



Whakataki School Early 1900s.



Whakataki

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Re Established 1938 Closed 1953

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Castlepoint

Established 1913 Closed 1923

Re Established 1953 Closed 1999

Whakataki & Castlepoint

Part Time Schools

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Castlepoint: 1913-1999 The school opened in a shed used for workers who had built the lighthouse. From then on there was competition between Whakataki and Castlepoint and even at one stage a half time school where a teacher, Miss Dornan taught for three alternate days at each school. This included working every Saturday. Even after the Castlepoint School closed there were lawyers involved in what should happen to monies left over. Castlepoint is 65 kilometres North East from Masterton on the coast.

Whakataki Established 1884 Closed 1918 Re Established 1938 Closed 1946 Re Established 1954 Closed 1954. Part Time School (With Castlepoint) Established 1923 Closed 1938. Whakataki is 61 Kilometres from Masterton. 4 Kilometres from Castlepoint. The whole life of this school it was in competition with Castlepoint, over the hill

Whakataki

Note: I have combined both Whakataki and Castlepoint schools into the one document. The further I researched the two schools the more they were interchangeable. Whakataki School was established first, then for a time there were two schools. Then the schools were run as 2 part time schools and finally Castlepoint was the only school but for awhile this school was run by the Whakataki School Committee. In 1954 for one year Whakataki School was reopened.

1876 No Building

A letter was received by Wellington Education Board from the Rev. J. C. Andrew, regretting his inability to attend their meeting, and urging strongly that the tender for the Castlepoint School should be accepted, and the work proceeded with at once, pointing out that

valuable time was being lost, and the district was deprived of any advantage beyond the limited amount of instruction which could be afforded by a peripatetic teacher travelling from place to place, in particular working or based in various places for relatively short periods.

The tender (£637, equal to \$90,068.11 in February 2011 terms) proved to be considerably over the sum voted by the Board (£600). Mr. Gisborne moved that it be referred to Mr. Toxward, with the view of ascertaining whether the specification could not be reduced, so as to bring the cost within the limit fixed by the Board. Mr. Beetham thought something should be done as soon as possible, seeing that the settlers were paying their rates and receiving no benefit. The Chairman said that was just his own case, and that of many others. He did not think that could be used as an argument. Many people had to pay education rates without deriving any direct benefit there from. Ultimately, Mr. Gisborne's motion was agreed to, and it was resolved that when Mr. Toxward's opinion had been obtained, the whole question should be left to the Finance Committee, which should meet on Friday next 26th January 1876

The Finance Committee of the Education Board to whom was referred the question whether or not certain tenders for new schools (especially that at Castlepoint) should be accepted, found themselves unable to deal with the matter in consequence of insufficient information being 1st February 1876 PP

(Whether this school actually got going is uncertain, but it is clear that the expensive building was not erected)

1879

14th May 1879 Mangunson's hotel at Castle Point was last night burnt down. The insurances are in the South British, £900 on hotel, £100 on stables ; Union, £300 on stock and furniture. Cause unknown. *Because of the unusual name I am presuming that Mr Magnuson took up school teaching)*

1884 Whakataki Est.

Whakataki

27th Feb 1884 There was an application for a new school at Whakataki but this was also declined, the Board, however, being willing to give' a grant in aid on the usual conditions PP

29th May 1884 The sum of. £5 was voted to Mrs. Mangunson, sewing teacher at Whakataki. *(So clearly the school was well established by this time)*

1886 School built?

Whakataki

28th April 1886 That a new school be erected at Whakataki; tenders to be received up to Wednesday, 12th May, and to be dealt with by the Finance Committee and the Mayor in order that the works may be proceeded with without delay PP

1887 New House

Whakataki

26th Jan 1887 Residences appear on the list at follows, Whakataki, £250 (\$46,107.06 value at December 2010) each PP

1888 New School

Whakataki

17th May 1888 The additional schools opened during the year were: Taueru (reopened), Pirinoa, Mauriceville Railway Station, Glenburn, Alfredton, Otahuaio and Whakataki, the four latter being aided Schools PP

29th December 1888 Dr. Newman (*Education Board member*) brought under the notice of the Education Board yesterday the fact that a larger school was required at Whakataki near Castlepoint, and after considerable discussion it was decided that if the settlers would set apart half an acre for a site, the question of erecting a more commodious building would be considered. PP

1891

Whakataki

28th January 1891. An offer of a building at Whakataki was considered, and it was decided to obtain further particulars from the settlers. 30th April 1890

It was resolved that a building site for a school at Whakataki should be obtained. PP

29th April 1891 Steps were ordered to be taken for the erection of a School at Whakataki near Castlepoint PP

18th November 1891 Tenders for a New School at Whakataki, will be received by the Secretary of the Education Board up to 5 p.m. of Tuesday, the 24th instant. Plans and specifications at our office, and

also at the following centre Whakataki: Mr. Sellars' office, Masterton PP

Tenders were accepted for works as follows new School, Whakataki J. Russell 25th November 1891

1893

Whakataki

22nd Feb 1893 The Whakataki Committee applied for a Shelter shed and a new clock. The requests were granted

13th June 1893 ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES. IT is hereby publicly notified that Meetings of Householdors for the Election of School Committees at Kaiwarra, Matarawa, Wangaehu, and Whakataki, will be held in the respective schoolrooms on MONDAY, the 26th inst., at half-past seven o'clock in the Evening. The Board calls upon the householders in each district to send in writing, by post or delivery, so as to be delivered to the respective Chairmen of the several School Committees not later than eight o'clock in the Evening of Monday, the 19th day of June instant, the names of persons, being resident householders, nominated by them for election to serve upon the Committee for the year next ensuing-. Each nomination shall be signed by the proposer and by the candidate, and shall be on the form which can be obtained from the Chairman of the existing Committees, or to the effect thereof. The Chairman of every Committee shall cause a list of all candidates be nominated to be displayed upon the outer door of every Schoolhouse within the district under the control of each Committee, on the next day after Monday, 19th instant, or as soon there- after as may be. ARTHUR DORSET, Secretary

1895

Whakataki

27th March 1895 moved that the salaries attached to the Whakataki Te Whiti, Stokes' Valley, and Kaitoke Schools be reduced, after due notice, to £80 (*Equivalent to \$14,102.33 in December 2010*) per annum, they having fallen below the status of Board Schools . The motion was carried. Previous wage £100 (*\$17,627.91 in December 2010. Who among us would be happy with a \$3500 loss of wages per years? Mrs Mary Ann Williams was at Stokes Valley before moving to Whakataki*)

21st May 1895 The Education Board has convened meetings of householders at Whakataki Gladstone, Upper Hutt, Kereru, Judgeford, and Kilbirnie for the 17th June, at 8 o'clock, at the school rooms, for the purpose of electing School Committees, they having failed to do so on the statutory date Nominations may be lodged on the 10th

1st July 1895 Mrs Mary Mangunson appointed postmistress. A portable office provided which will be useful for telephone office purposes RS

29th July Telephone office to handle telegrams added, call sign WTK, Line extended from Masterton exchange. RS

1896

Whakataki

29th January 1896 Authority was given to add two rooms to the residence at Whakataki

9th April 1896 The timber is on the ground for additions to the Whakataki School, and next week the carpenter will visit the Wairarapa district for the purpose of carrying out this and other work at Kaitara, Gladstone, Opaki, and Greytown schools

29th April 1896 Mrs. Mangunson was appointed sewing teacher at Whakataki

11th November. Money Order and Savings bank added to Post Office

1897

Whakataki

Whakataki Public School, which was established in 1887, is conducted in a wooden building having accommodation for fifty children. There are twenty-three pupils on the roll, the average attendance being twenty-one.

[Mr. Frank G. Mangunson](#), the Master in charge of the Whakataki Public School, was born in Wellington, where he was educated. After a period in one of the Government offices, he spent some years in the wholesale drapery trade, but subsequently joined the Education Department; he was appointed to his present charge about ten years ago. As a member of the Order of Foresters Mr. Mangunson is attached to the local lodge. In 1891 Mr. Mangunson was married to Miss Fisher, and has two sons and a daughter.

NZETC. Cyclopedia of NZ Wellington Provincial 1897

30th March School District. Whakataki.' On the' north by the Mataikona River; on the east by the sea ; on the south by Sections 320, 321, 322 ; on the west by Sections 755, -352, 351, 800, 379, 378, 386, 496, 500, 790, 793,' 409, 410, 850, 509, 845, 844, 843. 842, 841, 237, 238, 23-1, 235, 236, 821, 820, 473, 486, 487, 488, 489, 491, and 492. PP (*I have included this because it is governmental gobbledy gook favoured by Education Boards.*)

1898

Whakataki

25th June 1898. Mrs. Frank Mangunson, wife of the master of the Whakataki School, died last night. Aged 28.

Frank Gustaff Mangunson married Mary Ann Fisher in 1891. She died in 1898. He moved into Masterton as assistant county clerk Frank Junior died in Carterton Mangunson 19/9/1936. Both he and his father also Frank Gustaff are buried at Clareville cemetery without headstones.

18th July 1898 APPLICATIONS will be received at this office up to SATURDAY, 23rd inst., for the position of Head Teacher, Whakataki School; salary from. £80(\$13606.58 in March 2011) to. £100, (\$17008.23) with convenient six-roomed residence. Forms of application can be obtained from this office. A. DORSET, Secretary.
28th July 1898 The resignation of Mr. Mangunson, teacher at Whakataki, was accepted, and it was decided to give him £5 (\$850.41 in December 2010) for some fittings in the residence attached to the School

August 8th 1898. Head Teacher J H Kirby Opened School at 9.30 with an attendance of 17. Found the school records had been re..... and all the apparatus books are in confusion. General Desire evinced by parents and children that work should be to succeed.

6th August. Miss Cissy Kirby daughter of Head Teacher appointed as postmistress and portable office moved to new site. Daughter aged about 25 and in her birth registration no parents are recorded. Went from here to Ti Nui as “Women in Charge of a Post Office” RS

13th August Closed the first school week yesterday with an attendance of 17. The weather has been exceptionally bad. The weekly roll number was 18. The average attendance was 17.1. During the week carefully tested the pupils in fundamental portions of schoolwork. Found writing and demeanour exceptionally good all round. On every other respect the children displayed surprising ignorance and backwardness. Not one child could locate “The Bluff”

or the Waitaki River or the Mediterranean Sea. No one could work a rate of three sums, or answer questions in Accidence. (*The part of grammar that deals with the inflections of words.*)

Found it imperatively necessary to helping the nobs in every branch of schoolwork. Children perfectly satisfied of their own deficiency and most anxious to improve themselves

15th August Weather still stormy and creeks and watercourses are swollen and attendance being below the half. The school was with the sanction of the Chairman of the Committee closed for the day.

August 31st .Up to the present date have been endeavouring to bring about something like uniformity at attainment in rudimentary work, and have consequently not adopted a time table or procured any considerable number of new books. The attendance has been regular and parents have shown a disposition to second the effort of the teacher. The scholars are cheerful and earnest in work.

12th September Measles appeared in the district. 2 children in one family forbidden to attend in consequence.

13th September. Wellington Education Board to send new blackboard at teacher's request

21st September. New Blackboard arrived yesterday.

22nd October Mrs Kirby was appointed sewing teacher at Whakataki PP

New Student R McCullough (Aohanga) enrolled

27th September 2 families absent (5 Children) on account of measles. All the children having had measles it is improbable the school will have to be closed

30th September Last day of quarter. Made up returns and posted them by next day's mail. Held examination, chiefly on paper, of all classes. Find now more uniformity of attainment in all classes.

6th October Measles still prevalent and seriously affecting the attendance, which is steadily declining. 22 on the roll but 14 or 15 in the usual daily muster.

7th October. Four other scholars absent through sickness Attendance today 9 Weekly roll 16. Weather very unfavourable. High gale. School dismissed at noon.

10th October. Attendance small and weather bad, no school.

11th October. This morning the chairman of the committee having consulted another member of the committee and the teacher- decided to close the school for a week on account of the measles epidemic. Nearly every household having members laid up with the malady.

19th October. Most destructive gale ever experienced has occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock. Brick chimneys of school hurled down and roof of building much damaged. School necessarily closed.

20th October Reopened school with attendance of 15

New Maps Arrived

22nd October A record gale was experienced at Whakataki on Thursday, morning, according to the correspondent of the Wairarapa Daily Times, The wind began to blow about 8 with more than hurricane violence from the northwest, and, before half-an-hour, had risen to the force of a blizzard, doing considerable damage. The massive brick chimney of the school was hurled down. Most of the buildings in the neighbourhood sustained damage. And sheds, outbuildings, &c, lay scattered about in all directions. Several horsemen, who were proceeding to coast stations encountered the full fury of the storm, one being flung off his horse and very severely shaken PP (*Mr Kirby, Teacher was the Whakataki Correspondent*)

10th November. Attendance has been rather sparse. Three Maori Children, Fanny and Harriet Sutherland and Renata Graham have

removed to Porongahau Very promising children and their absence greatly felt.

18th November Rumours that three children of one family are about to leave the district. Measles breaking out again Allan Harvey down.

Books Ordered for January 7th

- (a) 2 dozen copy books
- (b) Copy Books 2d, 3d 4d (*d was the abbreviation for penny*)
- (c) Reading Books. 5 for 4ths, 2 for 2nds, 1 for 5th, 3 for 3rds, 3 for 1sts.
- (d) Geography. Cornwalls
- (e) Grammar
- (f) ½ dozen (12) slates. (*Like a small blackboard used until the 1960s for children, especially juniors to write on*)
- (g) Ink Powders
- (h) Black Lead Pencils

21st November. Carpenter and bricklayer repairing damages to the building by recent storm. Work in school considerably interrupted by workers.

5th December Committee have decided to close for the Xmas vacation on Thursday 22nd, the holidays to be a fortnight beginning on Xmas day.

14th December 1898 Mr. J. H. Kirby, the well known journalist, has been selected for the position of master of the School at Whakataki, in the Castlepoint district. Mr. Kirby, before taking up press work, was a very successful teacher in the Canterbury district. PP (*Mr Kirby was already working at Whakataki from August 1898*)

1899

Whakataki

6th January During the holidays an entertainment and School Treat took place. They were highly successful. Reassembled today attendance 14

25th March. Found considerable difficulty in examining the school on accord of the absence of all previous records and schedules. The classification of the lower part of the school was far too high. In the upper standards some very fair work was done though one or two important subjects were in abeyance. Log book should be kept up to date. Mr Kirby who has only been in charge a few months is very earnest in his desire to improve the conditions of the school.

Signed F H Bakewell. MA Inspector

5th April Reopened after Easter holidays with an attendance of 13.

6th April. Decided upon chemistry and Political Economy as the science subject for the year.

. Inspectors Report of 25th March inspection

Class	Presented	Passed
Standard 6		
Standard 5	1	1
Standard 4	5	4
Standard 3	6	4
Standard 2	2	2
Standard 1	1	1
Primers	5	
	20	12

Subject	Report
Grammar	Fair

History	Satisfactory
Geography	Standard 2 Satisfactory
	Other Standards Weak
Elementary Science	Very Fair
Object Lessons	Very Fair
Mental Arithmetic	Moderate
Repetition and Recitation	Poor
Drill Exercises	Military
Singing	
Needlework	Poor
Comprehension of language	Poor in the upper standards
In Reading Lessons	

The total absence of records of any description hampered the work of examination and classification of this school. Mr Kirby the present teacher has been only a few months in charge and is no way responsible for this. Standard 4 was an unintelligent class, and did poor work except in writing. Spelling and Geography were not strong subjects in the rest of the school and writing requires to be systematically taught throughout all standards. Mr Kirby is very earnest in his desire to improve the condition of the school generally. And a much improved result is confidently expected during the coming year.

F. H Bakewell Copied by Mr Kirby

12th April The following appointments of Postmasters are announced Whakataki Mr. J. Osborne PP

April School Committee— A. Pull (chairman), W Harvey, A. Mason, W. Holmes, and J. Williamson

19th June. The attendance during the past 7 weeks has been totally affected by the weather. There has been almost continuous rain. Class work has been carried out as earnestly as possible but the compulsory absence of scholars has been most discouraging. The children attend with great willingness and in most cases parents have to restrain them from coming to school, when the weather was unfavourable.

16th November Hooping (sic) cough appeared in the neighbourhood among Maoris. In consequence the Chairman of Committee decided to forbid the attendance of Maori Children pending Doctor's declaration that the disease had vanished.

27th November The cough is spreading and today half the scholars are away ill while those in attendance are ill and sickening. Weather boisterous.

13th December Owing to the prevalence of sickness the Whakataki School has closed for the midsummer holidays. PP

1900

Whakataki

8th January Opened with an attendance of 7 boys and 4 girls- after a long interval of epidemic sickness. Children only just convalescent.

10th January Attendance still meagre owing to prevalence of sickness. Meeting of Mothers decided yesterday to hold annual school treat on February 2nd, but some doubt entertained as to success partly because of the uncertainty as to the place in which to hold the treat and partly because of so much sickness. Maori children not in attendance.

17th January Meeting of Mothers arranged Annual Picnic. Disagreement as to Castle Point or Whakataki, Latter chosen 2nd February Fixed as date.

2nd February Annual School treat held at Castle Point. Highly successful.

1st March. Attendance has been good as health much approved.

5th March Received from Wellington Education Board an additional blackboard.

27th March Classes readjusted after Examination which took place

23rd March Inst. Mr Inspector Lee being examiner.

Inspection Report on Whakataki Public School Inspected 22 March 1900

1. Timetable is admittedly seldom worked by
2. Too much individual teaching. Arithmetic an inferior subject
3. Reading well taught
4. Order fair Discipline satisfactory

Mrs Kirby is an excellent teacher of sewing. All oral subjects are well taught and the pupil's minds are fully developed in all English subjects; but the arithmetic was a sad failure.

Class	Presented	Passed
Standard 5	5	2
Standard 4	4	3
Standard 3	4	0
Standard 2	1	1
Standard 1	7	4
Primers	2	
Geography	Good, maps Moderate	
Drawing	Satisfactory	
Grammar	Good	
History	Good	
Elementary Science	Not Experimentally Taught	

Recitation	Good
Needlework	Excellent
Drill and Exercises	Good

17th April Two new Maori children started

10th May, Weather very uncertain. Attendance affected thereby. Have requisitioned the School Committee for certain necessary furnishings. Received from Wellington Education Board notification that drawing copies had been ordered from Whitcombe and Tombs for this school
16th June. Telephone bureau for handling telephone calls added. RS
22nd June Vacation commenced. School to resume on 23rd July. Attendance at break up. Boys 10 Girls 8.

23rd July Announced that in future school requisites would not be obtainable at the school, but might be purchased at the new store. Owing to the removal of Annie Pull and the absence of Lettie Harvey through illness, probably for some months there is no longer a sixth standard.

Unable to present any competitors at the Wellington Education Board's annual exam, in drawing, owing to absence and removal of pupils whom I intended to present.

15th August. Attendance has been regular since school reopened in consequence of excellent weather and passable roads.

1st September. Mr Pull leaving Castle Point Mr McHaldon? has been appointed chairman of committee in his stead.

The Pull family leave also but the loss of those has been compensated by three Southey Children joining.

17th October. Whitcombe and Tombs have no Bacon's Drawing Sets. Much inconvenienced by having no supply. Southey Children very irregular in attendance.

6th November. Readers changed throughout the school "Imperial now in use"

22nd November Shearing causes continued absence of Holmes and Harvey

30th November. Attendance generally irregular owing to shearing operations.

21st December. Break up in accordance with Board's circular, 1901

1901

Whakataki

28th January. School reopened 14 present 6 girls 8 boys

Gave preliminary instruction re death of the Queen and the opening of the 20th century

28th February Annual Exam by Mr Fleming. Presented 22 passed 16 failed 6.

25th March On account of broken weather and sickness of teacher the attendance during the week has been meagre and irregular.

28th March

Inspectors report. Snippets

- a) Timetable to be on the wall.
- b) Recitation, Geography and composition are well taught
- c) But more systematic teaching required in other areas, more specially in the lowest classes.
- d) Last year the arithmetic was weak. There was some improvement but the work of each standard in this subject cannot be classed higher than fair and the pupils are weak in mental arithmetic.

- e) Order and Discipline satisfactory; manners are satisfactory
- f) Accommodation sufficient
- g) Class Book Imperial Reader
- h) Drill not taken as Mr Kirby had a sore foot.

1902

Whakataki

11th March Report from Inspector. As above but also

Paper was lying about the grounds, the outside office (*Toilet*) was not in good order and the Shelter Shed was scribbled on. There should be offices and a urinal for the boys.

15th March School closed by permission of committee Teacher's furniture arrived. Average for week 16

18th March. Received a letter from the School Committee requesting teacher not to alter the hour for opening of School. School was to be opened at 9.30

31st March. Have sent a letter to the School Committee drawing their attention to the dirty state of the office and water tank and the room is to be cleaned the ceiling is very dirty. Also asked for a pot of varnish or black lacquer for fire grate

3rd April Admitted two Maori Boys Cameron and Thomas Hawea neither who can speak a word of English and have never been to school.

11th May Allan Harvey's name removed from roll. He was over 15 years passed Standard 7 and has gone to work. 24 Children on roll. Have asked School Committee for chalk and black varnish. No

cleaner appointed yet. Parents are grumbling about their children having to clean the room.

1903

Whakataki

15th Feb 1903 Mr. Kirby, from Whakataki, will succeed Mr. Turkington in charge of the school at Cross Creek PP (*See Appendix 1. The wanderings of James H Kirby also Cross Creek from 1903 to 1909*)

21st February The news of Mr J. H. Kirby's removal from Whakataki to Cross' Creek has been received with many expressions of regret. Mr Kirby has been very popular both in Whakataki (where he has taught school for about five years) and at Tenui, where he has delighted audiences from time to time with his interesting lectures. We wish him every success in his new sphere of labour. WTPP

Mrs Mary Anne Williams is transferred to Whakataki School from Cross Creek, presumably because there is a residence at (Whakataki.)

Stokes Valley. Publication details: The Cyclopedia Company, Limited, 1897, Wellington

Stokes Valley Public School—a small building of wood, containing one room besides the vestibule—was established in 1891. There are twenty-three scholars on the roll, the attendance averaging nineteen. Notwithstanding the size of the school, the usual standards from number seven downwards are found there.

Mrs. Mary Anne Williams—an English certificated teacher—is in charge of Stokes Valley School. Mrs. Williams was born at Birkenhead, and educated in Liverpool. After serving five years she gained a Queen's Scholarship, entitling her to two years training at

the Cheltenham Ladies' College. At the close of this period Mrs. Williams obtained a certificate. For two years afterwards she acted as assistant teacher at St. Clements', Windsor, Liverpool, and on teaching before Her Majesty's inspector she gained her parchment license as a teacher. In 1885 she married Dr. Robert Williams, who died in 1893 on board the barque "Lutterworth"—then voyaging to New Zealand—leaving her a widow with one son and three daughters—the youngest being only three days old. On arriving in Wellington, Mrs. Williams presented her credentials as a teacher to the Board of Education, and was granted an E3 certificate, which has since been made E1. She was at once appointed to the position she still holds.

9th Dec 1892 During the voyage of the barque Lutterworth, which has arrived from Liverpool, Dr Williams, who was a passenger by the vessel, died, and was buried at sea. He was accompanied on the voyage by his wife, and four children, and he intended to have practised his profession at Whangarei. He had been unwell from the time of joining the vessel. PP

18th May 1903 Removed Alex Southey's name from Roll, has passed Standard 4 has turned 16. Children are to have a holiday for Empire Day. And on that day the teacher had to unfurl the flag.

22nd May. Sent word to Chairman asking him if he would come for that day or perhaps his wife or daughter.

23rd May Mrs Mary A Williams appointed Post Mistress in place of Miss Kirby. RS

25th May. Assembled children who sang their songs. The flag was unfurled by Mrs Mason. Children had a luncheon not provided by the committee.

3rd June School closed for Prince of Wales Birthday

5th June. Removed G Williams from roll, aged 14 passed Standard 7 and has gone to school in Wellington. Have admitted William Southey 7 years old and has not been to school before. Have sent to the Committee about the chalk that was asked for. Am using whiting in lumps.

19th June. A broken window, the wind has blown it in.

24th August. Girls unable to get blue wool to finish their knitting The Store's stock having come to an end

4th September. Willie Southey away from school, the beach being too heavy for him. Phoebe Mason, absent, creek swollen. Seen the committee and told them the inconveniences attached to the office. Have asked again for chalk to the whole of committee. Average for week 15. It is now 2 months since children had geometry or scale. Received a note from Rose Southey's mother saying she has gone to Te Nui. She is more than 15 years old. She is a Standard 5 girl.

21st September. Standard 3 girl knows her work is going through it for the third time.

30th September WHAKATAKI NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) A very enjoyable social and dance was held here last Friday. There were about thirty couples present from all parts of the district. The Hall was tastefully decorated with tree-ferns, Native shrubs, evergreens, and flowers of all kinds. The supper-room and table were also decorated with flowers and ferns, and the supper, which was provided by the ladies of Whakataki, chief of whom were Mrs and Misses Harvey, was a feature of the entertainment. An exhibition of club swinging was given by eight school girls, and Mrs Williams, the local schoolmistress, is to be congratulated on the excellent performance of her pupils. The duties of M.C. were in the capable-hands of Mr. O'Kane

Music was supplied by Messrs Harvey, Lang, O'Connor and Southey. Songs were sung during the evening by Mrs Dunn and Mrs Williams, Misses H. Harvey and F. Sutherland, and Messrs Henderson, Phillips, B. Schofield and Rangi King. There was a children's dance till ten o'clock, after which dancing was kept up by the adults till the early hours of the morning. WTPP

9th October Earnest Southey very unruly in school this week.

14th October. School opened 4 minutes late. Keys mislaid. 10 children present. Weather fine. 6 children came late bringing the total up to 16

20th October. Taken Lily Hore's name from roll. She is 15 years old and has passed Standard 3. School dismissed 15 minutes late Hands of clock slipped.

28th October Received word from Wellington Education Board the plan and dimensions of school and house have not reached them

29th October Wet Day. Maori children absent, a death at the Pah Written to School Committee again this time asking Writing material, paper and envelopes foolscap water tank, clock and a drinking vessel.

9th November. King's Birthday holiday a very wet day

10th, 11th November Wet Day No Children

11th November received an answer from School Committee saying that the paper and chalk for school use had been ordered. The lock and school tank were to be attended to. And that a drinking vessel was ordered. Tad Graham gone shearing to Castle Point.

13th November 2 Families, Mason and Southey asked to leave school at 3 O'clock

14th November The wonderful Castle Rock, with its caves and fishing grounds, has few visitors. Whakataki, never very big, is growing smaller. Tinui, once the scene of memorable racing carnivals, is in

"the sere and yellow loaf." Half, of its cottages are to "let," and its few business people are leading a languid existence Mr Hogg, MP talking about tenure or freehold for land. PP

17th November received the notepaper and foolscap from School Committee. The lock mended.

23rd November. Sent to Wellington Education Board for New Zealand map and set squares.

30th November Received an answer from Wellington Education Board saying finances do not permit of buying maps or even set squares.

14th December. Admitted 2 Maori girls Maude Monday and Elly Rangi

18th December. Sent to Chairman of school asking if he had received word from Wellington Education Board to the Xmas holidays Dismissed school uncertain at the breaking up. Expect to be at school Monday 21st. Have taken pictures down and dusted walls.

1904

Whakataki

25th January Opened school with 14 children. Weather very hot. Sea too heavy for Southey's to get along the beach to school.

9th February Maori children at school today. First time this year. A Sutherland and a Maori gone mustering at Tinui till after sheep dipping.

23rd February Examined Children. Renata Graham before sheep shearing in October worked in Standard 4. Now forgotten Standard 3 work.

16th March Maoris away at a Tangi.

24th March. Maoris still away.

24th March Following Inspectors report. The following suggestions as to the allotment of times are made

English 10 hours

Arithmetic 5 hours

Singing 1 hour

Drill (Physical) 1 hour

Needlework (Girls only) 2 hour

Drawing 2 hours

Total 21 hours

2 ½ Hours

A lot of instruction and books

Teacher Mrs Williams. 1904 took over from Mr Kirby

There is only one outside office for both sexes.

8th April Maori Children being away for Maori Government Picnic yesterday. School closed no children on account of the rough weather.

15th April School been closed a fortnight Teacher ill with influenza and bronchitis Most of children ill too. School Committee had decided to close the school

May 4th Inspectors report

Included. I understand from some of the committee that Mrs Williams has opened school at the proper time since a communication from the Board

There was evidence that Mrs Williams had lately made an earnest effort to effect some improvement in the general work of the school but it will require constant attention and conscientious work before a satisfactory standard is attained.

6th May Attendance poor Maoris away from Whakataki at a Tangi.

16th May Have taught children a new song. Clubs not arrived yet for drill.

27th May. School closed on the 24th it being Empire Day a Social was held, the flag unfurled (Mr Bob Harvey's)

28th May WHAKATAKI NOTES

(From an Occasional Correspondent)

A very pleasant children's social and dance v, as held in the Schoolroom here on Tuesday evening. Games were played and songs sung by the school children, and Mrs Williams (school mistress) is to be congratulated on the capable manner in which the children have been trained by her. A piano duet was played by Mrs and Miss Williams, and songs were sung by Mr and Mrs M. Dunn (encored), and Mr R. Harvey. Refreshments were provided by the ladies during the evening. Great credit is due to the Misses Harvey for the success of the gathering and the kindness of the Chairman of the school Committee in granting the use of the schoolroom is gratefully acknowledged. The social concluded at midnight with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." Heavy rain has fallen here lately, and the rivers have risen in consequence. WTPP

7th June Maoris still away. There being five absent and consequently there is a poor average roll.

25th June Maoris still away, another funeral, a native of the neighbourhood, this being the third during three months. Attendance fair Average 19. Cole's children are two for Primer 1, one for Primer 2 One for Standard 3 and one for Standard 4. They have been attending Masterton School. Maude is unfit to work with Standard 4.

18th July. 23 on roll. Maoris returned to school. Several being absent since May 4th. Admitted a white Maori, Mei Pape a primer aged 5. Have written to Aohanga to see if it possible to obtain a family

named Poara to attend school. Have sent their names to the truant inspector. Earnest Southey made 6 attendances in a fortnight. Windows cleaned

1st August. Have taken Rose Southey off the roll. Weather fine but boisterous, School rocking. The children being unable to write

10th August 1904 PECULIAR EFFECT AT CASTLEPOINT
WELLINGTON, August 9. The postmaster at Castlepoint further reports that within a radius. Of about half a mile the earth is cracked in several directions from an inch to an inch and a half in width. In several places from a bucket to two bucketsful of mud was thrown out, which natives say is similar to that thrown up at Taupo. From the mouth of the Whakataki, stream for a mile up the water was very thick and disturbed, but beyond that it is perfectly clear PP

29th August. School been closed for a fortnight children and teacher ill with mumps.

10th September. School chimney rebuilt.

14th October. Children find their work hard. Ethel Mason cannot understand the wording of sentences. Laura Harvey backward in arithmetic. Maude Coles work very unsatisfactory. She is a lazy girl and unmanageable at home. The Maoris are very backward.

28th October Children working hard. The writing keeps very poor. Laura Harvey scolded for bad writing. Have put May Cole back, her spelling is bad.

4th November Two more natives dead. Old school boys. Maoris away.

10th November dismissed school at 2.30. A Maori School Boy (Whakataki) to be buried opposite. Children to attend funeral. No clubs at school yet. School been closed for King's birthday. Have written to Australia for science readers for Standard 1.

Earnest Southey away will not be at school again until January 1905. Fleece picking to the different stations.

9th December. Clubs arrived. No tank yet for school. Children's attendance still good. Work at school unsatisfactory. Children are thoughtless, the younger ones Ethel Mason, Constance Williams being unable to grasp their work.

1905

Whakataki

23rd January. 22 children on roll. Admitted Fergus Galvin a Standard 7 boy from Terrace School, Wellington. Weather Hot. No Water. Maori Juniors Forgotten English. Primers unable to tell what they need or to understand what is said to them. School tank arrived.

20th February. Fergus Calvin gone back to Wellington. No water yet.

27th February. The elbow for school tank still not in place.

16th March. Board inspector Mr Bakewell visited school today. 22 present. Laura Harvey Standard 7, Constance Williams Standard 5 and Maude Cole Standard 3. Failed to pass their exams.

Children to have a holiday on Friday.

23rd March. Received notice for painting school and house

25th March Tenders are invited by the Wellington Education Board for painting and repairs to school and residence, and erection of latrines at Te Nui and Whakataki .WTPP

1st May. Taken a lesson on Politeness.

23rd May. Children singing songs all afternoon in preparation for Empire Day.

25th May. Mrs Mason at school complaining about the 24th being a wet day. The school holiday ought to have been postponed she thinks.

Mr Cole (Chairman) visited the school to see if things were right and the children taught well. Asked for new clock. Written to School Committee about fences and the gravelling of the playground and a road to come into the school.

30th May Despite the inclement weather, and the creek being swollen, the local schoolroom was well-filled for the social held here on evening. The school children danced poi dances, and gave an exhibition of club exercise, and also rendered several songs. Great credit is due to the painstaking school mistress, Mrs Williams, for the way in which she has taught the children. Songs were contributed by Mesdames Williams and Dunn, Miss Dunn, and Messrs J. Phillips, R. Harvey and M. Dunn. Miss L. Harvey gave a recitation. Children's dances were kept up till. 10 o'clock, when the adults took up the running, and dancing was continued till the small hours of the morning. Excellent music-was supplied by Messrs R. Harvey and H. O 'Kane, and refreshments were-provided by the ladies. WTPP

4th June Holiday for Prince of Wales's birthday. The children sang national Anthem.

21st June The painters sent word to say they would be at Whakataki to paint the school

27th June Painters at school, asked for a half holiday for joiner to mend windows.

3rd July School closed for 4 weeks holiday. Have written to the minister of mines asking for school to be supplied with State Coal. Inspectors Report Received July 3rd.

A decided improvement has been made in the writing of all classes below Standard 5. But Standard 5 and 6 should improve. Other subjects very fair.

Many of the children especially the Maoris attend very irregularly.... Very fair in the matter of attendance. Mrs Williams has a good deal to contend with.

26th July Harriett Sutherland and Etu away at the Maori Land Court. Hung up the school furniture.

18th September. Southey children unable to get to school regularly owing to high tides and winds. Half holiday for hunt.

October 3rd No Firewood. Minister of Mines says no coal. The teacher to have care of drugs and distribution of same.

October 24th Inspector made a surprise visit, the registers, log book nor summary made up. 16 Children present.

Mr Tennant, Inspector bade me write to Wellington Education Board for map of NZ and to ask for school readers. He remarked about school blinds. The Boards inspector of works looked at the painters work. Asked him for blinds for the school.

18th October. Trafalgar Day. School closed. Mr Cole came in yesterday to see if all were right as he told the children about Napoleon. Mr Cole is a French Corsican.

10th November. School closed King's Birthday. No children came to school today. Whakataki flooded

24th November have taken elder scholars for moral instruction. Lesson on cleanliness. Taken the Maoris for English. Taught them a nursery rhyme.

1st December. Have not yet received word from Wellington Education Board re Map, Compass, blinds or wall paper.

1906

Whakataki

15th January Blinds and wall paper came up. On opening the window blind found one roller broken Wrote to Wellington Education Board and told them.

Inspectors report: On the roll there are 8 Maori Children all of whom are absent. Mrs Williams informed me they were at a tangi being held up further up the coast. From its isolated position it appears to me that this is a charge more fitted to a male teacher

20th January The Maori children not yet back from Maikaraka? Christmas festivals.

Children received an invitation for Tinui School picnic to be held on the 26th. School closed Monday next it being Anniversary Day.

29th January School closed wet days. Creek too high for traffic no children.

5th February Every house isolated.

12th February School again closed. Road washed away. Holes 6 foot deep in the creek unsafe for passage.

19th February Wellington Education Board advised Teacher to buy a blind roller in the neighbourhood.

22nd February Southey children again at school. The creek has been too high for them to cross for the past fortnight.

6th March. Wellington Education Board inspector examined school today. Three Maori children have gone to Taueru School have taken their books with them.

7th March. No fire, very cold.

13th School closed on Friday for Inspectors Holiday. Also on the 13th school wanted for election of licensing committee.

23rd. The Maoris have been here, Cameron Hawea made two attendances and all have now gone to a hui at Hastings, they will be back after the 30th.

Standard 7 studying Latin from the Via Latin and French from Chardenal.

30th March Mr Cole the hotel keeper having sold out, his children having consequently left the school.

13th April The Maori Children who belong to Hawea are still in Hastings, their Aunt is ill expect to be back next week.

18th April Quotes from inspectors report.

Attendance on day 18. Roll 28

- a. Overall standard very fair in most areas.
- b. The candidate in Standard 7 did very fair work and obtained a certificate.
- c. Order, discipline and tone of school satisfactory during my presence in the school
- d. Mrs Williams (*Mary, School Teacher and Postmistress*) has a knowledge of teaching but want of system militates against good work
- e. Programmes of work should be made at the beginning of year. Those presented to me were evidently made just before the examination
- f. There are a number of Maori Children on the roll who were absent at my visit and were absent at the Inspector's visit last year.
- g. Children under 5 have also been marked to make up the roll.
- h. The tank was empty through leakage at the tap and elsewhere
- i. The grounds at the back require draining
- j. Part of the fencing needs repair

k. The pan in the Girls' Offices was very full

l. I called on the chairman of committee about a question which incidentally came under my notice but he was absent. I have reported it confidentially to the chairman of the Board

27th April. The natives of the neighbourhood not yet returned from Aohanga. The upper standards now have their Osborne Geographic and their histories of England as a colonising nation.

18th May. Continual rain very few children present. The creek being too high for the children to cross either up above the road or at the mouth. This prevents Masons (3) and Southneys (5) from attending.

1st June. School closed May 24th for Empire Holiday and the next day for school social.

23rd June School closed three days this week owing to the death and funeral of the premier.

3rd July Whakataki isolated during the 4 weeks holiday for a week by floods. Southney's being unable to cross the river mouth and Masons cannot ride down owing to the unsafe state of the creek. Several people have nearly drowned including the mailman.

17th July. Load of wood received this week. Men at work chopping it. Received word from chairman of School Committee to give half a holiday Monday Afternoon next. The hunt will pass through the school grounds.

31st August. Have reported Mr Mason to officer (truant) to on account of his children. Eti Haramanakihi still absent through rheumatism. She is 6 ½ years old. Annie Mason at Castle Point nursing Mrs Bellis's baby. 12 children present at school.

3rd September. Cameron and Tommy Hawea taken their books away, their little relative is ill. The whole family gone to town to be near the doctor.

11th September Eti absent gone to a tangi at Mataikona. Hawea's little girl dead

5th October. School closed Monday October 4th. Only 7 children present the creek being in flood and the wind so strong it was unsafe in school.

19th October. Maori children present this week. Cameron Hawea having ridden from Mataikona. Have taught boys darning and sewing on of buttons.

27th October Cameron Hawea gone away shearing.

Teachers hand been sore so no entry in log book. Mr Tennant the Board's inspector at school today. He found little fault but said every place was clean and tidy. He also said the school tank should be repaired. Bruce Harvey at Ti Nui milking cows for his sister.

1907

Whakataki

Inspectors report from Extra inspection in November.

- a) The children were quiet and attentive to their work which was going on satisfactory.
- b) The school tank was empty. The tap should be repaired at once as the want of a plentiful supply of good water is a serious menace to the health of the children.

- c) I have already reported on the want of a gate to the school residence grounds. The sitting room of the residence needs papering.

Opened school with eight children. Maoris being at Aohanga and Mataikona weeding potatoes.

- a) After visiting Eti to come to school next week
- b) Cameron Hawea to ride down from Matai Kona
- c) Beach too heavy and tide too high for Southey's to come (by Telephone)

February 1st. Cameron Hawea made four attendances this week, almost forgotten how to speak English.

25th February The beach is impassable the Maori children being unable to pass the reef or Southey's to come from Castle Point.

15th March. No coach having come being unable to get through the river.

13th May School closed for floods. No letters again

Inspectors Report. Included

- a) There are a number of Maoris in the school whose frequent absence lowers the attendance and militates against satisfactory work
- b) The tanks at both residences and school leak
- c) The gates of the school and the locks of the residences are out of order.
- d) Discipline order and tone of the school satisfactory on day of visit.
- e) Efficiency of school very fair.

1st September. Admitted a girl Ettie Appelday Pickett an orphan from Mary Joseph's home is a very dull child.

30th September School closed for Dominion Day last Friday

11th October Have held school exams. Henry Roigard does not like school and takes no interest in his school work. Bruce Harvey who is studying for scholarship has been away 10 school days owing to sickness.

14th October MAORI WEDDING AT WHAKATAKI
(Special to Daily Times.)

3 pm Thursday last a wedding which occasioned considerable interest took place in the State school Whakataki. The contracting parties were Mr Hikuwera Akuhata, of Hawke's Bay, and Miss Roni Pakau, of Whakataki The bride, who wore a white silk dress, with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of flowers, looked very happy. She had four bridesmaids Misses Minnie and Doris Roigard were dressed in green, and Miss Pararama Taho Kairangi and Miss Wharekura Hanairo, dressed in cream. Mr Taho Kairangi Wainohu was best man. Both bride and groom wore beautiful Native mats. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. Sykes. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the Marine Hotel, where the happy pair received the hearty congratulations of a large number of Natives and Pakehas, and where their health was drunk with great enthusiasm. WTPP

18th November Have spoken to Mrs Hawea about children's irregular attendance. Cameron must go to work the father being ill (sprained ankle), If fined will be able to pay fine rather than send him to school.

14th November. Inspector paid a surprise visit.

15th November. Ethel Mason brought word to school she will be absent six weeks having to go away to help in housework and be companion to someone in Whareama while the husband will be away shearing. Pat Southey to go away fleece picking but Mr Southey afraid of the Truant Inspector.

11th December Teacher been absent through influenza. Six children present. Bruce and Willie Harvey away through the scarcity of labour.- Hawea's away for same reason.

Pat Southey injured by the falling of a wool bale. Bill Southey Influenza, Arthur Southey tossed by a bull and injured. Ettie Pickett Influenza, Eli Influenza. School roof being painted.

19th December. Teacher caught fresh cold been ill with bronchitis. Eleven children present. Examined those present who did not do their work well. Bruce Harvey in Masterton. Standard 6 absent Standard 3 absent. School closed for summer holidays.

1908

Whakataki

23rd January Inspectors report last term included

- a) Present 14 roll 21.
- b) The average for quarters was not entered up
- c) Instruction work was proceeding satisfactorily according to timetable
- d) The lock in the door of the porch and the gates have not been repaired.
- e) Mrs Williams reports that she and the children are often ill after a shower (of rain). She attributes this to the action of the sea corroding the iron of the roof and thus affecting the water. I consulted the Doctor of the district and afterwards Mr La Trobe and both agreed that the best remedy would be a coat of hematite (*a reddish -black mineral consisting of ferric oxide. It is an important ore of iron.*) for the roof

T R Fleming Inspector

School opened with 17 children Southey's absent. Maoris present
27th January Maoris absent received word they will be leaving neighbourhood in March. And are beginning to remove their goods to Matai Kona first thence to Aohanga (Natives trying to get a school at Aohanga). This will lead to irregular attendance of the Maoris at the school. Admitted Jos. Dunn.

17th February. H Harvey, N Roigard and C Hawea gone to work. Roigard 14 ½ years, H Harvey passed Standard 5 Cameron Hawea 13 years 10 Months passed (Sic) Standard 2.

26th February Truant Officer visited school 10 children present.

6th March Mrs Hudson and Mrs Hawea came for their children's books. The Maoris have taken away the last of their goods. Have removed their names from the register.

12th March. T R Fleming Wellington Education Board inspector paid his annual visit. As N Southey was too old to be kept in Standard 1 advised that he should be promoted to Standard 2.

26th March. Admitted Rose Oliver aged 7 who has not attended any school. School closed last Friday owing to heavy floods. Eight children present. Rain came through the roof onto teacher's desk (papers)

31st March. Cameron Hawea left school to go to work. Roigards taken their books away preparatory to leaving hotel.

8th May Roigards made their last attendance at school. For the past two months has been very unsatisfactory owing to their books having been packed away in expectation of having to leave Whakataki

21st May. Admitted one Maori Girl Lucy Pongi Standard 1, Two Maori boys Hori Thompson and David Karaitiana both primers. Roigards (2) came back to Whakataki hotel but only until another

tenant found. Consequently they have not brought their goods and the children without books. Teacher compelled to provide them with pencil slates-they use other children's readers.

1st June. School closed last week for Empire Day. The next day being a rainy day and the flood not having subsided only 5 children being present. Chimney smoking, windows open, a cold day.

2nd June. Weather still cold, teacher ill, H Thompson ill with influenza, Emily Southey ill enlarged tonsils, Tomorrow will be Prince of Wales birthday. School Closed.

12th June. School closed 4th and 5th. Teacher ill with influenza.

5th August Inspectors report received. (March inspection)

- a) General quality of work is fair.
- b) Drawing from simple objects should be presented.
- c) In the Primers class some good work has been done especially in reading.
- d) The school is well supplied with requisites for reading.
- e) The painting of the roof seems to have a beneficial effect. The gates are not yet repaired.
- f) The school should be provided with firewood for the winter.

T R Fleming

28th August. Pat Southey attending school irregularly. Kept home to catch horses. Minnie Roigard still without books. They being still in her box in Masterton.

11th September. Minnie Roigard had her slate and exercise book from Masterton but no reader. Teacher provided Doris with reader. Southey's without slate and copybooks.

21st September. School closed two days this week no reason given.

28th September. Four children present. Rest away with influenza. Chairman of the school closed school. Ten Girls present and eight boys. Sent Telegram to Wellington Education Board.

19th October. School inspector made surprise visit. Fourteen children present. Twenty on roll.

Reported. Mrs Williams's reports there are leaks in the school room at the ventilators and at a corner near the fireplace. A lock required on the front door.

1909

Whakataki

21st January Roll is now 25. School closed for Anniversary day. Roigards have left the neighbourhood.

13th February Arthur Southey absent, fallen from a horse and broken his arm at the wrist. Lucy Pongi a Maori being ill has gone to her own pah at Poranghau.

19th February. Ten children have been present all week. The rest being away owing to the river. The Maoris are at a tangi at Matai Kona, a half holiday for the races.

27th April received word from School Committee to close Friday for Children's sport.

1st May Miss Gladys Williams appointed Post Mistress. RS

24th June J Dunn absent tossed by bull

Inspectors Report

Roll 20 Present 14

Includes

- a) The average attendance is low and under the circumstances good work cannot be expected.
- b) In the lower classes the children are making good satisfactory progress but in the upper classes the work is weak in English and Arithmetic.
- c) Some of the wire fencing required tightening.
- d) Some dead wood and straw near residence should be cleared away.
- e) Nothing has been done to repair lock on front door (reported previously)
- f) Mrs Williams reported that the dining room and one bedroom had not been papered for years. There is no basin at the tank

No further log until

November 18th Inspectors report. Includes

- a) It is advisable to make (class) promotion at end of year
- b) Generally correct but might be made more neatly and greater care taken in making the averages
- c) Owing to floods and to illness on the part of the teacher the attendance has been less than half on 54 half days. The holidays taken through the year are four weeks during winter and four weeks during the summer months

1910

Whakataki

16th March School closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the examination. Opening of Maori Meeting House. Children invited to sports and dinner.

23rd March The Maori meetinghouse at Whakataki was opened on Friday last in the presence of a large number of visitors from the surrounding district. The dances, hakas, etc., were much appreciated by those present. The dinner, which was served in a large dining room, proved how well the Maori is schooled in the art of cookery. A very enjoyable dance was given in the evening. A visit to the Native settlement at Whakataki just now gives one a good insight into Maori life.

While on this subject, I might mention that it has been suggested that a well-known Tinui team of haka dancers should challenge a team from the Whakataki pa. WTPP

5th May. Ralph and Douglas Groves admitted. Both came from Tinui School. Ralph Standard 5 knows very little geography and no English Grammar. Douglas is in the introductory class.

14th September. Mr Tennant paid his surprise visit. Mr Powell the Board's architect visited the school to see the cause or to find out why the building rocked.

12th November. School fencing commenced. A Paling Fence in front of the school and residence.

15th December. Fence finished.

Inspectors report for September 14th included.

- a) Roll 21 present 16
- b) All details to be filled in the admission register
- c) Four examinations will be held during the year and all results entered immediately on completion of the examination

- d) Roll has only averaged 80% in last quarter.
- e) The scheme of work not seen. The work however appears satisfactory
- f) More attention will be devoted to writing and setting out of work.
- g) A new timetable will be drawn up
- h) The committee report that heavy winds have moved the roof.
- i) The fences are in a very dilapidated condition.
- j) The school urgently needs a thorough tidying up. Two windows panes broken.

1911

Whakataki

30th January 20 Scholars present

27th Feb 1911 Whakataki, painting, repairs, etc., at school and residence, Welch and Hope PP

28th February Received word today school picnic to take place Saturday.

7th March Whakataki

Owing to the bad weather, the school picnic had to lie postponed from Saturday till Monday. The weather then was all that could be desired and everybody had a good time. Sports and games were held till five o'clock, when all the children were presented with a gift of a book.

A new telegraph line is being erected between Castlepoint and Tinui. The new line follows the road, not crossing the hills as formerly. : Messrs Welch and Hope are extending the Castlepoint jetty sixty feet and are enlarging the landing shed. WTPP

10th March. School closed Monday to allow children to have picnic. Saturday a wet day.

14th March. Noted from Inspectors report

- a) Physical Instruction Free arm exercise and breathing exercises very satisfactory
- b) Mr Cameron has organised a small cadet corps
- c) Needlework Taken by Both Girls and Boys. Good
- d) Handwork. Except drawing and needlework no other form of handwork taken.

12th April Miss Harvey has left here to take up her duties as School teacher at Aohanga. (*Not a teacher*)

The Government steamer is cruising along the coast, looking for a suitable place to establish a lighthouse. She called at Castlepoint last week, and a site was surveyed off on the reef. If this is the place chosen, it will be a good thing for the district, as a number of cottages will be erected for the workmen and keepers,

27th April Whakataki.

Farmers are very jubilant over the recent rainfall, but a week of warm weather would be very beneficial to the growth of the young grass. Owing to wet weather, insufficient householders put in an appearance to elect a school committee.

Mr J. H. Barty, licensee of the local hotel is having an aerated water plant installed.

Numerous ratepayers rolled up to vote in the Harbour Board election. Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs F. Groves in their sad bereavement sustained in the death of their only daughter, whose death occurred on Tuesday evening. WTPP

Next Log entry. Inspector's report October 6th 1911

- a) The contract for repairs and renovations has been let and I understand the workmen begin operations on Wednesday.

3rd July Whakataki celebrated the Coronation by holding a gathering' in the school and a display of fireworks, a novelty here, and much appreciated by the children. A tea was given for the parents and children at six o'clock, after Mr A. Cameron presented the Coronation medals. WTPP

1912

Whakataki

A Much better report given March 14th Inspectors report

The general work of this school is fair.

30th July Mr Barty School Commissioner said a boy was at school who had recovered from Mumps, and had to be sent home. Sent a telegram to Secretary Wellington Education Board owing to sickness in the neighbourhood. Very few children at school. One of the school children died from the effects of chloroform. School closed in the afternoon. A wet day.

5th August; The first fine day for 3 weeks. No children have been able to ford the river owing to the washes out- reported same to Wellington Education Board. Attendance today 17.

29th August 1 understand the s. s. Hinemoa is expected to arrive at Castlepoint this week with the tower of the new lighthouse. The cottages are completed and appear to be very convenient and comfortable. The next thing wanted at Castlepoint will be a school. The distance to Whakataki is too much for young children, and often it is unsafe for them to travel along the beach WTPP

7th September. School closed last Friday owing to serious illness of teacher's son. Nine children are away with influenza and others are at home to nurse their parents.

24th September. Held an examination. Work done has proved very unsatisfactory and so propose to hold another in a fortnight. Applied for a timetable form and Scheme in Teacher Journal.

16th October. Mr A B Charters School Inspector visited the school.

20th October Admitted 4 children. Maurice (12 ½), Thomas Henry (10 ½) Leo (8 ½), Kathleen (6 ½), Field. The three elder children have had nine months teaching at Portland Island School

Inspectors Report 16th October

a) New timetable necessary. Time allotted to Arithmetic too much and that in reading too little.

25th November. Held examination Sent in papers 28th November. Number on Roll 19 Present 17.

Results: Standard 5 not promoted

Standard 4 As this standard consists of two natives and a mentally deficient English Girl it would be better than they should be unpromoted.

Standard 3 Maurice Field weak. Has not been at any school but Portland Island for nine months but as he is a bright boy and 12 ½ years old to be promoted for trial to Standard 4.

15th December. Received proficiency certificate for Ralph Groves Standard 6. And competency for H Harvey.

Castlepoint

16th November Quite a number of children are to be seen here now. Upon inquiry I ascertained that there were thirteen children of school age, and I think the Education Board should take immediate steps to establish a school at Castlepoint. I may also state that these children will be remaining here for some years. I think there are twenty four, all told, their ages ranging from two months to fourteen years. WTPP

1913

Whakataki

5th March. Received word from School Committee that school holiday may be granted for Ti Nui sports.

16th March Marked a double attendance Children dismissed 1.30 to enable them to see a cricket match played

24th March. Nancy and Alex Speedy still without books. Have had to supply them at my own expense. Standard 5 readers, Geography imperial Osborne. Drawing Books, brushwork books, brushes, Copy Books

1st April. Miss Fanny C Williams appointed Post Mistress. RS

1st April School Inspected by Inspector A B Charters Esq. Who suggested that Standard 3, 4 and 5 be grouped for reading and geography. Present 16

Inspectors report included.

- a) There is an improvement in both the writing and the general neatness of written work. The condition of the school on the whole is very fair,

- b) The gale of last week blew down a short piece of galvanised iron fence broke a window and damaged the face of one of the outside offices A new lock is required on the outside door.
- c) Mrs Williams and Mr Barty (School Committee) spoke to me with regard to School children of school age at Castle Point They reported that a Governess had been obtained and that about 10 pupils are attending a private school established there. Mrs Williams further states that two of her pupils are leaving to attend this private school.
- d) A suspension bridge has been construction by the Marine department over the river between Whakataki and Castle Point, but the County Clerk informed me that the distance from Post Office to Post Office is just over 3 Miles by the road.

17th and 18th April closed for picnic and inspectors holiday.

14th May. Received notice from Wellington Education Board notifying lack of books- for Mrs Speedy. That Mrs Speedy had complained that Alex was not improving the way he should do. The complaint was made before School Committee annual meeting. Have explained to Wellington Education Board that A Speedy was but one month in Standard 4 previous to December exams. The report brought from Carterton School described A Speedy as inattentive restless and given to playfulness and signed A Burns. The children are still without home books and their lessons are unprepared. The excuse being they have just time to get their other work done- The boy sleeps in an outhouse and is not allowed a candle.

Have removed names of four field children and one little Maori girl name Pene removed.

2nd June Seven children present owing to bad weather. Other children unable to attend school. Outhouse blown down. Speedy children ½ an hour late every day this week.

21st July Five children present. Hakaraiah August and May Pape at Hastings and due to smallpox in that Neighbourhood are not permitted to travel. Eti at Poranghau ill with smallpox. Two Southey children at home with measles in the family.

28th July Word sent by doctor requesting all to attend vaccination

11th August School closed teacher ill through vaccination

30th August Attendance poor owing to children being ill some have very sore arms. Weather wet and very stormy. Have kept A Speedy in after school hours to learn a few words. He still comes late to school.

2nd September. The teacher had a holiday granted to her.

11th September. Kept school boys for half an hour after school to do a geography lesson for coming to school late after dinner.

27th September. Three children Speedy have come to school a quarter of an hour late every morning and half an hour late every afternoon the excuse given- dinner time they have to prepare and side away their own meal.

15th October. School received a surprise visit from Mr Charters drew his attention to the brush work of Nancy Speedy said that we might try for it to be exhibited in Auckland.

28th October. Admitted Charles Mc Shane Speedy Standard 6. Has attended no school for the year. Knows none of the work and has forgotten that of Standard 5. A shocking writer a bad speller, a poor reader- perhaps owing to his recent illness.

School closed through floods.'

Report of Inspector October 15th 1913

Roll 15 Number present 11

Much improved. Report no real complaints.

Castlepoint

29th January 1913 I understand that the inhabitants of Castlepoint are using their best endeavours to get a school established here, and judging from the number of children there are to be seen about, there is no doubt that it is urgently required WTPP

2nd May 1913 The residents of Castlepoint have established a private school, with an average attendance of eleven pupils. I think the Education Board should be approached re taking it over. The distance to the Whakataki School from this school is three and a half miles, and I should say it was not a safe road for little children to travel, especially in bad weather WTPP

7 Desks

1 Blackboard

1 easel

2 maps

12 ink wells

1 set of reading charts

Drawing Cards (4 sets)

1 chair.

1st October 1913. From Wellington Education Board to Mr E H Field Castlepoint Private School Castlepoint. Secretary of Education. The letter from Mr Field complaining that the difficulty

Castlepoint children have in getting to Whakataki. Reply stated they only dealt with public schools

15th October Inspectors Report.

Reading	Very Satisfactory
Recitation	Satisfactory
Composition	One Pupil good (std 2) Standard 4 Satisfactory
Spelling	Very Good
Writing	Satisfactory
Arithmetic	Very Satisfactory
Geography	Satisfactory
History	Satisfactory
Nature Study	Suitable to the district

The work of this little school has been confined to the subjects above
It was reported that the pupils are correctly classified and the results were quite satisfactory.

1914

Whakataki

4th February WHAKATAKI,

Bush fires were very prevalent last week, as most settlers who had scrub and bush fallen took the advantage of burning it while there was fine weather.

The long spell of fine weather which has been prevailing here was broken on Saturday morning by a heavy downpour of rain. This has been wanted for some time as many tanks were empty and grass is much shrivelled and dry.

Surveyors have been at work for the last three or four weeks, subdividing the Native Reserve.

The Whakataki School re-opened after the summer holidays on Tuesday. WTPP

2nd March. Today Board's inspector F G A Stuckey visited the school (surprise)

Charles Speedy away from home will be back on Wednesday's Coach.

23rd March Admitted Ian Harvey (A half caste.)

Admitted Ethel Munro (14 ½ years) Standard 5 from Ti Nui

Inspectors Report included

- On my arrival work was proceeding according to time table.
- Following the recommendations of the new syllabus the teacher will group the classes of the senior divisions more freely than hitherto for instruction in the English subjects.
- There is a serious leak in the roof of the residence.
- The present arrangement for the cleaning the school is unsatisfactory. The cleaner should be instructed to sweep and scrub the floor more frequently

22nd April Several Whakataki residents attended the annual social and distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Tinui School, which took

place in the Tinui hall last Friday evening. The gathering was highly successful, a large number of people being present.

Nothing so far has been spoken of the Whakataki School treat this year. It is surely time that the children had a treat of some kind while the weather is fine. Our picnics used to be all that could be desired, but now that the people who took such an interest in them have given up their services, nothing is being done towards the function. WTPP

26th April Mr Speedy visited school to see if anything needed doing. Asked for a new doormat. Trees to be trimmed, noxious weeds to be grubbed, chimney to be swept. Ink powder, and zelandia tonic, sulfa (sic), books

7th May School closed early in May to enable teacher to attend a drill class held in Masterton. WTPP

5th June Prizes were delivered in the hall. Reopened the school. Eleven children present. Natives at a tangi. Interviewed chairman of school committee for removal of school platforms, (*Many schools had a raised platform at the front for which the teacher could instruct from*) footballs and skipping ropes for organised games.

Sent attendances of two most regular children. Daphne and Ian Harvey to Mr McBarty who offered a prize. A holiday given for Castlepoint Picnic.

13th June Whakataki

The annual school picnic was held at Whakataki on Friday. The day was fine, but because of the ground being damp, games were played in the hall, where dinner and tea were served. Various races for the children and grown-ups were held throughout the day. Dancing for the children was kept up until 10 o'clock. During the night the prizes were given out to the children by Mr W. Harvey. About fifty people were present, WTPP

12th June. Received word from Wellington Education Board re removal of stage on school floor- applied to committee for a shovel, firewood and balls for school games.

10th July R Speedy removed to Auckland and Ian Harvey to Matai Kona.

26th August. Last week absent 10 children through illness. Ettie Pickett has scarlet fever. Reported to Board. School closed for disinfectant.

12th September Reopened school September 11th. Health Officer advised E Pickett and Mary Pain to stay away from school for another three weeks.

21st September. A half holiday given Mrs Brightwell deceased (Committee Man's Wife)

17th October .Inspector's report. School had been washed but no windows cleaned.

7th November. A wet as well as stormy day. Hotel burned and as the sparks and burned wood were coming towards the school children were dismissed.

Nancy Speedy's name removed from roll. Her father having left the neighbourhood and her mother is at Castle Point. Nancy will attend school there.

Castlepoint

1914 Miss Collerton, teacher

From Inspectors report A B Charters

As Miss Collerton is new to teaching I spent a good deal of time in assisting with timetable and schemes of work. The quality of the work done so far is quite satisfactory.

The school building belongs to the Marine Department and is suitable for the number of children attending

Miss Collerton has good powers of control and as she gains more experience should develop into a successful teacher

17th June The first picnic of the Castlepoint School was held there on Friday last in beautiful weather. The picnic started at about 1.30 p.m. Various races were run, both for adults and children, the former also joining in the children's games with much enjoyment. Tea was served in the dining room of Seaview boarding house, which was kindly lent by Mr A. B. Nicholls. After the picnic a dance was held in the Castlepoint station dining room, which was decorated with greenery. During the evening the prizes were presented to the children by Mr A. B. Nicholls, who made a brief speech, which was suitably responded to by Mr Cleverley. Some very useful prizes were also presented to the winners of the various ladies' and gents' races. Dancing for the children was kept up until ten o'clock, after which the adults took the floor, continuing till the "wee small " hours. Great praise is due to Miss Collerton and Miss Nicholls, who conducted the picnic, and Mr McGinnity, who rendered valuable assistance. WTPP 17th September 1914. I took charge on this date. Found everything in order. Eight children attended.

21st September. Applied to Secretary of Wellington Education Board for 1 bell, 1 clock, 1 timetable form, and 1 register.

30th September. Mr Field came in the afternoon and effected some necessary alterations to a desk.

2nd October Today was observed as a holiday for Dominion Day

4th October. A very windy disagreeable day.

12th October. Mr Charters examined the school on the afternoon of this day.

19th October. This was observed as inspector's holiday.

Mr Charters Report included

Teacher is Mr K Holdaway (relieving)

All classes satisfactory except for the oral work in History and Geography.

1915

Whakataki

5th February have readmitted 2 Harvey Children (twins)

15th February. Miss Laura Harvey called school boys out of playground 11.15, to go a message to the hotel. No boys out when a call whistled (*Presumably from telephone exchange in the school*). Mrs Harvey 1.30, forced her way into the school. Made false accusations and spoke to children for half an hour. Took her children removed 50 % of scholars from roll, Ada and Eva Barty, Likewise Daphne and Ian Harvey.

1st March. Mrs R Hales disturbed school because teacher did not know where post mistress was. (*Fanny daughter of Mary Williams*)

11 March Mr Fleming paid a surprise visit in the afternoon. Spoke about two Isherwood boys leaving neighbourhood and advised transfer certificates.

This women had a tough time at Whakataki with little support from the community. The inspectorate visited, often twice a year and were not complimentary about her work. Where she went to after 1915 could not be found by this researcher and with help from Wairarapa Archives staff no further information was found that helps us know more about this troubled lady who struggled in her job and yet on a

miserly wage of about £80 plus postmistress wages spent money on buying resources for her pupils to learn with.

A real puzzle

Look in Appendix Two for Mary William's other occupation Nurse and Drug distributor

Mary Anne Williams Born 1859 Died 1937 aged 79 years

Her Husband Robert was born 1860 died 1893

Child Annie Born 1887

Child Gladys 1888

Child Robert 1890

Child Fanny 1893

15th March At the residence of the-bridegroom's parents, Lansdowne, yesterday afternoon Mr Albert Edward Dobson, third son of Mr W. Dobson of Masterton was married to Miss Gladys Williams, second daughter of Mrs A. Williams, of Whakataki. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas Halliday, in the presence of a number of friends. Mr Charles Creelman acted as best man. Mr and Mrs Dobson left by the afternoon train for Wellington, where the honeymoon is to be spent.-WTPP

31st March Inspectors Report. The school opened with 12 children. One has since been admitted and five have been withdrawn. Two of whom still live in the district but are attending the Castle Point School.

Last year Mrs Williams drew up a four year plan. I would advise her successor to revise these and draw up a simple programme. The essential subjects will require a good deal of attention. Mrs Williams has taken out two galleries and the floor put down is not satisfactory. This might be done by the removal of the galleries all together.

The school roof leaks at the ventilator

Some desks were removed and packed in the shed.

7th April. Miss C. Williams, who had been acting' as postmistress at Whakataki left last week for Masterton, writes our correspondent.

Miss Keesberry, the new postmistress has taken up her duties WTPP

17th April 1915 Whakataki, sole teacher, Mrs. S. E. Port

21st April New teacher in schoolhouse

23rd April Admitted Arthur Port aged 6.'

30th April Given key of school and house to Mrs Port. Many books in the room belong to Mrs Williams but if she were to take them away it would hamper the work of the new teacher

3rd May 1915 Mrs S E Port. 15 children 6 of these were admitted today. Four fresh scholars and two readmitted

13th May. Have asked for mops, whitewash, brush and paper from committee

15th May. Mrs Sarah E Port appointed Post Mistress.

21st May. Letter from Wellington Education Board re loan of books to Castlepoint School

24th May. Boys have erected a flagpole on which we this morning raised the Union Jack and NZ flag which we saluted afterwards singing National Anthem

27th May. Received from Mr Harvey, Mop, Whitewash brush, foolscap, Ink and Bucket,

5th June. The floor of the residence has been repaired, the missing galleries have been replaced.

14th July. Labour Day. Children have been at work some time previously and had prepared holes. Today they planted 60 Tree Lucerne. 60 Coprosma Mobusta. Also several trees provided by children themselves and a Macrocarpa transplanted from house

garden. Committee promised to wire the trees off to protect from horses.

6th August. Committee putting up wire fence to protect plantation.

9th August Mr Powell Wellington Education Board clerk of works paid a visit on Saturday to see what repairs were needed to school house and Shed.

1st October Called attention of committee to state of tank. Promised new one.

18th October. Received cricket set from School Committee

9th December. School Committee requested the children to attend Castlepoint picnic.

11th November. Paid two pounds for donation towards Belgium Children's Food Funds.

Report of Inspectors visit November 1st.

- a) 13 children present. Satisfactory progress made in all classes.
- b) Attendance Average 10. An increase since Mrs Port took charge on May 1st
- c) Mrs Port was previously a teacher in the Boards Service. Her record was a very satisfactory one and under her management there is every promise of a considerable improvement in the standard of efficiency of the school generally.
- d) A successful beginning has been made in the formation of a school garden.

Building.

- I. The school tank is beyond repair and a new one is required.
 - II. There are leaks in the kitchen of the residence.
 - III. The water from the spouting runs under the building
 - IV. Two windows were broken in the school, But I understand that arrangements have been made to repair them
- T R Fleming.

16th November ALLIES RELIEF FUNDS.

The honorary secretary of the Belgian Refugee Fund acknowledges receipt of the following amounts: — Walter Nash, .Palmerston N., £5. Baby's Food Fund Whakataki School children £2 WTPP

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

A painful accident occurred here last Tuesday evening. Masters Hector and Ian Harvey were, endeavouring to push an old punt, which had been washed up by the tide, through the breakers, when Ian Harvey received a nasty cut on the leg, through the boat overturning and striking him just above the ankle. He was conveyed by motor to Masterton the same evening, where he had to have seven stitches put in the wound. He is now progressing favourably.

The annual school picnic of the Whakataki school children was held in Mr Bartholomew's paddock on Thursday. The day was ideal, with a cool breeze. There were many people present, visitors coming from Tenui and Castlepoint. Games, races, and other outdoor sports, both for children and adults', whiled away the pleasant hours, while a, phonograph played selections. Altogether a very enjoyable time was spent by everyone. Towards evening the wind increased to a gale, and caused considerable inconvenience by scattering phonograph records, boxes, paper, etc., in every direction. Great credit is due to the school committee and the ladies for their efforts' in making the picnic such a success. WTPP

Castlepoint

2nd February 1915 Olive I Clifford began teaching. Fourteen children attended. Made out new register as well as possible since no track of a register could be found.

Wrote to Secretary Wellington Education Board for a bell, timetable, and clock.

9th February. Found register.

24th February. Received supplementary readers from Wellington Education Board. 2 copies Prince Charlie, 2 Water Babies, 1 King Alfred, 2 Sinbad the Sailor, 2 Nell's Lesson

5th March. Wrote for chalk, pencils ink, thermometer, globe, Highroads of History, Foolscape, plasticine and boards (Black).

11th March. Inspector visited the school without any notice

8th March received clock

10th March received bell

4th May Received 1 school globe, 1 thermometer, foolscape, pencils and chalk (2 white and 2 coloured)

6th May Received 5 lb of plasticine, and 1 ½ dozen straw boards (*Couldn't find what a straw board is*), a box of coloured chalk and supplementary readers.

12th May Received 1 rain gauge, set squares and Blackboard compass

13th May. Held term examination week ending 14th May and progress is satisfactory.

16th May Received 5 Highroads of History (Standard 3 class)

8th June. Promoted 4 children to Standard 1

21st June Promoted Norman Parks to Standard 1V

Inspectors Report included. T R Fleming

Miss Clifford was shown how to keep the register and records

Miss Clifford has carefully drawn up schemes of work in all subjects.

Suggestions were made to simplify the work.

Miss Collerton recognised various weaknesses in a number of subjects. This weakness is probably due to the frequent changes in the management last year

The building is about 22 foot by 12 foot unlined and draughty. (6.7 meters by 3.66 meters.) The windows are not sufficient for lighting purposes and are difficult to open. The chimney is not in a suitable place

I recommend that the clerk of Works when in the district, pay a visit, and report on the feasibility of making such improvements as will make it more suitable for school purposes. There is only one outside office

No provision appears to be made for cleaning, nor providing stationery

14th July. Arbor Day. By permission from the commissioner school was held today, there being no suitable ground here for tree planting.

16th September Reopened school after the term holidays. Yesterday Wednesday 15th was observed as a school holiday instead of Dominion Day 27th September. By permission of the commissioner.

26th October. Observing Labour Day on 16th December.

27th Oct 1915 A letter was received by Wellington Education Board from the Minister of Marine stating that it was proposed to establish a school at Castlepoint partly at the expense of the Board and partly at the expense of the Marine Department. The matter was held over for further consideration PP

1st November Inspectors report The children have made very satisfactory progress under Miss Clifford during the year. T R Fleming. Roll 17

15th December The second Castlepoint School picnic was held at Castlepoint on Thursday. The weather was fine, and a good number of people were present. Games were indulged in until 12 o'clock, when lunch was served. During the afternoon games were played and races were run, both for children and adults, until tea time, after

which all present adjourned to the dining room of Mr A. Nicolls' boarding house, where the children's prizes were presented by Mr Nicholls. Useful prizes were also given to the winners of the married ladies' and married men's races. Great praise is due to Miss Clifford, the teacher, for the way in which she has brought the children on in their studies. At the conclusion Mr Parker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Nicholls for his assistance at the picnic.

An extraordinary sight was witnessed here on Thursday night. A brilliant meteor was observed in the eastern sky, travelling southwards. Suddenly it appeared to strike a star, causing myriads of sparks to fly in all directions, and then it vanished.

9th December. School Picnic and prizes presented to all children attending Castlepoint School

16th December. Total School Properties

2	Blackboards
2	Easels
1	Map NZ
1	Thermometer
1	Clock
1	Hand Bell
1	Table
11	School Desks
1	Bead counter
1	Rain Gauge
1	Infants reading chart
1	T Square
2	Set squares
	Blackboard Compasses
1	Small Globe

1	Chair
1 Doz	Highroads of History
2	Water Babies
2	Prince Charlie
2	Sinbad the Sailor
1	King Alfred
1 Doz	Laureate Poetry Books
2	Nell's lesson
4	Madcaps All
2	Four Gay Scouts
1 ½ Doz	Plasticene Boards
4 Sets	Drawing Cards
1 Set	Historical Cards

Marine Department

May 29th 1915 "Hinemoa" (*Captain Bollons was the captain of the Lighthouse tender Hinemoa, which brought supplies and people to Castlepoint Lighthouse*)

Captain J Bollons A schoolhouse is required here. The present building was a cookhouse and men's hut during the erection of the tower (*Lighthouse*) and buildings.

It was a temporary structure built of second class white pine unlined and roughly built. The wind and rain beat through the split and broken weatherboarding, the piles are decayed and 3 are out of the ground. The position is most unsuitable and bleak.

10th September 1915

E Parks Castlepoint Lighthouse Keeper to Secretary Marine Department

I have to inform you that a new school is required at this station..... As there are many outside children attending the school as keepers children I would suggest that the Wellington Education Board and the Department share the cost of erection.

As there is no suitable site for the school inside the lighthouse Reserve but a good one just outside on the Castlepoint Station. I am writing to the owners of the property to see if they will grant the ground.

As there are 20 children attending the school a building would be required to seat 25 children... a small lean to for a playshed and 2 WC's

I would remind the Department that there is 1050 feet of match linings on hand which could go towards lining the school

I have the honour to be sir your obedient servant

12th October 1915. Letter written to Marine Dept minister asking for a shared cost school to be erected at Castlepoint

14th October 1915. Letter from Robert McNab of Marine department to Wellington Education Board offering to pay for a school for 10 pupils (Lighthouse keepers Children and then for Wellington Education Board to pay for rest)

28th October 1915. Letter from Wellington Education Board suggesting that the Whakataki School be shifted half way between Castlepoint and Whakataki and serve both communities.

Mr Parks to Secretary of Marine.I do not think there is a suitable site anywhere about midway for a school, whether on the road or near the beach it would be exposed to the full force of the prevailing winds. Then again some of the children attending the Whakataki School live over 2 miles on the other side of the school Mr T Fleming Inspector was here on the 1st Inst and I talked the matter over with him and he thought we were entitled to a school. But the act prevented them from erecting a school within 4 miles of another. He suggested that the marine dept build the school and that the Wellington Education Board took the school over from the Department.

Wellington Education Board to Minister of Marine. The Board wishes to point out that the school was built mainly to meet the requirements of the lighthouse keepers. The Board recognises that there is no possibility of transporting the children to Whakataki..... The board normally constructs a building to house 20 children the smallest recently built have been 18 foot x 16 foot (*5.50 meters x 4.90 Meters. Take out doorway and space around fire and room for the teacher and the space of 26 square meters for 20 children and a teacher doesn't leave much space*)

Secretary of Marine to Minister. Complaining that the Wellington Education Board want the Marine Dept to build all the school and then sign it over to Wellington Education Board who would

maintain it. But thought it unfair as many of the children would not be lighthouse children

17th December 1915. Letter to Wellington Education Board stating that in view of the urgent necessity of economy owing to the war. They would conduct temporary repairs to the current building for the use of light keeper's children.

1916

Whakataki

1st February 14 Scholars

8th February Children have in accordance with Board's request gathered all the cocksfoot grass seed that they could find about. Owing to the scarceness round here they could only get 6lbs and that with a good deal of labour.

9th March. Holiday for Whakataki and Castlepoint Sports

24th March. Committee has thoroughly sprayed school outhouses with sheep dip in case any of the infection from infantile Paralysis should reach the district

31st March. School closed by health authorities as Kingsley Port (aged 14) has been attacked with paralysis. (*Son of Teacher*)

12th April School closed by Wellington Education Board until May 1st. This is to give chance for all fumigation purposes and to allow children to regain normal health. Many of the children have been ailing for some time but only one serious development so far. The health inspector thoroughly fumigated school dwellings and outbuildings,

The committee have also given another spraying of sheep dip to walls papers desks and all buildings

17th April Quarterly returns posted today with explanation of delay and note as to their being well fumigated

18th July Observed as arbour day. Children unaided have planted 50 Taupata and 30 Tree Lucerne. Six cabbage trees

7th August. School closed for want of scholars. Creek flooded and rains heavy

10th September Reopened attendance poor. Many children left district and some sick

1st December Boys working about district as men are not obtainable.

Inspectors Report November 16th 1916

- a) Roll 10
- b) There at present seems every prospect of a decrease in the roll next year.
- c) Mrs Port has worked hard with satisfactory results.
- d) There are leaks in the school room. The water pours in at the ventilator.
- e) There was a broken window in the schoolroom

Castlepoint

Mrs Gertrude Ahradsen teacher. Her Husband Albert was station manager at Rewa Rewa. This property was owned by the Cameron Family which Gertrude and Albert had both relatives in She died in 1951 and Albert died in 1965.

1st February Gertrude brought with her children Joyce, who was enrolled and Kenneth who was not enrolled as he was not 5.

One boy William Edmonds having obtained a Proficiency Certificate has left and gone to Napier to school

10th April School reopened after being closed for one week, there being a case of Infantile paralysis at Whakataki School. Most of the children here had been in direct contact with the sufferer.

3rd November. Two Standard 6 pupils Poppy Nicholls received proficiency certificate, Dorothy Innes received a competency certificate. All other children have been promoted

Roll 18

Very satisfactory progress has been made during the year under Mrs Ahradsen's instruction.

Attendance Very Good September Quarter Roll 18 Average 17

Quality of work Very satisfactory.

The building has been improved by lining but the chimney smokes and there is only one outside office.

Mrs Ahradsen's place of outdoor lessons on the beach during hot weather is approved.

1917

Whakataki

30th January Nine children present.

Molly Barthomlew will not be able to attend for some time (If at all) Heart Trouble. Very promising scholar

1st March. Children (girls) who have been sewing for Mrs Bartholomew's prize finished today. Prize won by G D Harvey.

9th March. Received for garden, forks, one rake, and one trowel from Wellington Education Board.

4th July. Patriotic Sale in village in which children are helping.

August. Planted pines on Arbor Day. Have given special lessons on citizenship- Empire Building- planting for future etc.

6th August a severe earthquake shook down the chimney and overthrew broke a blackboard. Smaller tremors felt for some days after.

30th August. On 24th the school was closed out of respect for the family of the chairman of School Committee. They having suffered bereavement through the death of Mrs Harvey.

31st August The children have sent 13/- (*/- is the short form of shilling*) to the Mayoress of Wellington towards the soldiers Christmas Pudding Fund.

November 1st Inspectors Report. Roll 9

Castlepoint

30th January Miss Nicholls having gone to Masterton District High School. Norman Parks is an inmate of the Masterton Hospital having been severely burnt with gunpowder during the holidays.

5th April Whakataki and Castlepoint held a combined school picnic at Whakataki.

4th July A subscription taken for the poor of London Schools injured in the large air raid. *7/4(7 Shillings and 4 pence)* gathered

3rd August Subscription taken voluntary gifts-for the Shilling Plum Pudding fund for our boys at the front. £1-0-0

1st November Annual visit by Mr Stuckey arrived in the afternoon and continued on the 2nd.

Inspectors report Included.

a) Roll 18 present 18

- b) The quality of the instruction is good and the pupils have made commendable progress.
- c) The sanitary arrangements are most unsatisfactory There being only one office and that with holes in the wall up to a foot in diameter

Marine Department

5th September 1917. Wellington Education Board to Marine Secretary The chairman of the School Committee has drawn the Boards attention to the draughty nature of the Castlepoint School. The defect is probably in the flooring and mentions the best remedy is to cover it with ROK flooring. The estimated cost of 43 sq yards and copper tacks at £5-3-6. If your department is willing to carry out the improvement asked for it will be necessary to send the material by the "Hinemoa" which I understand leaves shortly. The School Committee will arrange to provide the labour required in laying the floor.

19th September. George Allport, Secretary of Marine. The material will be sent overland and will be laid by Mr Seddon of the Public Works Dept who will be in the vicinity for the next 10 days. The carpenters were at Castlepoint repairing damage done by an earthquake.

1918

Whakataki

20th March 1918 Resignation Mrs S E Port PP

29th March. School closed by order of Wellington Education Board as there were not enough children to keep up attendance.

(Notes for Sarah Elizabeth Port Teacher from 1915 to 1918)

- 1868 Sarah Elizabeth Batt born No parents listed
- 1896 her husband Ambrose Hughey Port was an engineer living in Wellington with his father
- 1898 Sarah married Ambrose Hughey
- 1900 Nora Elizabeth Born
- 1902 Ambrose Kingsley born
- 1904 Ernest Gordon Born
- 1906 Ella Ruth Born Died 1909
- 1908 Arthur Basil Born
- 1911 Husband in Alicetown Petone. Sarah with him
- 1914 He is an engineer in Dannevirke. Sarah is with him
- 1928 He is in Dannevirke as a locksmith. She is in Tataramoa Just out of Matamau North of Dannevirke. She has Ambrose Kingsley with her. He caught polio at Whakataki.
- 1946 He in Tayforth in Patea, retired. Sarah is with him!!
- 1949 He is still at Tayforth
- 1935 he died and buried at Ormonville
- 1945 She died and is also buried at Ormonville aged 87

19th September Whakataki POST OFFICE.

TO BE KEPT OPEN

The closing of the post office at WHAKATAKI was a very serious, matter to the settlers of that district. They recently met and decided to contribute £50 towards the cost of keeping the office open.

The settlers got into touch with Mr J. T. M. Hornsby, M.P., who immediately interested himself in the matter. He put the settlers' case strongly before the Minister, explaining the action already taken by the settlers to contribute £50, and a request for a pound for pound subsidy.

-This morning Mr Hornsby received a telegram from the Minister, stating that the Whakataki office would be kept open in accordance with the suggestions made by Mr Hornsby on behalf of the settlers.

Mr Hornsby intends to visit the WHAKATAKI district about September 24th for the purpose of discussing with the settlers questions relating to the school bridge, etc WTPP

Castlepoint

5th February Miss R Levien Relieving Teacher

Two girls left one having gained proficiency the other passing 5th Standard. Roll 16

26th February. Inspectors visit. Miss Levien relieving teacher will prosper.

24th April. Paid the children for cleaning school up to the end of April.

30th October Inspectors report. The programmes in use are suitable and the pupils are well taught. On my second visit the pupils were fully examined.

Buildings See previous reports The question of bringing over the Whakataki School is under consideration

1919

Whakataki

24th November WHAKATAKI POST OFFICE.

SUITABLE BUILDING CHOSEN.

Mr J. T. M. Hornsby, M. P., has received a communication from Mr A. P. Dryden, Chief Postmaster, stating that the building formerly used as a school at Whakataki is to be converted into a post office, and the necessary alterations will be put in hand immediately. A money order office and savings bank at were opened last week.

WTPP

Castlepoint

10th March. Miss Leary relieving from 11th February to 7th March.

R Levien in charge from 10th March. I found everything in order on my return to duty.

Norman Nicholls has gained his proficiency and left school.

March 17th-21st I was absent 3 days this week owing to sickness. The school prize giving and picnic was held on the 20th of the month.

26th March WHAKATAKI

(Special to Daily Times)

The Castlepoint school children held their annual picnic in Mr A. A. Cameron's paddock at Castlepoint last Thursday. The weather was ideal for picnicking, and there was a good attendance. After luncheon various races were run for the children, and both adults and kiddies joined in the various school games with much enthusiasm. One event, eating pears suspended by a string, caused much amusement; also a three-legged race for ladies and gentlemen. After tea had been served, the school prizes won by the children were presented by Mr Cremer, the now lighthouse keeper. Mr A. B. Nicholls then made a brief speech, in which he made reference to the splendid teaching qualities of their teacher, Miss Levien, shown by the examination record of the pupils. Three hearty cheers were then given for Miss Levien, and

those present sang, "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow." The proceedings were brought to a close at about 5 p.m., and the picnickers left for home after having thoroughly enjoyed themselves WTPP

28th April After visit of health officer the school was closed as he advised for this day owing to rough weather and severe colds

1st July I Gunn took charge of the school temporarily

3rd July Children paid up to end of July for cleaning the school.

1st August The week ending today has been extremely wet and the attendance consequently poor. We had 2 short day timetables and one excepted half day.

19th August School work resumed. Attendance poor.

28th August. F Morrison withdrawn from roll, as his people are not expected back. Destination unknown.

11th September. Storm raging. Only 2 Innes boys present

12th September Storm abated slightly. School extremely damp and smoky so was dismissed at one o'clock.

13th October. A McFarlane took charge of this school.

11th November Armistice Day and Inspectors holiday observed.

26th November. School closed to allow teacher to attend teacher's summer school at Pongaroa.

1920

Whakataki

17th March 1920 Authority was given to the secretary to arrange the sale of the old unused buildings and site at Whakataki, in terms of the valuations placed on them, and to apply to the.. Education Department for the difference required to erect a new school at Castlepoint

Castlepoint

11th March 1920. Letter from Wellington Education Board to Secretary of Education

Roll is now 15 soon to rise to 20

Current room is the ex cookhouse in erecting the lighthouse

Roof is low with no lining. Summer is hot winter is cold

The building is leaking

Castlepoint is becoming a seaside resort and lately 16 sections have been sold.

Castlepoint Station have presented a site

The roads are closed to heavy traffic in the winter,

If a steamer could be obtained timber could come with that

Can't remove the Whakataki building because it is 29 years old it is better to sell this building

16th March Letter to Secretary of Ed. A steamer will be available within a few days and can convey materials to the right point

19th March

Classroom 22' X 20'	£856
Corridor 18' x 8'	32
WC One seat and Urinal for boys	32
WC 2 seats for girls	32

Shelter Shed 8' x 20'	
Wood Store 8' x 8'	48
Fencing 10 chains wire and gates	42
Path Forming and Metalling	10
17 Dual Desks	34
1 Table	2
2 chairs	1/10
Wall Boards	9
1 Portable Board	1/10
1 Easel	1

Note the abbreviation in regards to measurement = 1 foot.
Approximately 30 centimetres

28th May 1920 Redesigned building. Less Children now at School It is now in a two roomed whare

21st May 1920. New plans bring price down to £866 with £550 received from sale of Whakataki

24th November. 1920 5 schools including Castlepoint had been built without shelter sheds. Wellington Education Board have now found out that children ride horses as conveyances to school at Whakataki and sheds are now needed. The department of Education informed, No shelter sheds. Presumably the sheds were used to store saddles etc.

3rd March 2 letters from Dept of ED to Wellington Education Board telling them no shelter sheds.

1921

Castlepoint

31st January. New teacher arrived AE Bird Temporarily appointed 8 Children present. Bob Lister was absent owing to a poisoned foot. Iness Murdo, 2 days with heart trouble. Tui Glass came the second day as she did not know there was any school.

Although the scouts had occupied the schoolroom during the holidays everything was in order and the schoolroom clean.

4th February Elections of Captains of the school. E Creamer elected boy captain and Mary Pain girl captain. Norah Green absent this afternoon to attend an inquest

7th February modulator found but tuning fork still missing.

14th February Hector MacDonald left to work at Boarding house.

25th February Tasman Willers likely to be away three weeks going to accompany his parents to Hastings. Returned 21st March

4th July I was compelled to see a Doctor in Masterton about my poisoned hand. Resumed work on the 12th July

22nd July Received eight Pinus Insignia Trees. 2 years old

AE Bird transferred to Marlborough

29th August 1921 Mr. F. G. Carson, formerly secretary to the Masterton' Progress League has accepted the position of teacher at the Castlepoint School. PP

9th September. F G Carson. Roll 13.

16th September. Inspector Cowles came. Three children put up for proficiency exam. May Pain, Noah Green and Eric Creamer all passed.

23rd September Took inspectors holiday on Monday.

30th September. Dominion Day.

7th October Only 4 girls enrolled at school. Present system of sewing to my mind not satisfactory. Children should not leave the school for sewing. No Arrangements made for advising teacher what children and parent and what about on Thursday afternoons?

Inspectors report. Teaching good. Room good Fences on two boundaries are required.

29th October. Mrs Creamer has notified me that they will be leaving the district at the end of the year. She will not be taking Sewing after this week. Think this is a satisfactory solution of the difficulty at the present practice of taking the children away from the school is not a good one.

Mary Creamers work not satisfactory. Spelling continually wrong. Had to scold her this Friday morning and she was kept home in the afternoon.

11th November. School closed Monday 7th on account of teacher's absence in Masterton on private business.

Sewing is not being taught in the school now.

9th December. The attendance has been poor this week dwindling from 5 on Monday to 2 on Thursday on account of a mild epidemic of colds and sore throats. So after consulting the commissioner (Mr Innes) it was decided to close for a day or two

22nd December. School closed for summer holidays. The prospects for a good roll number for next year are not bright. Creamers leaving the district will take four children. Norah Green is not returning and Ronald Cameron is going to a boarding school.

1922

Whakataki

1st November 1922 Here is another letter: —'Dear Mr. Mitchell(?), —I am at a great disadvantage on account of the school near to my home being closed, and I have to send my child a long way to another school. This school was closed through aggregation. I am informed that four schools have now closed in the Wellington district largely through the same cause. They are: Akatarawa, Fabian's (?) Valley, Whakataki, Nydia Bay;' Land Aggregation being complained about PP

Castlepoint

February Roll 9

17th There will be no sewing class this year as no one can be found

4th April Mr Duncan principal Lighthouse Keeper was accidentally killed last Saturday Evening. The commissioner declared a holiday on Monday 10th April for Mr Duncan's funeral. School closed for

Easter on Wednesday 12th instead of Monday 12th to enable the teacher to get away as coach arrangements were otherwise unsuitable. As far as can be seen roll will be only 6 when school reopens. Mr Duncan's death means removal of 2 children and one four year old.

April, 1922, a tragic accident happened to the principal keeper, Mr. W .Duncan. He was engaged in repairing the telephone wires connecting the lighthouse with the keepers' dwellings, when he lost his footing on the top of a high ladder and fell to the ground and was killed PP

9th May 1922. A letter signed by 8 residents and the teacher Mr F Carson. Stating that the school roll was in danger of dropping and the school of becoming an aided one. Asking that keepers with children be sent.

9th May. Letter from Geo H Innes Castlepoint commissioner to Marine Department. Roll is now 6. Letter to Mr McLeod, Wellington Education Board member, Martinborough asking for help.

1st June 1922. To Mr McLeod Stating that the department always tried to send keepers with children to schooled lighthouses. One had already arrived with 2 children and another will arrive within 6 weeks.

20th June. Letter from Marine Department to Principal Lighthouse Keeper at Castlepoint complaining that Mr Glass assistant keeper had signed the petition and would the head keeper explain why

26th June. Mr Glass wrote an elegant letter to Secretary. Explaining that local parents were worried about the school and that he was the first to sign it not that he started it.

22nd April School reopened on Wednesday April 19th with a roll of 5. Mr Beer has been replaced by a single shepherd so there can be no help from that quarter. It is not yet known whether lighthouse keepers with family be sent or not.

5th May. Attendance only 4 this week as the two Glass children have been away all week.

2nd June Two new children Lily and Kathleen Babbage, their father being one of the lighthouse keepers. It is hard to keep school in Grade 1 with erratic attendance of the Glass Children and worse weather still to come.

9th June Monday June 5th was observed as Kings Birthday.

20th June Average roll for the quarter 6.55. First quarter average roll 9.15. Making 7.84 for the year so far. Two new children (Maori children from Whakataki) are promised from next Monday.

7th July 2 new children Patangaroa enrolled. Both in primers, but they are only here temporarily. Received word of pending transfer to Kohinui after August holidays.

14th July. The Glass children are still being kept away.

21st July. The native children from Whakataki are now attending badly and the average for the week is only 8.4.

4th August The native children from Whakataki have been removed. Making roll again 8.

25th August The Babbage children have been away since Monday as their mother took them to Wellington It seems hardly fair in view of

the poor average attendance and the fact that the school break up for the term holiday today.

Had intended to hold an exam today but as there is only one child present (Standard 3) to be examined I will not do so.

This boy Munro Innes is weak in arithmetic.

This ends my stay at Castlepoint Fred G Carson

21st November. School only reopened on 1st November 1922.

Wellington Education Board wouldn't do anything until roll stabilised

1923

Whakataki

21st February 1923 A new bylaw was adopted requiring approval from the Wellington Education Board before any work is undertaken by school committees, the cost of which the board might be asked to meet. PP

21st February The Department of Education notified that the establishment of a half-time school at Whakataki, to be worked in conjunction with- Castlepoint, had been approved PP

17th September First recorded meeting of School Committee Present Messer's Finlayson. Green, Holdsworth, Harvey and Pain. W Harvey was elected chairman.

Correspondence read and received. (*Obviously opened before this first recorded minutes*)

Moved that 5/- be spent on books.

Moved that as many members of the committee as can attend, to meet the school Inspector when he come to Whakataki and advocate a

fulltime school And also ask him if he can do anything for us in the way of getting the Post Office transferred to the old building.

15th November Moved that the Wellington Education Board be written to and asked to take over the school from the P&T department The building to be used exclusively for school purposes.

Also that the Wellington Education Board be asked to provide a teacher for the fulltime school after the Xmas holidays. And to find 27 of 3 inch pipes, 3 window blinds 7 foot 6 inches long and 3 foot 10 inches wide complete with rollers/ iron and timber to erect a urinal for the boys to be attached to the WC. The committee are prepared to do the necessary work attached to putting in the drainpipes and erecting the urinal.

16th May 1923 Applications were received for the reopening of the schools at Whakataki and an application was made for the establishment of a school at Trentham. Further information is to be obtained regarding Whakataki, and Wangaehu is to be recommended for reopening if the inspector reports favourably. Regarding Trentham, the secretary said so many signatures were on the application that it was doubtful if some of them were parents or -even householders. The matter was referred to the executive for inquiry.

16th May 1923 The Department notified that the establishment of a half-time school at Whakataki, to be worked in conjunction with Castlecliff (sic), had been approved

Whakataki and Castlepoint

4th August. B Dorgan commenced duties

11th September. Absent late in returning from holidays

25th October Inspectors' report included

a) This school is being well conducted

- b) The schoolroom is shared with the Post Office to the detriment of the school
- c) The Committee have plans for a much needed improvement to the grounds
- d) The teacher has been in charge since the beginning of August..... The pupils being alert and responsive
- e) Most of the pupils have never before attended school and consequently the attainment in the various subjects was low.
- f) Two pupils had been previously taught by correspondence did good work in English subjects and fair work in arithmetic

1st February 1923. AS the Wellington Education Board had greatly under spent the amount for new school .Consideration for a shelter shed will come into those costs if roll stabilises
 9th May. Dept wouldn't allow whole cost of Shelter shed to be defrayed from unspent part of grant for the new school

Marine Department

27th March 1923. To Head Keeper Castlepoint light. Asking whether the school building has been dismantled as asked. And the timber stored for maintenance and repairs generally
 4th April 1923. In reply I have to inform you that the old school building has not been dismantled neither have the two rooms in the Principal Keepers house been repainted.
 17th April 1923. Secretary To HK Why haven't you dismantled to school as instructed?

25th April J A Goddard Head Keeper. Complaining that now that station only has two men they cannot do their principal work and all the outside work.

5th June. Instructing that old school room will be pulled down without delay

11th July What is the position about dismantling the old school?

5th July (sic) building almost pulled down
 Timber was sold to locals.

1924

Whakataki

(Miss Beatrice Brouard Dorgan appears to be the first teacher after the reestablishment of Whakataki School. She was born in Masterton when her father was working at Brancepath Station. An accident involving her father, Mother and older sister reported "A trap capsized over a bank on the Taueru road yesterday, and the occupants, Mr. T. Dorgan and his wife and infant, were all rendered insensible, much cut and bruised, but had a miraculous escape from death." PP 22 December 1887

In 1919 Theodore (father), a Storeman and his two daughters lived in Salamanca Road, Wellington.

Beatrice was born in 1898 and died apparently unmarried in 1984)

8th June Household meeting

Present Mesdames Barty and Harvey

Messrs Pain, Harvey and Holdsworth

Moved that the Minister of Education be written to re establishing a Mobile Dental Clinic.

Moved that Miss Dorgan procure two mats at 7/- each.

Moved that the Wellington Education Board be asked for a fire screen

Moved that Miss Dorgan be authorised to spend 10/- on Montessori apparatus *(This is by far the first mention I have seen of use of Montessori systems in state schools. Right up to the 1990s I can't recall any mention of incorporating Montessori systems in state schools)*

Whakataki and Castlepoint

7th February opened school after Christmas vacation

9th February School closed for local sports (By permission of Board)

12th July Closed school at 1.15 pm on this Saturday so as to enable me to reach a destination 15 miles away before dark. *(Presumably at this pace Miss Dorgan was walking.)*

23rd August. School closed for second term vacation. Permission granted by Board and Committee to close the school two days late so that the school holidays will coincide with the mail car services

1st October Inspectors report.

- a) Three Whakataki pupils attend also Castlepoint making roll number 15
- b) Order tone and discipline very good
- c) The general efficiency of the teaching is good.
- d) Miss Dorgan is commended for her capable management of the two schools and the good results of her strenuous work.

e) The schools are opened on alternate days.

f) This arrangement is likely to prove too strenuous for the teacher on account of the travelling necessary.

g) Should a request be made by her to be allowed to teach on 3 consecutive days at each school it should be granted.

h) Miss B Dorgan has done good work

i) The pupils were backward when she took charge and some had been unable to attend until Whakataki had been reopened.
A N Burns. Inspector.

1925

Whakataki

8th June Householders meeting

Annual Meeting about 12 attended.

Correspondence from Ashcroft re a combined entertainment at Tinui September to secure 2 gramophones one for Tinui and one for Whakataki. As the Tinui Committee has resigned no action will be taken.

20th July Moved that one small first aid outfit be procured for the school.

Moved that the Wellington Education Board procure a clock for the school.

Decided to inform the Wellington Education Board that 500 ft of 3 inch pipes are required to drain the school ground

Whakataki and Castlepoint

Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 20
- b) Order tone discipline very good
- c) Many of the children attend both schools
- d) At Whakataki the school buildings need a thorough overhaul

1926

Whakataki

17th April. Moved that Miss Dorgan's application for an extra fortnight in addition to the usual fortnight's holiday be approved.

Moved that a £10 phonograph (*A phonograph played records with a whole in the centre. They had needles which had to be regularly replaced*) be ordered.

Moved that the Wellington Education Board be urged of desirability of removing platforms in the school.

It was decided to cut 2 cords of manuka of Fire Wood

Moved that a two quart aluminium kettle be supplied for use of the teacher at school.

3rd May. To write to Wellington Education Board pointing out the dangerous condition the iron fence is in.

Moved Mrs Pain that meetings be held once a month on first Thursday of the month.

7th June. Moved that cocoa and sugar be provided for children's luncheon.

Moved that one gallon of red oxide paint be purchased to paint front fence.

5th August Moved that a Millet broom and dustpan be brought for the school.

October. Moved that the ground at the back of the school be ploughed and planted in potatoes.

Moved that the teacher be invited to attend the meetings if she desired.

Castlepoint

4th November Inspectors report.

Castlepoint and Whakataki Schools.

Roll 17 7

Attendance 13, 7

- a) Miss Dorgan is commended for her successful work in two schools.
- b) Attendance good in circumstances (Epidemics)
- c) The gardens have been laid out but nothing has been done towards beautifying the grounds.

Whakataki and Castlepoint

11th March Inspectors report included

- (a) The children are very industrious
- (b) Special attention should be made in writing. Which although satisfactory as far as neatness is concerned is rather poorly formed
- (c) The tops of desks ought to be scrubbed

1927

Whakataki

11th February Moved that grass seed be procured to sow school ground.

Moved that 3 dusters, box of nibs, 1 ½ yards of cretonne be procured.

Moved that 12 yards of gravel be procured and put down in school ground at approximate cost of £2-10

May. Same 3 items as above.

September Moved that a screen be erected at boys lavatory, also that a leanto be attached to playshed for firewood.

Moved that a savings account be opened up.

November Moved that Miss Dorgan arrange with Mr Haggith? Re the date of entertainment to be held at Tinui.

1928

Whakataki

9th February Moved that Miss Dorgan be authorised to spend balance of money over from the entertainment at Tinui for procuring gramophone records.

Moved that a small hand basin be got for the school.

Moved that the chairman write to commissioner at Castle Point as change of school days be for one year.

3rd May That the Wellington Education Board be written to pointing out that agricultural work was not suitable here as the school was only held three days a week.

That the chairman write to Government Post Office re grounds, to ascertain what area was P&T and what was school grounds.

Chairman instructed to write to Daniells re Harding carting out timber and iron for wood shed.

14th June. Chairman to write to the Wairarapa rugby union for a football.

That a rain gauge be procured from Wilton and Co Wellington.

18th October Miss B Dorgan was present by invitation of committee.

Moved that the Secretary write to Mr S Holdsworth (*Ex Chairman neighbour of the school*) and ask that minute books etc belonging to the School Committee be handed to the chairman. And that detailed accounts be handed in detailing expenditure.

Moved that the Wellington Education Board be written to asking that new desks be supplied in place of the out of date ones now in use.

Moved that foolscaps and blotting paper required for the exams be ordered.

Moved that Mesdames Pain and Harvey be deputed to arrange with C Point ladies details of the proposed Xmas tree for the combined schools.

That the Wellington Education Board's letter acknowledging that Mrs E Pain as chairman and Mr I Harvey to the committee be received.

Moved that all outstanding accounts be passed for payment when funds are available.

A letter from Dental Clinic drawing the attention of the committee to the fact that no funds in aid of the establishment of the Dental Nurse have been received.

Moved that the Secretary of the dental clinic be written to and their letter acknowledged, at the same time pointing out that owing to the resignation of the chairman the committees affairs are disorganised. Admitting our liability and expressing our willingness to contribute a reasonable amount but considering the sum of £5 previously

mentioned by Mr Holdsworth (Previous Chairman) some what excessive for our school and suggesting £2-10

Business discussed included provision gymnastic appliances and repairs of school premises.

Whakataki and Castlepoint

10th October 1928 Inspectors report

- a) Half time schools. Three days a week each. 2 Whakataki pupils attend for two days at Castlepoint six from Castlepoint attend also at Whakataki.
- b) Management very Good.
- c) There is a very earnest spirit of work among the pupils.
- d) The Castlepoint buildings are in good order.
- e) Five pupils this year gained elementary Life Saving Certificates
- f) One of the outside offices is falling to pieces (Whakataki). Immediate repairs are required
- g) Alan Holdsworth gained proficiency.

1929

Whakataki

7th February. That the Wellington Education Board be written to re their letter of January 18th asking for information as to the whereabouts of the money for current expenses credited to the committees accounts.

Moved that the arranged changeover of school days be made as from Monday 11th February to stand for six months and that before that

period lapsed a combined meeting be held and an endeavour be made to effect an agreement that a further change of school days be effected for 2 months. As the committee is of opinion that any shorter period is clumsy and unfair and they only agree to current present six monthly periods as a reasonable compromise under the circumstances.

7th June Requisitions of red ink 1 packet.

5th August 1929 The question of lack of room for children to run at the schools and of play spaces was discussed in committee.

23rd October. That a letter of complaint from Mrs Fraser about the location of the parallel bars be received.

Proposed the Mr Donald (Board Member) be approached with a view to going into the matter of inadequacy of the provision of land for the purpose of playground and horse paddocking at Whakataki School.

Whakataki and Castlepoint

Castlepoint: 15 and 3 from Whakataki =18

Whakataki: 14 and 7 from Castlepoint =21

11 Whakataki and 8 Castlepoint pupils attend for only 3 days a week The children are working well and those attending 5 days per week are working well.

Buildings good at Castlepoint satisfactory at Whakataki. Additions have recently been made to the library

A N Burns Inspector

1930

Whakataki

7th March That an iron kettle for use on the school fire be purchased in place of the aluminium one now in use but worn out.

1930 Continued

The Wellington Education Board be approached with a view to a new tank being required at a near date.

Also that mention should be made at the same time of the ravages of Borer in regard of the flooring boards.

3rd April Methylated Spirits for Primus.

7th April That no further meeting of the School Committee need to be held for 3 months (Unless special circumstances arise) during the next 3 months that the chairman and Mrs Bellis be empowered to scrutinize and pay accounts and make any ordinary expenditure.

Whakataki and Castlepoint

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A L Burns

1931

Whakataki

That Mr Pain approach Mr Holdsworth about the matter of repairs to the school fence which requires to be seen to at once as sheep are eating the grass and creating a nuisance.

27th April. 5 present at householders meeting. No chairman was appointed. Mrs E Pain declined the position and thanked everyone for their support over the last 3 years.

Asked to write to Wellington Education Board asking for appointment of a commissioner.

Mr S Holdsworth was appointed commissioner to whom books and accounts were transferred on June 11th 1931.

Whakataki and Castlepoint

1st October 1931 Inspectors Report. The pupils of this school were seen personally at Whakataki. Some of the work was inspected at Castlepoint.

A good standard has been reached.

1932

26th February 1932. From Mr A Schofield asking the Marine Department for Keepers with children to be sent. School has roll of 6.

Castlepoint

30th July. Inspectors Report

Class	No on Roll
Standard 7	1
6	1

5	1
4	4
3	1
2	1
1	1
Primers	1
	11

10 Castlepoint children attend Whakataki

The general efficiency of the school is disappointing quality and leaves the impression that more systematic effort is necessary. Under the circumstances a higher standard of work might be reasonably be expected.

Order discipline and tone are very good and the pupils are pleasant to teach.

1933

Whakataki

22nd May Household meeting.

A committee was elected E Pain, I Harvey, N. A. Christiansen Mrs Take Pure, J Innes (Chair)

Proposed that the Castle Point School Committee be written to and advised that this committee is opposed to any change as regards the running of the schools.

It was decided that the chairman procure wood and coal for the school Also to procure a lamp for the use of committee at meetings.

A working bee was arranged for May 26th.

26th June. It was decided to write to Wellington Education Board in reference to a clock for the school.

8th August. Proposed that we write to the Commissioners of Transport requesting that service cars owners be allowed to convey children free of charge to attend the dental clinic or otherwise at a reduced rate.

Castlepoint

6th February School closed for Tinui Sports

15th February School closed for Masterton Sports.

19th December Afternoon tea held in Whakataki School. Early Break Up.

20th December. Proficiency gained by Hori Innes. Competencies by Lilian Smith and Edna Pura.

Whakataki

19th August Fanny Isaiah asked to leave- Over age-a bad influence

1934

Whakataki

30th April

That application for a Box Lectern for use of the school for meetings be approved

Proposed that Mr S Holdsworth be requested to return a damaged tank which had been removed from the school

That a lock be procured for the teacher's cupboard.

Whakataki and Castlepoint

Inspectors report included

- a) Arithmetic falls rather below the general standard and more attention is apparently needed
- b) Oral and written expression is good affording evidence of systematic treatment.
- c) Pupils are well mannered and pleasant to teach
- d) The interior of the school is tidy (Whakataki) while the improvements in the playing area, notably the laying down of a tennis court at Castlepoint reflect credit on all concerned E Partridge.

1935

Whakataki

21st February That Pickerings be written to informing them that the chimney flashings are defective.

That the children be required to supply their own cocoa and sugar.

It was decided to request the teacher to supply chairman with a list of all school requirements ordered by her.

12th June It was proposed that a Yale lock be procured for the school door. Also 3 keys for the lock. One for the teacher, one for the pupil cleaning the school and one for the chairman. All keys to remain strictly in the care of those concerned. Teacher to be advised accordingly.

Proposed that church services be allowed to continue at school. Key to be returned to the chairman same day.

The Wellington Education Board grant of £13-5-0 for concrete work at the school. It was decided to write the Board advising that the Committee would undertake the work, provided the grant would cover all costs. Metal would have to come from Masterton.

It was also decided that no school property be allowed away from the school.

11th October It was proposed by Mr Christiansen that the teacher be written to requesting her to be present at school at the correct opening time.

30th December Proposed to write to Wellington Education Board inquiring to the position as to insurance when the school is used other than school purposes.

That the Wellington Education Board be written to for a grant of £7.10 for putting post office section in order.

It was decided to write to the board pointing out the unsatisfactory state of the school chimney.

Castlepoint

7th October School closed to enable teacher to go to dentist.

Inspectors Report

Standard 6	2
Standard 5	2
Standard 4	1
Standard 3	1
Standard 2	1
Total	7

The instruction is thorough and painstaking and steady progress is being recorded.

A pleasant happy atmosphere of cooperation being in evidence

27th November School closed for Elections

D Schofield gained Proficiency and Adelaide Savage gained a competency

Whakataki

18th – 23rd February. School open just half days only

28th May School holidays shortened by 2 days as to enable teacher to do observation work later

29th June Concert in aid of funds for dental clinic

15th – 16th July. School closed to enable me to do observation work at Lyall Bay (Wellington) and Hastwells (Near Eketahuna)

19th July Combined schools have Jubilee treat to be at Whakataki at 12.45 Children were taken to Masterton to see “Mrs Wigs of the Cabbage Patch”. Tea and sweets provided by Commissioners of both schools.

Roll 15.

1936

Whakataki

18th June. It was proposed by the chairman that no one be allowed the use of the school entertainment of any sort except by the full approval of the School Committee.

17th November That Mr Pain be elected to inspect the school buildings after repairs are carried out and before a certificate is forwarded to the board.

That a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr and Mrs Ashworth for their very valuable assistance and the use of their grounds in connection with the Garden party in aid of the Dental Clinic funds.

1937

8th February Letter from F Ashworth Commissioner Castlepoint School Asking Marine Department to send lighthouse keepers with children to Castlepoint

Whakataki

Moved that Molly Parker be paid 5/- for cleaning the school before the school closed. The matter of payment to children for school cleaning was held over to the next meeting.

It was decided to write to the Wellington Education Board re the conveyance of G Lysters children to the Tinui School. It being the opinion that the distance from Lysters to the Whakataki School was under 3 miles.

It was decided that that the School Committee attend to the school lavatories in the meantime.

27th April. That the school approval of Miss Rowse to the position of Sole Teacher at this school.

It was decided to pay the school children 8/- per month for cleaning the school with an extra 5/- for special cleans.

Castlepoint

8th February 1937 Letter from F Ashworth Commissioner Castlepoint School Asking Marine department to send lighthouse keepers with children to Castlepoint

24th February Arrived back two days late, permission granted by Wellington Education Board – work done at home

2nd March. School reopened Whakataki School 3

Castlepoint children 2

Reported to Wellington Education Board

Whakataki and Castlepoint

1st March School reopened. Days are altered for 1937

Whakataki Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays

Castlepoint Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Reported to Wellington Education Board that 13 children present.

There are now 14 children enrolled. 6 Primers, 2 Standard 1, 2 Standard 2, 1 Standard 3, 1 Standard 4, 2 senior children

Two of these children are from Castlepoint. Therefore there are really only 12 actual Whakataki children.

19th April School closed on account of infantile epidemic.

12th May Last Day of Beatrice Dorgan at Whakataki and Castlepoint.

25th May. A new teacher takes over named I. (*Actually found out later, M G Rowse*)

I find that except for 2 Standard 6 children all oral work is very poor and practically all children count on fingers etc- probably due to so

much work at home. For some weeks I will concentrate on these weaknesses.

7th July. Closed school an hour early today to enable me to go to Matarawa on the occasion of that school diamond jubilee.

19th-26th July School closed for Education Conference Wellington

26th July Joyce Pavitt (See Mataikona School) is not being accommodated in the district I presume she will go back on correspondence work.

11th August. Arbor Day. The committee purchased 7 shrubs which were planted. Mothers invited along. Each family represented at school planting one shrub. Holes dug by children beforehand. In fact we had a very busy time on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning preparing the ground (*For 7 shrubs?*)

7th September. School reopened a day late as during the weekend the road was blocked by slips and I was unable to come out till yesterday afternoon. The river is quite unfordable yet and 4 children are away in consequence.

23rd September This morning the fire smoked terribly, the wind blowing in heavy gusts from the SSW. The room was too thick with smoke to work in. I took some work in the porch, then as the smoke continued and it was wet and cold I set work for the children and sent them home for the day at 10.30 am

6th- 10th December Swimming week. I take children to Castlepoint daily.

17th December. Inspectors Report of 12th October included.

- a) Roll 12
- b) The school previously part time is now classified as Grade 1
- c) The teacher is working earnestly
- d) Teacher is to be commended for introducing verse speaking

1938

Whakataki

2nd May Mr J Innes was elected commissioner for the school
8th December. Proposed to apply to the board for 15/- for benzene to convey the children to suitable swimming places.

It was decided that the School Committee take month about in attending to the school lavatories. Lavatories to be attended to at least fortnightly.

1st February School reopened. Grounds in a terrible state.

Only 11 pupils and 4 of these may be leaving the district.

7th February Took advantage of Mr Nation going fishing to take children to Castlepoint for lunch and swimming from 11.15 am

8th February A marvellous day spent at Castlepoint – Mrs Ashworth taking some and myself the rest. A few minutes schoolwork done between swims and after lunch in the shade.

9th February Mrs Nation offering to take some children we again went to Castlepoint for lunch and the afternoon

21st February Tremendous flood on Saturday. Road and flats covered with mud and silt. I experienced difficulty in coming this morning (Monday) as paddocks are inches -in places feet- deep in slippery mud and the ford from Mr Pain's to the road has gone. The Castlepoint children have not come.

22nd February Trouble breaking out again between Pura and the Nation children. The Nation children take every opportunity of taunting and teasing the Puras who naturally took all opportunities of retaliating usually with fists. The trouble is aggravated by Mrs Nation apparently encouraging her children to run home with tales-

frequently evidently exaggerated- of what the Maori Children have done.

19th March. Combined school picnic held at Castlepoint today Saturday. Ours is the smallest school concerned. George and Joe Pura being the only ones who can compete in sport with the other children.

24th March. Nation children leave today. Roll down to 10. The school is much more peaceful.

27th May. Two families will be away for the next fortnight or three weeks as parents will be on holiday.

20th-24th May I had a very bad cold with congestion nasal passages. The doctor advised at least a week inside away from school and consequently the school was closed for the week.

11th July. All the Maori children are away.

8th August A NW Gale. The fire smoked- all the smoke coming out into the room instead of going up the chimney. We gardened while smoke cleared. Then worked outside in sunshine. As noon approached however sun disappeared and room became very cold. After trying the fire again I sent the children home.

9th September. Severe thunderstorm during the night with torrential rain. I was unable to come to school as were most of the children. None came.

13th September A gale is blowing and oral work almost out of the question.

5th October. Inspectors report included

- (a) Roll 10
- (b) The teacher prepares her work well and supervises all work very effectively
- (c) The standard of handwriting in all classes is writing of special commendation.

- (d) The beginning has been made of projects in Geography.
- (e) Order tone and discipline are very good.

Castlepoint

10th March 1938. F Ashworth Asking again for children to be sent to Castlepoint. So that the school could be reopened.
(Wellington Education Board records show that Castlepoint school was closed down in 1938)

1939

Whakataki

2nd May. It was decided to have a working bee and get a load of wood for the school.

It was proposed that the teacher be requested to open the school promptly at 9.15. This matter to be put in writing.

Letter re appointment of teacher was received. Correspondence from teacher re playground was received. It was decided to inform the teacher it does not intend to do anything about it. It was decided that the committee could not give any assistance with fencing same.

Moved that desks and cupboard be got from Castlepoint School

Moved that a 4 gallon tin of Shell Disinfectant Oil be procured for the school floor.

16th March Interschool swimming at Whareama held in the pool at Mr Andrews's property. The children are given an opportunity of swimming that distance required for the various swimming certificates and a few competitive events are held. This year Max

Smith swum 50 yards. Anne Ashworth and Douglas Smith swam 25 yards. Max won the diving championship.

17th April The funnel for the rain bottle has disappeared over the weekend, may have been blown off as wind was strong.

24th April River in flood. I did not come out but went to Lansdowne School observing art and handwork.

22nd May. Attendance poor. Mrs Ashworth is very ill, her children are away and no children are coming from Castlepoint for 3 weeks.

6th June This morning the lock on the door was stiff and for some time wouldn't open. Mr Hanley and Mr Pura came along to help and at last the door was opened shortly before 10 O'clock. We did some work in the garden while waiting.

The funnel for the rain bottle has been found in the water table.

27th June Mr Pain came down and cleared out the woodshed and put in the coal purchased yesterday.

27th July. The ground covered in snow. I came with difficulty as the ground was slippery. Then the 3 Pura children came over and we did a little work. No other children came. There was 2 inches of snow in front of the hotel. From 2 to 9 inches on the school lawn. We closed for the afternoon.

18th August. End of 2nd term and my last day of my teaching here. Only 7 children present

5th September G A Dandy Relieving

29th September. Mr Dandy finished

2nd October Mr L W Swift took up duties.

Also on the day Mr Swift started conveying the Castlepoint Children to school a distance of 3.7 miles

October. During the month I drew the attention of the Wellington Education Board to

- a) The necessity of blackboard moulding
- b) Medium sized desks
- c) Maps (Not a map here!)
- d) Another cupboard

Certain alterations I think are needed.

- e) The need for proper shelter for urinal part of boy's lavatory
- f) Need for a wash basin in the porch
- g) Doormat
- h) Rain Gauge funnel

November. The Wellington Education Board replied that an officer would come and inspect the repairs requested.

I was authorised to remove from the Castlepoint School any desks, maps, a portable cupboard, and any other material from the Castlepoint School.

Small individual blackboards and hydroplate dressing (*Probably Blackboard Paint*) have also been approved. Teacher to collect from Wellington Education Board's Office in the holidays.

8th November School tank was cleaned by Mr Washer

Wrote to Wellington Education Board asking for tools for light woodwork.

1st December I have succeeded in encouraging 8 children to establish their own home gardens

1940

Whakataki

2nd April 1940 Householders meeting. That this meeting is against any proposal for amalgamation of schools if this school is included.

22nd April That the Wellington Education Board asked that £4 from the general account to go towards extending the playing area.

6th February Roll 15

Application has been made for

- a) Blackboard from Castlepoint School
- b) Wash basin in the porch
- c) Further shelter for boys lavatory
- d) Further cupboard accommodation

9th March (Saturday) A combined sports day was at Tinui.

28th-29th March. School closed as a mark of respect for the Right Hon. M J Savage

2nd August. Desk Boards received for infants

Castlepoint

19th April 1940 Only road between Castlepoint and Whakataki was along the beach and across a stream through which heavy loads cannot be taken. Wellington Education Board saying that they couldn't move Whakataki School to Castlepoint.

1941

Whakataki

January 11th 1941. That the chairman be authorised to obtain a needlework instructoress if possible.

Moved to write to Wellington Education Board asking for permission to have two sanitary boxes be put down for the children's latrines.

Moved that steps be taken to have the floor of the shelter concreted.

28th October That the chairman write to the Wellington Education Board that ½ of the children's shelter shed be boarded in.

4th February. Swimming lessons commenced. Arrangements made with Mr Christiansen to coach the children and to convey them

20th March L W Swift resigns to take up a war appointment.

24th March Relieving Teacher

4th April New Teacher R Eccleston

Took up duty as an indirect war appointment. (*The position was left open for Mr Swift to return to*). The school had been closed for 3 days due to lack of a teacher. The school found in excellent order and neat and tidy. I also commenced to transport 7 children Anne and Penelope Ashworth. Colleen Douglas, Don and Pam Smith. John Duncan.

Mr Ashworth asked if days lost could be made up. Teacher will investigate.

5th April Roll has been low lately owing to the prevalence of whooping cough.

I am writing to Wellington Education Board today asking for repairs to the roof. This morning part of the floor was covered with water as was the table.

26th April Reopened school only 6 present. Smiths have mumps in the house. Received word that roof repairs will be considered shortly. Tank almost empty owing to a small leak in the seam near the bottom

28th April Received notification of appointment

14th July. Three boys were absent today. They were too late to catch the car from Castlepoint

15th July Mr I Gordon medical officer of health visited today to inspect sites of proposed new lavatories and wash hand basins.

25th September. Children taken into Masterton today in 2 cars. The Governor General Sir Cyril Newall visited the town.

21st October The school medical doctor Dr Mulholland and Nurse Craig visited today. Met at the school by parents of children. Two children advised to have tonsils out, one boy recommended for admission to Otaki Health Camp towards the end of November.

1942

Whakataki

10th July The chairman reported that the damage due to school property during the earthquake of June 24th consisted of one tank destroyed and that arrangements had been made to secure a new one That up to £2 be spent on flowering shrubs for their beautifying of the school grounds.

3rd February Unable to open school yesterday as the teacher had a breakdown on Saturday at Blairlogie 16 Miles from Masterton necessitating a tow back to Masterton and a stay there until repairs were completed at 5 pm.

During the holidays.

- (a) Concrete floor in shelter shed
- (b) New lavatory Bores
- (c) Leak through ventilator fixed.
- (d) New tank stand erected and leak in tank fixed
- (e) Windows mended
- (f) Hand basin put in porch.

23rd March. The leak in the supply pipe of the water tank has been fixed and heavy rain has refilled the tank

14th April School commenced at 9.45 this morning as a result of tyre trouble and the restrictions on buying tyres (*A war time restriction*)

26th May. Unable to open school yesterday (Monday) as on Saturday when travelling to Castlepoint my car was involved in a collision with an army truck. It will be some time before the car can be repaired sufficiently to take the road again. In the meantime I shall have to make arrangements to hire a car to bring children to school.

27th May. Have arranged to hire a car for conveyance of school children

2nd June. Three schools combined on a concert programme at Tinui. Tinui, Whakataki and Whareama. The evening was very enjoyable and shows that more could be done to foster a more unified spirit among schools of the district.

25th June. In a severe earthquake last night the school water tank (recently repaired) was ripped from the stand leaving the base... it will I think necessitate a new tank. Inside the school little or no damage was caused

22nd July. Teacher visited doctor in Masterton on the 9th. Owing to an illness very prevalent in the district only 6 children have attended school today. The other 7 are confined to their beds.

27th July. Was forced to close school at 11.30 on Friday 24th owing to illness. The attendance for last week only 5/13. Today the attendance is 6 the highest for 7 days

7th August. School closed. Teacher having a medical examination in Masterton

7th August. As well as planting trees and having a display of their work for the women of the district the children prepared the soil for planting of grass between the school and the woodshed.

10th August. Children sowed the grass for lawn area. Also finished laying brick path to woodshed as this area has been cause of much inconvenience in wet weather. Completed return of furniture and surplus furniture in the school for returning to the Board

7th September. Three children away with measles. It will be necessary for them to stay home for at least 3 weeks.

11th September I was unable to open school yesterday as very heavy rain overnight had so flooded the Castlepoint Creek that it was impossible to cross either by way of the creek or beach. The depth over was more than 3 feet. Two children from Whakataki attended but I was able to contact them by phone to inform them there would be no school

School could not be opened until 9.45 today as I had difficulty in crossing the Castlepoint Creek Water in the engine caused ignition trouble in mid stream and it was some time before car would be started.

26th October. Last week two ladies of the district Mrs Innes and Mrs R Smith washed he floor of the school and tidied up generally. The children of the school composed and two of their number wrote letters to both the ladies thanking them for their kindness.

11th September. Armistice Day was commemorated today with a suitable talk and customary silence

18th December School Xmas party held yesterday at Castlepoint. All the grounds have been tidied and the gardening tools oiled and put in cupboard.

1943

Whakataki

1st February. Opened school with a full attendance. During the holidays the school grounds have been entered and the garden has been interfered with. Potatoes have been pulled up and there are numerous blanks among rows of onions which are fully grown. As this is rather disappointing for the children I will ask the Board for permission to put up a prohibited notice before the next holiday.

2nd February Requested the chairman to apply for a licence for benzene to enable me to bring children from Castlepoint after swimming.

Good progress has been made with lawn, gardens and grounds and these should be set well in order by Friday.

8th February. During the weekend the garden had again been entered and the potatoes were dug. Although the crop is not yet ready the remainder of the potatoes will be dug this week.

9th February. First swimming lesson at Castlepoint today. A benzine licence has been obtained.

24th February. Mr Ashworth School Committee chairman visited today. I brought to his notice the need for a path and proper drainage outside before the advent of bad weather.

3rd March Swimming lessons finished. 2 children swam 450 yards. Others swam distances for certificates

8th March. Today I enrolled David Morgan from Mataikona this is the first time this boy has been at a public school. Having been a pupil of the Correspondence School. As he is ten years old and is now in Standard One (*Year 3*) he will require some pushing to catch up with the others.

Received £5-11-0 from Mr Ashworth Chairman of School Committee for sweeping money. This I have paid to the children on the following basis. Standards 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, 10 Shillings (*Half a pound*) Standards 1, 7 Shillings and 6 pence. Primers, 5 shillings and 3 pence

1st April Mrs Tolhurst Junior Red Cross talked to children and mothers. Following this afternoon tea was served to Mr and Mrs Tolhurst, Mrs Hopkins and visiting US Marines.

At the conclusion the children decided to form a Junior Red Cross Circle.

5th April On Friday night at Tinui the school children rendered an item at the Maori War Effort Concert.

The School Junior Red Cross Circle has made the school the depot for their collection of scrap metal etc. In aid of their funds.

15th April Mr Kelly, Government Transport called today to inspect my car for the conveyance of children. School did not recommence in afternoon until 1.45 as I had to go for a test trip in the car.

28th April Roll now 18

6th April permission has been granted for one boy to be absent today and tomorrow to help his father with crutching.

2nd June. School remained closed on Monday and Tuesday as I had to remain in bed with a severe cough and cold. School opened late this morning as I had a car breakdown.

9th June. There has been some rouble at in the school among the children recently. One of the girls (no 132) has been talking in a wrong way to some of the younger girls. I have had to talk to the girls and see their parents about the matter. Evidently a great deal of the mischief is done by two holiday children who come to the school when their parents are visiting the district. I think it advisable that

these children not be admitted in future occasions or if they are that steps be taken to prevent their being a bad influence on other children. (Admission Numbers 185,186)

8th June One of the children Pam Smith suffered a severe cut on the temple yesterday during school hours. Consequently I had to close school early in order to take her to the hospital. She will be absent for some time as it was necessary to insert 3 stitches and she had to remain in town for further attention

12th July Received science equipment from Messers Wilton

- a) 1 deflagrating spoon and cover
- b) 1 quart Methylated Spirits
- c) ½ Mercury
- d) 1 ½ inch measuring glass
- e) 2 evaporating basins to come later

11th August. School closed because I was unable to cross Castlepoint Creek.

20th August School opened at 10.00 with School Committee permission. The children of the district held their Red Cross Social last night. The children provided all entertainment and raised £9/13/0 for their Red Cross funds.

6th September School reopened with roll of 14. During the holidays Mrs Smith and Mrs. Innes cleaned the school and windows.

9th September 1943. This morning news came through of our victory over the Italian army. This was announced to the children with suitable explanation. The children saluted the flag and sang the National Anthem.

13th September. It was announced by wireless on Thursday that all schools throughout NZ were to be granted a holiday on Friday 10th September to mark the armistice with Italy.

16th September This morning I rang Wellington Education Board to inform him that I would no longer be able to convey the children to school. For the remainder of this week I have use of another car.

20th September. I rang Board again during the weekend but have not been able to settle anything in regard to the conveyance service. This morning I came by bus at 7.00. Two girls walked from Castlepoint

28th September. I still not had a reply from Wellington Education Board re conveyance. In the meantime two of the children are attending irregularly and the others are arriving on fine days by horse, 4th October received a request from Social Security Department Wellington concerning a man in attendance at this school 1891-92. However records were not available.

25th October This morning we had trouble with chimney. Children had Physical Education outside while we cleaned it out.

5th November. Anne Ashworth received word yesterday that she had been awarded the Mason Chambers Scholarship which is tenable for 2 years at Woodford House (Havelock North)

17th December. A new portion of front playground has been mowed and scythed and brought in to use thus doubling the size of our playground

Christmas Tree held at Castlepoint.

L Eccleston' last day.

1944

Whakataki

12th February That an appeal for funds was received from the Lansdowne dental clinic and that £4-17 was forwarded to the secretary

1st May That a visiting committee of two members be appointed monthly by the chairman to pay a visit to the school and report to the chairman

3rd Aug. That a piano be purchased for use in the school

That Mr Emerson and Mr Morgan be authorised by the committee to raise sufficient funds for the purchase of a second hand piano, by any or all of the following methods. 1. Subscription, 2 Guessing Competitions, 3 Social Events; such funds to be paid into the special account of the School Committee.

Moved that the piano shall not be used for any purpose outside the school without the permission of the full committee.

8th February M. Brook Relieving Teacher

Full attendance of 10. We began to tidy the grounds which had been entered by cattle. Onions which had been planted and rooted up by animals were collected.

21st February School been closed since the 11th because of illness of teacher.

During the week a pane of glass was put in the East Window and a new lock with key fixed on the outside door. The school cannot now be entered.

The onions were lifted from the school garden and left to dry. The result is somewhat disappointing for the children as the total yield is

not more than ½ a sack. It is feared that outsiders have helped themselves where animals are not to blame.

6th April School Committee provided a dust bin, dusters, scrubbing brushes, disinfectant, soap and wet mop for cleaning of the school.

22nd September. Two basketball (Netball) posts were erected in the school grounds.

1945

Whakataki

Head Teacher Mr W Oldham, Married Appointed 1st February 1945.

5th February Roll 13, 8 children present

Commenced duties in connection with transportation of Castlepoint children to and from school a return distance of 7.6 miles.

9th February. This week the mornings have been spent in normal class work. The afternoons have been devoted to gardening and swimming excursions to Castlepoint

On these occasions the opportunity was taken to hold musical appreciation lessons in the teacher's home where there is a piano. The children seemed to find much enjoyment in these lessons.

22nd February School closed for Masterton show held at Carterton.

The senior pupils were taken through to the show in the teacher's car.

The Governor General and Lady Newall were in attendance

26th March. Teacher compelled to go into Masterton with car in tow.

School not opened for the day.

11th April. Case of delicious apples delivered to school by bus

Sweeping money allocated to children.

3rd May. It was announced over the radio that schools would be closed on Friday May 4th to mark the surrender of all German Forces in Northern Italy.

21st May. School reopened only 4 present. Owing to bad weather and late return from holiday.

11th June. School visited by teacher from Mataikona for purpose of observing methods

15th August. News of victory over Japan received at 11 am. School closed at midday for term holiday.

21st December School closed for Christmas Vacation. Christmas Party held at residence of Mr and Mrs Ashworth in the afternoon.

1946

Castlepoint

From 1946 School Committee meetings were held at Castlepoint School or Castlepoint Homestead. The Whakataki School has been closed and the Whakataki committee are now running Whakataki and Castlepoint School at Castlepoint School

30th April That a letter should be sent to Wellington Education Board urging on them the necessity of providing a permanent residence and garage for a married teacher at Castlepoint. And pointing out the disadvantage of the existing arrangement.

4th February. School at Castlepoint opened on instruction of the Board. This was in consideration of the increase of children attending

from the Castlepoint area. School opened with a roll of 14, six from Whakataki eight from Castlepoint.

Commenced duties in connection with transportation of Whakataki children to school a total of daily distance 17.5 miles

20th February School closed to allow children to attend Masterton A&P show

1st March. Teacher and pupils of Mataikona School paid visit for day to allow teacher to observe methods etc.

8th March School closed to enable teacher to take Mrs Oldham into the doctor.

3rd May. Committee completes rabbit proof fence around school

17th – 19th July. School closed owing to sickness on part of teacher and the majority of the children (influenza)

29th July. School closed to permit attendance at funeral of a pupil Phyllis Emerson, death due to Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis

7th August. Planted Tree (Tree Strawberry) in remembrance of Phyllis Emerson

10th September Visit by school inspector, Mr O'Conner, Children and teacher from Mataikona also present for inspection.

22nd November Visit by Board Architect Mr Drummond to inspect school buildings and Mr Lyttle's residence with a view to securing it as a school residence (*See Buildings Castlepoint for details of building*)

7th December. School Concert followed by dance at Tinui in aid of Tinui Memorial Fund.

20th December. Christmas party at Castlepoint Station.

1947

Castlepoint

3rd February School opened with roll of 15

4th February Teacher unable to convey children from Whakataki owing to a shortage of tyres

8th March Combined Tinui and East Coast School sports held on Castlepoint beach. Castlepoint won by Castlepoint

29th- 30th Mar. School closed car taken to Masterton for major repairs.

7th May. Visit by school inspectors Messrs Bringans and Robinson. Drove Mr Robinson to Mataikona to inspect school

9th May. School closed. Mr Oldham finishes

18th May 1947. Letter to Marine Department Asking that if a female relieving teacher is sent to Castlepoint could they board them at the lighthouse. Men would go to the Castlepoint Station cookhouse (application allowed)

June 9th , That the committee desires to express its regret at the unavoidable departure of Mr W J Oldham (Sole Teacher) and would like to place on record, that during his term of office, the progress made by the children was outstanding

Letter from Wellington Education Board May 27th 1947.

At the last meeting of the board, favourable comment was made by the senior inspector of schools at the fine environment which has been created at your school.

The Board resolved to congratulate your committee and Head Teacher on the result achieved, and I have much pleasant in conveying this resolution to you.

Moved that the parents of the children attending Castlepoint School should be asked to sign a petition to the Wellington Education Board urging that every possible effort should be made to obtain either a temporary or permanent teacher without delay

That the chairman be authorised to write to the Wellington Education Board enquiring into the position as regards the transfer of Mr Lyttles house to the Wellington Education Board

11th August R L Tomlin Teacher attended meeting upon invitation.

His report: Dear Sirs, I commenced duty here from 1st August 1947. I look forward to an enjoyable time here, for the surrounds seem very pleasing to me. May I have permission to draw your attention to the inadequate sanitary facilities, and recommend some strong action on your part. The health of the children may suffer because of their lavatories and lack of a playshed.

The country library service has also invited us to join their ranks. And I proffer the circular for your perusal. Books are also coming to hand from the Board and more shelves will be needed. Could I therefore have some timber with which to go ahead with my scheme for making cupboards.

Recently two officers from the physical Education section of the Department visited the school and recommended various sets of equipment.

These will use up mostly waste wood. So here again I would prefer to confer with you as we may need something in the near future.

That the Wellington Education Board having purchased a seaside cottage to be converted into a permanent residence for the school teacher. The following alterations.

1. That a high pressure range be installed
2. That the copper chimney be heightened

3. That a metal drive be layed (sic) in order that the garage attached to the house may be utilised in wet weather
4. That one leaking tank be renewed
5. Leaking roof to be repaired.

November 8th. That the funds held in the special account which were collected to purchase a piano should be amalgamated with the “500” club and that a piano be bought for the use of both institutions.

1st August R L Tomlin Begins

4th August 13 children enrolled at school having had no school through lack of a teacher.

12th August Roll now 13.

18th August. Couldn't convey Whakataki children. Road unserviceable. Over 2 inches of rain overnight.

22nd August. I took the organ completely to bits and repaired one or two notes.

8th October. I collected desks and objects from Whakataki School which I found in a terrible mess.

28th November. Petrol allocation used up at the store. Had to reach town by 1600 hours in order to arrange for some each week. Left school at 1430 hours.

December Closed school prematurely in accordance with radio and newspaper instruction. Reason possible infantile paralysis. I also notified Mr Elliott, District Health inspector.

1948

Castlepoint

3rd May 1948. Householders meeting held at Castlepoint School.

At following meeting it was moved that 4 meetings be held during the year.

Moved that the Chairman write to Wellington Education Board regarding a shelter shed at Castlepoint

That 2 members of the committee visit the school one week prior to each committee meeting to report to the meeting.

15th May. Meeting at Mr Newtons.

The school battery has been entrusted to Mrs Emmins until required by the school. Moved that the basketball post at Whakataki School be transferred to Castlepoint School.

That Mr Tomlin be in charge of the school children in giving them a treat to the pictures Special funds covering Entry Fees, Luncheon. Transport supplied by Mr McIsaac

24th May A special meeting was called at Emerson's residence to discuss the cancellation of transport for children from Whakataki to the Castlepoint School. After the chairman communicating with the Secretary of the Department, also with Mr Nicol (Board Member) the meeting after, long discussion decided that nothing could be done concerning the matter.

It was decided to inspect the Whakataki Shed and if suitable for removal and rebuilding of same at Castlepoint Failing the Whakataki shed being suitable the Secretary was instructed to write to the Wellington Education Board asking that if we could locate a building suitable would the Board purchase and erect same at Castlepoint School.

School inspection

1. That Chairman contact Mr Wooding or any other suitable person to dismantle camp lavatories and erect necessary screens at school lavs as directed by health inspector.

2. Topping of trees to be inspected and settled at a later date.
3. Moved that 8 yards of 29 or 30 inch cloth be purchased for school shelf curtains.
4. Moved that teacher be able to purchase toilet paper as required by school

7th October Moved that Secretary write to Wellington Education Board asking that tanks be fitted immediately at school

Secretary to write to Wellington Education Board asking permission to shift Iron Fence onto windward side of school explaining how bleak grounds are at present.

5th December. Moved that all wages in hand £24.2.0 be paid to children before Xmas Less £4.2 which is to be handed to the teacher for his services connected with the cleaning of the school

That Secretary to write urgently to Wellington Education Board that the water tank be installed immediately as the position is desperate from the health point of view. RE Holiday makers dipping into tanks with dirty utensils.

(Mr Tomlin's writing is so bad and small that even using a magnifying glass interpretation is open to errors)

Infantile Paralysis Close Down of Children at School

2nd February Commenced my own correspondence school. I visited children in their homes prior to giving out the working lessons. Once to collect finished work lessons appeared in Times Age a week after I had commenced my version

12th February All the teachers in the area congregated at Mangapakeha School there Mr Brigands (Inspector) told of the Departments correspondence scheme. "Someone" from Training College talked on sole charge matters

18th February. Authority to visit children's homes withdrawn

21st February All restrictions lifted. Radio and Newspaper announcement.

1st March Opened School.. Gardens very untidy after long break, Sheep, Cattle and Campers have almost wrecked them. Spent most of morning tidying them.

16th March. Plumbers commenced work on school drains and commenced re-erecting the lavatories at the school. Plumbers also cleaned out the septic tank at the school residence.

25th March. All visitors have left school Roll now 12.

24th April. Children marched in centennial parade.

3rd May. Circular drive up to school finished and used today. Awaiting a truck load of metal.

7th May. Children paid cleaning money

24th May Only 6 children present, owing to Education Board ordering me to cease conveying children from Whakataki, as there were only three coming from there now.

Introduced a ball pointed pen to Castlepoint

28th May. Miss Pavitt (Mataikona School) came to school and observed methods, discussed schemes of work, materials etc, Her Grade 1 school is attached to this one for such purposes.

31st May. Brian Emerson fainted during Morning Talks When he had recovered I sent him home under the care of Murray Richardson.

Mary and Richard Pura doing my own correspondence lessons while awaiting for board conveyance from Whakataki or enrolment in Govt Correspondence School.

3rd June. Mr Elliott department of Health. Noted that the glebe (*Glebe was a name for a school horse paddock. Schools in the Bush area always used the word glebe. Schools in the Wairarapa used the words horse paddock*) was not to be used by campers again.

28th June. Closed school because of suspected scarlet fever case. Notified Board Secretary Chairman of School Committee and Health Inspector. Took child to Doctor who diagnosed rash as NOT scarlet fever.

26th July. Received the visiting committee (From School Committee). Showed them around and gave them my report

4th August, Used the strap for the second time this year. There had been a NW gale all day and I have noticed that previously, the children have been very restless. The same was the case today, when the first gale, for some time blew.

17th August Colleen Smith became very ill this morning. I left with her and Mrs Smith for the doctor at 11.30. Doctor diagnosed acute appendicitis. My actions was sanctioned by School Committee, although the cowman gardener objected to the school's closing.

September Children sang at a farewell evening swim to Mr and Mrs Ashworth.

22nd September. New sewing instructress, Mrs Richardson, commenced duties. Children went over to Station Cookhouse for lessons in needlework

24th September Closed school for half day in order to; get a haircut, see dentist and bank manager and to get car attended to. School Committee notified and their approval obtained

4th October. Admitted a visitor to school roll. Was doubtful about doing so, but could find no regulation which could prevent his being enrolled.

15th October. Received a lovely cupboard, 9 feet long with sliding doors from Wellington Education Board. Two main window sections had to be removed in order to install it. This proved relatively simple however.

13th December Accident to Julie Richardson. She was hit in the face when doing handstands. She had been warned almost daily for practising too close to other children.

1949

Castlepoint

1st February Special Meeting for the purpose of discussing transport for Whakataki Children. After discussing the matter at great length it was decided to ring Wellington Education Board asking them to provide transport for Whakataki Children. It was decided that Mr Hewton and Mr Emmerson approach prospective parents before ringing.

1st March Suggested that Mr Emmerson approach Wellington Education Board as to their future plans with Whakataki School.

September 1949. A complaint was received from a parent re alleged hitting of a child by teacher. Further action deferred pending reply from teacher stating his side of case.

November 1949. To be held at Castlepoint Homestead. Children to be appointed to canvas local districts. Chairman to approach Mataikona Teacher asking them to participate

Funds to be given to teacher to give to children who cleaned the school.

Reply from Wellington Education Board to hand re parent's complaint. It was discussed at some length. And committee took a serious view of Wellington Education Board action in taking notice of a complaint before it had passed through the normal channels. When it clearly states in the bylaws that the Wellington Education

Board takes action only having received correspondence relating to the complaint from the committee.

Teacher to be asked to attend next meeting of the committee.

1st February Opened with 9. Found spare timetable and register at Whakataki school has none had been sent by Wellington Education Board

9th February. Several children who are visiting the area are attending school. Roll is now 15

11th February Roll only 8 now. There at least 5 at Whakataki. Took a half day to get a haircut and attend to business affairs. School Committee agreed

18th February PWD (Public Works Department) truck called to deliver 12 skipping ropes from Mr Warham. Phys Ed instructor

26th February. Tumbling mat arrived for phys ed. Saw a shining cuckoo. It appeared quite friendly and answered when called. The children seemed quite thrilled at seeing one actually in the playground

2nd March. Mrs McIssac, when I approached her in response to a message, informed me that I had punched Shirley in the stomach. I informed her that I had not done so, and that I could not imagine any action of mine that would have led anyone to believe that I had, as I had not even touched the child. Mrs M appeared quite annoyed and upset and said that the other children had seen me. It was all very disturbing.

23rd March. Drove whole school, 8 pupils to Masterton went via Langdale and in town saw Ford 49er, the Masterton printing Company at work, and finally the Mother Goose pantomime. All expenses paid for by School Committee.

(Mr) Nicol, a ward member only called at the school to discuss the number (roll) position unofficially. Roll is 11

4th July Conducted a survey in all subjects. I made it cover as much ground as possible. The marks appeared rather low. Most of the children had failed to cover all the questions through lack of time, mostly.

18th July. Shopping Day, in accordance with regulations governing remote schools. Visited civilization, saw dentist, doctor, barber and took car to garage everything being accomplished as planned.

13th September I had cause to strap a child for sulking and petulance after being admonished for carelessness. After the strapping, the child glared at me and insolently demanded what the punishment was for. I slapped his face and informed him. Shortly afterwards his mother entered the room and demanded an explanation. By this time only one other child was present.

16th September. The chairman of the School Committee formally delivered a complaint from the parent concerning the affair of a few days previously.

29th November Another "Local Eruption" caused a stir in the school. This time it was on the collection for the Christmas Tree. One pupil undertook to go collecting, making out a list of her own, and collecting money around the district. The mother of numbers 241,242 and 247, however had to object because the list hadn't carried any of the signatures of any of the committee members. The committee had intended doing something similar but had delayed their start. I pointed out to the other child, a very precocious one, that the procedure was illegal and directed her to present the list and the money to the chairman immediately.

20th November. School closed being polling booth for 1949 general election. Labour Government which had been in power for 18 years was defeated. I informed the children that this defeat was due primarily to the failure of various people to work and produce.

16th December. Held a display of work at the station for the Xmas tree party.

1950

Castlepoint

2nd March Application to Wellington Education Board for publicity on water tanks installed by the Committee

15th May That the teacher be approached with a view of setting up a savings bank account.

It was decided to invite the teacher to discuss whether the school should buy a an amplifier valued at £12 from the beach improvement club

Heating System That the chairman and secretary inspect heater at Whakataki School with a view to shifting it to Castlepoint

27th June. Teacher present. Asked that the school got a film projector rather than the amplifier. Moved that the teacher investigate a film projector. They turned down the amplifier in favour of a film projector. Instead the School Committee were prepared to house the amplifier at school and use it while guaranteeing any repairs.

Later in June Mr Tomlin reported back in writing the information re a film projector. Moved that Wellington Education Board be asked for a subsidy.

Moved that Mr Tomlin proceed with opening savings bank accounts with Post Office Savings bank,

October 1950. Moved that a film projector be purchased for £18-3-10 the Wellington Education Board subsidising it £ for £

Wellington trip report was a success. Children visited Winter Exhibition and various. Travel was by Castlepoint Station Land Rover and the Managers car for which running costs of £10 were approved.

1st February Roll 14

7th February Brian Emerson returned to school yesterday and took secondary work. 4 visitors took roll to 19

13th February. Heavy rain, 3.25 inches in last 24 hours made southern portion of the township isolated from school. Only 4 children arrived, so programme was abandoned. Rain eased in the afternoon so 9 pupils attended. Over 4 inches (101 mm) fell in 2 hours.

2nd March. School visited Mangapakeha School for the day, for physical education and general cultural purposes. Excursion was sanctioned and subsidised by School Committee so that children could travel in my car. See programme in file

22nd March. The committee has appointed Mrs Richardson as sewing instructress again. This is definitely against my wishes. There are at least two others in the district more capable and more supportive.

2nd May Abused by chairman again, this time for sewing. Stand-off, with him once before. I objected to something he told me and he abused me for that. I have been careful ever since to no apparent good.

14th June. Closed the school to take boys into Masterton to see the British Isles play Wairarapa at rugby football. Some of the boys

declined at the last minute and as a consequence I went to town with four boys only in the finish

27th June. It rained all day. Just before 3 pm the Chairman arrived at the gate to take children home. He tooted his horn until the children reached his car. Here he can be taught some manners

18th August. Wrote off one Excide battery, 6 volt, no good

4th September We received an amplifier belonging to the improvement club. We are to store it at school. We are allowed to use it if we require it.

13th September. Accident to child at sewing instruction. The needle of the sewing machine went right thru the finger.... Mrs Richardson made an excellent job of the necessary first aid.

13th October. Left Castlepoint 0530 hours. Visited Woollen Mills at Petone, Industrial Exhibition at Wellington and Dunlop's at Upper Hutt. Arrived back at Castlepoint at 0230 hours.

29th November North West Gale of greater violence than usual. Branches broken and metal blown off road. Roll 23

14th December Held a breakup ceremony at school. Councillor Christiansen presented prizes and all together the sale of work, raffle etc was a great success.

1951

Castlepoint

5th February Roll 15

20th March. The irate father of No 283 entered the classroom announced and angrily demanded why his child was being bullied by

the other children. I explained that I would go into the matter and he left, apparently quite satisfied. This incident occurred as his daughter was on her way home from school

21st March. I investigated this complaint and found that numbers 242, 247 and 259 had molested the child on more than one occasion. As it was not the first case of bullying in which 242 and 247 had been concerned. I took a serious view of the matter. No 242 thereupon disappeared from the school grounds. When she returned after the lunch interval I sent her home to get a note, in which her mother explained that she had told her daughter to go home if she got the strap. I have this not in my possession. This communist outfit has been responsible for most of the trouble in the district. I might add, strikes, gossiping, bullying, friction at meetings etc.

9th April The chairman called in this morning. I enrolled another 5 yr old suffering from a speech defect, making total of two. In the afternoon there were two incidents, minor ones involving cut toes. Then the father of 283 entered the grounds and made a verbal complaint against me. He said I am picking on her daughter..... The result was this letter which arrived half an hour after this interview (*letter not attached*)

30th April Used my own kerosene pressure heater (Tilley) to heat classroom. This was due to the delay in replacing the old broken stove. The Wellington Education Board sanctioned it last year, but the plumber has not been out to install the other one

24th May. During Holiday was appointed to another school, so resigned from here. Good luck to my successor and thanks to those people who helped me from time to time. R T Tomlin

30th July Mr Tomlin has left and was being written to about £12 he had told committee he had in donations etc. Together with 4 dozen 1E ex books which he had purchased for the school children.

At this stage of the meeting Mr Norton (?) was welcomed by the chairman.

Asked that Wellington Education Board be asked for a new teacher's table.

That committee proceed with purchasing a projector.

A reply was received from Mr Tomlin but his answers were not clear. Secretary asked to write again.

3rd December. The Castlepoint Social Club has made an offer to assist in payment of a school radio. Letter to be written to social committee thanking them for their offer and that they would apply to Wellington Education Board for a subsidy.

Mr Norton was applying to enlist with K Force. He was granted 2 days leave to attend medical examination etc.

23rd July School reopened first time since May Holidays owing to no teacher being available. New Permanent Teacher Clive A Norton

Roll starts with 7 girls and five boys

During the past 9 weeks some children have been attending other schools, a few have been taking correspondence lessons while the others have had no schooling whatever. This position was worsened for the teacher by the absence of a scheme book and the infant number scheme. The children don't know where they are in their work and the teacher doesn't know where they should be. The policy was to start working quickly from the start of their textbooks.

25th July. Chairman of School Committee called to say that a stove to heat the classroom would be removed from Whakataki and installed here this week by a Masterton contractor.

27th July School closed in afternoon for teacher to go to Masterton on urgent private business. During the afternoon the stove from Whakataki was installed here at Castlepoint.

5th September Soon after lunch the Wellington Education Board work supervisor, Mr Arkinstall arrived and accompanied by the chairman and myself made a tour inspection of school and house. The Supervisor made many notes and few promises.

The transport problem for Whakataki children was discussed on the spot and it was decided to make a toll call to the Board after school

10th September. Began transporting Whakataki children picking up four of them from the other side of the Whakataki Bridge.

10th October. Len Sissons, Phys Ed Instructor and teacher took children to Tinui School in the afternoon for square dancing lessons

15th October. Without warning seven visiting children presented themselves for 3 weeks schooling. All available seating accommodation was brought into use. Roll now 22.

17th October. Word received from Wellington Education Board that approval had been granted to have the school and residence repaired and painted inside and outside.

29th November. Delivery taken of teacher's new desk and chair. Tremendous improvement

31st January 1952.

- a) Received a school radio subsidised by the local residents
- b) Received 16 filmstrips
- c) Received 2 6 Volt Radio batteries
- d) A weaving loom and other handcraft material
- e) The school Christmas party was held on the tennis court at the station

- f) School closed on 6th December when teacher went to Wellington for an interview
- g) During vacation appointed to secondary department of Taumarunui District High School

1952

Castlepoint

21st January Moved that the secretary write to the teacher and reprimand him for closing the school one day early namely 18th December 1951. If this should happen again the committee will have no option but to report to the Wellington Education Board.

25th February Letter received from Mr C A Norton resigning his position as teacher at Castlepoint to take up a position with the Taumarunui District High School.

Mrs Cook appointed sewing instructress.

13th May Welcomed Mr Ashley (New Teacher)

A tin of paint was used by the teacher on the desks and the committee agreed to pay for same.

That the teacher be authorised to buy cocoa and tinned milk as required by the children.

Secretary to contact Mr R Tomlin re Scheme Book, Furniture inventory and summary of attendance. Secretary to write to Wellington Education Board re shelter shed at Whakataki.

A sandpit was suggested by the teacher.

31st July An extraordinary Special Meeting called. Topic about closing the school for an unspecified period owing to the small attendance and general sickness in the district. All the committee was in favour of closing. Only one parent was opposed to closing the

school. Wellington Education Board and health Officer to be notified by letter

15th November Shelter shed from Whakataki to Castlepoint to be shifted and work done when everyone was ready.

G W Coates Relieving

6th March. School was closed to allow me to register with Victoria University College

17th March. A pleasant and useful day was spent at Riversdale where swimming instructors taught children from country schools in the district. A Phys Ed period also took place.

18th March. Closed school until permanent teacher arrives.

W J Ashley

16th April First time open because of lack of a teacher.

Roll 18

The children have had no schooling since 16th April. The situation was made more difficult for the teacher by the absence of scheme books, weekly attendance summary book, inventory list of school furniture etc. And incomplete correspondence record. The children have no idea what stage they are up to. Four filmstrips are missing from the library.

Several campers have used the school and house grounds prior to my arrival and over the Easter period. Unfortunately one or two omitted to clean up on leaving. This neglect was particularly noticed in the school house grounds. Grounds of both house and school house were in bad condition owing to the lack of a permanent teacher.

24th April I wrote to the Wellington Education Board requesting repairs in the school house, lining and banister rails on staircase, garage floor, light shades, window, heating in living room, Tank. I

also asked permission to build 2 cupboards and repaint the interior of the house at my own expense

31st April case of mumps in the school. The District Nurse ordered all family to stay home

1st May. School water tanks cleaned. Filmstrip projector arrived with its lamp broken

7th May 100 country library service books arrived. On packing the books to be returned found 107 of the 110 books due to be returned

9th May. Forwarded school wireless to Masterton to be correctly fitted. Pupils and self scrubbed out school and cleaned grounds during afternoon. Closed school for vacation

Over the holiday period with the voluntary help of some of the pupils the desk tops were painted. These had been painted before but paint had worn off.

Attended School Committee meeting. Mr Emerson donated a tilly lamp for use at the school and also at the school residence if necessary.

The committee also agreed to replace paint used on school desks.

26th May. Conveyance claim for March and April attended to.

27th May. Children visited Wellington to attend industrial expedition by private cars. The visit was followed by an excursion through Rongotai Aerodrome

29th May. Radio batteries returned by Mr Emerson, Chairman of School Committee.

4th June. Commenced issue of cocoa to pupils.

10th June. Owing to voluntary homework by most of the pupils have decided to stream all classes with spelling and arithmetic. Assisting

individuals as problems arise. Standard's 4 & 5 have already covered Schonell's yearly list.

18th June. Chairman of School Committee transported children to the Basin to observe the sea at its height during storm

Commenced biscuit issue with cocoa

20th June. Children visited beach to observe aeroplanes topdressing.

13th July Physical Education Specialist left a large size rubber ball for school use.

16th July. Received notification that a new tank stand and four 600 gallon tanks (*1 gallon = 4.55 litres*) would be installed at the school residence

18th July Board Architect inspected residence to make a report, open fire place, concrete floor to garage, new shade and mantles for gas lights, interior cupboards, lining to staircase and safety rail at top, paint for floors and interior

30th July. Attendance down to 3 owing to measles and other illnesses. Chairman and Secretary visited school and ordered me to close. They informed that they were endeavouring to contact medical officer. Immediately notified Board. The Board instructed me to act on the Medical Officer of Health's decision. He decided to keep school closed. This was confirmed a week later by Dr Kennedy the Wellington superintendant of health.

Prepared correspondence lessons for each child to be given out as the children improved sufficiently to handle some.

14th August School still closed. Set further work for children to carry through the coming week. The last of the term.

5th September. Interior of school painting finished.

Received notification from Board asking for quote to line staircase, permission to purchase materials to concrete garage floor and to fit new water tanks.

8th September School reopened with full roll. Grounds in bad way overgrown

Received notification that a coke hearth is to be fitted in the residence and 5 new covers of lights and new lavatory and cistern.

22nd September. Accidently broke small window pane.

1953

2nd February Reopened School with a roll of 17

Found school grounds in a disgraceful condition. Campers had used grounds over holiday period, many failed to clean up when leaving. The school shed had been broken into and the axe removed. This I found broken beside one of their fireplaces. As yet nothing appears to be missing apart from timber which was stored under the school building. This no doubt was used for fire wood. The school itself was entered and used for sleeping accommodation. A fire had been lit and the interior was left in an untidy condition. Crayon scribbling was found on one of the newly painted walls and on outbuildings.

Received copies of radio productions for schools

17th February. Held fire drill exercises

2nd June. Closed school Coronation Day

8th June. Owing to atrocious weather extended morning period and closed at 1 pm for the day.

9th June Road closed by slips. No Whakataki children

15th June road reopened. Whakataki children back at school

6th July. District Nurse inoculated children against Diphtheria. 4 children were not immunised because of lack of parents consent.

13th July. Replied to Masterton Council giving number of children as 30 who would visit town on the day of Her Majesty's Queen Elizabeth visit to Masterton.

14th July. Received new duplicator

8th August Committee held working bee at school. Overhanging branches of trees topped, hand basin fastenings repaired. Lavatories creosoted

9th August. Evening church service held in school

7th September. Roll reopened 28 Children

9th September. Attended School Committee. Approved purchase of a screen for filmstrips, School Committee to erect blinds in school and repair broken window

5th October. Attended committee meeting where I expressed concern about Whakataki children being conveyed to school in an unlicensed truck owing to the breakdown of the normal vehicle.

11th November Suspended transport for Whakataki children on authority of Mr Hill (School Inspector)

17th November Whakataki children conveyed to school Mr Culver in his own car. Offered use of his car with myself as driver until end of year survey (exams) finished

24th November. Ceased transporting children.

17th December. Oiled floors.

1954

Whakataki

Log Book G R Powell

25th May 1954. School reopened with roll of 6. Teacher R B Mathewson.

The buildings were in a shocking condition- broken windows and doors and years of accumulated dirt.

There was no equipment of any description to be found on premises.

2nd June Visit from Art Specialist Mr Drawbridge

New furniture arrived

3rd June. Gardening Tools arrived. Visit from Health Dept official

10th June. Art and Craft material arrived. Less brushes

21st June Roll 9

6th July. First meeting of three commissioners appointed by Wellington Education Board. D Hawthorne, J Robinson, F Schofield. Opened a Bank of New Zealand Account and to hold a meeting once a month.

14th July 40 National Library books arrived

19th July. Flashing on the roof completed- No flooding of the room on wet days.

22nd July. Closed the school at 1 pm because of inclement weather and fire not being able to be lit.

22nd July. Map Pellets (2) and Maps of Australia and NZ arrived

27th July. Physed Equipment, balls, ropes and bench arrived.

Commissioners meeting. Mr Mathewson reported that the builder employed was going to demolish the playshed. Commissioners opposed this and the secretary was told to ring Wellington Education Board and protest. It would in their opinion be a small job to repair same.

The Secretary was also instructed to obtain two bags of coke, also a lock and pad bolt for the coal shed also for the inside school door.

7th August. Mr Mathewson was thanked for all the work he has done in getting the school started. The room is now a credit to the work he has put in. Mr Powell (Currently teacher at Castlepoint in attendance) Mr Mathewson reported he had cleaned the windows as far as he could reach.

6th September Permanent teacher appointed school opened today in fine weather. 9 Children present. New equipment for school has arrived. Infant Number and Library Grant. School is in very clean order as the committee spent Saturday afternoon washing it out.

7th October Organisation has been running smoothly.

8th October A picnic has been arranged today at Castlepoint School. A programme has been organised between teachers. Tabloid sports and games with intermixed teams. Whakataki children transported by parents.

13th October. Mr Arnold took religious instruction

14th October. School dismissed at 11.30 for early lunch Teacher collected children in car and transported them to Tinui where a district sports day was held. Minor Games played, peg ball, nonstop cricket. Children mixed freely and enjoyed the afternoon.

18th October. Organising teacher Mr Burgess arrived.

22nd October. This afternoon children had a dress rehearsal for a concert in aid of school funds. The concert will be held in Whakataki School building tomorrow night.

26th October. The concert held was a financial success over £15 were raised. It is planned to split this amount 50% with Castlepoint School.

28th October. Weather was very mild. Children were restless. Latter part of the afternoon was spent gardening.

5th November Today is Guy Fawkes Day. Although there is to be fire at Castlepoint there is no over excitement. Teacher has not seen a cracker so far at school!!

9th November. Mr Logan spent all day at school and enquired about school property and educative matters.

20th November. A member of the School Committee has continued to the fencing along to enable cattle to graze on the long grass.

26th November. The children were driven to Tinui for the opening of the memorial baths. The children saw the official opening and had an enjoyable afternoon tea.

29th November. Castlepoint School came over for a sports gathering. In fine but windy conditions. Had tabloid sports and a carol practice for the Christmas Party

16th December. School Break Up. Children have done a good terms work and are looking forward to fine days ahead for their holiday. Teacher will be aided by children in cleaning up. Cleaning money will be distributed and reports given out.

Castlepoint

26th February Today my duties as sole teacher terminate.

2nd March Relieving teacher J Casey

Was one day late in starting as there was no transport here on Sunday. No. present 20

10th March. Only 12 present as the arrangements for transport from Whakataki have broken down. The transport department would not grant a certificate for the present conveyance so the owner has not continued the service. Yesterday pupils were brought by private car to school but if no other proper conveyance eventuates they may be brought by car on alternate days.

Thirteen children at school. Three are away in Masterton for dental treatment. Five children are unable to attend because there is no transport from Whakataki. Four Schofields are brought by private car from Whakataki

18th March. 19 Children attended sports day at Masterton. After sports went to matinee to watch the film Royal Tour of NZ

19th March. New Janet and John books received

26th March Shopping Day

31st March. School closed as teacher had urgent business in Masterton

6th April Children attended a film afternoon at Tinui. The films were connected with health and hygiene, The function was arranged by the District Nurse

24th May New Term. New Reliever G R Powell

10 Children. (*Note: see above Whakataki has reopened*) Whakataki children not present

25th May. Communicated with Whakataki teacher. I am sending the school exercise books of these children who will be attending Whakataki to the owners on tomorrow's bus. Seems that the two schools will operate independently this term.

4th June. As many parents will be in town today will observe it as a shopping day.

16th June. Kay Zander away at dancing rehearsals.

21st June Only 6 present

25th June Teacher closed school at 12.00 as he had to renew his registration and car license

13th August. Today at 11.30 am Castlepoint School Children will walk around the beach to Whakataki. There the two schools will

practice items for the schools' concert (Friday 20th). Children will bring lunches which will be eaten on route.

20th August Teacher resigns as a relieving teacher for a permanent position at Whakataki.

6th September G O Johns permanent teacher. Roll is 11. One absentee at health camp. Much scope for an organised and efficient filing system. Library books obtainable and used by all- a bad practice.

14th September. Mrs Crump took sewing lessons. Two hours is rather long for most of children.

1st October. Mr Armstrong (School Committee Chairman) brought stapler, refills, sellotape, string, toilet paper holders, razor blades, soap, soap dish, correspondence book and envelopes.

8th October. Whakataki were our guests from 10.45. Tabloid Sports, Folk Dancing, and rounders were held

14th October Went to Tinui for combined country sports.

19th October. Mrs Crump started her new programme. 1 hour per week. Collected alternate weeks by either chairman or Secretary

28th October. Father of no's 342 and 343 accidentally drowned during a fishing trip. The children are away

5th November Guy Fawkes tonight in the Basin.

2nd December. Householders meeting to arrange Xmas Tree. A good attendance including many from Whakataki. There are over 30 children in the district, including Mataikona, 13 of whom are preschool

15th December. Xmas party was held in the Homestead Grounds. Perfect weather made the gala complete.

16th December School closed for summer. Afternoon spent in completion of bagging bottles which realised £1-15 for school funds

1955

Whakataki

1955 Frank Scholfield. Chairman of Whakataki stopped Alic foreman on the road as he was carting his 2nd load. Alic then Chaired meeting re closing Whakataki, about half got angry and abusive. The decision was made to close and. Alic Foreman told me

Castlepoint

3rd March P F Leddra appointed

21st March Roll 9

23rd March Attended country school sports in Masterton No children placed and most (especially juniors and infants) spent much time just waiting. Although the day was most enjoyable, I believe that this type of meeting is unsuitable for a school as small and far removed as this one.

29th March. A sports day held at Awatoitoi with other local schools. The children were absolutely thrilled with all aspects. By far the better type of programme was held. Coaching and Practice periods with Long and High jumps and flat racing made a full and satisfying day. Roll now 8

10th June. Mr Armstrong offered his transport to Whakataki parents dissatisfied with the long trip to Tinui

22nd June. Children paid a visit to Tinui on the occasion of the opening of the new automatic telephone exchange.

23rd June The children spent some time today in the preparation of a hangi as part of social studies course. Their cooking can be recommended.

7th July. Roll now only 5. Although the school is below grade the committee is acting on the advice of Mr Masters, Board Member, to keep on as usual pending the arrival of the Whakataki children.

25th July Still no word from board as to agreement on rate to be paid to transport operator, which is the only holdup in conveyance of Whakataki children.

1st August. Roll now down to 1. Whakataki children should arrive this week according to Mr Deavoll, Secretary of Wellington Education Board

5th September. School reopened roll now 10. The transport of 6 children from Whakataki having been finally approved.

30th September. Received word after 12 months of negotiations that board has approved of renovations to the residence.

6th October Mr Schofield has undertaken conveyance of children from Whakataki.

19th October. Generating plant installed in residence

29th October. Messrs Wyatt and Matheson visited school they suggested improvements in the children's technique in the Holger Neilsen method. *The Holger Neilsen method is to do with saving the lives of people who have been close to drowning. It was the method taught by Lifesaving Clubs*

1956

1st February Opened with school roll of 9

3rd February. The Secretary of the School Committee today interviews Mr Deavoll, Secretary Wellington Education Board re schoolhouse eliciting the promise that the tender for the renovations would definitely be passed

20th February. The Secretary of the School Committee informed me that the tender for the renovations of the schoolhouse had not been accepted by the Board. Both Committee and myself are dissatisfied with Board on the following counts

1. 12 months elapsed before approval was granted
2. The Board has called no tenders until recent meeting on 6th February
3. No notification of decisions reached by Board has been made until we have enquired
4. Three months passed from the submission of the tender until it being finally declined
5. The work is urgently needed before another winter sets in.

6th March Roll 11, 9 of them come from Whakataki

6th April Board carpenters complete house renovations. Their workmanship to be commended.

9th April Received new Hayterette" rotary scythe which proves a wonderful boon (*An English Motor Mower*)

4th May. Painters finished at the residence. The effort is most gratifying after past years of drabness

31st May The District Nurse inspected the children's hair (*Looking for nits*). Agreed to supply Halibut Liver Oil to be given daily.

16th June. A working Bee of School Committee blasted the pine stumps on the road boundary preparatory to the erection of a road fence and the levelling off of the section.

25th June The school attended a sports day at Whareama. Teams for the football (*Rugby*) and basketball (*Netball*) tomorrow in Masterton were given a practice.

27th June. School Closed. 4 Boys and 1 girl attended the sports day in Masterton. This was the most successful of any sports outing they have had.

11th July. School visited Masterton on a Social Studies tour. Seniors: Post Office, Cunninghams (Refrigerator manufacturer), Hansells Factory and Times age. Juniors: Post Office, Fire Station, Hansells, Railway Station.

16th July. No children attended today owing to floods and 'flu

10th August. Mr Armstrong started making two trips each morning and afternoon at the Boards request.

5th September Sent first flowers to WFCAs (*WFCAs were a department store and farm supplies company with branches throughout the Wairarapa as far North as Dannevirke and in Wellington.*) We expect 2 shillings per dozen which will help with funds.

29th September. Received £6-15-0 for 106 dozen flowers sent in by the children

3rd December A party of 7 children set off on a tour of Christchurch under the scheme sponsored by the USS Company.

Programme. Depart Castlepoint for Wellington 1 pm Tea in Trentham 5 pm. Aboard TEV Maori 7 pm. As we left the wharf the children were introduced to the Captain, given a badge and shown over the Bridge and Chartroom. Breakfasted at White Hart Hotel Christchurch. Morning Visited Sanitarium Health Food Co, and Harewood Airport. (*Now Christchurch International Airport*) where Globemasters from the Antarctic were inspected. Lunch at Hotel. Afternoon Tour of City, Cashmere Hills and Summit Drive. Dinner at Hotel. Return to Lyttleton and Wellington. 5th December. Visited parliament buildings and the zoo. 1.20 pm Railcar to Masterton.

The three days have been the most satisfying of my career, the children completely enthralled by everything they saw. The Form 2 boy had never seen a train, ship or railcar.

The USS Company must be congratulated on a perfectly organised trip, representatives of the company meeting the party at every change of transport, and one staying with us for the whole day in Christchurch. The children's behaviour was exemplary.

14th December. Xmas party held in woolshed owing to inclement weather

1957

4th February. Roll 12. Playground untidy but little serious damage by campers.

7th February Advised by Doctor I have Jaundice. Arranged for Miss J Burney (uncertificated) to undertake relieving duties.

13th March. Commenced duties after 6 weeks absence

25th April Anzac Day School closed. Informal salute of flag taken yesterday.

27th May. On the suggestion of Mr Robinson a Home and School Association is to be formed. This should do much to weld the two districts into one body in support of one school

9th June Children of Nature Club planted this year's anemones and ranunculus, plus sweet peas saved from last year.

12th June. Mr Tilson (Tinui) relieving. I observed children's work with Cuisenaire blocks.

1st July Mr Laing and I took children to the Wellington Museum. Two strangers commented on their good behaviour.

30th September. Polio Immunisation Standard 2.

9th September The Nature Club has sold 90 dozen anemones and ranunculus realising £6-15 (*Equivalent of \$274.66 in March 2011*) They have now decided to give the rest of the year's blooms to local residents and children in hospital.

4th November Drove children to Tinui for polio vaccination and hearing tests.

26th November. Visited site of Blue Herons beneath castle Rock.

20th December. After spending 12 hours this week trying to coax replacement lighting plant into operation have decided to return both plants to works overseer.

G O Johns leaves. Final Comment "The only drawback now is the generating plant"

1958

P Leddra

3rd February Roll 6. Grounds rather overgrown

18th February All children attended dental clinic at Tinui. Mr Armstrong took children and myself. We returned by bus

18th March. I had to urgently attend dentist in Masterton with Chairman's permission Mrs Leddra took pupils

16th June All children taken to ballet in Masterton

17th June. Final polio booster for children

9th July. All children taken to Wellington visit Museum, milk department, Rongotai Airport

14th August. Parents afternoon at school- Phys Ed display, plays presented, display of work, pupils working

8th September School reopened. 11 permanent and 8 visitors.

16th October. Roads sealing began just north of the school to end of road.

9th and 10th December All pupils participated in learn to swim campaign at Tinui Baths

1959

2nd February 4 boys 7 girls

8th February. Much needed clean up of grounds. Gate post replaced, lawns mowed, path chipped

7th March. Attended picnic at Tinui in conjunction with Tinui School.

24th March. N A Macauley, electrician wired house for electric points.

25th March. N A Macauley wired school for 1 point and 1 light

9th April Advice on installation of stove-second hand received from Board. Water heating being investigated.

25th May. School reopened Roll 12. Power connected.

22nd September. Mr (John) MacDonald, organising teacher visited school

28th October. Home and School shop day.

5th November 1959 Roll 12.

Inspectors Report

A good supply over 1200 books need checking and grouping for more effective use.

1960

22nd June. School visited Whareama for rugby and basketball (Netball)

4th July. Home and School bus began running.
15th August. Dr Roberts examined all pupils (*Doctor Roberts was the wife of Doctor Roberts of Featherston*)
9th September Contractors for new building at school – inspected.
5th October Wool day at Tinui??
7th November Contractors started work
29th November Moved pupils and some equipment to Whakataki.

1961

1st February Reopened with 15 pupils and 4 visitors
2nd February. New Toilets operating
12th June. Teacher is staying in a Lighthouse house while new house is being built.
3rd August Old school house demolition began.
4th September. Foundation for new house begun.
21st September Bus garage now complete with doors. Visit from County Council Inspector. Commented on lack of permit for garage and storage shed.
21st September. Visit of Mr W Hedley. Maintenance officer
23rd September Framework completed on new house.

1962

5th February School reopened Roll 14
25th February Moved into new school house
25th April Anzac ceremony at Tinui. 8 Children attended. School wreath provided.

29th April 4 pupils: 11 Travel by bus on the 32 mile return route.
Local effort provided the school bus and garage
11th June. All pupils to the movie King and I in Masterton
17th July Okautete School visited school returned visit 4th October.
11th November. Soil around new schoolhouse by School Committee

1963

11th February Queens holiday
4th April Mr Jack Cox, organising teacher took my class and I visited Awatoitoi and Tinui
24th October Governor General's holiday
4th November. Many children absent- Chicken Pox
8th November. School closed teacher had chicken pox.
11th- 15th November. Mrs Leddra teaching at school
9th December. Dental nurse inspected children's teeth.
10 and 11th November Two swimming and social; days at Tinui
18th November. Official opening of baths

1964

4th February. School reopened no school bus. Parents bring children to school.
2nd March. District Burse gave Mantoux Test (For TB) Checked on 11th All negative
8th May P Leddra went as First Assistant to an Auckland School
25th May School opened with a relieving teacher, Mrs Laing Roll 15
31st May New Teacher arrived. A Andrews

8th June. Have now met all parents. School committee meeting 7.30 pm. Members are. Chairman-P Laing Secretary T Skeates, J Robinson, C Crump and H Wilton
 Asked for odd bits and pieces for the school including library book covers- permission to purchase readily given.

9th June. Started to tidy grounds with Children. Lawnmower ran out of fuel. Sent circular to parents of following fortnights activities

15th June. School started 10 minutes late as the school bus had. a puncture during the mornings run. Tyre sent to be repaired

19th June. Sent letter to Board on new tidal wave precautions.

2nd July. Annual return sent to Board Yesterday. Think I may have forgotten to put a postage stamp on the envelope

28th July. Sent newsletter to every home. One of the notices was for parents to give me a note or a ring every time their child was absent for school

3rd August. Six children absent with measles.

13th August. Health Nurse showed films to the school on diet and healthy eating habits

20th August. School bus broke down. Started school at 10.00 am

22nd March. Visited by Child Welfare Officer who discussed with me the problems and history of 64/2

19th October. District Health Nurse visited school and discussed school lunches with the children

9th November. Children received first allocation of school milk

10th November Many children away from school for a day or so. It appears that a stomach trouble is causing the illness.

13th November. Lawnmower has now stopped going altogether. Swimming pool filtration pump has now ceased working, chairman has been notified.

1965

2nd February Roll 21

1st March. A woman from the child welfare department visited the school in connection with 64/2

3rd March. Have arrived at school with bus children late for the last two mornings due to the state of the road to Mataikona

23rd March Roll now 23 and the classroom is far too small Building extension was to be started this year.

31st March 1965. A W Andrews appointed as Sole Teacher

22nd April Standard 4- Standard 6 attend Anzac ceremony on top of the Taipos

28th April. School Committee Biennial elections. Chairman P Laing, Secretary- Treasurer Mrs P Laing, Messrs R Foreman and C Crump. Mrs M Foreman

29th April Arrived at school 20 minutes late as left hand rear wheel had worked loose and much was the resultant troubles.

5th May. A puncture caused the bus to arrive 25 Minutes late

24th May. Reopened school Roll 16

27th May. The school spent the last half hour of the day watching the opening of parliament at Mr H Wilton's residence on television

7th June. 61/2 punished for wilful disobedience.

23rd June. Left school at 2.10 pm to visit Pygmy Sperm Whale washed up on the beach near Red Gate.

6th July. Received irate letter from a parent whose trouble was caused mainly by ignorance

6th August. School again commenced late. The reason being a vehicle was stuck and blocking the road to Mataikona.

8th September. An officer from the Post Office Saving Bank discussed with the children on “What is the use of saving money?”

12th November. Began camping week with Clareville and Maymorn Schools

12th December. Received typewriter from Government Stores This then had to be sent to Wairarapa business Equipment to be opened, checked and given a written guarantee.

15th December Permission received to purchase a movie projector from School Committee.

1966

5th February. A working bee was held today but the attendance was as usual made up of those who usually attend such functions

Projector (Movie) arrived this morning

27th February School leave to spend the next week camping at Akatarawa (*Salvation Army Camp*)

4th March Children arrived home from camp after having an extremely enjoyable time. Mothers who attended as cooks and general aids thought it was a great success. During the camp we were visited by the Senior Inspector, Mr Golding and two other inspectors.

7th March. 61/2 was today issued with two of the strap for extreme disobedience.

31st March. Mrs Laywood Health Department Audiometrist tested 9 children

21st April. All arrangements made with Tinui School for Anzac Day have been cancelled as NO children from this area are going to Tinui.

25th April School closed for Anzac Day

26th April School closed as road is in too dangerous a condition to pick up children.

27th April While going over the Mataikona Hill I stopped the bus to clear some large stones off the road. As I was doing this part of the hill came away and completely blocked off the road. This meant I was unable to pick up the two children further up the road and so they were unable to attend school that day.

23rd May Roll 23

19th July. Mr Pickering, storekeeper is driving the bus and taking the boys to Whareama for rugby and the girls to Tinui for basketball.

2nd August. All school went into town to watch British Lions play a combined Wairarapa Bush team.

3rd August. Preliminary work for new classroom has begun. The Castlepoint Station has begun levelling the paddock in front of the residence in readiness for the present classroom which is going to be moved there, so that the builders can commence work on the new classroom.

5th September. School reopened to the banging of hammers and the sweet breezes gently flowing through the building. The carpenters have not finished repairing the old building after its removal. It is hoped it will be finished tonight. The roll now stands at 23 and with present conditions, prospects for the next month or two are far from pleasant.

19th September New chairs arrived from Hawkes Bay.

23rd September. Heater arrived. Attempts to obtain Infra-red ray heaters have been in vain as the Wellington Education Board cannot see we have a need for them

2nd November 1966 Electric heating in new school instead of Romesse. As Sole Teacher Drives bus. Wellington Education Board Notes

2nd December. The annual agriculture day was held. Because of the weather and the slow progress being made with the finishing of the classroom it was necessary to hold these competitions at the Station Quarters

12th December. We moved into our new classroom: and how wonderful to be in a room where children have room to stand up without bumping other children, where coats do not have to be hung over chairs; where the bus doesn't have to be used as a cloakroom; and where the teacher can get to the other end of the room without first having to complete an obstacle course.

1967

7th February. The next meeting of the teachers group to be held at Castlepoint. The first in nearly three years- no travelling up to 65 miles, return trip, oh my how pleasant

16th February. Had violent disagreement with parent of 62/7. Father rather concerned that his children were being victimised by the rest of the children in the school because they were not in the same social strata as them- threatened to take his children to Tinui School. When told he was welcomed to do so he calmed down a little and we parted on better terms. Children still at school. Parent has a complex about social standing and is rather unhappy about these situations which are mainly imaginary in his mind. Many other aspects to this also.

20th February 1967. Remote allowance payable to A Andrews. Rate of £37 10 for married teacher. Wellington Education Board note

20th March. The District Health Nurse visited this school to administer a Tuberculin test to all children in the control group, and to those new entrants since last year.

23rd April. A most successful working bee was held at the school today. Nearly every able bodied person connected with the school attended, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters. Tasks completed included, erecting of goal posts, erecting a new fence in front of the residence, re re-erecting maypole, laying lawns, spraying driveway weeds, general tidying up of grounds. This was an excellent days effort which started at 9 am and ceased when "light stopped play" at 6 pm.

30th April Home and School Annual Meeting. Chairman Alic Foreman.

5th July. Sent newsletter 29 home to parents. This newsletter outlined a change of policy concerning reports. In the past reports have been written out and sent home to parents and this has been followed up by the teacher going to each home and discussing these reports. In future the reports will not be issued and the discussion between parents and teacher will be the report.

18th August A Andrews Leaves to be Head Teacher of Hamua School
5th September. Mr Andrews left in September 1967 and Mrs NM Laing relieved. Wellington Education Board Note
November 1967 L M Condon Head Teacher Wellington Education Board Note.

24th October Commenced duties as Sole teacher today. Much time spent in adjusting the routines to suit my methods.

7th November School Committee meeting. Items. Pump for filtration plant to be inspected, broken windows, Duplicating paper and carbon paper, White paint for padder tennis.

8th November. Broken windows, (Rotor cut mower) reported to Wellington Education Board

22nd November. Visit by representative of Child Welfare Department to discuss mother of 2 children.

1968

6th February New Teacher unidentified Roll 24. Grounds tidied and new exercise books distributed.

7th February School radio collected from Masterton and installed, working perfectly after a long period of breakdowns.

8th February The school went down to the waterfront to watch salvage operation of the stranded launch Mizpah.

28th March. Outside tap installed and inside furnace removed,

1st April Resigned from Castlepoint to take up duties at Morrinsville College. P E Teacher.

24th May 1968 Mr PA Hyde is temporary Reliever from 4th June until end of term

4th June Roll 17

27th June Country Schools Adviser Bill Farland came at 2.00. Showed children a filmstrip

2nd September Mr G Westlake started with roll of 19. Tidied classroom and found out where children were at. Very few useful records had been left. At School Committee meeting I had a large list as most things had been used i.e. chalk, dusters, and duplicating paper.

17th September. Mr Yule (traffic in Schools) took junior children for a ride in his car with siren and red light flashing.

14th October. Old classroom was today shifted to Awatoitoi where it will be used as an additional classroom.

SRA pilot library and reading laboratory arrived.

24th October Wairarapa country schools standard meeting in Masterton. Some children did very well. Enjoyed by all the children.

15th November. Swimming pool is now full but filter plant motor has burnt out.

18th November Working bee while the girls had sewing. The boys painted playground equipment, baths ladder, gates, games.

19th November. Elaine Foreman, a parent who has done a large number of paintings, took the children for an art lesson, topic Shearing. This took two afternoons

20th November. Mr Wallis, Wellington Education Board maintenance Officer discussed a number of items. Approved removal of pine trees and erection of a wind break

28th November. Annual agriculture day. Pets, novelties, cooking and flowers. Every family in school represented. A few tourists and overseas visitors called in.

11th November. Mr Doig adviser in Physical Education spent the morning in the school mainly testing for fitness award. Seven children passed elementary award.

19th December. Children packed up in the morning. Spent the afternoon decorating the station woolshed for the Annual Christmas Tree run by the Home and School.

This took the form of parent relays races and games at the school from 6.00 to 8.00 then to the woolshed for Father Christmas, presents, supper and home at 10.00

1969

4th February 1969. Mr G J Westlake Teacher .Roll in November 28. Wrote to Wellington Education Board looking for a teacher aide. The answer was no.

18th February. Working Bee. Removed trees, partially erected a replacement iron fence and opened up a hole ready for the tidal wave gate.

25th February. First copy of Castlepoint Beacon printed. Children are proud of their first effort

26th February. Boys today completed their new shed telephones installed and appear to be a great success.

13th March Received an invitation to afternoon tea with the Prime Minister. Mr Keith Holyoake, MP for Pahiatua Electorate including Castlepoint

29th March. Open day parents had the opportunity to observe mathematics and reading, morning only. A large number turned up.

3rd April 3 girls had toothache. Sent in to Masterton

11th April. Big Seas in the night piled driftwood over the road, washed Mr Sims boat out to sea and staved in the side of Mr R Wilton's dinghy. The children all went down in the bus before school and inspected the damage. Very big seas still running.

8th May. East Coast Country Teachers meeting at Castlepoint only five present. Very disappointing.

26th May Two new boys from Aohanga Station started

18th July Governor Generals visit to Masterton. Senior Children went in with Mrs C Crump and Mrs E Foreman

4th August .School closed. Governor Generals Holiday

13th August Painting of Iron Fence and front wooden fence. The ladies of the district participated in this working bee.

10th November. Organisation of a departmental bus was completed for next year

19th November. Testing in Masterton for Form 2 children going to Wairarapa College.

20th November. Mr L Bailey tested for the fitness award.

Junior Passes 4. Elementary passes 6

18th December. Christmas Party- Very wet.

1970

3rd February. Roll 17 with two holiday children

16th February School visited lighthouse, powerhouse, store and fire station at Castlepoint

12th March. Social Day with Taueru children

Easter. A lot of children in the school grounds. Church Services etc.

8th- 12th May. Camp at Castlepoint by Rathkeale College science group. School used as a centre. Left in a very dirty, untidy condition

18th May. Visit by Board's maintenance officer. First real visit for 18 months.

10th June. Load of metal arrived from Masterton County Council for school and residence drive. Unfortunately a large pile dumped in the school gate- took approximately ½ hour for the teacher and senior pupils to spread the metal

14th June AGM of Home and School. School sheep are to be sold and all their money invested. Should bring in about \$400 enough to run the school and pay for the bus extensions,

17th July. Five sleeves arrived for our golf course.

18th July. Mr James, Wellington Harbour Board delivered a new cargo net for our climbing frame.

1971

2nd February Opened with roll of 12. The lowest for years.

25th May. New heaters fitted to school

8th June Rugby and Netball starts at Tinui and Whareama, Mrs Crawford will be assisting. (*First mention of Netball as a game*)

5th July Nurse Higginbottom- Rubella vaccination for five year olds

13th July British Lions Rugby team had morning tea at the school. About 50 people present. Children rather overwhelmed

27th September. Nurse TB injections

1st October School Closed Committee holiday. Sports: Pony Club.

22nd- 25th November. Senior Children involved in a camp at Castlepoint with children from Te Ore Ore, Bideford, and Gladstone. Main Topic Rocky Shore, others canoeing, art and craft, abseiling, hiking. A very enjoyable and rewarding experience for the children.

15th December. School closed with roll of 21. A barbecue Christmas Party held at the school from 6-10 pm. Items by the children, visit from Santa, parent races etc. An enjoyable evening

1972

2nd February Roll 19

7th February Received approval from Wellington Education Board to employ a teacher's aide for 10 hours a week- to start immediately. S Walter to be teacher aide.

11th April Mr Silcock carried out triennial School Inspection

Mr Gilmore checked the bus. (*From Hunterville*)

11th April. The possibility of consolidation of this school with Tinui should be investigated by parent interest in such a move has been reported by head Teacher. Report from L Silcock, school inspector in a report to WEB.

6th June. Rugby for the boys at Whareama and Netball for the girls at Tinui every Tuesday if fine. Mrs Hatchard helping with Netball coaching.

16th June. Cold, windy, wet, snow down to low level. Mataikona Road almost impassable

7th July. Miserable week, a number of children have been away all week with flu and measles

10th August. Mrs E Foreman spoke to children on current anti litter campaign.

M J Lessels

21st September Copy for exterior painting of the school and interior decorating of the residence arrived in today's mail. Mr N W Grantham, 21 King Edward St Masterton

22nd September Mrs Lessels took school bus into Masterton for servicing. Today brought the first real lull in the wind for four weeks

25th September. Wind is gale force and very tiring for the children.

3rd October The winds have ceased temporarily.

4th October. Mrs Lessels has taken bus into Masterton for servicing.

5th December. For the past few days Brenda Hatchard has been on the receiving end of some verbal conflict with several older girls. This is now dying a natural death with some help from the teachers

It has been exactly a month now since I commenced duties at Castlepoint and the major weaknesses of the school are starting to be

more evident. Standard of work is below what many are capable of and in particular, untidy writing is most evident. Many children lack independence in school work and in playtime activities, and are always seeking teacher control and help. Also there is a tendency not to return property used or played with, to their correct places.

10th October. The road on the bus route was covered in boulders and nearly impassable

School Committee meeting held at school was over in an hour. Passed my request for doors on the playshed. Asked if teacher's wife will take sewing.

18th October. The board Member Mrs Pryor and Boards assistant Secretary called at 5.00 pm today on an official visit. I was the only person here to meet them as no member of the School Committee turned up.

31st October. The filter pump has broken down.

15th November. Lynda Walter the Lighthouse keeper's daughter, has left to go on correspondence. She will be living on Mokohinau Island in the Hauraki Gulf

24th November. Mrs Lessels has taken bus in for servicing. The school is to be used as a polling booth for the parliamentary elections. It is the first time it has been used as a polling booth.

Maintenance officer arrived to check on painting No start as been made on the contract yet.

30th November. School bus went into Masterton to have two new tyres fitted.

The School Committee meeting commenced at 8. pm. The committee expressed their interest in a camp but seem unprepared to allow them to travel out of the district for it.

5th December. Mrs Lessels took bus into Masterton for servicing. A distance of about 41 miles.

1973

12th February For a committee that is pretty financial, they are reluctant to pay for things but like to place the accounts at the feet of the Board

13th February. The Hatchard children were away in the afternoon as they attended a funeral for a fisherman/visitor who drowned at Castlepoint.

21st February. Went down to the basin to see the Tongoroa have its marine survey as it was put aground so it would be on dry land during low tide.

23rd February. The school trip to Mount Bruce is set for 27th and already we are encountering transport arrangement difficulties. It seems that some parent can take their children to town but are not prepared to take them on an educational trip.

1st March. The children's day was highlighted by two events. One was the helicopter working at the lighthouse. It was carrying all the equipment needed to put in the new path extension. Secondly a visit to see a 150 pound turtle caught by a local fisherman.

8th March. Country School swimming sports. Standard of swimming has improved at this school but it is very low for children who live so near to water.

12th March Bus serviced today Taken in by Mrs Lessels

20th March as above

21st March. School Committee holiday. Purpose of holiday was for all to be able to attend Castlepoint Centennial Races.

16th April School Committee Elections. Only 7 present
 30th April With the number of deaths from rifle shooting, we have been doing lessons on firearm safety particularly with the duck shooting season starting next week
 21st May. Education Day at new intermediate school Hiona
 5th July. The Ministry Of Works officer for fire prevention visited the school to check the schools nonexistent fire equipment
 4th September. A slip on the Okau hill is moving onto the road. Care has to be taken when passing in the bus.
 14th September. M J Lessels left
 13th September 1973. Miss Irma M Levick Masterton West School relieving from 17th September 1973
 11th October District Health Nurse took health lesson with juniors. Then looked in children's hair for "things"
 5th November. Five new children. Broughton's from Aohanga Station.
 19th November. Pool ready for swimming again. Weather not.
 5th December. Mr Kevin Taikato Maori Welfare Officer called in today to say hello. Assured him there are no problems here.
 11th December. "The man in charge of our bus" called to see if I was satisfied. Didn't say who he was or actually what he does to the bus. It was a pleasant day, hope he enjoyed his trip.
 20th December. 1973. School ran out of water and closed 2 days early. Wellington Education Board Notes

1974

February 1974, Mr JG Mirams Roll 22. Wellington Education Board Notes
 18th February Administration of Tomlinson IQ Test (Standard 2-From 2)
 20th February. School Committee meeting held. I presented them with a large list of essential equipment and OK was given to purchase up to \$50 worth at present. I had been under the impression that this committee was in a very sound position financially, but the general tone of the meeting tended to indicate that this was not the case.
 2nd march. Lawnmower still out of action- probably will be for another month. Borrowed station mower and ploughed through grass. Previously I had cut lawns with mower borrowed from Opaki School. On each occasion it took me about 6 hours.
 22nd March. Completed PAT testing reading, with the exception of one pupil all were below average.
 3rd April School mower returned. Lasted for 10 minutes work.
 9th April Maintenance inspection accompanied by Mrs Prior, Board Member. Issued him with a list of 38 items. He appeared very obliging, but gave very few definite promises of what would be done. Informed that Mr Grantham had contract for painting Exterior of School and painting/ papering interior of schoolhouse. Rang Mr Grantham and was told he would definitely start in May holidays
(See September 1972)
 4th May. Weather atrocious. South Windows of school leaking badly, fence between school and motor camp blown down. Notified Fred Wallis who added items to maintenance list

27th May. Most essential items of maintenance list agreed to but not 5000 gallon tank which seems to me to be vital in this district.'

20th May. Interior decoration of residence finished-finally. A very satisfactory job especially considering the limited range of wallpapers available at present

27th May. Approval given for grasscutting payment- ½ hour weekly

31st May. PAT Mathematics. Results confirm that these pupils are performing below average Of 14 pupils testing 12 are below the 30th percentile and all are under 50%

11th June. Winter Sports. It will be necessary for me to get a bus licence to take pupils to sport.

17th June. Storm conditions over the weekend have left playground flooded. Fence and leaks in windows still not fixed. Mammoth slips on Mataikona Road have isolated 7 pupils

18th June. Storm conditions still with us. Playground covered with a thick layer of fine sand. Sports cancelled.

2nd July. Roll has risen to 25. Further request for a teacher's aide

11th July. Mataikona Road now open but in need of major repairs.

23rd July. Home and School meeting after lapse of 4 years. This associated is financially very sound with \$5000 invested at 8%. There is an annual grant to the school of \$100. But those in command are certainly very loathe to allow their hard earned money be frittered away on the school.

24th July Teacher aide appointed, Mrs Mirams 10 hours per week

12th October. Local Body Elections. School used as a polling booth.

7th November. Mrs Broughton took five pupils to Athletic Sports at Rathkeale.

20th December. School closed with roll of 25

1975

6th February School closed New Zealand Day

18th February Whole school went to town.

Senior children tested at baths for resuscitation/elementary certificates of the RLSS (Royal Life Saving Society) while juniors took part in instructions for parents in teaching swimming.

25th February School had lunch on the beach to watch matinee race meeting (3 races) held over a shortened course because annual race meeting had to be abandoned this year.

18th March Tinui School in camp. Mr Less Bailey, Physical Education Adviser arrived with prefabricated hut to assemble for storage of equipment for schools visiting camp.

20th March. With help of children shed was erected in the school grounds. This is to be used for storage by schools when in camp. The remainder of the day was spent with Tinui orienteering and rock studies.

4th April Mr H Wilton will be away on holiday. I will be driving the school bus for two-three weeks during his absence.

5th April Last entry and then finished Log with no explanation

30th May 1980 R Brent Collie relieving

1981

Castlepoint

2nd February During recess the 5000 gallon concrete water tank had collapsed, the school supply. We have temporarily hooked into the Motor Camp water supply but only until Friday as they are

desperately short of water. We have been granted 5 hours per week for a part time teacher.

3rd February Roll 23.

6th Feb School closed Waitangi Day.

19th February. Replacement tank installed, all we need is water

20th February Coast Zone swimming sports were held at Memorial Pool in Masterton.

20th March School closed for shopping day

27th March. Senior pupils participated in a walk over the Rimutaka Incline. Okautete and Whareama schools also took part.

7th April School inspection- Mr Rod Patterson- commented on the happy tone of the school, good work standards and well maintained grounds.

13th April Nurse Bell (District Nurse) came for the afternoon and took an excellent pottery lesson.

27th April School Committee elections. Excellent turnout of residents.

8th/11th June. Mataikona Road blocked so no school bus- 11 pupils at school.

Mr R B Collie 1980

Mrs I P Hinchcliff. Teacher Aide 1980-1985 Part time teacher 1980-1981

1983

1st February School Roll 16

There has been very little rain over the past couple of months and the gardens are sorely in need of a shower

250 Dozen (3000) bottles were awaiting sorting and first day back saw the children sorting and stacking

15th February Mr D Paterson (*Inspector*) arrived unexpectedly for morning tea.

23-25th February Principal attended In Service Maths Course at Purnell. Wellington programme. Joan Paske took

19th March. Castlepoint races. School Committee collected 200 dozen beer bottles from trailers parked along the course.

25th March 1983. Now teacher can have shopping days but school is not to be closed.

4th July ABC bottles arrived to collect 420 dozen beer bottles

5th July. Farewell to Garry and Merryn Gibson at the Whakataki hotel. Near 100% district turnout. Gibson's were presented with a silver vegetable dish.

5th August Winter sports tournament at Wairarapa College. Children assembled at 12.15 pm and played Hockey, Soccer Rugby and Netball.

5th September. Roll has increased to 14

1984

31st January Miss Beth Measures took over as acting principal. On exchange from England.

8th February Two men from Masterton County Council came to erect civil defence radio unit.

27th February. Shona Brown (Wellington Education Board Member) and Yeo Lang came to discuss problems with School Committee.

28th Mr Ashby Wellington Education Board maintenance officer called to fit new blinds in the lounge.

14th March 1984. Mrs Judy Minty resigned (Ex Chartwell School) had been overpaid.

3rd April Rural Adviser, Mr Ewen Stewart called to discuss problems with the swimming pool. The Principal handed over all responsibility of the school pool to Mr John Mackie (Chairman of the School Committee)

2nd May Afternoon Tea party was held for parents and community in school.

22nd May. Principal attended official opening of the Teachers Resource Centre at Central School. It was opened by Mr K Nicholson

24th May. Mrs Margaret Stoddart (Science Adviser) visited the school and worked with the children re common species of plants- Maori Names and use of Plants,

29th June. Barn Dance was held in school. Everyone donated food and drink. Raffle collected \$23-70 for school funds.

14th July. School used as Booth for Election Day. 47 votes. Many special votes.

9th August. School took part in folk dance/singing concert at Tinui Hall

30th August. Representatives from school district visited Wellington Education Board re school closure and bus.

12th September. Contact was made with CD in Masterton using repaired radio.

27th September Gail Taylor from Purnell came to colour code reading books

3rd 4th November School parents and other members of the community spent a delightful weekend at Pahiatua Marae A very special privilege

26th November. Last manual day for Form 1 and 2 pupils. For 1984

1985

R B Collie back from a year's exchange in England.

13th February District Nurse will be coming once a month.

Mr R Bell installed new light fittings in the classroom. These should make a tremendous difference in the winter term.

5th March. Children taken to Tinui for the morning to visit the dental nurse and practice with Tinui pupils for the swimming sports.

11th March School went to town to practice for swimming sports and to purchase goldfish for the school.

18th April Teacher in service day on Process Writing.

3rd May Interschool cross country at Mikimiki

27th May. Mrs I Hinchcliff has resigned to take up a relieving position at Tinui.

4th June School closed for shopping day.

6th June Fortnightly winter sports started with Okautete, Whareama and Tinui School.

17th June School visit to Masterton to spend \$65 Post Office donation Visited library.

11th July. Coast Zone schools attended a sports challenge at Carterton School A very long day for the children but quite enjoyable.

20th July. Children went to Tinui School in the morning to see the police dog handling demonstration.

8th August School visit to Okautete School. Children rode motor bikes and horses and played netball rugby and soccer and enjoyed a Barbeque luncheon. An excellent social exchange.

9th September Miss Measures took over duties as Principal. No. on roll 9

4th October. The school attended a Maori Concert at Motor Camp Hall. The welcome beforehand was held at the school. May Kapua the organiser.

7th October The Principal had to visit Wellington in connection with documentation for effects and car due to arrive in NZ later this month. Mrs Nan Laing taught

11th November. School visited Mount Bruce National wildlife centre. 9 pupils December 2nd. Last day for manual and bus maintenance.

1986

John Le Grice

Roll 7

Visit to Masterton to visit library to renew subscriptions and get books if required.

Visit to Masterton Intermediate School for a slide tape sequence about Comet Halley.

10th April Home and School agreed to purchase a Photocopier.

11th April School closed for a shopping day.

23rd April. Mr Hooper the rural Adviser spent the afternoon at school helping me get to grips with Infant Teaching.

26th May. A working bee was held over the holiday to get firewood for the school.

30th June Visit from Will Hamilton Traffic Officer for a visit of work on rules.

27th July. Don Fleming Wellington Education Board finance supervisor came to discuss GST with Principal and School Committee.

1987

23rd March Mrs J Greaves Relieving 5 on roll

27th March Mrs Le Grice passed away.

30th March. Mrs le Grice's funeral. All school attended.

15th April. Inspector Margaret Smith visited. Cleaned out old material from the filing cabinet and informed me of school procedures.

13th May Andrew J Wallace relieving

29th June Castlepoint School Committee asked Wellington Education Board for Andrew Wallace to continue. To stay until end of year until John le Grice resigns.

28th July 1987. Roll fluctuating between 5 and 9.

Further appeal 29th September 1987 for Andrews to stay on Wellington Education Board thought this was a good idea,

1988

1st February. Starting Roll 17

17th October 1988 Bruce Cochrane at Castlepoint

1990

18th June Dorothy McKie. School Roll 24. Resignation of Mr Bruce Cochrane.

20th June. Bryan Gwillam Rural Adviser was at school for the afternoon. He took the school for story and activities enabling me to have a good look around the school at resources etc.

16th July School to close every day at 2.30 pm with a half hour lunchtime.

20th July Rod Garden and Innes Kennard visited school bearing gifts. The resource centre had a clean out of unwanted material. This was divided between various rural schools.

22nd August Fun day to raise funds for Telethon. Raised \$133.30

REPORTS TO BOT REPLACING HEAD TEACHER'S LOG

2nd October 1990.

Included.

- a) I have applied to the Wellington Education Board for an equity grant on the grounds that more than 50 % of our parents are employed on the Ellery Irvine Index allowing That there is no preschool in the district. and that our pupils are culturally deprived by their isolation from major centres.
- b) Roll is now 25. If roll was 26 then entitled to two teachers.
- c) From the 1st October all teachers must be registered teachers.
- d) Our Amiga 500 computer is still being fixed
- e) Masterton District Council sent reps to check battery on Civil Defence radio. Also received a letter from Masterton District Council expressing concern at lack of knowledge Principals have of their role in an emergency.

6th November Meeting

- a) The school pool is up and running Keys to remain the same price. Parents reminded about the rules for looking after children out of school hours.

b) The school computer has been returned. All games have been banned at this stage.

c) We have purchased a \$200 Spell Checker. It has been used to assist younger children .

We are entitled to 5 shopping days a year. Only 2 to be taken each term.

4th December

- a) Equity funding of \$3000 granted. This money will assist us with day trips, camps visiting speakers and possibly playground equipment.
- b) Improvements to school house are coming on slowly Space heater, wetback and new water heater have been installed.

1991

28th January

- a) Whiteboard. I am using Ceratone left over from the building as a temporary whiteboard. To eliminate any chalk dust problem causing Debbie Bell's Asthma problem.
- b) Roll 22.
- c) 3 Members of School Committee resigned (*Actually 5 members resigned after acrimonious debate in the community following the Resignation of Bruce Cochrane who had admitted guilt of stealing money from the School Committee*)

9th April 1991

- a) The pool has been shut down for the winter. We have 2/3 Drum and 2/3 barrel of chorlotabs.
- b) Roll 19

7th May

- a) Barbara Jephson has been accepted for term 2 REAP hours.
To clean out and sort library
- b) Speech Interest has been to school

11th June

- a) Roll is 19
- b) Gymnastic Programme will follow this programme will follow this for 3 afternoons of the week at the hall. We will use the last hour of the day for this purpose.

Home and School

A Castlepoint School a Home and School was formed in May 1957. The object was to raise funds for a school bus. This was done. It was funded by purchasing ewes (Female Sheep) and run by local farmers. This idea proved so successful that not only a school bus but also a school swimming pool was built as well purchasing a film projector, typewriter etc.

When child numbers rose so that there was a departmental bus the bus was sold and the flock of sheep. The money was then invested. The association has always considered that the Castlepoint School would only exist if a school bus was serving it.

This association continued on until after the closing of the school in 1999. At times there was regular debates about using the funds for the children or just using the income from the monies for the use of the current children and current district. This conflict was often debated and discussed, with current School Teachers wanting more of the pie while they were working at Castlepoint.

At 5th October 2000 the H and S Association had a bank balance of \$28336.12. There was a lot of debates, lawyers input, and general disagreement about how this money should be distributed. The main area of disagreement whether this money should stay in Castlepoint or be given to Tinui School

At the final minuted meeting 11th December 2000 it was decided

- a) Cups and Trophies have gone to Tinui School*
- b) Payment of \$1500 be made to Castlepoint Playgroup*
- c) Payment of \$500 to Castlepoint Fishing Club*
- d) It was moved that “we give the H and S a silent burial.”
(There had been discussion about holding a reunion)*
- e) The photocopier left at the school after closing be given to the Motor Camp*
- f) Ralph Wilton and others would not like the “money to go over the saddle”*
- g) It was moved that that the remaining money got to Tinui School. Five Against, Two for and One abstained.*
- h) A special district meeting is to be called to reconsider where the remaining money goes.*

This was the last official meeting of the Home and School chaired by Alic Foreman

Special Meeting Sunday 27th May 2001.

53 Residents attended

Business. To reconsider the decision to distribute capital funds of the Association and to consider who should be responsible for the capital funds of the association

- 1) The Chairman (Alic Foreman) read letters from 2 firms of solicitors*

- 2) *There was still disagreement from some members who had the right to distribute the funds.*
- 3) *A number of residents called for a vote to be taken immediately. This didn't happen*
- 4) *There was ongoing disagreement. Pixie Wilton said she was sick of all this arguing and it was time it was all settled.*
- 5) *Matai Broughton thanked the Home and School for everything they had done for his family*
- 6) *The chairman said he was going to put the matter in the hands of the court.*
- 7) *After a 2 hour debate the chairman was going to put the vote.*
- 8) *Gordon Meikle wanted to make sure what they were voting on.*
- 9) *At that stage the Chairman left the meeting along with C Laing and T Hunt saying that the meeting was illegal and a nullity, others followed*
- 10) *The people who remained said it was a shocking meeting, they felt they had been let down by not having a vote and something should be done about the way the meeting was conducted.*

The whole tragic situation lead to lawyers' letters and affidavits to the high court.

The money finally went to Tinui School

This was a sad end to the whole saga of my research of Whakataki and Castlepoint School. But probably in another way was a fitting end to what had been a Roller Coaster ride between districts and

peoples of the area. Barbara Udy was the last teacher at Castlepoint.

Buildings Whakataki *Whakataki*

School Building erected 1891. 480 Sq Ft (44.5 square meters. Say 11 meters x 4.4 meters) Residence built in 1893 6 rooms. 1911 residence had 2 more rooms attached.

School closed down in 1918. In 1920 School and residence sold to Post & Telegraph Dept for £550 proceeds to go in aid of erecting a School at Castlepoint

From 1923 Whakataki School was rented from P and T (*Post and Telegraph Department*) for 6/- per week. No mention of residence. Maintenance to be paid as long as the school remains in operation. In 1933 school repurchased by Department of Education. The school will be maintained as long as in use. The repurchase was signed over in 1935 at cost of £200. No mention of residence. The school was not placed on Wellington Education Board maintenance list and so no repairs would not be made. No alterations were made to the school in its 58 years life.

Wellington Education Board notes say to be closed 1946 but further notes say Closed 1949

22nd February 1930 School Committee trying to increase size of school grounds. School Committee thought land had been gifted by natives for a school.

Mr Alex Donald "Burnlea" Kopuaranga, Wellington Board member is writing to Wellington Education Board re size of school grounds. The Post Mistress has been given land previously part of the school grounds.

26th July 1934 Letter to Wellington Education Board from the P and T dept. The post office is now conducted from a private residence across the river They are Wanting to sell building back to the board.

26th July 1934. Geoffrey Powell, Board Architect, wrote re School residence. The teacher's residence is a very old structure and totally unsuitable for such a purpose Therefore I do not recommend its purchase. The school is a part time school in a rented building For the rest of 1934. Correspondence between Wellington Education Board, not wanting to buy and P&T definitely wanting to sell.

16th January 1935. Offer of £200 from Wellington Education Board accepted by P and T.

19th January 1935 Residence has been pulled down. Wellington Education Board has been assured that there will be at least 12 children attending a reopened school.

1st March 1935. Deal has gone through including the piece put aside for the Postmaster

19th December 1952 School transferred back to Crown. School old and partly burnt out.

10th July 1953. Castlepoint School Committee wanted to use part of Whakataki school timber on their school and to have a school bus to carry the pupils (9) from Whakataki.

Castlepoint School Committee also suggested that site not be sold because it may be wanted in the future.

7th May 1954 Wellington Education Board letter to Education Department suggesting that Whakataki School be repaired and Castlepoint School Closed down.

June 18th 1954. Mr G Crump writes to Wellington Education Board saying he leases the Whakataki Land and would like to buy it. Wellington Education Board writes back that they know nothing of his lease.

5th November 1958. Land is again reserved as an Education Site.

21st January 1969 Letter from N M Robinson. Saying that the Whakataki Country Library would be discontinued. Therefore they would no longer be requiring the school as a depot. And their insurance with State would lapse at that day.

The Whakataki School has become the William Isaac Lodge and used by Wellington Education Board staff for holidays

12th June 1970. Castlepoint Golf Club wanted the land.

20th July 1970. Masterton County Council concerned that grounds are being used as a camping ground. This would have to cease as facilities do not comply with Council Bylaws.

2nd November 1976. Masterton County Council Health inspector complaining about Wellington Education Board social club using the grounds

9th December 1997 handed back to Crown

15th May 1977. The Masterton County Council wish to purchase the land as a boat parking place Transferred to Crown for \$11 280

Area of land 4727.3 Square Meters

Section 935 Whareama Block (Formerly part section 371) Block v111 Castlepoint and shown on SO plan 19570

On sale of land quote. The building on wooden piles is an old schoolroom built of rustic weatherboards with an iron roof and internal match lining with a small entrance porch attached. The building is solidly constructed with a high stud and heating is provided by a pot belly stove. The old fireplace is boarded up.

Buildings Castlepoint

Castlepoint

1920 288 sq feet Building erected Say 4 meters by 6.8 meters

Closed 1938

Reopened 1946

Added to 1948

Land was 1/2 acre gifted by Castlepoint Station

Residence purchased 1947 Rooms 5

21st November 1946. Grant for purchase of residence and site 2 roods

1 classroom room continuing 288 sq foot erected in wood 1920

Wellington Education Board Letter from Mr J H Lyttle offering to sell his house.

The residence was next to Castlepoint School

The land area was 3/4 acre

The House has a gas lighting plant

The house has 2 bedrooms and a sleeping porch

Also a large dining room and kitchen

The bathroom with porcelain bath and basin

The house also had a septic tank. The washhouse and lavatory were under one roof

Cash price £1500 (*\$115,796.56 in March 2011*)

23rd December 1945. Letter from Wellington Education Board Encouraging Department of Education to buy. Mr Lyttle would not move on the money asked for. Current teacher has lived in a local residence under sufferance and the place is not available to him in the New Year.

14th March 1946. Letter to Department Secretary from Wellington Education Board. The building is clad in iron which is the usual here The valuation is \$1250 and Mr Lyttle will accept that now.

31st March 1947 House purchase confirmed by Minister

19th January 1960. Toilets at the school are the pit type at the back of Castlepoint School Erected in 1920 A septic tank system is to be installed

23rd March 1960 The house purchased 8-10 years ago

It was a seaside bach of 4 rooms.

One of the bedrooms is on first floor which shakes in the wind

The kitchen has no interior lights. Lighting is by fixed skylights.

Sheathed with corrugated iron which has corroded extensively

It is amateur built and as permanent accommodation is substandard.

2nd November 1966 Electric heating in new school instead of Romesse. The reason being the Sole Teacher is driving the bus and children will be in the school unattended.

7th June 1966. New Classroom built for £3976

Old classroom moved aside and kept as 2nd room (This was later moved to Awatoitoi) and to be used while new building is attached to new toilets.

Appendix 1

James Herbert Kirby

Born c1831 Died 1917

The Story of James Herbert Kirby

The Diary of James Herbert Kirby as recorded in Papers Past. He was about 43 as this chronicle of intrigue starts. While reading these clippings remember that whatever the tense he wrote many of them and sent them to his numerous contacts

○ 21 January 1874. A new Church of England Denominational School has been opened in **Dunedin**, in connection with All Saints Church. Mr James Kirby, who is said to have had considerable experience in tuition in Victoria, has been appointed headmaster. The circular issued by the conductors of the school states that "the children of parents belonging to other denominations will be gladly received, and care will be taken not to give needless offence in the religious teaching." The school was opened on the 15th, and a meeting of parents and friends was held in the evening of that day in the schoolroom. , His Honour Mr Justice Chapman presided. Speeches were delivered by the Chairman, Bishop Neville, the Rev. Mr. Stanford, and Mr Kirby

○ 18th January 1875 All Saints Parochial School. This school will reopen this day Monday 18th Inst at 9.30 Terms on application. J. Kirby, Head Master. Mr Kirby is now in a position to form a Senior Class for Youths immediately destined for commercial pursuits-. To such .a thorough grounding in English and mercantile work will be

given. No pupils received into this class unless they have passed, an entrance examination, and a separate fee of 30 shillings. Per quarter will be charged. For other pupils the scale of charges will be as usual. Private Classes in Latin and French

- 21st September 1875 There was an excellent attendance at All Saints Schoolroom last evening, when Mr J. Kirby redelivered his brief and interesting lecture entitled "Half-an-hour Among Authors."" He illustrated the almost incalculable benefits to be derived from the study of good books, and his extracts were very instructive. The Rev. R. L. Stanford occupied the chair. The usual compliments to the lecturer and the chairman terminated the proceedings.

- 17th December 1875 the All Saint' Parochial School broke up for the Christmas vacation yesterday. The room, which had been beautifully decorated by the boys for the occasion, was well filled with parents and friends of the pupils. The Rev. Mr Stanford, in taking the chair, apologised for the absence of the Bishop— His Lordship having just sent Mr Kirby a note announcing his inability to be present. In a short and humorous address, the chairman reviewed the work of the past year, and predicted infinite enjoyment of the holidays by the pupils. He (the chairman) had been particularly struck with the discipline of the pupils—a very high tone indeed pervaded the school—it was peculiarly good. Mr Kirby had worked indefatigably, and had gained the love and respect of all his pupils. Mr Kirby (the master), in rising to speak, reviewed the work of the past half-year, and observed that the examination had elicited very pleasing results. The Bishop, the Rev. Mr Penny, and the chairman had assisted him in conducting the examination, and the pupils had evinced a very encouraging degree of interest in the work of the half year. He rejoiced that the work had been steadily carried on, and that the utmost friendship had always existed between pupils and teachers. In awarding the prizes, the manager had been guided by the

verdict of the examiners. The prizes (of which a list will appear in our next) were then distributed, after which the Chairman, on behalf of the pupils, presented Mr Kirby amid great applause, with a handsome tourist's telescope and case—as an expression ' of the love and regard in which that gentleman was held by his pupils. During the afternoon, two or three "recitations and an illustration of simultaneous reading by a class was given in capital style, Mr Kirby evidently being a very highly successful teacher of reading—and the numerous audience dispersed highly pleased

- . 20th December 1876 After an examination of his pupils, Mr Kirby brought the proceedings of the All Saints Grammar School to a close, on the 12th inst., with a picnic to the Ocean Beach. The young people enjoyed themselves exceedingly. Great regret is felt by the pupils at losing Mr Kirby, who now withdraws from the School in connection with the Church to take office, under the Education Board, as master of the Main District School at **Ravensbourne and Rothesay**

- 23rd December 1876 The pupils attending Mr W. H. Walker's private school, Great King street, were examined by Mr James Kirby, late of All Saints School, on the 14th instant, and he reports that nearly all the scholars evinced considerable intelligence, and evidently took a lively interest in their work. He was especially pleased with the dictation, reading, and recitation. The demeanour of the various classes was most satisfactory

- 29th April 1878 EVENING CLASS for ADULTS, at **Washdyke** School, commencing MONDAY, 29th inst. J Kirby Head Teacher.

- 27th February 1879. Timaru Herald ELOCUTION CLASSES MEET at Mrs Mansfield's School, next Presbyterian Church, MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS, at 8 p.m. life J Kirby
- 8th March 1879 In our notice of the Wesleyan Church entertainment yesterday, we entirely omitted to mention the part Mr J Kirby took in the programme —that of delivering two recitations. The first was a scene from the "Merchant of Venice," followed by "The Rivals;" for each of which he received hearty and well-deserved applause.
- 28th November 1888 O. Goodman v J Kirby — Claim £25, damages. - Mr Jameson for plaintiff, and Mr Hamersley for defendant The plaintiff sought to recover this amount for damages sustained to a pair of horses and a buggy hired by defendant, and for loss sustained through the horses having to be turned out for six weeks, consequent, on the injuries received.
- 8th September 1881 Birth of a daughter to J Kirby
- 30th May 1883 In [Bankruptcy](#)— Mr J Kirby
- 7th June 1884 On the motion of Mr J Kirby it was reported that the Committee meet on the 9th next. to arrange for a large public-meeting at an early date, to lay before the public a clear statement of the aims and intentions of the Association Political Reform meeting
- 22nd April 1885 Mr J Kirby of the [South Canterbury Times](#), then rose and proposed — " That this meeting desires to encourage the system of technical instruction in South Canterbury, cordially thanks the promoters, and appoints the following gentlemen a committee to carry out the system which has been initiated,
- 23rd May 1885 The first meeting of this Union was held in the Assembly Rooms last evening. Some 60 members were present, besides a number of ladies. The seats registered were as follows : — For Coromandel, A. H. Dawson ; Auckland West, Dr Hogg ; Rodney, P. W. Hutton ; Auckland East, T. Bnrith ; Parnell, W. De Gernon ; Waikato, C. Bowie : Hawke's Bay, J. Hall ; Nelson, John Mair ; Onehunga, M. de H. Duval ; Picton, F. W. Wake ; Lyttelton, R. M. Laing ; St. Albans, J Kirby;. The Ministry as formed comprised Mr A. J. H. Bower, Premier and Minister for Defence ; Mr J Kirby, Justice and Education Timaru Herald report
- 12th May 1887 Opening of new technical school (Timaru) Mr J Kirby then briefly impressed upon all to attend to the practical, and not to waste early life in pursuit of the ideal, as by the frittering away of opportunities in youth many had pursued an ignoble career, and wasted a practical industry would have ennobled
- 24th December 1887 Talk to Timaru side school the chairman called upon Mr J Kirby to address the pupils. He said he was pleased to meet them but he should not be so cruel as to make a long speech, just as they were going home for their holidays. He would, however, urge them to work hard and learn all they could or they would grow up dunces, and when they became men and women would be very unhappy when they thought what ignorant persons they were. He hoped those who had not got prizes would eat just as much plum pudding this Christmas as those who had. (Laughter). They should remember their teachers with love and gratitude and now he hoped they would enjoy their holidays and come back refreshed
- 28th January 1889 We understand that Mr. J Kirby will lecture on " Elocution " in the Oddfellows' Hall, Sophia-street, on Wednesday evening, 29th inst. Mr. Kirby intends forming a class for instruction in the art of speaking, i.e., and has already secured the

names of a very great number of young men. The object of the lecture on Wednesday evening is to explain the system of tuition and illustrate the art. The importance of elocution, and the value of proficiency therein to public men, and those likely to take part in politics, can hardly be over-estimated ; while it should be in the family circle no less common During the evening, readings, etc, will be given from great authors

- 6th October 1887 We have to acknowledge receipt of a leaflet on the crisis by Mr J Kirby, editor of the **South Canterbury Times**,

- 13th August 1889 The examination of pupils of the Borough Schools (**Blenheim**) for the 3 Inspector's reading prizes takes place on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the Boys' School. The examiners are Dr. 1 Muller, Messrs Hartley McIntire, and J H Kirby

- 5th January 1890 J H Kirby, editor of the **Marlborough Express**, on being called, stated that he wished to be exempted from giving evidence. Mr Prichard asked the witness for an explanation. The witness said he had been subpoenaed by the police and he declined to give evidence as a police witness.

- 6th May 1890 "DIVIDED AUTHORITY." Mr J H Kirby, Chairman of the householders' meeting in Blenheim wrote forwarding the resolution of the meeting re appointment of teachers. The Chairman proposed that the subject being a large one consideration should be postponed till next meeting. Lieut-Colonel Baillie said all the authorities knew this, but they were afraid to touch the Act lest it should fall to pieces. The motion was carried

- 12th June 1890 Ambulance Association (Blenheim).— The interim committee of the Association met last evening ; present : His Worship the Mayor (presiding), Messrs T. H. Hustwick (Secretary), Fathers, J. Le Gros, and J H Kirby

- 8th August 1890 C. M. Brewster V. J H Kirby, claim £6 15s (judgment summons) adjourned for a week on the application of defendant

- 21st August 1890 In **Bankruptcy**.— A meeting of the creditors in the estate of J H Kirby was held in the Court House this afternoon, and was adjourned till Tuesday next to allow the debtor to bring up a more satisfactory statement, than was produced

- 6th September 1890 VALEDICTORY. The Mayor said he desired to inform the Council that this was- the last occasion on which Mr J H Kirby, Editor of the Express, would report the proceedings of the Council, and he felt sure Crs would agree with him that Mr Kirby had always given accurate and faithful reports of meetings, and would recognise the fact. Cr Sinclair said he very much regretted the announcement, and he thoroughly endorsed the remarks of the Mayor. Mr Kirby had not only been faithful in his reports but he had taken great interest in Municipal matters generally and had done good. (Hear! Hear!) Cr Ching fully agreed with what had been said, and added that Mr Kirby had frequently given the Council a knock but it was always well meant and kindly done- Crs unanimously assented and the subject dropped.

- 25th June 1892 The New Zealand Times is to be represented by Mr Fred Beeves, who was admitted to the Gallery last year, and the **Wellington Evening** Press by Mr J H Kirby an old Southern journalist. Parliamentary Press Gallery

- 24th October 1892 Mr. J H Kirby, late of this city, has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the **Napier** Evening-News and leaves for Hawkes Bay at once. His numerous journalistic friends, will wish him all possible success in his new sphere

- 6th September 1893 At the meeting of St. Mary's Literary Society last evening, Mr J H Kirby delivered his lecture on the " English Language " before a most appreciative audience. Father Grogan presided. The lecturer traced the various stages of development of the language, and showed that it was one of the bonds of union of various communities, and argued that it was evidently to become the dominant language of the world. He illustrated his remarks upon the stages of development by quotations from writers of different periods. The subject became delightful and attractive, and the lecture was as entertaining as it was instructive. In closing the lecturer urged upon all the duty of cherishing so priceless a heritage and the pleasure to be derived from a contemplation of its beauty and an investigation of its origin and history. A most enthusiastic vote of thanks was carried, and the hope was expressed that the lecture would shortly be delivered before a public assemblage.
- 27th September 1893 The chairman, the Rev. Father Grogan, in opening the proceedings made a few remarks explanatory of the aims and objects of the Literary Society, and Mr J H Kirby, in a brief address, also referred to the beneficial influence the formation of such a society must have on the young men of the Church. Hawkes Bay Herald
- 3rd May 1894 Empire Loan Company v. J H Kirby, £11 13s, costs £1
- 18th May 1894 A meeting of the Union Debating Society was held last evening in the old Provincial Council Chamber, when the question " Has the State an Elevating Influence on the Community " was discussed. Mr J H Kirby argued in support of the affirmative
- 23rd July 1894 Te Aro Loan Co v. J H Kirby £4 8s

- 6th December 1894 On a recent trip to Auckland, Mr J H Kirby, the versatile editor of the **Napier News**, fell in with a Jap, with whom the genial pressman became chummy. Writing in his paper afterwards an account of his trip, he remarked The Japanese, who , spoke English with perfect correctness and fluency, gave me lots of information about his country and countrymen. "Where on earth did you learn such excellent English ?" I asked him. "My dear sir, at school," he answered, "every Japanese of any respectability learns English. You have taught us everything, and we are trying to improve on the model." , " I'm not sure you are not succeeding, I answered. _ And to hear the graceful courteous Jap talking with ease and propriety, made me understand how perfectly Japan has assimilated and profited by Western example, and how gracefully the mantle of European civilisation and culture rests upon Japan. **Now writing for the Hawkes Bay Star.**
- 17th January 1895 From J H Kirby, informing the Council that seats would be reserved on the stage for members of the Borough Council on the occasion of the Premier's address at the Gaiety Theatre on Friday, — Received with thanks. .
- 13th March 1895 J H Kirby v. Evening News Company, £21.
- 21st April 1896 J H Kirby writes 2 long letters to Hawkes Bay Herald
- 2nd May 1896 J H Kirby (Mr Lee) v. P, A, Herman (Mr Scannell) claim for £65 counter claim for £50. Mr Turnbull said he had had the opportunity of reading up the best cases corresponding with this. Looking to Kirby's letter of authority, he thought Herman had done all that he was employed to do, and that completion was only prevented by the action of Mr Kirby. He was not satisfied that the evidence as to the alleged amount of commission, £50, had been

properly corroborated. He therefore gave judgment for plaintiff for £40 15s, and £24 5s for defendant on the counter claim, each party to pay their own costs. He refused application by defendants counsel to appeal.

- 19th May 1896 The well-known and genial journalist, Mr J H Kirby, has purchased the **Marton Mercury**. His man friends will wish him every success in his new venture. Marlborough Express

- 23rd May 1896 The Herald Company have disposed of their interest in the Marton Mercury to Mr J H Kirby, late of Napier and a well known New Zealand journalist. No changes are to be made in the staff except that Mr J. J. Boyle returns to the staff of the Herald. The new proprietor takes charge from today Wanganui Herald

- 29th July 1896 Mr. J H Kirby, proprietor of the Marton Mercury, has presented to the Wellington Public Library a copy of a work by his brother, Mr. Frederick Vaughan Kirby, F Z S known to readers 'of Land and Water' under the non de plume of "Magagambe." The title of the book is "In Hunts of Wild Game : A Hunter-Naturalist's Wanderings from Kahblamba to Libombo," 1896, and it forms a valuable addition to the stock of books on South Africa in the Reference Library

- 16th September 1896 It is stated that Mr J H Kirby at one time editor of our evening contemporary, who is now editor of the Marton Mercury, be requisitioned to contest the Rangitikei seat (Mr J. Stevens* constituency) in the Liberal interest Marlborough Express

- 28th September 1896 DESTRUCTION OF A NEWS. PAPER OFFICE.[by telegraph— Press association.] Marton, This Day. The office of the Marton Mercury was completely destroyed by fire between 2 and 3 o'clock on Sunday morning. The insurances were on

the building, £250 in the South British office on the plant, £700 in the Victoria. The proprietor (Mr. J H Kirby), in a circular printed at the Advocate office, hints at incendiarism, but so far there is no evidence to justify the assumption. The Mercury is to appear as usual, but, pending the purchase of new plant, in an abridged form.

- 29th September 1896 The thanks of the City' Council have been given to the Rev. C. De Castro, and Messrs. J H Kirby and S. Waters, for donations of books for the Public Library. Wellington Evening Post. Wellington Library

- 24th November 1896 J H Kirby, of Marton, late printer and publisher of the Marton newspaper, filed a petition in **bankruptcy** before Mr John Norman. D.O.A., to-day.

- 25th November 1896 J H Kirby of Marton, late printer and publisher of the Mercury newspaper, filed a petition in bankruptcy before Mr John Norman D.O.A. yesterday. The statement of account!) show liabilities £571 3s 1d and assets £263. The following are the unsecured creditors ;— Marton — Bank of New Zealand £50, Booselman Bros. £15, Davenport Bros. £12, W Gardener £2 10s, S Gibbons £25, Lound and Pedcmon £5, J Mayo £25, J McOhcsuey £11 6s 6d, B Skermon £2 2j, A W Smith .£50 ; Wanganui IT Bennie £3, I Salek £25, Herald Company £109, A D Willis £12 10s; Palmerston— S Abraham, £50; Napier— H P Cohen £50; Wellington— Mrs Condon £1, Empire Loan Company £65 6s 6d, Whitcombe and Tombs £14, A sum of £71 14s is also due to the late staff of the Marton Mercury for wages. The assets include book debts £250, estimated to produce £210; a sum of £50 payable by the Rangitikei Printing and Publishing Company out of insurance moneys, and £3 for stove sold. The deficiency is £308 8s 1d. The first meeting of creditors will be held at Marton on Tuesday.

- 4th December 1896 Among the original stories in the Xmas number of the New Zealand Mail is one of Mr J H Kirby, of the Mercury, entitled " Strange Luck." A footnote by the editor explains that it arrived too late to enter the lists ,of the 'competition

- 7th December 1896 [In Bankruptcy](#). In his statement to the Deputy Official Assignee at Marton, J H Kirby, bankrupt, said that when he went to Marton in May, 1896, he had about £326 in cash and no liabilities. He purchased the Mercury newspaper from the Wanganui Herald Company on the same terms as which they obtained it. Carried on the paper from 23rd May to 28th September, when by an accidental fire the premises and plant were destroyed. Made enquiries before purchasing the paper, and judged that he could establish it on profitable lines. The total receipts for the six months amounted to £319 12s 1d, or an average of about £12 per week, and business was improving. His trade expenses came to £85 per week ; it was not that at first, but gradually grew to that. After using up his capital he borrowed sums amounting in the aggregate to £346, at intervals during June, July, August, and September. In making the applications he made no special representations of his financial position, beyond stating that the prospects of the paper were improving, which was an actual fact. Was looking forward to the extra revenue that would come in during the general elections,, when he anticipated that the paper would earn £300 above its ordinary revenue. Had drawn out a programme for the insertion of candidates' speeches at a fixed charge. All the debts on the schedule were incurred prior to the fire and while the paper was a going concern ; had gone to the bad over £300. Attributed his bankruptcy to the fact that the revenue of the paper was not anything like the expenses of producing it, and saw now that he had expended a larger amount in producing the paper than the revenue warranted. Since the fire he had made every effort to re-establish the paper. The immediate cause of

his filing was the issue of a distress warrant by the London Loan Company of Palmerston North.

- 3rd Feb 1897 We understand that Mr J H Kirby has been appointed [Napier](#) agent for the N Z Times which owing to the demise of the News, is getting a large circulation in that part of the colony where there is no local Liberal organ.

- 13th March 1897 Mr J H Kirby has been appointed , editor of the [Newtown](#) Advocate, a new Wellington paper, established to "advance and conserve the interests of Newtown"

- 1st August 1898 Mr. J H Kirby, the well known journalist, has been selected for the position of master of the school at [Whakataki](#), in the Castlepoint district. Mr. Kirby , before taking up press work, was a very successful teacher in the Canterbury district

- 17th October 1898 Out of Bankruptcy

- 22nd Oct 1898 Mrs Kirby was appointed sewing teacher at Whakataki

- 19th May 1905 Mr J H Kirby, schoolmaster at [Cross's Creek](#) (Wellington), formerly of Blenheim, was the recipient of a presentation from the residents of the district the other evening, as a tribute to his merit and "a token of sympathy with him under an unjustifiable attack to which he had recently been subjected ,

- 22nd January 1908 Your old acquaintance, once editor of The Express, Mr J H Kirby, who for the last few years has been in charge of the Cross Creek State School—Cross Creek is a railway settlement in the Rimutaka—was "farewelled" the other night, having received another and better appointment under the Education Board. Mr Kirby's son is now associate-editor with Mr Freeth, on the New

Zealand Times, for which journal he has done some very fine work. Pie has been chosen, with Mr Lesley Lukin, to represent Wellington at "the Imperial Conference of Journalists to be held in London during the -coming summer. A nice little trip, for I believe all "exes" are paid

- 27th August 1909 Mr. J H Kirby was appointed sole teacher at **Coonoor**. *He actually ben appointed to Pukehinau School near Pongaroa but ended up in the out blocks of Pahiatua*

- 25th January 1910 MARRIAGES. SMITH— KIRBY.— On the 10th January, at Eketahuna, by the Very Rev. Dean McKennn, Albert, second son of Eli Smith, of Masterton, to Annie Lilian, third daughter of J H Kirby, Coonoor.

- 1st May 1911 A MEETING of the above' will be held in the Education Board Buildings on' FRIDAY, 3rd March, 1911, at 8 p.m. Business — 1. Report of Delegates attending Educational Conference in Hokitika in January Last. 2. Paper, ""The Geography Outfit,' 1by Mr. J H Kirby. 3. General.

- 15th March 1913 Mr J H Kirby the well-known journalist, has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be able to leave the Masterton hospital.

- 5th May 1913 Mr J H Kirby the veteran journalist, who has been confined to the **Masterton Hospital** for some time, is stated by the Age to be making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

- 12th June 1915 Mr. J H Kirby, recently of the **"Rotorua Times/** writes as follows: — It is as well that you should let the public know what is being done for the amelioration of Maori conditions, and it is gratifying to know that such steps are being taken to afford education

to the race. Your report in yesterday's issue indicates that a warm interest in being taken in these matters.

- 17th June 1915 Mr Arthur M. Vile, sub-editor; of the **Wairarapa Age**," who- registered some time ago for service "abroad has been notified 'to join the Seventh Reinforcements at 'Trentham this week." He is being succeeded on the Age by Mr J H Kirby, a veteran journalist, who was at one time editor of The Marlborough Express.

- 24th July 1915 (By TELEGRAPH— PRESS ASSOCIATION,) PAHIATUA, 23rd July. At the annual competitions, the judges for which were : Music, Mr. ' C. ' W. Naylor (Palmerston North), elocution, Mr. J H Kirby (Masterton), Pahiatua Competitions

- 4th January 1916 Mr.' J. H. Kirby, the veteran journalist, is seriously ill at Eketahuna

- 27th May 1916 Mr. J H Kirby wrote suggesting that an elocution class be formed in connection with the College, and offering his services as instructor. In a further letter Mr. Kirby asked if anything could be done in the way of forming a branch, of the college at Island Bay. A committee was set up to go into the matter contained in Mr. Kirby's letters. Technical Education Board **Wellington**

- 30th August 1916 Mr. J H Kirby, of **Island Bay**, gave a lecture last- evening in the Nelson-street Methodist Church, Petone, on Literature and Humanity," under tile auspices of the Methodist Ladies' Guild

- 12th September 1916 On Monday evening a lecture on "Russia" was delivered by Mr. J H Kirby in the Island Bay Methodist

Schoolroom. There was a large and appreciative audience, who listened with interest to the lecturer's account of the history of the Russian people from their tribal days to the present. The Rev. E. Drake occupied the chair. At the close of the lecture Mr. Kirby was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

○ 23rd December 1916 Mr J H Kirby Preaching at Beramphore Methodist Church

○ 12th January 1917 Mr. J H Kirby, who died at the Wellington Hospital on Wednesday at the age of 74 years, was for many years connected with the journalistic and teaching professions in New Zealand. About 45 years. ago he . came ,to the from Victoria-;and 'p£" various times was connected with ' the South Canterbury Times,- the Evening Press '(Wellington, the Evening News - (Napier),, and ;the Marlborough Express, Rotorua Times, and Wairarapa Age. He was 'also at one time headmaster of All Saints' School, Dunedin, and secretary of the; South Canterbury Education Board, and in later years was in-the service of the Wellington Education- Board. His eldest son, Mr. 'Fred Kirby, was for many years sub editor of the New Zealand Times, and is now on the staff of the Sydney Bulletin. Another son, Mr. S. Kirby, is on the operating staff of-the Dominion, and a third son, Mr. R. H. Kirby, is at the front. 'The late Mr. Kirby was in the earlier days a writer 'of considerable standing in the public press, and is, held in kindly memory by pressmen who were members of Press Gallery in; the early days of the Ballance and Seddon

regimes. A capable journalist. and a bright and lucid writer on a large variety of subjects, he did excellent work in the strenuous days of old. His remains were interred in the Karori .cemetery .this afternoon, the Rev Mr' Drake officiating.

○ 12th January 1917 The death occurred in the Wellington Hospital on Wednesday night of Mr J. IT. Kirby, one of the oldest journalists in New Zealand, and a former Wairarapa resident. The deceased, who was over seventy years of age, came to New Zealand from Victoria. He was on the staff at various times of a number of prominent New Zealand newspapers. Ho left journalism for a number of years, and engaged in **school**-teaching under the Wellington Education Board at Whakataki, **Cross Creek** and elsewhere. Re returned to journalism a few years ago, and was at one time on the staff of the "Wairarapa Daily Times." Tho deceased was held in high esteem. Ho leaves a family of three sons and four daughters. One of his sons is on active service, while another is Mr F. Kirby, of the Sydney "Bulletin." His daughters include Mrs J. **Cross** (Te Whanga?) and Mrs B. Smith (Alfredton). WTPP

Left 3 sons and four daughters

1894/4867	Kirby	Alfred Herbert	Jane	James Herbert	-
1881/8856	Kirby	Annie Lilian	Jane	James	- t
1886/3629	Kirby	Irene	Jane	James	-

1879/7288	Kirby	Stanley	Jane	James
1875/2072	Kirby	Reginald Aspinwall	Jane	James
1873/6302	Kirby	Cissy Jane		
1877/3082	Kirby	Edith Placida	Jane	James
1908/5359	Kirby		Jane	56Y
1917/775	Kirby		James Herbert	74Y

James Herbert Kirby Married Jane King Marriage in Australia



J H Kirby and Pupils Early 1900's at Whakataki School

Mary Williams Chemist

Correspondence between Mary Williams, Teacher at Whakataki and various Government Departments 1905-1918

Topic: Providing medical treatment for Maoris

Material resourced from papers at National Archives
Wellington

Researched and presented by Robin Carlyon

Letter in 1905 to Secretary Health department.

In the parliamentary debates of last July I saw that teachers in country places are supplied with medicine for use of the natives

Now there are two pahs quite close to me, one being opposite my home and the other at matai Kona. Even from the next pah Aohanga if the natives have thought I had anything that would do the good they have come to me

The winter is here now and the Maoris have been coming to me and used what drugs I have. I may tell you I am used to dispensing drugs I have. My husband was a doctor, I was a Doctors daughter and I have a family of children. If pure drugs and not patent medicines are sent to me I can put them to their different uses. The natives always ask for castor oil and olive oil. Then came a whole

list of medicines and what she used them for e.g. Tincture Camphor Co for diarrhoea and in cough medicine.

Following this she gave a number of Maoris as her references.

I sincerely hope you will forward what I ask for I have my children to work for. My salary is barely sufficient for my own needs yet I cannot refuse what I have. There is no doctor here, Our road is washed away. The creek is running through it crossing and recrossing it over and over and over again. Making it impassable so we are thrown entirely on our own resources.

19th of Medicines ordered from Kempthorne Prosser and June Chief Health Officer recommends that they give her some of the drugs at little cost

List

Castor Oil

Olive Oil

Salicylate of Soda

Tincture of Camphor

Spirits Ammonia

Spirits Nitre

Oxymel Squills

Aromatic Confection (diarrhoea)

Mist Cretae (diarrhoea)

Chlorate Potash

Borax or boracic acid and glycerine (as wash for sores)

And other ordinary simple remedies considered advisable

The list was approved at a cost of no more than £2

Then in December 1905 Mr R D Hanlon Esq., Chemist Molesworth St Wellington sent another list of medicines to Mrs Williams See November 9th letter.

December 11th 1905 letter to Health Secretary again.

The stock is very low and I have had to replenish at my own cost and am doing so again this mail.

From December 18th to January 10th there again will be a large gathering of natives and being so far from town they have fully appreciated the medicines and have always wished to present their "Kia Ora" to the government and the minister who carried out their behest. The list enclosed is a Masterton price list. Could I have them sent from there please.

A list from T G Mason Pharmaceutical chemist Medical Hall Masterton accompanied Mrs William's letter.

25th April 1906 Agreed to order medicines from Mr Mason

20th Aug 1906. Another letter asking that Mr Mason supply her with a list of medicines. Agreed to order

2010 Letter from Mary Williams to Hon Secretary Health Department

May the following drugs be forwarded early. There will be a large meeting of the natives (400) on the 16th of March many of whom will take up their residence here.

Please rail to Masterton and Coach to here,

I have forgotten to say the Maoris have asked me to write in their name.

Yours obediently

Mary Williams

Teacher of the school

Medicines for the use of the natives of Aohanga, Matai-Kona, Whakataki and Tauheru.

2 lbs	Fine Camphor Co
2 lbs	Spirits of Ammonia
1 lbs	Spirits of chloroform
1 lb	Tinc of Opii
1 lb	Liquor Plumbi
2 lb	Glycerine
2 lbs	Liquor Plumbi
2 lbs	Glycerine
2 lbs	Liquor Ammon Acetate?
1 lb	Tinc Cate Chu
1 lb	Sp. Ether Nit
1 l	Mist Cretae
1	Epsom Salts
2	Cornflour
	A dusting powder for babies
1	Boracicacia Powder
2	Boracicacia Cream
1	Arrowroot
1	Liquorice Powder
	More ordered but lost

21st February 1910 Letter from Health ministry passing letter to native department

Memorandum between Native Departments. Querying whether this is a native school. Answer No

Letter to Dr Pomare asking what articles if any you think we should send

Dr Replied that we supply only native schools however if the Minister told him he would compile a list

1st March 1910 Letter from Undersecretary to Miss Mary Williams Stating that funds were limited. He was unable to entertain the request made. Native School teachers are entrusted with the duty of dispensing drugs in a small way

8th June. M Williams is writing to Mr Ngatai MP

Including the Pah is now much larger than it was almost always there are between forty eight and fifty people.

My Maoris have been coming to me for now nearly eight years. I have been supplying them at my own cost. Many of the drugs I get serve double purposes and then accompanied with a reduced list. Our chief Hamuera Potangaru promised that he would write to you.

Across the bottom is scrawled Public School not native

Letter to Mr Ngata from undersecretary. The Natives of this district have lately been leasing and selling lands and the majority of them can certainly not be classed as indigent

25th July Mrs Williams letter to Mr Buchanan MP. I have been asked for medicine for the natives and have been refused. I saw in

the parliamentary debate 1906-07 that Mr Seddon said "Queen Victoria had left £100 per year for the use of comfort for the natives in NZ.

The Maoris here come to me for medicine. Having a family of my own I can ill afford to supply the natives out of my own pocket. Not only is it I who has to provide for the needful but the two or three people who live in the vicinity of the pah. Then she goes on to say there are more Maoris than Europeans at Whakataki and keeping them supplied is difficult. Then Finishes with

I would be glad if you would kindly place this matter before Mr Carroll and let him see the injustice to the English population owing to the improvidence of the natives. Thanking you in anticipation'

Yours faithfully

Mary Williams.

16th August 1910. A letter written in Maori to Native Minister with a translation asked for by the minister. Asking for a supply of medicines and signed with the names of 17 local Maori Translation included we entreat you to have our local schoolmaster (Sic) supplied with medicine necessary for our children.

It is impossible to go for urgent cases to a doctor.

Signed Mihei Reita and 17 others

Mary Ann Williams died in 1937 aged 79

1887	15	Whakataki	Mangunson	F G		Master	£68
1888	18	Whakataki	Mangunson	Frank G		Master	£67
1889	21	Whakataki	Mangunson	Frank G		Master	£18
1890	20	Whakataki	Mangunson	Frank G		Master	£83
1891	17	Whakataki	Mangunson	Frank G		Master	£100
1892	14	Whakataki	Mangunson	Frank G		Master	£100
1893	10	Whakataki	Mangunson	Frank G		Master	£100
1894	14	Whakataki	Mangunson	Frank G		Master	£100
1894	14	Whakataki	Mangunson	Mary		Sewing	£5
1895	21	Whakataki	Mangunson	Frank G		Master	£100
1896	20	Whakataki	Mangunson	Frank G		Male	£100
1896	20	Whakataki	Mangunson	Mary		Sewing	£5
1897	20	Whakataki	Mangunson	Frank G		Male	£100
1897	20	Whakataki	Mangunson	Mary		Sewing	£5
1898	18	Whakataki	Kirby	James H		Male	£100
1898	18	Whakataki	Kirby	Cissy		Sewing	£5
1899	18	Whakataki	Kirby	James H		Male	£100
1899	18	Whakataki	Kirby	Cissy		Sewing	£5
1900	18	Whakataki	Kirby	James H		Male	£100
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1901	17	Whakataki	Kirby	James H		Male	£100
1901	17	Whakataki	Kirby	Cissy		Sewing	£5
1902	15	Whakataki	Kirby	James H		Male	£88
1903	17	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A		Female	£80
1904	18	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A		Female	£88
1905	22	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A	E2	Female	£118
1906	16	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A Mrs	E2	Female	£130
1907	16	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A	E2	Female	£130
1908	16	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A	E2	Female	£110
1909	17	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A	E2	Female	£125

1910	18	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A	E2	Female	£130
1911	18	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A	E2	Female	£135
1912	17	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A Mrs	E2	Female	£140
1913	15	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A Mrs	E2	Female	£145
1914	12	Whakataki	Williams	Mary A Mrs	E2	Female	£150
1915	10	Whakataki	Port	Sarah E	E2	Female	£110
1917	10	Whakataki	Port	Sarah E	Sole	E-89	£130
1923		Whakataki	See Castlepoint Half Time				
1913	10	Castlepoint	Collerton	Nellie		Female	£90
1914	11	Castlepoint	Speedy	Hortense		Female	£90
1915	16	Castlepoint	Clifford	Olive		Female	£110
				Gertrude M			
1917	16	Castlepoint	Ahradsen	Mrs	Sole	D-90	£120
1919	11	Castlepoint	McFarlane	Alexander G	Sole		£140
1921	10	Castlepoint	Carson	Frederick G	Sole		£170
1923	21	Castlepoint/Whakataki	Dorgan	Beatrice B	Sole	C-192	£233



(for previous page See T905/1134)
~~So much about this matter~~
 The stock of drugs provided for the natives needs replenishing.
 Can I have sent:

- 1 lb. Tinct. of Cinchona.
- 1 " Liq. Am. Acetatis.
- 1 " Tinct. of 16. rubarb.
- 1 " Compounded Lignocaine Powder.
- 1 " Tinct. of Pyrene Scilla not Tincture
- 1 " Bromide Confection
- 1 " Camphorated oil, or any other Linamen.
- 1/2 " Carbonate of Potash and some cotton wool.

The natives have asked me to thank you in the names for the comforts they have received from this benefit.

The Hon. Mr. Duncan
 Minister of Justice

Yours & faithfully
 Mary A. Williams

Order for
 H. D. Haddon
 No. 3283
 8/12/05

T. M. Lee
 Mrs. Williams
 No. 3298
 9/12/05