee

7th March Mr Fleming gave permission for Examination Holiday to be taken yesterday instead of on Wednesday to enable the children to take advantage of the MASTERTON School Excursion to Wellington

21st March 18/28 children present Some of the children are prevented from attending school by a slip on the Wangaehu

31st April Whangaehu Inspectors report

- a) The building still leaks near the ventilator
- b) The general progress made by the children during the year may be described as very satisfactory
- c) The playground would be improved by draining and planting
- d) The seat in the boy's offices would be cleaner were a urinal provided. The offices (*toilets*) also should be in separate buildings

23rd April The School Committee have erected a new gate and have repaired the boys shelter sheds.

6th May 1902 School Committee Mr H Falloon (Chairman and Treasurer) Cracknall, J Falkner, H James, Donald McKenzie, Dempsey, J McKay, George McKay PP

2nd June Received word that the Boer war had come to an end, peace having been signed at Pretoria so closed the school for the remainder of the day.

20th June Average attendance for last week 15 Two bridges over the Whangaehu River have been washed away so some of the children are unable to attend.

Closed today for Winter Holiday an extra week has been given on account of King's Coronation (June 26th)

14th July Reopened today. The Whangaehu Road is still blocked for traffic as two families (9 children) are prevented from attending school

23rd July Presented the coronation cards which were presented to the children by the government

12th August A holiday was observed yesterday on account of the Kings Coronation which took place on the 9th inst.

20th October All children present today. First time this year.

30th October Attendance 15 The rest of the children took a holiday to attend the Agricultural Show in Carterton

14th November The boys are kept from school to assist with the work.

1903

4th February A holiday was given yesterday on account of the band contest in Masterton

6th February As above

20th February Effie McKay has not been absent from school during the last six years

17th March The school was closed yesterday, as it was required for a licensing election

13th April Inspectors report

a) Roll 28

Standard	Roll	Present	Passed
7	2	2	
6	6	6	6
5	5	5	5
4	5	4	3

3	1	1	1
2	1	1	1
1	4	4	4
Primers	4	2	

The children attending this school are still somewhat expressed in their manner of answering and reading

Brisk oral questioning in the class subjects is recommended as a remedy for this. In other respects Miss Campbell is commended for her results, only one pupil failing to obtain promotion. The Standard 7 candidates did excellent work

5th May The chairman gave me permission to close the school an hour earlier than usual yesterday, as I had an accident to my bicycle and wished to reach town before dark to get the damage repaired.

24th May Yesterday was observed as Empire Day

16th June 5 children left the school this week as they are leaving the district Roll now 21.

26th June 1903 The Secretary reported that four districts—Pahautanui, Taueru, Wangaehu, and Rekiiorangi had committed an informality by electing a greater number of Committeemen than they were entitled to. New elections will be necessary, and these will be held next month, in time to enable the Committees to vote at the election of members to the Board **PP**

27th July Received from Wellington Education Board Map of World.

1 dozen pairs of scissors

21st August Attendance very irregular as a slip on the Wangaehu Road is preventing some of the children from attending school.

8th October Mr Bakewell paid the school a surprise visit today

15th October The school was closed yesterday to enable the children to attend the Masterton art and Industrial Exhibition

16th October The chairman authorised the school to be opened 1 hour earlier than usual to enable me to catch the afternoon train to Wellington .

5th November Attendance low as some of the children went to the Carterton Show

Inspectors Report of the 8th October . Mr F H Bakewell

Included: The boy's outside office needs a urinal to be attached.

I am sorry to see the number declining at so rapid a rate. At present the majority of the children attending the school are in the upper standards and there are so few juniors to take their places.

1904

25th January Reopened school 20 present

12th February One child absent from school during week with mumps

11th March 4 pupils left school this week Roll 17

18th March Jeanie McKenzie won the good conduct prize for year ending 1st March. Effie McKay won the prize for Excellence in class subjects.

25th March Several children absent with mumps.

7th April Very wet weather only 5 present. Measles in the district

18th April Attendance low on account of measles and mumps in the district

11th May 17 present today. Measles patients better.

Inspectors Report T R Fleming

All 5 children in standard 7 passed

Miss Campbell is an intelligent teacher whose work is improving every year.

29th June. The Falconers have been coming very late on account of very bad roads

1st July Sydney Welby has been very rude in his behaviour at different times since he came to this school. There is very little improvement in him.

Miss Campbell left without comment to go to Mangamahoe School.

18th July Adeline Banks took charge today.

2nd August A very bright day All the children at school.

4th August Very cold day. The snow was thick upon the ground Only 6 children at school.

9th August A severe earthquake brought down the school chimney this morning. No other damage was done.

16th August The school chimney was repaired and we were able once more to have a fire.

26th August All the pupils at school Commenced cottage gardening.

29th September The attendance poor as the boys being required at home to assist with het sheep work.

17th October Robert Sidney Welby was drowned on Saturday whilst crossing the Wangaehu River. He was one of the brightest boys in the school

SAD FATALITY.

Boy Drowned in Wangaehu River.

Body Not Yet Recovered.

A boy named Sidney Welby, aged about fourteen years, was accidentally drowned at Mr Jas. McGregor's farm, at Wangaehu, on Saturday. The lad, who was on horseback and wearing an oilskin overcoat, had occasion to cross the Wangaehu river, which, at the

time, was in flood, submerging the bridge to a considerable depth. Mr McGregor accompanied the lad to the bridge and saw him safely over, but it is surmised that, in returning, he either mistook the exact position of the structure, or that the horse stumbled through a hole in the flooring and was, with its rider, precipitated into the river.

The first intimation Mr McGregor received of the occurrence was on seeing the riderless horse on the river bank. He caught it, and was riding over the bridge, intending to look for the missing lad on the opposite bank, when he also was thrown into the river, through the horse stumbling into the hole in the flooring, which had been made by some planks having been washed out after the lad crossed the first time. Mr McGregor had to swim for his life.

Search parties were out all day yesterday, but no trace of the body could be found. The search is being continued to day, a raft having been constructed with the object of dragging the middle of the stream.

Referring to the recent death by drowning of the lad Richard Sidney Welby, the Levin paper says:—"Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Welby in her bereavement. We think some effort should be made to assist the mother. She is not in the best of health, is a widow, and has young children to bring up. Christian sympathy is sweet, but such a case is deserving of more than this. We shall be glad to aid any effort to raise a fund PP

1905

2nd February Half a days holiday was granted to enable the children to attend the Floral Fete

15th February School holiday Masterton Show

28th March The truant officer visited the school and found the attendance satisfactory.

Class	Total	Present	Years	Months
7	2	2	14	1
6	2	2	12	4
5	1	1	12	8
4	1	1	10	6
3	2	2	10	2
2	3	3	8	8
Primers	5	4	6	0

Satisfactory work has been done by Miss Banks since she took charge last July but arithmetic should improve and special attention should be give n to the oral work of all standards

Average age of those whom certificates of proficiency or certificates of competency in Standard 6 are granted 12 years 4 Months

9th June Monday was observed as the Prince of Wales Birthday

19th June The day was stormy that I could not get up from Masterton Only 4 children put in an appearance

19th October Tomorrow being the day decided to commemorate the centenary of the battle of Trafalgar

6th December School closed for Election Day

1906

29th January Received Mr Tennant's inspection report for last year Roll 14

The sheds need painting. The school grounds would be much improved by some tree planting

To render the teaching of geography effective a map of the district is required. This is a matter in which the Education Department might

materially help teachers and has I understand made definite promises of assistance.

9th March The painters have been the whole week painting outside the school.

1st May Received from the Board a rain gauge.

Inspectors report for March 19th Miss Banks is conscientious and hard working. The years work has been satisfactory. Part of the grounds might be laid off in garden plots.

22nd June The school has been closed since the 18th as a mark of respect to the late premier Hon R J Seddon

2nd July No Teacher available school closed.

3rd July Mr T I Gardiner assumed control of the school

18th July Mr Henry James died (suddenly) this morning school closed.

31st July Present 8. Ground covered with snow. Mr Gardiner carrying on at school temporarily. A competency certificate in Standard 6 does not entitle a scholar to promotion to Standard 7. For promotion a competency certificate is required. T R Fleming

The end window is somewhat loose and rain comes in on a stormy day.

7th August School closed by School Committee on 3rd and 6th to enable teacher to proceed to Wellington

15th August Francis Lock opened school this morning

15th August 1906 Miss Lock, of Wanganui, who has been appointed teacher at the Wangaehu School, took up her duties this morning. Mr Gardiner, who was a lieutenant in the fourth New Zealand Contingent to South Africa, was in temporary charge of the Wangaehu School, and to day assumes a temporary position at the Fernridge School during the illness of Mr Foss. PP

23rd November The Faulknors have been absent on account of shearing

1907

1st May School closed as river was flooded. Still across the road.

17th June received locality map form Wellington Education Board

15th October The end window is somewhat loose and rain comes in on a stormy day. On a wet day water lies at het left corner of the schoolroom, The ground might be drained or some gravel placed there. T R Fleming Inspector.

1908

1st April Inspectors report Some of the children have a considerable distance to travel from the school and the attendance is consequently poor

2nd July Teacher ill School closed at 11.30

25th September Dominion Medals presented to the children

17th November Inspectors report T R Fleming

Roll 13

The teaching is mainly individual. All children were well employed and working under good discipline. The attendance is not good as the children have a considerable distance to travel to school. In this class there was a weakness in composition and arithmetic and Miss Lock was advised to pay particular attention to these subjects.

Some gravel is required at the side of the schoolroom

The school room still leaks when the rain is heavy The offices have pits They will probably be offensive in the summer

18th 19th November School closed teacher away with influenza

1909

20th August Inspectors Report. Roll 15

All the children were fully employed. The discipline was good

The grounds should be planted with trees

19th November Mr Fleming's inspection report. On at least 22 half days the number present was less than half the roll.

When Miss Lock took charge the children were backward in English and Arithmetic and considering the disadvantage under which a teacher works when the attendance is not regular, satisfactory progress has been made more especially in the lower classes. Reading was generally satisfactory.

Breathing exercises are taken daily and lessons in needlework given once a week. The children are earnest in their work and the discipline is good.

1910

31st January Opened school with 4 pupils Closed school at 12.30

21st March Mr Bakewell's surprise visit

Roll 11. The time allotted to arithmetic should not exceed 5 hours

18th 19th Teacher absent through illness Miss McKay took charge of the school

11th May Yesterday the proclamation of King George V was observed as a holiday.

17th June Weekly average 5.75

4th August Alec McKay died last night school closed.

1910/6722 McKay Alexander Vincent 5Y

22nd July Weekly Average 4.8

17th October Roll 8 Inspectors Report F H Bakewell

In oral subjects the pupils were not responsive. I have recommended viva voce questioning in these subjects.

The Standard 6 candidate should qualify for competency at the end of the year.

A still further decrease in the roll is probable.

1911

15th February School closed for Masterton Show

16th March There are only 8 children on the roll and two of these will be leaving shortly so there is little hope of the school keeping its present roll

21st September School closed one pupil attended.

2nd October Miss Maria Weitzel started Spoke to chairman about a garden and cleaning the tank.

9th October Attendance 95% One old pupil re-entered and left this week. The gate is broken, started a museum on a small scale, the children bringing the things for it.

16th October Weather boisterous and wet and in spite of it the attendance (97%) was good. The gate is put in good order. Received from Wellington Education Board books for Standard 4 and material for handwork (Paper folding)

23rd October. Labour Day was observed as a holiday. Weather fine. Tank is cleaned. One of the new pupils is only here for a holiday. The Other Percy Yates rides 3 miles to school

30th October Weather changeable Attendance 95% Spent one afternoon with children in bush. Purpose Geography and Nature Study

6th November Inspectors Report on October visit

Standard 7 1 absent Roll 8

Arithmetic weak in all standards.

Miss Weitzel took charge last week will give special attention to Arithmetic and Geography.

13th November Weather fair. School closed for two days owing to teacher's illness.

Children brought a good few specimens and pictures for our museum

20th November One pupil gave notice of leaving. But find afterwards that he is still in the district and could very well have attended. Notified truant inspector

4th December School closed as being used for a polling booth.

11th December Weather good attendance 100% Holidays being 14th December . School closing earlier on account of second ballot

1912

29th January Attendance of 4. Two are away on holidays and one has sprained his ankle. The painters are still painting the school The carpenter omitted to attend to teacher's desk, blinds and steps.

5th February One pupil goes away on a ten days holiday. Attendance

6.4 Went on a visit to the bush to collect specimens for museum

19th February Attendance 100% Closed for day on Masterton Show

26th February Held ladies meeting concerning school picnic.

4th March Monday a very wet day. Only one pupil attended.

11th March On Tuesday spoke to the chairman concerning a school garden and things necessary for the school

10th April Garden tools have arrived, 2 spades, 1 fork, 1 rake, 1 small fork, 1 reap hook also 1 bottle oil and an oil stone.

15th April One pupil absent in Wellington on a fortnight's stay. Inspector Fleming visited school on the 18th Spent a short time in McKenzie's Bush for purpose of Nature Study and gathering ferns. Received "3 deeds that won an Empire" and 3 Atlas's

22nd April Lit the first fire on 24th.

29th April Conduct of children is and has been very good.

Inspectors Report T R Fleming

Roll 9 average attendance 8

The instruction is mainly individual.

When Miss Weitzel took charge in October the school was weak in several subjects, more particularly Arithmetic and Geography. Both these subjects have been receiving special attention

I found the children working satisfactorily under good control

All the buildings were painted during the holiday Miss Weitzel will call the School Committee's attention to the blinds etc.

13th May Weather is fine but getting cold. Fires are more frequently needed. Have started to give cocoa at lunchtime, which is very much appreciated.

20th May 24th of May will not be observed as a school holiday. But Empire Day will be taken in conjunction with 3rd July King's Birthday

3rd June During the holidays the School Committee have fenced off a small plot of land for the purpose of gardening. A few cartloads of gravel is needed to fill the holes in the playground and also on the paths around the school. Weather vane has been seen to.

17th June Weather changeable and wet. Owing to children having sore throats and colds

24th June Children brought plants for school gardens.

8th July Attendance 7. One boy away with illness supposed to be chicken pox. Mumps have made appearance in district but so far none of the children have taken them.

Thursday and Friday very wet. The rivers of Wangaehu have overflowed.

15th July Weather this week very wet and stormy School closed owing to no pupils coming. Wednesday (Arbor Day) was too wet only 3 pupils present on both days. Rivers and creeks still very high. Bridge on Wangaehu Road under water preventing the children from that Road coming to school.

22nd July The school was closed on Friday. The playground is very wet the water not being able to soak through the clay soil.

I drew the committees' attention to the need of gravel near the gate and round the school

12th August On Monday we had a fall of snow which was the first in the district since 8 years ago

26th August Have been able to work in the garden

16th September Weather fine Have had no necessity to light fires since term holidays

1st October The vegetable seeds are beginning to grow. Planted 6 small trees bought off Mr Hale

25th November One boy away with a severe attack of mumps.

9th December One pupil kept home to help sheep shearing

16th December One pupil has now been away four weeks suffering with mumps.

No other pupil has been effected yet.

1913

10th February We are short of water. Owing to the dryness and heat we have not been able to work in the garden

17th February No rain as yet. The plants in the garden are not making progress one wishes although under the conditions not much to be expected.

24th February A good shower of rain has fallen

10th March Just now the boys are occasionally kept home to help with the dipping

7th April Received the Stationery from the Wellington Education Board supposed to be sent March 3rd

28th April Had to close school as no one attended

12th May School Committee supplied a small supply of firewood

19th May School Committee allowed me to close school one day early as I wanted to go to Palmerston

2nd June During the last few weeks several earthquakes have been felt. Although some damage has been done to some of the neighbours houses none whatever has been done at the school.

A fresh load of wood has been brought to the school

5 Loads of metal which has been badly needed have been supplied

30th June School closed on 30th June in respect for a former pupil of this school and a relation of most of the present pupils and whose burial takes place today

7th June This week owing to exceptionally fine weather every child has attended. Spoke to chairman of School Committee concerning planting of trees on Arbor day, and also mending his fences adjoining the school. Received a few vague promises concerning these matters.

16th July Owing to illness Honour McKenzie has left and may not return until after Christmas

Might not close school on Arbor Day

8th August Robert Ryan started school.

The winter this year has been comparatively mild one. On many days fires have not been needed. The children have had fewer colds which fact I also attribute to their having breathing exercises before school each day.

22nd August Mabel Swift entered school

19th August Planted a few peas in the garden One pupil Lorna Woolf is staying in Wellington for an indefinite time.

12th September School reopened. Rain badly needed

Thursday and Friday are wet.

19th September Planted further things in our garden Peas, beans, tomatoes, lettuces, cabbages, lucerne, flowers, onions and pumpkins

The School Committee have taken no steps regarding trees and fences

26th September Made arrangements last Saturday to drive the children into town to visit the Masterton Fishponds, the Daily Times Printing Offices, Masterton School museum and also to see the working of moving picture machine in town. The visit to take place next Saturday., weather permitting. The two pupils who have been away some time have returned.

Roll 10

10th October Took the children as arranged on a visit to various places in Masterton. It was trip of education and pleasure combined. The children enjoyed themselves. One of the settlers lent us a horse and buggy for which loan we are very grateful.

Inspectors 29th September report included

Physical Instruction Daily exercises Satisfactory.

There is evidence that a good years work has been done.

15th October Only half the pupils attended after a dance in week 9. The plants in the garden are in fairly good condition. The frost killed the tomatoes.

The peas are not the success this year owing to the spell of dry weather we had a few weeks back.

27th October Closed the school for the last three days of the week for Dominion Day, Labour Day and Inspectors Day. The chairman of the School Committee gave permission to postpone Dominion Day till after the inspector's visit. Carterton show held this week attendance 8

17th November Brought from WFC A 14 yards of wire netting to keep the rabbits and hares out of the garden A few cabbages and lettuces have been destroyed by them

5th December Held annual examination this week Passes.

Hector McKay Standard 5 Honour McKenzie Standard 4

Jean Douglas Standard 4 Jean McKay Standard 4

George McKay Standard 2 Kathie McKay Standard 2

Robert Ryan Standard 2 Mabel Swift Primer 2

Two in standard 6 sat for proficiency the result of which will be known later

12th December Weather very rough and wet. The whooping cough keeping the children away

The rough windy weather has paid havoc with the garden. Have been unable to work in it. Attendance (average) 5, the worst we have ever had.

17th December Have received word that the Summer holidays have been extended by one day. Standard 6 have obtained their proficiency certificates. Both of these pupils will probably attend Masterton High School at beginning of next year

1914

6th February Two Standard 6 pupils have left and are now attending Masterton High School.

Roll is 8

13th February Agnes McGuire enrolled.

20th February School closed for Masterton Show

Put Linall on the weeds on the gravel The Linall has been successful

Inspector Stuckey paid a surprise visit but found us having picnic. Promised to come again in a fortnight's time.

6th March One pupil is occasionally kept home to help with the sheep work. Another pupil away with bad cold. Physical Instruction class indefinitely postponed (No reason given)

13th March Weather this week fine and hot. Too hot to work in the garden. Received from Wellington Education Board cardboard and modelling knives

20th March School closed on account of very wet weather and none of the children attending Rest of the week averaged attendance of 8

1st April The whole garden has been dug. All the vegetables are done.

20th April The chairman gave permission to close school for half a day on Wednesday to attend a wedding.

One pupil kept home to assist in sheep work,

27th April Received visit from Mr Cumming Agricultural Instructor (*First adviser listed for a long while*)

4th May One pupil away all week with illness. This same pupil has left to attend later on the Bideford School in which district his home is

School closed for a fortnight for Physical Training Classes commencing 11th May and for one week for term holiday's including King's Birthday

The weather we were having for the training classes were very wet indeed. Received rain gauge from Wellington

2nd June School reopened weather fair. Attendance poor 5/9 Closed school on Thursday 4th It being the day of the funeral of one of the old pupils and relation of most of the pupils of this school. One

pupil in delicate health has gone to Rotorua for 1 month on a holiday.

3rd July Have started fires.

13th July Closed school on Monday for Arbor Day. Children brought shrubs etc. to plant this week. The ground at this time of the year is very wet, the water being unable to get away.

20th July Received word a bundle of tools is being sent

27th July Weather fine, ground still very wet. Have not been able to do much gardening

3rd August Received the tools Two spades, 2 rakes, 2 hoes, 2 towels.

17th August Children getting over colds. The more necessity for fires.

24th August Weather very fine. Have done quite a bit of work in the garden Cut the oats, dug a piece, cultivating paths etc. Made pumpkin bed. Found a nest of rabbits in the garden next day. Great excitement. Mr Cummings paid a visit.

9th October Weather still continues dry, rain badly needed. The school garden is not making satisfactory progress. Several pupils required at home for sheep work.

30th October One pupil away for a few days to ride at the Carterton show.

6th November One pupil away from a bruise received while playing

Mr Cumming came and gave an interesting lecture on various things

10th November rain very badly needed. Grass fires very prevalent in the hills. Tank nearly empty

16th November The rain not yet worth mentioning. Truant inspector visited the school, addressed a few remarks to the children.

27th November Now the occasional shower. Electoral roll and forms were sent to school.

4th December Monday wet day. Rain comes rather late in the season.. School used Thursday evening for a political meeting.. One pupil, a good attender, away with sharp attack of influenza

4th December Weather fine but still very windy. On several occasions the children were unable to hear the teacher. Reading lesson (oral) had to be suspended on several occasions during the last month of two.

Wednesday night very wet, School closed for election day.

17th December Another pupil received a nasty knock from a horse necessitating his stay at home for a day. Mr Hale Nurseryman presented the school with a large bundle of plants

Average for year. 8 pupils

1922

22nd December 1922 The Wangaehu school, after-many years' service under different teachers is about to disappear. Careful enquiry shows that there is no likelihood, within the life of the present building, of the attendance of sufficient children to justify its further maintenance. Should the lands be subdivided and settlement improved it is believed that a more central position for a school would be on the section the Board now possesses at Dreyer's Rock. The Education Board's Executive, in order to make use of the building, has instructed Messrs Daniell Ltd., to remove and re-erect it at Opaki, and in order to facilitate the opening of a school at Solway to remove the outbuildings and re-erect them temporarily on the Methodist Church site. As already stated, the Methodist Church at Solway will be leased for school purposes and fitted up

pending the erection of a building on the site acquired by the Department PP

1923

Mrs Frances Jackson (Nee Frances Lock) Teacher in 1906 Teaching Roll 8

8th October School closed on account of influenza

15th October Reopened school

19th December Roll 13

1924

5th February Teacher probably D J Nicol

5th May Mr J M James The chairman reported that when in Wellington he interviewed Mr Hylton assistant Secretary and received from him several forms to fill in regard to the subsidy the Settlers were claiming from the Education Board for money they had spent in renewing the school floor etc.

Several needed improvements were then discussed in regard to the school ground such as fencing, for shelter trees, draining grounds, repairing front fence, and culvert, woodshed and a few loads of metal were required.

If the School Committee could get the subsidy they were claiming from the Wellington Education Board all members present promised to help with the work, and to do all they could to improve the grounds

14th June Board wrote they regretted that they could not find the material for fencing shelter trees, as the expense was too great

The Board also notified that no subsidy is allowed on labour

That the chairman and Mr Moss have powers to act/wait on Wellington Education Board Re the amount of £75 that the settlers subscribed between them to keep the school on the present site when the Board had decided to shift it and come to the best arrangement possible

The question then of ploughing fencing and planting the shelter trees were then gone into.

16th June School opening 9.30 Half Hour Lunch To enable children to get number of hours in . Live long distance from School.

30th June Mr Brockett paid a visit Nature Study

7th August 5/11 attendance. Very rough squally weather

7th October Last record for year

30th September The Wellington Education Board wrote that the School Committee was certainly entitled to a refund of the cost of the material for fencing done.

In view of the fact that a previous payment had been made for the retention of the building

It was decided that as the busy season had commenced it was better to hold over the time being the proposed work. Also the ground was now too hard for draining,

Members spoke very highly of the teacher mentioning that with the help of the children they had dug the flower gardens.

And Mr McKenzie kindly promised to send two loads of manure for the gardens

1925

15th April School opened after epidemic Infantile Paralysis

4th May The Wellington Education Board wrote offering 7 pictures on condition that each school committee on receiving the pictures would frame the pictures suitable for framing and those unsuitable would be protected in the best way possible.

The reason for so long an interval since the last meeting was the Epidemic which he was pleased was at an end and the schools had reopened

Annual report During the last year 4 meetings were held

Roll opened with 9 now 15

During the year a working bee of householders when ploughing the ground, fencing and planting shelter trees on the south side. Material being found by the householders.

I mentioned to the teacher to get cocoa in future.

The Wellington Education Board have painted school and buildings.

A great improvement

29th June The chairman reported he had written and accepted the Wellington Education Board offer of shelter trees Pinus Signius to be planted at the school

The chairman read an appreciation letter from the Board in reply to this committee's letter dated 7th May in thanking them for work done, painting etc.

Re the electric lighting of the school The chairman reported that he had got the information from the Power Board's engineers that the cost of wiring the school. Complete would cost £7.12.0. To write the Education Board for information to see if they would pay for the works of wiring on any subsidy therein.

That a clock should be purchased a Big Ben if possible. Cost about 25/-

Decided to have a working bee later, to plant trees when they arrived That chairman get about 15 feet of six inch pipes suitable for the culvert at the entrance to the school The old one being blocked and decayed beyond repair

31st August School opened after August Holiday. Ground drained during holiday Carting metal for paths New Culvert put in

20th November That the chairman's action in accepting the Wellington Education Board terms in regard to the electric lighting of the school

The chairman pointed out that as the Power Boards erection gang of workman was getting very close to the school there did not seem much time to be lost.

The chairman reported he had purchased a Big Ben clock for the school cost 21/6

The Wellington Education Board advised that a £ for£ subsidy was available for the purchase of a piano.

The piano to be the property of the school but could be used for socials and entertainments held in the school under the supervision of the School Committee.

He further reported that a piano had been purchased at a cost of £56/5/0 delivered. And he had also received the Wellington Education Board subsidy. The piano purchased is a Moritz Gude a second hand but in splendid order. Considered a bargain.

And the committees thanks are due largely to Mr R J Young for the amount of trouble he went to in procuring the piano

A small cabinet of First Aid Outfits be ordered if the teacher considered it necessary

That the chairman get the photo of the late Prime Minister Mr Massey framed as the Wellington Education Board had sent a photo to the school.

The inspectors report was laid on the table in which it spoke volumes for the teacher, Not only for the splendid manner she had brought the children on in their lessons But also in the tidy manner the school and school grounds were in.

Especially as she has only been here a short time. The parents present also spoke in a very appreciative manner and how pleased they were and very fortunate in having so good a teacher for their children getting on wonderfully with their lessons and just loved going to school. 16 children on the roll

1926

5th March School Picnic held at Wardell's Bridge

21st April School closed epidemic of measles

6th May School opened very rough weather, some children have very sore eyes.

28th July Absent from school for three days Influenza

19th August The School Committee had erected two ten foot poles for basketball and levelled a little of the highest parts of the grounds to he satisfaction of the teacher

The First Aid Outfit had come to hand and the teacher was very pleased with it.

Board wrote re installing electric light. In the school That the board's scheme provides only 1 light in the school and one in the porch in schools the size of Wangaehu. And if we wanted any extra light that the School Committee would have to cover the cost of extra lights. And also if we would let the Board know as soon as possible when the work would be put in hand.

That one 70 watt bulb put in the classroom and 1 40 watt bulb in the corridor The cost £5/5/0.

The electricity since has been completed and was very satisfactory and at this meeting was being used But as the chairman mentioned he had not so far received any word from the Wellington Education Board in regard to its payment.

The chairman had brought 3 volumes of "Wonders of Nature" for the school. The volumes being recommended by the inspector.

The chairman also reported that he had forwarded a letter to the Board stating the condition of the school. It is leaking in five places. West Window and spouting want repairing. Painting required for inside of school

The Board replied that the matters would receive attention as soon as possible

Brought 2 basketball hoops 15/- and 1 basketball £1.00 (*Outdoor Basketball was 9 aside netball*)

The inspectors latest report was laid on the table which spoke very highly of the teacher how she has shown great improvement in methods of teaching and how well she has brought the children on

24th September Visit from Miss Blackburn Drill Instructor

1927

3rd March School Picnic to Mount Holdsworth

16th February Holiday of Masterton Show

7th 8th March Holiday for visit of Duke and Duchess of York

22nd April That a holiday was to be held for visit of Duke and Duchess

That Miss A Hogg be appointed sole teacher

That we write accepting the appointment of Miss Hogg as we had nothing against her. In fact all we had heard was in her favour.

2nd May A letter was read from the chairperson of Mount Bruce School (*Mikimiki*) re dental clinic. That those schools interested should attend a meeting in Masterton with the Masterton Dental Clinic. Committee and a representative of the Government

Miss Nicol had left going to a higher grade school. A number of parents spoke on how sorry they were to see her go.

24th May Appointed to Wangaehu School A H Hogg PP

17th June Received from Wellington Education Board 6 pairs scissors, coloured beads, sorted colours of plasticene

Set of reading 20 reading books

26th July 13 packets of seeds

5th August Inspection Report. Miss Anna H Hogg

Grading no 202

Roll 20

Order, discipline and to me: Very Good. The pupils show a very friendly spirit and work industriously

Attendance satisfactory

Teaching is on good lines and effective

The pupils are making very good progress' Buildings, grounds etc. in a very satisfactory condition

21st September. First case of whooping cough

26th September. Second case of whooping cough and one of chicken pox.

18th October School closed no children in attendance

31st October School reopened with attendance of two. Board notified of it.

1928

1st February School reopened six pupils

3rd February Received material from Wellington Education Board

23rd March Received rain gauge

23rd April Only one meeting was held last year.

The school was closed from 18th October to 31st October due to an epidemic of whooping cough.

The electric light which was installed the previous year was found very useful during any special evening held

Metal as placed around the school

The shelter shed is in a very bad state.

Chimney to be swept.

Our annual school picnic was held at Solway Showgrounds on 16th March and as a great success, a ladies committee took charge and collected all funds and after paying all expenses they handed me (Chairman) 5/- A social evening in the school followed which also was successful. Results 30/-

Zero to report on the Dental Clinic.

We are indebted to those ladies who helped Both at the picnic and social

That the Wellington Education Board be written to re the school shed which is in a very bad state and nearly falling to pieces with dry rot and the borer which had got into the timber very badly.

The school was leaking in several places and the spouting was poor

The chairman noted that he had written to the Board some time ago about these matters.

Also it was decided to have the chimney swept. Mr J McGillvray kindly promised the use of his brooms etc.

4th June That Messrs Pickering Bros had been authorised to do repairs.

The Board asking for proceeds of sale of old desks 12/-

That £7/10/ be taken from the School Committee balance to go towards purchasing books for library. Left in hands of Miss Hogg

Those present spoke on how much difference the school looked since it had its new coat of paint.

Also a letter to Mr McGillvray for his kindness in bringing the chimney brushes and cleaning school chimney

20th September Worked half an hour extra to enable parents to have children attend a football match on September 25th whole school wishes to attend

25th September. Had afternoon off for football match. New South Wales V Wairarapa School attending it but time has been made up.

1929

4th February No on roll 24

22nd March School picnic Solway Showgrounds

Four new desks arrived this raising the number to 15 all new. Old ones were sold @ 2/- each by instruction from Wellington Education Board last year

22nd April That this meeting is against the formation of Junior High School but supports the teacher's institute in its endeavours for smaller classes and better equipment in our primary schools

Miss Hogg wrote that a football had been received from the Wairarapa Rugby Union

28th May Visit by Mr Brockett, agricultural advisor. School garden has been thoroughly dug by School Committee and grounds cleared of dry grass.

Lupins are planted

17th September Visit of lady doctor- complete examination.

25th November Several letters read re the new shelter shed erected by the Board

That a letter be sent to Mr Donald (Wellington Education Board member for his help in getting a new shelter shed.)

A letter received from Mr Donald asking that he be kept informed of all matters in the school so that he could be better informed when issues arrive at the board table.

A letter from the Wellington Education Board stating that the Board had effected insurance to cover the legal liability of the School Committee on account of accident to the cleaners or to casual labour employed by the School Committee

That a map of the North Island and one of the South Island be ordered from the Board

Appointment of sole teacher Miss R Newman and wishing for the School Committee to comment before the 27th November.

That Miss Newman is leaving Mangahao School owing to a change of grade.

A letter from Miss Hogg stating that she had been appointed to the staff of Randwick School Lower Hutt and she was resigning her position from January 31st 1930

All present spoke very highly of Miss Hogg and were very sorry that she was leaving and wished her every success in her new job.

A letter to the Board informing them that Miss New meets the approval of the School Committee.

Circular from the Dental Clinic Chairman gave a short account of it s doing.

It was mentioned that we keep in view improving the children's playground, of course the ground being too hard at present

1930

R A Newman Teacher

3rd February Roll number 23

Received from Wellington Education Board

- 1) Green raffia
- 2) Cane
- 3) Red raffia
- 4) 18 boxes crayons

5) 2 boxes white and coloured chalk

6) 6 packets plasticene

7) 1 box bricks

8) 1 bundle sticks

9) 18 pastel books

10) 2 packets coloured paper (large and small)

11) 1 tin gum Arabic

12) 4 cardboard knives (cutting)

13) 3 paste brushes

14) 2 pairs scissors

15) 6 tubes yellow, white, crimson, Vandyke brown, burnt sienna blue

16) 10 brushes

17) 8 modelling boards

19th February I am giving up charge of Wangaehu school for 2 months owing to the fact my doctor has ordered me to hospital R Newman

28th April Mr J M James retired from School Committee and the School Committee thanked him for his faithful and consistent work done by Mr James. During his time as Chairman Treasurer

8th July That Miss Newman who was on sick leave would again take up her duties on the 4th of August

That the School Committee that an application be made to Wellington Education Board for a play area laid down in Coffix. That the School Committee grant of £10 their funds for the playground. The School Committee to undertake the levelling and grading of the playground

8th August Miss Atkinson was the relieving teacher

14th November Inspectors Report included

- a) This is a school of very pleasant tone
- b) The students seem physically sound and happy
- c) Work is very carefully done and reaches a good level of attainment
- d) Speech is prone to be rather draws to expressionless
- e) Drawing reaches a high level
- f) The grounds might be made rather more attractive
- g) Jas W McIlwraith

18th December School closes for Christmas Holidays. Break up held in evening

19th December Holiday to commemorate Governor General's visit to Masterton

1931

31st January That someone should be appointed to clean the school

5th February be the day for a working bee to level the ground around the play area.

The opening day be on 12th February for the playground at 2 pm Mr Alex Donald to be invited and perform the opening ceremony

That the wives of committeemen be a committee with Mrs McGregor ass convenor to take charge of the refreshments on opening day

The chairman reported on the unsatisfactory state of boys latrine decided to attend to it on the day of working bee.

2nd February Roll 22

12th February Winter playing area (Sealed Area) opened by Mr Donald Member of Wellington Education Board Large gathering of parents and residents

27th July Received from Wellington Education Board

- 1) 1 Iron tripod
- 2) 1 wire gauze
- 3) 1 pipe clay triangle
- 4) 1 crucible and lid
- 5) 2 evaporating dishes
- 6) 1 glass flask
- 7) 6 test tubes
- 8) 1 beehive shelf
- 9) 1 deflagrating spoon and cover
- 10) 1 thistle funnel
- 11) ½ lb glass tubing
- 12) 1 foot rubber tubing
- 13) 1 dozen corks assorted
- 14) 2 magnifying lenses
- 15) 4 ounces marble chips
- 16) 4 ounces hydrochloric acid
- 17) 4 ounces burnt lime.
- 18) 4 ounces ammonia
- 19) 1 ounces litmus grains
- 20) 4 ounces Iron Filings
- 21) 4 ounces sulphur flowers
- 22) 2 ounces glucose

27th April The outstanding opening of the playground attracted about 50 friends and parents

The children have given up their annual picnic and given the funds (£3-12-0) to the Hawkes Bay Earthquake relief fund.

It was left to the chairman to see about ordering 2 cords of firewood. After a short discussion re holding a social afternoon for tennis and games it was left with the chairman to consult with Miss Newman and fix a date.

4th August A vote of thanks to Mrs Mawley for the gift of books to library

Also thanks to R Jackson for topping trees

That the ground committee enquire into cost of netting around the playground.

Decided to ask G Shaw for rocks, and D M McKenzie to be asked to deliver them to school. That Jackson enquire about ornamental trees for road frontage.

That owing to sun glare on the play area for playing tennis that it be blackened over with coal tar. Left to chairman to enquire into cost of tar.

28th August Roll 25 Inspectors report

The pupils exhibit an intelligent interest in their work. They are friendly and considerate

The Standard of work is good

The fine reading is worthy of special commendation

A splendid and spacious concrete playing area has been put down

The gardens are being considerably improved

G H Stubbs

2nd December School closed for election day

18th December Social evening held in the school Prizes were distributed by Mr McGregor, chairman

1932

1st February Roll number 29

8th February Received cheque book from Wellington Education Board

11 March Received from Wellington Education Board 44 sheets brown paper and 88 sticks of chalk

23rd June Received new blackboard and easel from Wellington Education Board

18th April 1931 School Committee A H Fallon, H B Ward, R D Cameron, Ross Jackson, S M Berrill

Matter of an assistant teacher was brought up. That the chairman interview Mr Donald Board Rep re assistant teachers or otherwise ask for a new teacher as it was felt that the present teacher did not keep strict discipline.

After discussion Mr Ward withdrew his motion on understanding that the chairman interview teacher with the object of keeping boys and girls in separate play areas.

The sanitary arrangements were brought up and it was decided that Mr Cameron go into the matter of disinfectant

13th June Miss Newman teacher was present.

Miss Newman said it would be a great help in her work if she had another blackboard

Correspondence received from Dental Clinic asking for a donation to clinic. Decided that chairman and teacher how many children from Wangaehu School receive treatment free

5th August Inspectors Report

a) Teacher Miss R Newman

b) The order and tone are very good

- c) The pupils are alert and take a keen interest in their work
- d) Care should be taken that wood is not chopped on the concrete floor of the shelter shed.
- e) W J Boden

5th August Only 6 children came to school Much snow on ground.

These children dismissed and the school closed

5th September Roll 32

28th September Received from Wellington Education Board

2 packets of Barribal Carrots

Sinclair's Champion carrots

1 packet of White Belgian Carrots

1st December Proficiency exam held in school. 4 Candidates

12th December The four candidates for proficiency were all successful

16th December Breaks up for Christmas Holidays

1933

28th March Ordered and paid for by School Committee and sent by Wellington Education Board

3 boxes of white chalk at 1/9

2 boxes coloured chalk at 3/6

8 boxes crayons at 1 ½d

10th April 24 lbs of plasticene 10/-

3 bundles Raffia 10/-

11th April Received lawn mower

24th April Annual Report Roll 32

I am afraid that the present committee has not lived up to the high standard set by the previous committee in ground improvement.

The economic position has necessitated the most of us giving our whole time to our jobs to the detriment of the school grounds.

The tennis court has been tarred and sanded thanks largely to the sports club. A hedge belt has been planted

The sanitary arrangements are considerably improved by the use of a weekly sprinkling with lime and the whole school is indebted to Mr Cameron for his work in this direction.

A lawn mower has been purchased during the year to enable the lawns to be kept mowed. Our teacher has suggested that a portion of ground between tennis court and road fence be dug and sown down in lawn.

Minutes of Householders meeting Re Children's health camp at Otaki the School Committee sanctions any appeal to School Children

Re appeal to School Committee for donation to Dental Clinic That each parent be asked to donate 2/- towards Dental Clinic

That Mr Ward take charge of lavatories disinfecting for ensuing year.

That one cord of wood be bought from Mr McKenzie at cost of 35/- delivered.

That a picnic be held on school grounds

2nd August Received from Wellington Education Board 12 spreading poplars

8th August Planted the spreading poplars (Populus robusta or engenui)

8th August Collected 8/4½d for Ruakawa Camp (Children's Contributions)

14th September Inspectors report

- a) Teacher Miss R Newman
- b) Roll No 25
- c) This school is ably managed and the teaching is conducted along sound and progressive lines with success
- d) Both tone and spirit of work are particularly good
- e) The pupils are friendly and communicative

9th October Dental Clinic asking for a rep to attend a meeting

The sum of 25/- had been raised for dental clinic on behalf of the School Committee thanks to Mr McKenzie promoting a dance That £1.00 be given to the teacher for cocoa and sugar for the scholars

The matter of cleaning the water tank be given to the chairman Chairman's action in purchasing Kerosene, spray pump and lime was confirmed.

2nd November Mr Darrock gave lecture on Navy League

7th November Epidemic of measles in district

4th December Received 42 skeins of wool from Education Department

1934

5th February Roll Number 31

5th March Terrific Earthquake. Much damage done to houses in the district. The tank at school has holes in the bottom and the school chimney has crashed. Books and glass littered on the floor

6th March No school held. Children too nerve racked to attend. Live wire at the front gate of school. Teacher with help of 3 pupils put the school in order again

22nd March Received from Wellington Education Board

1 quart methylated spirit

1 barometer tube

½ lb mercury

23rd March Reed loom handwork material to hand

6 coils of white wire, 2 balls red, 2 balls green, 2 balls blue, 2 balls yellow, 2 balls brown, 2 balls white, 1 ball black, 1 ball purple.

20th April A new tank was supplied to the school

7th May A gramophone, the private property of the teacher had been stolen over the holidays and it was decided a subscription list be opened in the district with object of buying a new gramophone.

6th June Pickering Brothers put stove in school

2nd July Bagshot School opened today. Five pupils have left Wangaehu school to attend it. Number on roll 24

1st August Mrs W Cameron gave 2 trees to school (arbor day) One is scarlet oak and other native

3rd August Jean Greig and Reid Falloon by popular vote planted the ornamental trees.

8th October A terrible gale swept the Wairarapa. The roof of one playshed became so unsafe that the School Committee removed it.

1935

5th February Roll 24 The old chimney has been taken down. The playshed was repaired (after the gale) during the holidays

14th February A Subs list had been taken around the district to replace a gramophone which had been taken around the district The sum of £5-16-6 being collected. and handed to the teacher who bought gramophone and handed back to the chairman 19/- that was over. Decided to use the 19/- for the picnic

That the storm damage to the shelter shed had been repaired and the shed was in first class order.

The chimney had been removed as it was unsafe and the board had granted £2-15 for cost of the same.

The inspector had recommended new books for the library and the books had been purchased at a cost of £3

That the school should open at 8.30 am and close at 12.00 noon during February

That the picnic be held at Solway on the 28th February and teacher be asked to collect 2/6 from each family for cost of prizes.

6th February Owing to extreme heat of summer the Wellington Education Board has decided that schools remain open for mornings only, during the Month of February

21st February H J Winter Took charge of school. In absence of Miss Newman

25th February Resumed normal school hours

1st march received notice that my engagement here ceases today.

4th March Resumed work today, have been absent since 19th February on account of the death of my father.

18th March School Committee purchased 3 new maps for school Canada, England and Wales and Australia

26th March Planted ranunculi in the long garden bed. Obtained 100 bulbs from Laidlaw and McKay (7/6)

6th May King's Jubilee School Holiday

19th June Letter was received from Department re silver jubilee of King. That the chairman interview the teacher re same

A letter that a quota system of 5/- per patient per annum be adopted.

That all parents be notified of the above cost.

The chairman reported buying 3 maps for the school at a cost of 12/6d each

That the chairman supply a cord of wood to the school at £2.00 per cord.

5th July Inventory of Furniture etc.

- 1) Tables 2
- 2) Cupboards (Portable) 2
- 3) Chairs (Ordinary) 2
- 4) Clock 1
- 5) Stove 1
- 6) Door Mat (Coir) 1
- 7) Hydroplate (Blackboard) 2 Portable
- 8) Hydroplate Wall 36 square feet
- 9) Desks Dual Iron Frame
 - a) No 1 Small 4 -2= 2 desks sent to Bideford School
 - b) No 2 1
 - c) No 3 4-1=3 1 desk sent to Bideford School
 - d) No 4 6
 - e) No 5 2

27th June Inspectors Report

Roll 23

The tone and discipline are very good indeed

In the primer division the advance made is particularly good

5th September Received 1 pair of hedge clippers

27th November Election Day School closed

12th December Received proficiency certificate of Kenneth McGillivray

19th December School closed Short concert and fancy dress dance held.

1936

8th February Have strapped David McGillivray and Donald Jackson for throwing clods at children during the gardening period yesterday. One clod raised a large lump on Dudley Ward's head. It has been a law in this school that nothing is to be thrown and so I have dealt with these children rather sternly.

2nd April Received from Wellington Education Board 1 Dozen corks, 2 ounces iodine solution and 1 quart of Methylated Spirits.

April Mr Powell a member of the Wellington Education Board visited the school

4th May Notice that all School Committee meetings are recorded.

Notice huge gaps in meeting timetable

Credit of £40-17-3 in general account

£7-4-9 in the special account

5th August We planted an English Oak tree to the memory of deceased little pupil Richard Cameron

7th September Roll number 25

14th November Inspectors Report Mr D McCaskill included

a) Teacher R Newman

b) Under the very capable guidance of Miss Newman this school continues to produce very successful work

c) The teaching is thorough and systematic, a sound training being given in all formal subjects, while the teaching is commendable

d) The pupils are bright, responsive and mannerly. It is a pleasure to inspect their work. Order, tone and discipline are very good indeed.

e) Thorough supervision is exercised over the buildings and grounds. The classroom is very neat and orderly

14th December Holiday in honour of King George's VI's birthday

15th December School broke up today instead of the 18th on account of infantile paralysis epidemic. The break up social cancelled.

1937

22nd February Returned to school today

Spent the day in the garden weeding and digging etc. flower beds

1st March School reopened Roll 20

20th April School closed on account of outbreak of infantile paralysis

29th April I have planted some oleria cuttings at the boundary fence and replanted many of the gaps in the front hedge

I have planted narcissus bulbs in the principal garden.

12th May Coronation Day Today I give up charge of Wangaehu Road

24th May Mavis J Ross M A took charge, a permanent appointment

21 children present

19th – 23rd July Closed school to attend New Education Fellowship. (Conference in Wellington)

17th September Bought £2-15s worth of geography and History supplementary readers

9th October Asphaltting of outbuildings and tennis court surrounds begun

11th, 12, 15th October School closed Teacher sitting University Terms in Diploma of Education

20th October Visit of school nurse. Children's vision tested.

28th October Carterton Show

Inspector recommends that a reference library be established

1st November School closed for N Z University exam for diploma in Education

30th November School closed in the afternoon for arts and craft exhibition at Masterton Central School

15th December Break up function held in the school. The children presented a programme of action songs, recitations, plays. The arts and crafts competition entries were judged by Mr J James.

The chairman of the School Committee presented the certificates gained; also special prize for Junior Red Cross First Aid Knowledge., Geography Project etc. Supper concluded a most successful evening

1938

1st February Roll 18

25th February Closed school for Wairarapa Primary Schools Athletic Sports. This school gained five places in heats and a second and a third place in the finals

6th April School medical officer and nurse examined all children

15th April Closed school for Easter. On 14th I finished painting all the desks apple green

22nd April Held Anzac day service- national anthem, Hymns, Anzac Day Song and short address on the history and significance of Anzac day

25th April School closed for Anzac Day.

29th April Closed school in afternoon for Wellington Education Board's verse and choral speaking demonstration at Masterton Central School

2nd May It was moved by Mr Ward that the outgoing committee write down their appreciation to Miss Ross in the way she has used her car to convey children to things of interest during the year especially the learn to swim week.

On 27th May members of the Wellington Education Board met at school by the School Committee and discussed conveying children into Lansdowne school Decided unanimously to ask Board to consolidate with Lansdowne and call tenders for the job as soon as possible.

The chairman and Mr R Graham interviewed the County Clerk re the new fence at Wangaehu School. He promised to erect a fence as soon as possible.

On cord of rata firewood in 1 foot lengths was bought at £2-18 delivered

Owing to the long cold winter and additional cord of maire had to be bought on September 23rd at £4-7-6

The County Council erected a very fine new fence at the Wangaehu School on the 23rd November 1938

I am sure the School Committee will agree the job was done most effectively

Mr A McMillan cut the hedge doing it well

Payments to the Dental Clinic have been quite satisfactory

27th May The Secretary of Wellington Education Board and the ward members visited the school and in view of the fact that the school had fallen to grade 1 and of the difficulty of conveying the children who reside in Upper Wangaehu Valley it was decided to consolidate the school with Lansdowne when the new building is erected.

25th June Mr Alex McMillan cut macrocarpa plantation

19th August Roll number 20

9th September Excepted half day, owing to slips in the Upper Wangaehu Valley. The contractors called for the conveyed children at 12.30

15th October School used as polling booth for General Election.

1st November School Teacher sitting University examination (Same 14th)

29th November Workmen completed erection of new front fence

6th December Judging of Wairarapa Boys and Girls Agricultural club's competition. Iris Wilson of this school gained first prize for fat lambs

15th December Christmas party held in the school

The children presented a programme of songs, choral verse speaking etc.

Mr A Donald of Wellington Education Board presented the following prizes.

General Progress: Iris Wilson

Highest Aggregate marks: Alison Mackay

Highest in preparatory division: Barbara Graham

Best nature Study and Geography projects: Jean and Hazel Buchannan

Senior art and craft: Jean Buchannan

Junior Art and craft: Patricia Holmwood

Fat Lamb Rearing: Iris Wilson

Etc.

At 9.00 Father Christmas arrived and distributed from a huge decorated Xmas Tree, gifts, balloons, sweets and oranges to every child in the district.

Ice Cream, Fruit, Soft drinks and supper concluded a most successful evening.

16th December. Closed school Average attendance 19

Attendance certificates gained by Jean. Hazel and Bruce Buchannan

Keys left with chairman

No date School Committee meeting possible 23rd March 1939

The School Committee agreed to hold a Xmas Tree at the break up at a cost of £2.00 The money to come from the special fund to pay for children's prizes, teacher present etc.

Mr Robertson M P was interviewed at the Lansdowne school opening by the Chairman re school bus for Wangaehu. On the 1st

February Wangaehu school had to reopen and Miss Ross was in attendance.

On the 13th February the arrangements being completed Mr Thornton started a temporary service with a rented bus from the railway Department, he has a new bus which will be ready in a month's time.

This bus service is running very satisfactorily and I am sure all parents are well satisfied with it

1939

1st February reopened school as arrangements for consolidation with Lansdowne not completed. Attendance 6. Parents of absentees notified me, that they are waiting the Wellington Education Board arrangements for conveyance of children from Upper Wangaehu Valley

10th February Received information from Wellington Education Board that he minister has now authorised Wellington Education Board to accept Mr J W Thornton's tender for the conveyance of children to Lansdowne school and Wairarapa College

That the service will start on 13th February

Handed over in the presence of the chairman of the School Committee all school records, apparatus and furniture to the Head master of Lansdowne School (Mr J W Jones)
1884 Female £100

The final meeting was held on March 23rd 1939 Present J McKay, R Buchannan R Graham, J G Mackay

Letter written on 10th March included the school building is not used for other purposes than church services twice a month.

We have paid the insurance of the last five years

Since 1939

- a) We have cut the hedge
- b) Installed a new water tank (Old one wrecked by earthquake)
- c) New spouting and downpipes
- d) Repaired the leaking roof.
- e) We have also had a working bee and done up the tennis court
- f) Letter from Insurance company thanking the School Committee for taking out the chimney and iron stove. The insurance was then reduced.

10th September Letter from Lands and Survey dated 10th September 1954

The hall was no longer in control of the Wangaehu School Committee/ board committee but is now in control of the Masterton County Clerk

1884	17	Wangaehu	McKenzie	Christian		Female	£100
1885	20	Wangaehu	McKenzie	Christian		Female	£100
1886	18	Wangaehu	McKenzie	Christiana		Female	£100
1887	16	Wangaehu	McKenzie	Christina		Female	£100
1888	19	Wangaehu	McKenzie	Christiana		Female	£100
1889	18	Wangaehu	McKenzie	Christina		Female	£100
1890	16	Wangaehu	McKenzie	Christina		Female	£100
1891	20	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois		Female	£100
1892	14	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois		Female	£100
1893	19	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois		Female	£100
1894	20	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois		Female	£100
1895	20	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois		Female	£100
1896	24	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois		Female	£100
1897	21	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois		Female	£100
1898	21	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois		Female	£100
1899	18	Wangaehu	Feist	Lois		Female	£100
1900	19	Wangaehu	Campbell	Kathleen		Female	£80
1901	22	Wangaehu	Campbell	Kathleen		Female	£90
1902	23	Wangaehu	Campbell	Kathleen		Female	£107
1903	20	Wangaehu	Campbell	Kathleen		Female	£110
1904	16	Wangaehu	Banks	Adeline S		Female	£90
1905	14	Wangaehu	Banks	Adeline S	Licensed	Female	£90
1907	12	Wangaehu	Lock	Frances L		Female	£72
1908	12	Wangaehu	Lock	Frances L		Female	£72
1909	13	Wangaehu	Lock	Frances L		Female	£90
1910	8	Wangaehu	Lock	Francis L		Female	£90
1911	7	Wangaehu	Weitzel	Maria H		Female	£90
1912	8	Wangaehu	Weitzel	Maria H	D5	Female	£90

1913	8	Wangaehu	Weitzel	Maria H	D4	Female	£95
1914	8	Wangaehu	Weitzel	Henrietta M	D4	Female	£105
1915		Wangaehu	Closed				
1923	11	Wangaehu	Jackson	Francis L Mrs		Reliever	£145