

Whareama: 1899 to Present Day for this school in the Langdale Block. School Roll 29 in 2012. On the Langdale Road off the Blairlogie Langdale Road on the way to Riversdale. Originally called Blairlogie School

For the first two years the school was called the Blairlogie School (See separate Notes). It was referred to also as Birkett's School because of its placement at "Birkett's Corner" The first two years log book records are of the Blairlogie School (1897-1898) but I have included them in this record as it makes more sense

1897

Annie Mousley Teaching

26th May Blairlogie school mentioned in scholarships but no Whareama PP

29th September Monthly Exam Started

1st October No drilling (*Physical Education*) on account of bad weather

11th October One o'clock day

3rd November We worked till one o'clock and dismissed.

12th November Attendance for past week is not good.

16th November Wrote to the Secretary of School Committee re the removal of brackets inconveniently placed where the maps etc. hang

2nd December Chairman applied for key for immediate use of building which I refused on the grounds that the school records, correspondence etc. had not been put away, but left (On account of having no cupboard) on the school table

3rd December Wrote to the chairman re the cleaning of the school and outer offices

10th December All classes finished their books

16th December We assembled and then had our annual picnic

17th December Holidays commence from following Monday

1898

24th January School recommenced

31st January Monthly examination. School closed on account of sickness.

1st February Very poor attendance 1 o'clock day

15th February Received the T Square

22nd February Wrote to Wellington Education Board re larger desks

2nd March Wrote to Board re desks and cards.

29th March Received application from Secretary School Committee re the placing of harmonium in the school

30th March Wrote to Secretary re Harmonium

31st March Average Roll 11.8

1st April School Committee met on the previous evening.

5th April The following children passed. Standard 4, Rita Austin, Standard 3, Olive Taylor, Standard 2, Isabella Birkett, Roy Tindall, Stella Austin, Charles Taylor, Standard 1, Annie Birkett, Emily Birkett

15th April Object lesson on Chalk given.

19th April The previous day was so wet that no school was held.

22nd April Object lesson on coal was given

25th April Working Average was 12.8

28th April Object lesson on school table and chair given
13th May Wrote to Chairman about firewood
17th May Birkett's authorised not to clean the school from henceforth.
20th May Object lesson on Tea given
24th May Holiday for Queen's birthday.
27th May Object lesson on Glass Given
27th May Firewood came
4th June received drawing cards and map of Europe
10th June Object Lesson on India Rubber given
17th June Object lesson on Pins given
25th June T R Fleming Inspectors Report included: Grammar begun this year
The candidates above Standard 2 were admitted this year only so that very little class work was tempted. A faithful attempt has been made to cover the work of the year. The children in the lower classes answered very well.
1st July Mid-winter vacation till 18th Inst.
21st July School opened by H B Calders two days late on account of non-arrival before
25th July Work well under way No timetable so far.
26th July Received teachers supply of books Readers for 5th, 3rd and 1st Standard History for Standards 5 and 3
Geography for Standard 5
Answers to Arithmetic for Standard's 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
27th July First Full attendance of 16 pupils
29th July New lock put on door

1st August Got word the Barbara Rockman would be absent for a considerable time through illness. Time table made out and posted up.
3rd August School open good attendance, began Pole Drill
4th August Emily Birkett severely punished for impudence
5th August School dismissed at 3 p m instead of 3.30 on account of neuralgia
8th August Rockmans' both absent. Wet Day No Drill
9th August. Very wet day. 10 minutes late starting school. No drill, good attendance for weather. Began practice for concert. Project lesson on Birds
10th August. Good weather began club drill. Gordon Tindall severe punishment
12th August Weekly Average 13.5 Terribly wet day Revision, ¼ hour for lunch school closed ¼ to 3
15th August Weather too wet and rivers uncrossable, so no school
Roy Tindall punished by "Coventry" for telling falsehoods. Object lesson on Ica. (*Being sent to Coventry was a practice of no one allowed to talk to the person nor they communicate with anyone. This is the only school I have seen this practice being done*)
18th August All have poles (*Poles were used in exercises for fitness*)
22nd August G Tindall punished for falsehood. Object lesson on Fish
23rd August Wet School 10 minutes late. Wrote to School Committee chairman concerning, chalk, desks, window,
24th August 2nd Standard began history lessons. Marching Drill began
25th August Pole Drill Exam began (monthly)

30th August Rockmans both back. Applied Wellington Education Board again re chalk

31st August. Object lesson on Grass given. Bella Birkett and R Austin exam results very good.

13th September Object Lesson Silk

14th September Received chalk from Department

15th September Posted receipt for chalk.

16th September Average bad, 12.6 New Poetry. Tank put up. Chimney came down (Broken)

28th September Got word that L and M Read had left school. Notice re scholarships from Wellington Education Board. No Candidates. Swamp cleared and drain cleared, a great improvement to playground

19th September. Mr Read, School Committee Secretary left district. Sent three bottles ink mixed ready for use.

20th September. Object lesson Coffee, Spring

23rd September School opened 8.30 till 12.30 pm Open 1 pm to 2 pm. Closed as bachelors had use of the school granted by School Committee for a dance

28th September. Blackboard cracked by B Birkett while cleaning school. Object lesson on Candle

30th September Porch Finished. Culvert put over drain at the entrance

3rd October Agnes Rockman admitted. Put in 1st Standard

5th October Object Lesson Camel

11th October Object lesson on Bees

18th October No morning school on account of wet weather

22nd October Rockman's left school during the week

4th November Holiday for Masterton show, Received new map of Australia

14th November Received Kindergarten Materials

28th November No school on account of illness, only 4 children came so I dismissed those. Ivy Tatham staying until end of quarter

5th December All children back first full attendance for over a fortnight.

9th December No school on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday on account of very stormy weather and illness of children.

16th December Broke up for Midsummer vacation. School Committee meeting last night concerning "School Treat" etc. Received word that Ivy Tatham and Willie Taylor have left school

1899

23rd January Opened school at 9.30 am. 10 pupils present

27th January Week's work fair. Average poor 8.8

10th February No school this week (apart from Friday) on account of storm. I came down to school but there were no scholars present

13th Infants (4) still absent on account of measles. Received letters requesting school for political meetings on 28th February and 2nd March respectively. Request granted.

Stove broken by A S, Punishment, Coventry

14th February School closed for 3 weeks nearly (*No reason given*)

6th March School reopened.

8th March Received notice about shorthand classes.

13th March No school, creek impassable; high flood

20th March A S punished for rudeness, deprived of recesses for a week

2nd March Bishop Wallis of Wellington accompanied by Revs Earle? and Sykes visited the school

27th March School examined by F H Bakewell. Result very satisfactory. No failure in the school. Olive Taylor put up for 4th and 5th Standard passed in 4th and failed in Arithmetic and geography in 5th. Good in all other work.

29th March E and S Austin and A Simoneck absent

3rd April. New Years work started in all classes. Full attendance

4th April Eileen and Stella Austin absent every Wednesday on account of music lessons

Received science syllabus. Object lessons Kindness to Animals

14th April Sent in my resignation which is to take place at end of June.

Note in margin Teacher's resignation not sent in to 5th May and dated that day. No meeting held for election of School Committee and when held had additional members elected. This is not a matter for Log Book.

Object lesson on Matches

Received and gave out certificates for passing exams.

2nd Standard Annie and Emily Birkett, Gordon Tindall

1st Standard Eileen Austin and Fanny Birkett

4th Standard Olive Taylor

3rd Standard Isabella Birkett, Stella Austin, Roy Tindall, Charles Taylor

Received congratulatory letter from Inspector and Wellington Education Board Secretary on Exams

18th April Received exam arithmetic cards for 1898 for Standards, 3, 4, 5, and 6 Late on account of bad roads and rain

Object lesson given on Daisy

19th April Girls began their new sewing.

24th April Meeting for reselection of School Committee Received enough ink powder to make 1 quart of ink from Wellington Education Board

2nd May Wrote School Committee re setting up stove and getting new chimney. A S Still absent. B Birkett paid for cleaning out school. Late for school showers and mud.

5th May Received 4 new sticks of wax for scaling. Mail bag from Postmaster Masterton. Sent in resignation to School Committee.

8th May New Stove chimney received. Stove Set up

15th May No School, creeks impassable with high floods.

Object lesson bipeds and Quadrupeds Late for school this morning.

Inspectors Report for 27th March included

Grammar Fair

Instruction Good

The pass work of this school was distinctly good, The writing and arranging of all work being very neat and uniform. The children had evidently been receiving careful and systematic instruction.

10 presented and 10 passed

All work up to Standard 2 good

22nd May School not opened until 10.00 on account of rain and bad roads. School Committee Meeting. New teacher appointed.

24th May Queen's Birthday No school

1st June 1899 Both the Whareama and Te Whiti Committees recommended" Miss E. Scott for appointment, and it was left to her to decide which position she will accept PP

5th June Received acceptance of resignation from School Committee.

12th June A Siemonek absent all last week through bad roads.

29th June Object lesson on Fruit.

30th June School closed for Mid winter holidays. Prizes distributed by Rev J C Andrews.

1st July A Note No key to be found for schoolroom, cupboard lock out of order

17th July Marie E Moss Started work here

21st July Considering the state of the roads the attendance this week has been very good. I have received from Mr Austin some red ink, blotting paper and soap.

24th July 2 scholars appeared. No school all day. It rained heavily. Received bowl and towels.

27th July Began teaching singing

1st August Annie Birkett was away all day with toothache.

3rd August extremely wet weather and the roads are all mud.

11th August Attendance for week has been good,

17th August Eileen Austin has been away all week through illness. Annie Birkett was sent home twice with bad toothache. Heavy rains are falling day and night

22nd August Fires are not needed this week

28th August Received door key and cupboard key from Mr Austin

6th September First Grade Drawing exam took place. Mr Austin was supervisor

Stella Austin has broken her collar bone and will be away from school for some time.

11th September Cold and Dull. Nine children present

22nd September Stella Austin is likely to be away for some weeks yet

4th October New broom was sent by Mr Austin

13th October Sunshine and showers all day. All the scholars were at school today.

18th October The Liberal candidate lectured in the school room last night

24th October The Conservative candidate had a meeting here last night

10th November Yesterday being Prince of Wales Birthday school was closed

14th November Heavy Rain yesterday stayed at school at 9.45 then left only four scholars being present

29th November Four scholars away 6 present

8th December Word came from Wellington Education Board that the Xmas holidays begin on 14th December.

1900

25th January (Friday) School started yesterday, two scholars were absent. A new scholar Harry Cripps was admitted. The schoolroom had been well cleaned during the holidays The water that had been standing in the tank for six weeks was let off and the same day a heavy rain filled it.

2nd February This week the attendance has been broken Weather is hot. Bush Fires Started

13th February Mr Tindall raised three desks

19th February There are now 12 scholars

8th March The new scholar John Broadbent has been absent all week

21st March Mr Lee came for annual examination. The 10 scholars presented passed into higher standards in English and Arithmetic excepting Olive Taylor, Charles Taylor, Roy Tindall who each passed a lower standard in the Latter subject.

John Broadbent and Harry Cripps were not presented for examination on account of their recent admission to the school.

29th March A holiday because the school room was wanted as a polling booth for Licensing Committee elections No official notice of this was received.

9th April On Monday the rain poured down so heavily that no one ventured out. On Tuesday I went to school. The creek was so high that the pupils would not cross it without help, On Wednesday the same thing happened.

The following report was received from Mr Lee.

The condition of the school is fully satisfactory. Miss Moss has been only eight months in charge during which time the work has been put in. Good order and satisfactory progress made.

18th April Easter was fine this year. Notice of Annual Meeting has been nailed on the schoolroom door all week. Two new shelves were put in the cupboard, a new handle to the old blunt slasher, and a strong scraper at the door are two other much needed improvements

14th May Five scholars only. We did three hours only.

31st May 12/6 sent from school to Indian Famine Fund

5th June We had a holiday yesterday to celebrate the occupation of Pretoria by the British. The day was fine.

8th June The roads are in a bad state. The attendance has been good this week.

18th July Arbor Day Very wet. All present in the morning

23rd July A fine sunny morning. On these days we generally have physical drill.

7th August Towards the much wanted swing we have received as presents a rope from Mr Austin, and two stout blue gum poles also an oak beam from Mr Cripps.

Last week Mr Tindall sent a strong axe for use at school- to cut firewood.

11th September Cyril Haslett is now a pupil. The roads are muddy

5th October Strong Norwester blowing. Rev J H Sykes called at school, Cyril away all day. Harry away ½ day

15th October Kowhai Flood on Friday weather clearing but roads are bad again. All scholars present

Results of Drawing Exam

Bella Birkett passed in Free hand and Geometrical drawing

Annie Birkett Freehand

Roy Tindall Geometry

29th October Charles Dudson came to school as a pupil. All present High Nor Wester blowing

1st November First day of good weather for many weeks.

8th October Tomorrow we are to have a holiday- Prince of Wales birthday Today all have been present all day.

14th November Exceedingly cold heavy showers of rain and hail. We had a fire. Some nests inside the roof flamed and the room narrowly

escaped being burnt down. A boy threw water into the roof from the top of the cupboard

16th Friday. A new girl Annie Latham came to school

4th December Shearing keeps two children away from school.

11th December Annie Latham not at school, had an accident and taken to Masterton. No notice of holidays received.

13th December Notice of holiday not received. We broke up today to meet again on Thursday 25th January 1901

13th December 1900 The Chief Inspector was authorised' to confer with the Commissioner of Crown Lands with the view of procuring a school site on the Langdale estate, to which it is proposed to remove the present school at Mangapakeha PP

17th December Notice came on Friday that school must not close before Friday afternoon next the 21st. We had our picnic last Friday. This morning school starts again for another week's work No date as to the length of the holiday came from the board.

1901

28th January School reopened. I received notice that owing to changes at Langdale my work would end on the 31st March,

Three pupils away The school room I found in an untidy dirty state, it had evidently been much neglected during the holidays

1st February The attendance this week has been exceedingly poor I have been trying to make the schoolroom look clean and interesting.

6th February The swing for which the materials were given in August has not been put up yet. I have tried in vain to get Mr Birkett to fix it. So am taking the rope back to Mr Austin. The blue gum

poles given by Mr Cripps are still lying in the playground, not improved by constant rains.

15th February All present in time for drill. Strong Norwester blowing.

19th February Mr Fleming inspector wrote that he intends visiting the school on Saturday March 30th Wrote explaining that the date fixed was an unfortunate one

1st March Had a note today Mr Fleming is coming on 26th March

11th March Reverend Sykes and Archdeacon Fancourt called in the morning.

20th March 1901 Applications for sections in the Langdale estate closed yesterday. Altogether there are 45 applicants, for some sections there are fifteen applications. Only two sections besides the village and suburban sections are not applied for. The ballot will take place to-morrow PP

27th March The annual examination happened today. All the children passed. Mr Andrew called in the afternoon to say that school must be kept open until Friday afternoon

29th March A bright sunny day. Said "Goodbye" to the children The schoolroom was cleared and everything put away After school I made Quarterly and Monthly Return. I am sending this Book (Log) to Rev Andrew, Ica.

The key of the school room is to be left at Mr Birketts and the keys of the cupboard and the drawer are to go to Ica Marie E Moss

29th April letter from Wellington Education Board to Secretary of Education

- a) To ask the Government to bear the cost of removing the school

- b) The result of the subdivision of the Langdale Estate is that a lot of the old settlers have left and the arrangement of the smaller holdings leaves the present building in an inconvenient place
- c) The proposal is to move the school to a new site and provide two rooms for the teacher
- d) The great difficulty is that none of the settlers can accommodate the teacher who has had to leave.

1902

2nd September The Education Board authorities state, for the information of the districts interested, that there is every prospect of the Whareama aided School being re-opened shortly. PP

20th September TEACHER is required for the Aided School at Whareama near Masterton. Salary £30 per annum and board. Applications to be sent to Mr. T. Cripps, "Sevenoaks, " Masterton PP

8th October School reopened by Elvira A Pickering Attendance 6

14th October Object lesson on The Elephant

24th October Very cold Unable to have a fire on account of the stove piping being broken

27th October Spoke to Mr Birkett re fixing tank and stove piping.

31st October Mr Birkett repaired stove piping. Weekly average 6

5th November The Liberal candidate is to hold a meeting in the schoolroom this evening.

7th November 5th Standard began darning. Weekly average 6

10th November The conservative candidate lectured in the schoolroom last Saturday evening

13th November Heavy gales of wind have been blowing the last few days. Object lesson Tea Plant

18th November Heavy gales of wind have been blowing this last few days

20th November Very cold and wet- had a fire, all present

21st November- Hot sunny day

24th November Received notice from Wellington Education Board re closing for general election

25th November General election Polling booth held in the schoolroom

27th November Object Lesson The Mahogany Tree

28th November 1902 THE LANGDALE SETTLEMENT.

Satisfactory Progress.

Mr Hogg reported yesterday morning to the members of the Land Board that having visited the Langdale Settlement he found that a most satisfactory state of affairs existed. Neat residences and other valuable improvements had been made on the sections; the Mangapakeha swamp had been ploughed up in parts, and where there had been lots of rushes and the land was a harbour for rabbits and other pests, good crops were being raised. A new school in the locality, which had been unoccupied for years, was now in full operation PP

4th December Heavy hail and thunderstorms this last two days. Fires necessary

8th December. Rev Sykes has had a lamp put on in the schoolroom as he is going to hold services once a month

16th December Object lesson on coal

19th December Key to be left with Mr Cripps

1903

26th January During the holiday the school room has been well cleaned. A new scholar William Maxwell was admitted

3rd February Received letter from Wellington Education Board asking the distance to the nearest school to this one, the most accessible road and the nearest township.

9th February Permission has been granted to the roadmen to put their horses in the play grounds of a night, if they tighten up the wires

12th February Hot sunny weather. Bush Fires started Object lessons Lions

9th March Annual examination was finished Saturday by Mr F H Bakewell. Scholars all passed.

16th March Received from Mr Cripps broom, ink, and three drilling poles.

24th March Object lesson Leather

2nd April very cold days Fires are now needed.

7th April Received Kerosene stove

9th April Inspectors Report received
Roll 7

The pupils are receiving very satisfactory instruction. Writing very neat, condition of exercise books, copy books highly creditable. The settlers are anxious to have the school removed across the creek and placed in the educational reserve in the new township. As I understand that the probable cost of doing this will not exceed £10

or £12 I would recommend that the board sanction the expenditure. The great majority of the children in the district live on the North Side of the creek and if the school were removed as suggested several of them who are unable to attend school now would do so in the future. From what I gather there appears no likelihood of the creek being bridged,

F H Bakewell

The stove at present in use should be abolished. The school has already had a narrow escape of being burnt through the defective pipe.

An additional window would also be an advantage.

There is only one outside office for both sexes.

21st April Object Lesson Ginger

28th April No School Committee elected. Wrote to Wellington Education Board

4th May Leo Jackson admitted

6th May Received a present of a sheepskin from Mrs Jackson.

8th May Girls started new sewing

11th May Harry Cripps cut his foot badly, can only come to school in the afternoons for a few days

15th May At last the tank has been replaced.

19th May Isabella Birkett left school last week (*Born 1886 so about 17 years old*)

20th May Cautioned children re playing roughly and using bad language

21st May Posted up a letter re-election of School Committee

26th May Wrote to Secretary Whareama Library asking him to see that the school is cleaned out after meetings. Also about getting oil heater mended.

4th June Annie Birkett still absent away at the Junction

10th June Heard today that Annie Birkett has left school (*Born 1888 so about 15 years old*)

18th June Received a present of stationery from Mr Maxwell.

23rd June Heavy gales of wind, rain at intervals all day.

25th June A wet stormy day Said "Goodbye" to the children. The school room was cleared and everything put away. Am leaving the keys of the schoolroom, cupboard and drawer with Mr Jackson E Pickering

11th November School reopened by Miss Florence May Chapman

13th November Mr Jackson visited the school

19th November Fine weather Object lesson Tea

24th November Ivy Oliver absent Measles

1st December Object lesson Sponge

7th December Rev Sykes held a meeting in the schoolroom.

10th December Form from Wellington Education Board asking how many Maori or half caste children attended school.

14th December School Committee meeting re moving the school

17th December Received notice from the chairman of school, that there was to be a charge of five shillings every time the school was required for a public meeting

1904

25th January During the holidays the school has been moved to the Langdale Settlement

28th January Object lesson Sugar Cane

1st February Committee meeting held in the schoolroom. Wrote to the chairman asking him to see about getting the tank put up.

10th February Object Lesson Cotton Plants

23rd February Spoke to chairman of School Committee again about the tank

8th March Object lesson Sheep

15th March Received Kerosene for oil heater

17th March The chairman of the School Committee promised that the tank would be put up last Saturday, but at present it is still lying in the shed.

22nd March Fanny Birkett passed standard 4

Eileen Cripps, Harry Cripps, William Maxwell passed Standard 1

The following are compulsory subjects: English (Including Recitation), Arithmetic, Drawing, Singing, Physical Instruction Geography (Standard 3 +), History (Civic Instruction)

Geography is to be drawn up from syllabus suitable to the district-could be given as object lessons and should be experimental as possible.

A few lessons on animal and plant life of the district may of course be added to the object lessons.

Subject	Hours
Reading (including History and Geography)	5
Composition and Grammar	2 ½
Spelling and Word Building	1 ½
Writing	1 ½

Arithmetic	5
Recreation and Roll	1 1/2
Drawing	2 ½ or 1 ½
Needlework	2 ½ or 1 ½
Singing and Drill	2

Leaving 3 hours for lessons in geography A or any subject which may require extra attention

12th April Posted up notice re election of School Committee

26th April Wrote to Wellington Education Board explaining that there was not a School Committee elected for the school

3rd May Inspectors written report received

A 2nd outside office has now been provided

The tank has not as yet been placed in position

The grounds are not completely fenced

The only candidate above the work of the first standard was a girl in Standard 4 whose general work was of a satisfactory character

Miss Chapman has been in control for four months and during that time the progress made by the children has been most satisfactory

9th May Cold Frosty Weather The oil heater is very unsatisfactory for warming classroom, it also has an unpleasant smell.

16th May 5th standard commenced Scale Drawing The second are taking freehand

23rd May Received notice re observing Empire Day as a holiday.

6th June I was obliged to close the school last week for four days as I had to go to the doctor for a bad arm

27th June Object Lesson on Silkworm

8th August Wellington Education Board wrote granting three months leave of absence

9th August Severe Earthquake Shock. All the Chimneys being shaken down

5th August Miss Chapman left on Saturday for three months leave of absence. Her sister relieved (*Probably Blanche*)

17th October No school on Friday 14th owing to very stormy wet weather

31st October Object Lesson on minerals

7th November The tank at last been put up

21st November Object lesson on the skin

3rd December resumed duty after 3 months leave of absence. The children have made very satisfactory progress under Miss F Chapman's tuition

1905

24th January Attendance of 12. Irene Taylor has left and is at present staying at home.

6th February Commenced to rain. The children are making fair progress with plasticene modelling

20th February Strong Westerly winds. Bush fires have commenced.

27th February Took children down to the creek for a nature study lesson

13th March The children went for a picnic at Mangapakeha last Saturday

18th March F H Bakewell inspector writes. I am very satisfied indeed with Miss Chapman's management of this little school. All

work was neatly and a carefully done. Plasticene Brush Work and Drawing are especially commended. The general results indicate thoroughly conscientious and intelligent work on the part of the teacher

18th March Fanny Birkett passed Standard 5. Eileen Cripps, Myrtle Olliver, William Maxwell, Rupert Maxwell, Harry Cripps passed standard 2

27th March The children have commenced the work for the coming year

28th April 1905 Whareama grant £2 (the cost two bag of lime, wire and posts (committee to erect chimney and fence, and to supply bricks and posts) PP

1st May The children are taking great interest in a flower garden that they are making.

8th May inspectors report F H Bakewell

Roll 12

I was pleased with the excellent work done in this little school

All paper work was very neat and the drawing well done.

16th May. Finished the monthly exam. The arithmetic was very good

22nd May Received a box of chalk Weather very bad.

6th June. Very cold. The hills are covered with snow.

7th June Wrote the chairman of School Committee reminding him that a chimney is badly required, that the grounds require fencing and a load of gravel is needed.

12th June There was no school on Friday as the roads were impassable

26th June Had to delay school this morning until the schoolroom was scrubbed out. It was left in a very dirty condition by those responsible for an afternoon tea held there last Saturday.

24th July The chimney which was commenced during the winter vacation is still not finished and consequently the schoolroom is very draughty

15th August. The fence round the school grounds is finished.

16th October The school was closed last week as the children were all ill. Work resumed today

30th October Annie Fellingham still absent through illness, otherwise the attendance is good.

6th November Wrote to the chairman about dogs being brought to the meetings which are held in the school room and the gate being left open

13th November The following report was received yesterday. J S Tennant Inspector

The weather was very wet and stormy on the occasion of my visit, and the school was closed.

The premises generally were clean and tidy though the school and particularly the porch require painting. The grounds would be much improved by some plantings

I was very pleased with the book work, drawing etc I saw in the school

27th November The N W winds which have been blowing for the past week have broken the flowers in the children's gardens.

1st December Received notice that the school could be closed from the 4th until the 8th but the time during which the school is closed, is to be deducted from the Xmas holidays

11th December Resumed school today

18th December Received notice from the Wellington Education Board that if the School Committee were agreeable, the time during

which the school was closed would not be deducted from the holidays

1906

29th January Wrote to the chairman about plasticene for the school

1st February Wrote to the chairman re map being taken away from the school

12th February Received notice that Fanny Birkett has left school

23rd February Dorothy and Hazel Fellingham are ill with influenza

12th March Following examination 5 children passed Standard 3 and 4 children passed standard 1 Started new year's work.

19th March Winnie Street and Hazel Fellingham absent

26th March The school picnic was held last Thursday

9th April Wrote to the chairman telling him that an axe was required for the school.

18th April Inspectors report received.

Standard 3 5 on roll 5 present average age 10 years 8 months

Standard 1 Roll 4 passed 4 Age 7 years 6 months

Primers 3 Roll 3 Present Average age 6 years 4 months

This little school is excellently managed. The general work is very good.

The school should have a ventilator. The pits in the offices were full of water and consequently were in an unsanitary condition.

30th April The strong Westerly gales have destroyed the flowers in the school plots.

7th May received 4 lbs of plasticene from Wellington Education Board

21st May Received an axe for the use of the school

11th June A portion of the school ground has been planted, a fence is to be put up so that horses may be kept away from the trees.

15th June Whareama Sole Teacher, £66 and £10 housing allowance PP

19th June The school is to be closed on the Thursday and Friday the former being the day appointed for the funeral of the late premier.

20th June The school was scrubbed out and everything put in order before breaking up for the winter vacation. The key of the school is to be sent to Mr McKay

Next Log entry out of sequence

18th December Mr Tennant visited the school on November 21st the following report was received on 18th December

Roll 12

Both teachers and scholars are to be commended for the neat and tidy work done in the school

The Building should be repainted as soon as possible and a lid and strainer are needed for the tank

I found the children could not use the water owing to dust and straw blowing into

16th July School opened by E Myrtle Scott

30th July Mr Cripps brought some wood to the school

6th August I asked the chairman to see about a seat for the shelter.

10th August Harry Cripps and Willie Maxwell scrubbed out the school while I taught the other children outside.

14th August. I put Annie Maxwell and Ivan Cripps back into first standard. Neither of them understand the work of that class and they are both very young.

17th August Hazel Fellingham returned today after being away seven weeks through illness

21st August Mr McKay brought the old organ from the church to the school this morning. The boys have begun a vegetable garden

28th September Willie Maxwell and Harry Cripps scrubbed the school out.

3rd October I have started the children with Drummond's Nature in New Zealand in place of "Insect Life" which I find is rather hard for the lower classes.

10th October The playground is in a very rough state the grass being long. The chairman has promised to have it seen to but nothing has been done as yet. The boys have burnt all the rushes out.

22nd October The attendance is very poor owing to do much sickness

26th October The school was closed 4 days last week. Five of the children are still away.

5th November The school had to be closed again last week owing to so much sickness

21st December. The school was scrubbed out. Everything put in order. The keys to be sent to Mr McKay

1907

4th February Roll 10. Evelyn Gills admitted

11th February Edith Gee and Lucy Street have been entered

4th March Children have started new gardens

18th and 19th March The school has been painted. Children unable to come to school owing to the rain and bad roads.

22 March 1907 Misses M. Scott (Whareama) M. Finey (Mangapakeha), and C. Zohrab (relieving) have resigned their positions under the Wellington Education Board PP

27th March E M Scott leaves Keys to Mr McKay

9th April B E Chapman Started

15th April Blowing very hard. Lucy Street Away Children improving in new standards All getting their books by degrees

19th April Raining very hard, rivers in flood, Streets and Fellingham's away, roads very bad. Received box of coins from Wellington Education Board

23rd April Received word from Wellington Education Board re School Committee, Blowing a hurricane, could not have drill.

28th April Lovely day, roads very muddy

3rd May Could not get to school for two days on account of the rain, all the rivers are flooded.

Took the children down to the river for an hour

9th May Inspectors report included

Miss M Scott has conducted this little school in a very satisfactory manner.

The school was being painted, the contractor expected to finish the work at the end of the week.

The room requires a ventilator and the porch a door.

The offices still have pits.

18th May Children went and gathered chips also wood. The Chairman promises to have some cartered (sic) but so far has not done so

21st May Received a little firewood, just enough to go on with. Received notice about keeping Empire Day as a holiday.

10th June Vincent Olliver has been entered.

22nd July Messrs Cripps and McKay came and planted trees in the ground

1st August School closed for two days on account of one of the pupils (Annie Fellingham) being killed while on her way to school. 9 years old A girl was killed PP

MASTERTON, August 1. News' was received in Masterton today of a fatal accident at Tenui, the victim being a girl named Annie Fellingham. The deceased was riding to school on horseback when the horse bolted. The girl was dragged some distance, along the road with her foot caught in the stirrup. The child only lived a few minutes. PP

9th August All the children have influenza. No School

21st August School closed on account of the water overflowing the road on the way to school

26th August School closed for a week on account of sickness.

9th September Weather still very bad. Boys did the school out.

18th September Started to do gardening but found the ground wet.

22nd October Helen Bennett started school

30th October Went to hall and gathered manuka

1st November Blowing a hurricane, rain wanted badly, tank dry

5th November The ventilator has been put in the school at last

19th November Mr McKay sent dustpan for school use.

25th November. Did the garden up. The vegetables are looking well.

29th November Blowing a hurricane, could not have any drill.

11th December. Tank dry. Men came and repaired ventilator.

20th December Inspectors report included. T R Fleming

a) Roll 17 present 16

b) I found the children at work under good discipline. Miss Chapman has not had any previous experience. Gives promise of becoming a capable manager.

c) I recommend that Miss Chapman obtain leave of absence from her committee for a few days to visit a large school such as Masterton

d) The practical work in the garden is done out of school hours.

e) There is a leak in the ventilator which has just been put in, another in the porch.

f) Instead of spending money on sheds in a locality such as this, it would be much better to enlarge the porch and give better porch accommodation

g) Two dual desks of the largest size are required

h) The offices still have pits.

1908

3rd February Started again

9th February received word we had received first prize for flowers against the Mangapakeha and Tinui Schools

13th February Some sheep got into the grounds and did damage to the gardens. Spoke to the chairman- a lock for the gate

17th February Weather very dry, Country badly in need of rain.

20th February Had to delay school an hour, as the grass caught alight and had to be beaten out

3rd March Received notice that the examination would take place on Saturday 14th.

16th March Mr Fleming visited on March 14th and passed all the children

27th March The children are holding their school picnic on Saturday in Mr Schofield's grounds.

9th April The boys have started to dig up their gardens

19th April Received inspector's report.

Mr T R Fleming

Standard 6, 3 boys 2 girls

Standard 5 ,0 boys 1 girl

Standard 4 1 girl

Standard 3 1 boy 3 girls

Primers 1 boy 3 girls

- a) The general work of the school is very satisfactory
- b) Good practical work has been done in the garden
- c) This school won some of the prizes offered by the Farmers Union of the district for garden work
- d) The handwork is also very good.
- e) The room is about 18 foot by 15 foot (*5.48 metres X 4.5 meters*) with a low stud
- f) The porch leaks and the accommodation it affords is not adequate. The shed should be erected before the winter sets in.

16th April The primers have started gardening

29th April Mr Cripps brought clock, chair, clubs and dumbbells to the school

12th May. The carpenter came by coach and has started building the shed.

4th June Very heavy frost, so far no wood has been sent

20th June Spoke to chairman about getting an axe for the school

21st July. Received axe and doormat

2nd August Parcel of books came by coach from Wellington Education Board

19th August Removed the Manuka from the fence as the wind had blown it down.

24th August The chairman visited the school and promised to have the manuka cut and trimmed and put in the practice.

1st September All the children making good progress with their gardens

11th September Received parcel of seeds from chairman

17th November Closed on account of the election.

Inspectors report received.

- a) Miss Chapman is a faithful and conscientious teacher., Under her the children are making satisfactory progress
- b) Good work has been done in the school gardens.
- c) Water comes in at the fireplace. The ventilator still leaks.
- d) The tank is very small Miss Chapman informs me that it has been empty several times during the winter. I recommend the granting of another tank. For which more spouting will be required
- e) The two larger desks ordered at my last visit have not yet been received.

1909

1st February Attendance 12

16th February Children all did up their gardens after being neglected during the holidays

Inspectors report 16th March included

Standard	Boys	Girls	Average Age
6	3	3	13 years 8 months
4		3	10.3
3	1	1	9.9
1		3	7.10
Primers		3	7.01

- a) Teacher Miss B Chapman
- b) One of the commissioners (Mr Cripps) called at the school, I inspected the offices with him. In one case a new pit will be required and the other office might also be removed and a new pit dug.
- c) A larger tank is required as recommended in last report.
- d) The school has been without water several times this summer
- e) The room still leaks at the ventilator
- f) The desks ordered last time have not yet been received.
- g) Proficiency competency awarded so children can have another year in Standard 6 rather than if proficiency awarded

9th April Very bad weather roads heavy

27th May Received two desks

10th June The tank is empty

24th June Tank still empty children are bringing water from home

1st August Very heavy flood could not hold school as the children could not cross the road

20th August Children all taking advantage of the fine weather and doing up their gardens.

1st September Spoke to the chairman about having the gate fixed.

15th September Received seeds also spades for school use.

December Mr McKay came and put a new gate up which was badly needed

Inspectors report of 17th November

A larger tank has been received but it is not yet erected in position.

One of the offices should be removed and a new pit dug

1910

11th February Attendance has been poor. Children still have whooping cough

16th March Inspectors report

Standard 7, 2 children

Roll 16

Nature Study: A course in plant life is being carried out . The children have laid out and planted very credible flower and vegetable gardens, but as they are not fenced much of their work is rendered useless

Promotions were made in February last and an excellent beginning has been made with the new work. The children are enthusiastic in their work and the tone of the school is very good

8th May Received word of the King's death

19th May School closed it being the day fixed for the burial of the late king

4th June The gardens have been fenced in, a great improvement

16th September J Tennant Inspector

Visited the school today and found the work going on most satisfactorily Miss Chapman has been absent on sick leave and appears hardly fit to carry on the work. I am pleased to see the ample provision for drinking water. The fencing in of the school garden should do much to improve the school grounds

20th September L S Smith Took temporary charge of school today as Miss Chapman is away on sick leave

26th September As the school has been closed so frequently this quarter I did not observe Dominion Day as a holiday

30th September L S Smith leaves

3rd October Miss Chapman returns from sick leave

5th October Inspectors report received Included

a) No on roll, 16 present 15

b) So far as the weather allows the attendance is good

c) Though the school has been closed for a month during the time of Miss Chapman's leave the work has been kept well up to date

12th November The children did their gardens up today

1911

10th May Received new log book from Wellington Education Board today

15th May The trees in the garden have all been dug round and are a great improvement

18th May School closed on account of the road being impassable.

10th July Resumed work today after an absence of three weeks. The extra week being given for the Coronation

14th August Boys started to dig their gardens. Have removed them to the front portion

8th August Spoke to chairman re wood for school use

6th September Received parcel of seeds from chairman also had mug fixed onto the tank

27th September Boys planted their vegetable seeds today.

9th October Received notice from Wellington Education Board re free school books.

4th November School window broken with the heavy winds.

9th November Inspectors report received.

a) Roll 18

b) Three large desks required for the older children

20th November Chairman visited the school re some chairs

7th November School closed for general election

1912

29th January School reopened with a very satisfactory attendance

2nd February Application for a new school

Mangapakeha 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles away, Ngapopotu 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles Te Nui 10 miles

New Classroom 20 x 18 foot Corridor 16.6 x 6 foot

Estimated cost £255

The current building is unsuitable and has been moved more than once. Roll 19

10th February Letter from Wellington Education Board to Secretary of Education

- a) The school appears to have been first erected as a settler's building by funds raised by the settlers who provided something like £75 for the erection and two subsequent removals
- b) The efforts of the settlers were subsidised by the Board
- c) The building has never been satisfactory in spite of unsuccessful action to remedy it
- d) The settlers are struggling Government settlers, not in particular good circumstances.
- e) As the board has never had a school of its own here it is asked that a grant of £284/8/0 be provided for the erection of a school

16th February Reply from Secretary of Education to Wellington Education Board included

- a) How does this case propose a departure from the ordinary rule in regard to replacement of decayed buildings?
- b) The school has hitherto be returned as the Board's property
- c) Apparently it stands on Board's land
- d) The usual allowances for maintenance and renewal have been paid in respect of it

12th February James Lenni still absent through illness

16th February Took the children down to the river during dinner hour

19th February Letter from Wellington Education Board to Secretary of Education included

- a) It is true it is on Board's site and that it is included in the return. My letter shows it came onto the site
- b) It is practically a settlers building removed and altered and inferior in every way to the schools usually constructed by the Board.
- c) Because it has not been designed by the board it is not the normal board building.
- d) It wasn't built on the Board's site but removed to it.
- e) The circumstances are somewhat similar to Reikiorangi

21st February Spoke to chairman re picnic.

15th March Ordered 6 lbs plasticene, 6 pots paint (Different colours), 2 Dozen brushed (No 6) 3 desks Standard 6 size (ordered in September) Another cupboard required

26th March Inspectors Report. T R Fleming

- a) Roll 29
- b) The two Standard 6 pupils of last year were awarded Proficiency Certificates
- c) The general work of this little school is satisfactory
- d) The question of improvement to the building is being considered by the Board

2nd April A grant in aid for the replacement of this school of £171 This sum together with what has been paid for rebuilding by way of annual grants making up the estimate of your cost

12th April Letter to Secretary Thank you for your grant of £171

17th April School Committee elected last Monday.

30th April 1912 Whareama That a grant of £171 being provided, the board proceed to erect the school building PP

3rd May Spoke to the visiting member about having the grass cut round about the gardens

7th June Have left everything in order, and handed keys to Mr Cripps

10th June I took charge of school today vice Miss Chapman. M E Turner

14th June Received pictures of British History also Pictures of New Zealand Flora No's 33 to 37

28th June Two boys James Lennie and Willie Birkett absent all week through illness

17th July Arbor Day Arrangements for planting trees and shrubs had to be postponed owing to rough wet weather

Two or 3 members of the School Committee arrived but nothing was done.

9th August The attendance this week has been exceptionally good. Every child present each time.

12th August Rough day Snow and Sleet. 16 children present

13th August Admitted Rupert Bannister from Masterton

14th August Admitted Peter Deadman from Masterton

19th August Louisa Bannister and Noella Bennett

20th August Admitted Doris Street today

29th August The girl Winnie Street punished for disobedience and left the grounds without permission

28th August 1912 Whareama (erection of school) J. Emery PP

11th September Admitted Phoebe Bannister

13th September The attendance this week has been fairly good
Average 25/26

12th November Punished Leslie Kerr for disobedience

28th November Inspector's Report Mr Charters

a) Teacher Mrs Turner

b) Roll 26

c) I examined the classes in Arithmetic and English and found them to be in a very satisfactory condition of efficiency

d) Drawing and Handwork specially commended.

e) The contractor for the new building have begun work, the piles were in position when I arrived.

1913

7th January Attendance Boys 11 Girls 9

15th January Winnie, Lucy, George, Mary and Doris Street have gone to Wellington today. Annie Maxwell has also gone

They will probably be absent a fortnight

30th January School closed Holiday granted for Tinui School Picnic

31st January School closed today for the remainder of the school holidays

4th March Reopened school in new buildings. All children present.

Received from Board

a) Register for elementary agriculture

b) Pitman's 1st Infant readers (2)

c) Ruled paper 150 sheets

6th March Attendance poor owing to sports which are being held at Tenui

7th March Received from Ed Board 1 thermometer, rain gauge, 1 measuring barometer tubing and mercury

14th March Holiday granted for school picnic.
17th March Admitted Ellen Deadman from Masterton District High School
26th March Noella Bennett and Lula Bannister absent in Masterton
2nd April James Henderson and Phoebe Mason were examined for proficiency and were successful in gaining it. Inspector Charters at school
7th April Lulu Bannister returned today. A very wet and rough day. Several of the children absent on account of the rough weather.
9th April Mr Lennie withdrew Robbie from school today
18th April Dismissed school at 2.5 pm instead of at 3 pm as Prize Distribution is being held tonight.
21st April Robbie Lennie returned to school today. Leslie Kerr has left, having gained his proficiency
23rd April Lucy Street away yesterday owing to illness. She will probably be attending the Masterton D H S for some months
25th April Phoebe Mason left today having obtained her proficiency
28th April Inspectors report
a) Roll 25
b) Mrs Turner in charge
c) The new school building has been occupied since the beginning of March and the conditions are now very satisfactory for both teacher and pupils
d) Mrs Turner is doing very satisfactory work and the neatness of the exercise books is a commendable feature
e) The tank at the new building is in a leaky condition
23rd May Spoke to chairman (Mr Lett) re firing and change of holidays,

The School Committee have consented to the holidays being held the 1st and 2nd week in September
10th June Received garden tools from Wellington Education Board today
24th June Lucy Street was readmitted today after an absence of 9 weeks illness in Masterton
25th June 1913 The question of the validity of three school committee elections was raised at the Education Board meeting yesterday, when petitions on the subject were received in connection with the elections at South Wellington, Whareama (Masterton district), and Alfredton. With regard to South Wellington, it was declared that two persons living outside the district, and having no children at school, had voted, and the margin between the last elected committeeman and the first two or three defeated candidates was so close that the result of the election might have been affected by two votes. After consideration of the petitions the board decided that fresh elections be ordered at South Wellington and Whareama PP
28th July Alphas Mason left has gone to Rakaunui (*Pongaroa*) on account of Aunt's illness
7th August School dismissed at 2.20 pm instead of 3 pm in order to allow teacher to go to Blairlogie
18th August Admitted Mabel Brown from Kohiwhai today
9th September Admitted Dora Olsen
14th October Visited School without notice, work proceeding according to timetable. Inspectors note
23rd October Dismissed school at 2 pm instead of 3 pm owing to the roads being flooded.

31st October Received 2 dozen plasticene boards from Wellington Education Board today

10th November Received map of the World and map of New Zealand from the Board

18th November Mr Charters report included

a) Roll 23

b) Good progress has been made in the programme for the year.

c) Drawing and Handwork are again commended

28th November I took the children to the river at luncheon interval. Boys gathered scrub for peas and beans to climb up.

9th December Received request from Chairman of School Committee re Library books. Forwarded list of suitable books to Wellington Education Board

1914

6th February Ordered library books today

17th February George Street absent. Visiting show at Masterton

18th February Sinclair McKay absent visiting show at Masterton

20th February George Street and Sinclair McKay returned to school today

24th February Inspector Mr Charters paid a surprise visit today; gave advice re the new syllabus and scheme of work

5th March Holiday granted today and tomorrow for school picnic.

9th March The members of the Committee are metalling round the school today. This will be a great improvement especially during the winter. The flagstaff is also being erected.

13th March Reggie Ryder and Robbie Lennie absent all week. Reggie Ryder is attending school at Castlepoint, Robbie Lennie visiting Wellington. Ivan Cripps left school today having obtained his proficiency certificate, December 1913

18th March Reggie Ryder returned to school today having made 17 attendances at Castlepoint School.

27th March Closed school today for holiday in lieu of Physical Training Class holiday.

20th April Admitted Ronald and Ralph Waghorn. Roll 24

28th April Received Relief Map of New Zealand from Wellington Education Board

1st May George Deadman absent all week. Was sent to Taueru to allow a territorial to attend camp

4th May Ronald and Ralph Waghorn left today they are returning to Winiata (*South of Taihape*)

George Deadman returned today

11th May School Committee election last night. Very wet and rough, only 11 present.

2nd June Reopened school having Monday June 1st holiday for King's Birthday

23rd June Admitted Florence Deadman from Mount Cook School, Wellington

Received a chart of insect pests from Wellington Education Board today

6th August Admitted Hilda Deadman today

11th August Dora Olsen and Hilda Deadman absent

21st August Dora Olsen returned today. She has been attending school at Carterton

25th August Admitted Fiona Mavis Taylor today
14th September Only ten children present out of a roll number of 27. Several fresh cases of measles. Have written to chairman notifying him of the decreased attendance.
Received an answer from the chairman in reply to my note in which he states that the school is to be closed for the time being.
15th September. School closed on account of outbreak of measles
16th September Reopened school, only 6/27 present. Holding school outside until buildings are disinfected and fumigated.
17th September Seven Children present Noella Bennett had to leave school as she was sick.
21st September The buildings were fumigated by the district health officer today
22nd September Only 5 children in attendance. Walls cleaned and windows washed down today
25th September Four children present
5th October 21 children present. The epidemic of measles is nearly over
8th October School closed 2.30 pm instead of 3 pm to allow teacher and children to go to Blairlogie
9th October Punished Vincent Oliver for impertinence this morning.
12th October Admitted Phyllis Hamford today
19th October Admitted Clara Belliss today
22nd October Admitted Bessie Macintosh today
4th November Inspectors report included. A B Charters
a) Mrs Turner. Sole teacher
b) Roll 29

c) There is a commendable improvement in the recitation, and the work generally is quite satisfactory
18th November . School closed for two days, owing to disposition of teacher reopened today.
The attendance is not so good, only 19 out of 30 being present. Influenza prevalent
Received 3 old desks today. One of is very dilapidated and disfigured. Mr Powell (Wellington Education Board) visited the school today,
13th November Mr Cummings Agriculture instructor visited the school today and had a talk with the children about their elementary agriculture work and expressed his satisfaction about work in school and the garden
24th November Received Set Square and T Square from Wellington Education Board also 1 dozen inkwells. Sir Walter Buchanan (*Board Member*) visited the school, spoke to him re the desks sent from Taueru
10th December General Election. School used as a polling booth.
16th December Mr A P Roydhouse Inspecting Instructor of Physical Education visited the school and inspected the physical drill

1915

2nd February 24 pupils present John White, John Bennett and John Duckett started
8th February Received 12 new desks from Wellington Education Board today. Returned three that came from Taueru and 4 which required repairing.

12th February Took children to river during luncheon interval. Gave instruction in swimming to several boys and girls.

17th February Only 14 children present. The rest absent for Masterton Show

3rd March Holiday tomorrow for school picnic.

8th March Wet on Thursday picnic held on Friday 5th

Admitted 5 new pupils today

7th April Received Inspectors Report. Mr T R Fleming

- a) Mrs Turner, teacher
- b) Roll 36
- c) 13 new pupils admitted this year and three withdrawn. The attendance is good and speaks well of the teacher.
- d) Drawing is a strong feature of the work of the school
- e) Last Year's reports were of a very satisfactory character.
- f) The increase in the roll will make the work more difficult this year
- g) The fencing requires a little attention but Mrs Turner informs me the School Committee has the matter in hand.
- h) Cleaning reported as satisfactory (as reported by Mrs Turner)

7th April Received Plasticene and paints today. 2 pots dark green, 1 light green, 1 raw sienna, 1 burnt sienna, a crimson lake, 1 dozen boxes blocks, 2 bundles sticks

6th May School closed on account of teacher's illness

12th May reopened school today after illness of teacher

18th May Received 21 Laureate Poetry Books. 20 continuous readers from Wellington Education Board

24th May Admitted Mabel Brown

28th May 1915 LANGDALE PATRIOTIC CONCERT.

OVER £600 REALISED. The school children of the Whareama school initiated a scheme for raising money for the Belgians, which evolved into a grand patriotic concert and sale of a silk gift Belgian flag, and also other gifts, at the Langdale Hall last night . The school children contributed the first half of the concert programme, when they showed that the careful coaching of their teacher, Mrs Turner, had been put to good use PP

28th May Holiday arranged by School Committee today instead of Monday (Empire Day)

31st May Admitted Hilda Deadman today

2nd June Admitted Neil McKay today. Total on roll 39

14th June Admitted Doris and May Duckett.

14th July Arbor Day Boys and Girls planted trees etc

28th July Discovered a ringworm on one of the O'Conner boys hands. Dressed it with iodine and sent him home by order of the chairman

30th July Wrote chairman re cleaning of outbuildings

2nd August Leonard Oliver admitted. Clara and Jean Belliss have gone to Wi Ngaere Tinui

6th August Sydney White went to Masterton

Received seeds and fertilizer from Wellington Education Board

23rd August The gate of the horse paddock arrived on Saturday and has been erected by Mr Bennett and Mr Maxwell

27th August Bessie McIntosh has left to Masterton

30th August Admitted Clara Belliss today

3rd September Admitted Jean Duckett today

29th September Forwarded 23 bags and 8 cakes made by two Standard 6 from ingredients brought by children to Liverpool Funds for soldiers.

25th October. Spoke to Mr Bennett re cutting of grass.

1st November readmitted Bessie McIntosh and Jean Bannister

2nd November H.M.I, T R Fleming esq. Visited the school and examined the children. All were passed into a higher standard

19th November Received Inspector's report

a) Roll 40

b) A good average attendance should be maintained to the end of the year in order to entitle the school to the services of an assistant

c) In spite of the fact that the work has become very heavy for one teacher, Mrs Turner has succeeded in maintaining a very satisfactory standard of efficiency.

3rd December Received pictures (2) for framing from Tourist and Health Department.

6th December. Spoke to chairman of School Committee re framing of picture

1916

1st February Miss Catherine M Gibbs newly appointed assistant commenced duty

Received receipt from local Secretary Liverpool equipment Poor of Great Britain and Allies Funds for £1 Collected by children

Admitted Wallace Duckett

7th February Admitted Clara Belliss Today

14th February Admitted Ian McIntosh, John Kilgariff and Thomas Atkinson Today

15th 16th February School closed two days for Masterton A and P Show. One day taken as Inspector's holiday for last November

17th February Reopened school today. Several children absent not having yet returned from the show.

2nd March School closed by consent of School Committee on account of "farewell Picnic" to the local men who have enlisted. 21 in number

18th March Disinfected the school and outbuildings this morning (Saturday)

27th March Admitted John McKay today

28th March Admitted Moyra Taylor Today.

12th April Took children to hall in order to rehearse for concert and prize distribution

10th May Examined Standard 1 and Primers. Entered results in examination register

17th May Fiona Taylor and Moyra Taylor fell off the horse coming to school today. Both were badly shaken and bruised. Sent Fiona home at 11.00 as she was very sick and faint

5th June Clara Belliss unable to attend school owing to the creek being flooded. All the O'Conner's (5) absent today

13th June Mr R Morrison and Mr McKay brought firewood today

14th June Mr McKay and Mr Ross members of the School Committee brought engine and cut the wood.

11th July Admitted Jean Belliss today

14th July Forwarded £27.17.6 to the chairman of the School Committee today being the amount subscribed and collected by School Committee for Belgian Children's Relief Fund.

21st July Forwarded box of clothes for Belgian Relief Fund.

28th July forwarded 2/6d to Chairman for Belgian Children's funds bringing the total amount of £28

3rd August Heavy rain only 6 children present.

4th August No attendance. Roads flooded and impassable

15th August Admitted Mabel Brown today

1st September received message stating Oliver has Diphtheria Only 19/41 present. School closed for term holiday

27th September Punished Doris Street for disobedience. Mr Powell (*Wellington Education Board*) visited the school and inspected the grounds and buildings. A site for new shelter shed for girls was chosen

2nd October Received parcel of seeds today (12 packets of vegetables, 6 packets of flowers) from Wellington Education Board

16th October Head Teacher absent (by permission) on urgent business.

27th October Robbie Lennie met with an accident and had to be taken home.

7th November Miss Gibbs absent by permission of chairman of committee

13th November 40 children present

24th November Inspectors Report T R Fleming

a) Standard 6-2 Mrs Turner 21 children

b) Standard 1 to Primers Miss Gibbs 21 children

c) The repairs and additions proposed by the board will improve the property.

14th December School closed until 23rd January for holiday

1917

23rd January 38 Present. Miss S Schofield came to assist us Miss Gibbs (Assistant Teacher) is away at Normal School and Training College

26th January School closed by order of health Officer for a week One pupil suffering from Infantile Paralysis

Received news of death of above pupil, John Duckett 8 years Old

5th February Reopened School Clara Belliss absent suffering from scarlet fever

19th February School closed to 26th February for Masterton Show

26th February Reopened School Miss Gibbs resumed duties after attending classes at training college for one month. Lorna Ryder absent. She is undergoing an operation for removal of adenoids.

1st March Lorna Ryder returned to school today

1st March Received Grass Seed from Mr Cummings today

29th March Mr Bennett (Chairman of School Committee) and Mr Gifford brought firewood today

2nd April Admitted William Innes Today

11th April Reopened school after Easter Vacation. Lorna Ryder still attending Castlepoint School

23rd April Admitted Marjorie and George Carman today. Lorna Ryder returned from Castlepoint

2nd May Admitted Lenore Mackay today

3rd May Admitted Alec Brooks today
 8th May Mr Oliver started Girl's shelter shed
 14th May Heavy Rains. Roads impassable. No Children present
 31st May Children went to hall for patriotic concert rehearsal.
 1st June Patriotic Concert for Red Cross Funds held. School closed until 5th June
 5th June Reopened school. Marjorie and George Carman and Clara Belliss attending Mangapakeha School which is reopened today
 6th June Admitted Alfred Macdonald today
 12th June No school, roads impassable and flooded.
 25th June Total amount received from Patriotic concert £46/2/6
 29th June Forwarded £1 to relief fund for London Children injured in air raid.
 17th July Reopened school 40 children present
 23rd July Forwarded £1.15 for Christmas pudding Fund. (*Puddings for New Zealand soldiers*)
 6th August No Children present. Teachers attended. A sharp and severe shock of earthquake happened early in the morning, nearly all the chimneys in the district were down including the school chimney (old) the new chimney was shaken off near the roof.
 7th August A short sharp shock was felt today at 12: noon
 16th August Forwarded £1/16/0 to Mayoress of Wellington today for Christmas Pudding Fund
 23rd August. Admitted Marjorie and George Carman Today
 7th September Marjorie and George Carman left today, returning to Mangapakeha School
 18th September Planted Eucalypti Trees presented by Domain Board, Whareama

21st September Planted willow trees at Lower End of ground. Too wet for other trees. School closed until Tuesday for Dominion Day
 25th September Admitted Eila Toogood
 27th September The children of Standard 4,5 and 6 went to Tinui to a lecture on Trees by the Rev. J A Simmonds of training College Auckland
 1st October Admitted William R Duckett today
 2nd October Standard 1 and Primers went to the river this afternoon on Nature Excursions
 5th October Received watering can and basic slag (*For gardens*) from Wellington Education Board today
 10th October Received Seeds (3 packets and 14 lb of sweet pea)
 18th October Annie O'Conner accidentally killed yesterday 17th October in motor car accident
 19th October At the inquest touching the death of James W. O'Connor and Annie Maud O'Connor the victims of the fatal motor accidental the Masterton-Tenui road on Wednesday evening, held before Mr E. G. Eton, District Coroner, at the residence of Mr C. F. Vallance, "Kahumingi," yesterday, a verdict was returned that the deceased died as the result of a motor accident being precipitated into a river and subsequently drowned.
 WTPP
 Children left school at 2 pm to attend Annie O'Connor's funeral
 22nd October Admitted Edward Coleman
 23rd October Admitted Helen Branigan today
 4th November Mr Stuckley Inspector visited today and held his annual examination
 31st October Admitted Murray Ross Today
 1st November Admitted Arthur Mackay today
 6th November Received inspectors report

Class	Teacher	Position	Roll	Present	Remark
6	Mrs Turner	H T	4	4	Good to very Good

5	“	“	3	3	“
4	“	“	5	5	“
3	“	“	2	2	“
2	“	“	6	6	“
1	Miss Gibbs	Assistant	9	9	“
Primers	“	“	15	15	“

- a) The chimneys have been damaged by the recent earthquakes and the fire places cannot be used until repairs have been made
- b) The girls latrines need a screen around them
- c) A very successful year's work has been done.

5th November Miss Gibbs absent today owing to illness

13th November Miss Gibbs absent owing to indisposition.

19th December Wrote to chairman re lawn mower. School finished

1918

4th February Miss Gibbs reopened school as I was unavoidably detained.

8th February Bessie McIntosh, Janet McIntosh and Mollie Campbell absent, outbreak of Diphtheria at the station. (*Presumably Blairlogie Station*)

19th February Reggie Ryder absent met with an accident and hurt his knee.

School closed for 19th and 20th for Masterton Show

27th February Mr Stuckley Inspector paid a surprise visit today

9th April reopened after Easter. 3 children present

23rd April School closed this afternoon for Anzac Day

13th May Received War Pictorials(6) from Wellington Education Board

1st June Miss Gibbs, assistant teacher transferred to Kaitawa

3rd June Kings Birthday and Empire Day Holiday

4th June Spoke to chairman re cleaning of the school

18th July Several members of the School Committee helped to provide Eucalypts of various kinds for planting. Ash trees were donated by Mr Cripps. Every child in the school brought a tree or shrub of some kind to plant

22nd July Very cold and wintry day. Snow 3 or 4 inches deep along the road. Only 3 children present

1st August Boys put concrete floor in shed.

2nd August Boys put scrub around gate in horse paddock

20th August School reopened Winston Ryder is attending Castlepoint School

26th August Forwarded 7 copies of Old Time Stories to Muritai (*Eastbourne*) School today

29th August Received from Wellington Education Board

- a) 5 copies of Uncle Remus
- b) 9 copies Nell and Bob at the Farm
- c) 5 With sands and spade
- d) 8 Little Women
- e) 4 The house that grew.
- f) 8 Louey Chisholm's Fairy Book
- g) 4 The house that grew.

16th September Admitted Ivy and Arthur Flack today

7th October Holiday granted by Wellington Education Board on account of allies' victories and surrender of Bulgaria

12th November Closed school today by order Health Department on account of influenza epidemic

14th December Disinfected the school and outbuildings

1919

4th February Inspectors report of 29th October 1918 received.

- a) Roll 35, Sole Teacher
- b) The examination of the children shows that the teaching is efficient and that the pupils are making good progress.
- c) Physical Instruction Very satisfactory
- d) It is some five years since an instructor visited this school.

FG A Stuckley

19th February School closed for Masterton Show

10th April Used as polling booth for referendum Voting referendum (research)

29th April Roll 34

19th August School reopened 4 children left the district over the holidays

8th September 3 Children withdrawn left the district
 11th September No school roads impassable heavy floods
 17th November Admitted Joyce Bennett
 1st December Roll 26
 16th December Handed key to Mr Bannister after election?

1920

19th February School reopened after an extended Summer Holidays. Mrs Turner having left, the school is taken over by Mr Howard H Sutton. Roll 22
 23rd February Received 12 copies of Bunty Boo (Infant Reader) and 11 copies of Then and Now.
 George Carmen admitted from Mangapakeha School
 2nd March Neil, Jack and Arthur McKay left removing to Gladstone School
 12th March George Carmen left returning to Mangapakeha School on the reopening of the latter school
 15th November Noela, Jean, Kathleen and Joyce Bennett left family removing to Mauriceville. (*Noela's real name is Noline. Father and Mother are Donald and Alice Bennett*)
 22nd March Jack Bennett left.
 31st March School visited by A N Burns Inspector
 30th June Received appointment of Mrs Sutton as sewing instructress
 13th July School visited by Messrs Lawton (Agriculture Instructor) Lawton (Truant Officer) and Powell (Clerk of Works of Wellington Education Board)
 9th August Admitted Walter Charteris x Tinui School
 1st October Doris Street left
 6th October Received Board's instruction to send four desks to Mangapakeha
 8th October Despatched desks as above per K S Ralph
 20th November Received from Chairman of School Committee a First Aid cabinet

27th November Inspector Burns report

a) Mr Howard Sutton teacher

Standard	On Roll	Present
7	2	2
4	2	2
3	2	2
2	4	3
1	1	1
Primers	4	4

Roll 15

- b) Very good schemes have been prepared The quality of work all round is good
- c) Writing, this subject is well taught with good results
- d) Spelling, well chosen lists were presented

Next log Entry

25th October

- a) Roll 27
- b) Mr Sutton is commended for the high standard of efficiency

1922

A number of pages had been carefully removed from the log.

10th August Severe Storm. No children attended

11th August Attendance only 3

14th September The new school library consisting of about 120 books and a convenient cupboard was installed. The volumes included The Children's History of War and Nelson's New Encyclopedia.

26th October Annual Inspection Visit. The only candidate for proficiency certificate, George Carman passed.

12th November Received Inspector's Alfred Cowles Report Included

- a) Roll 17 including 1 Standard 7
- b) Mr H Sutton BA Sole Teacher
- c) Good methods are used with success.
- d) Ample provision is made for the comfort of the pupils
- e) A fine tone is characteristic of this school. The pupils work with enthusiasm
- f) The work of the infant department is commended.

13th November Visit of Miss Blackburn, Physical Instructor, who took the physical drill squad for an extended lesson

20th December Prior to closing for summer holidays the school was thoroughly scrubbed and windows cleaned by senior pupils

1923

14th February Received Board's approval of the appointment of Miss L C Bannister as sewing instructress.

12th April Visit of Ag instructor, Mr Brockett. Lesson was given by him on tree planting and raising

18th June Members of the School Committee attended and the day was devoted to tree planting. C Lawsoniana belt was planted along the N W Frontages and a belt of Eucalypts in the playground.

26th October Annual examination was conducted by Inspector A Cowles. Proficiency Certificates were gained by only two candidates, Winston Ryder and Jack Kilgariff

- a) Roll 15

b) The school is under very efficient management

c) The pupils are self-reliant and careful. Attainment in all subjects good

d) Accommodation ample

e) Ample provision is made for the comfort of the pupils.

21st December Before closing school the pupils thoroughly scrubbed the floors and cleaned the windows.

Proficiency certificates were presented by Mr C Palliser who also briefly addressed the scholars.

1924

5th February One pupil left to attend Wairarapa High School. Attendance 15

21st February School closed. Masterton A and P show

6th- 8th May The School Committee having received an anonymous donation of £10 towards expenses arranged a trip to Wellington on the occasion of the visit of HMS Hood and Repulse

All children above primer classes were included and four adults as well as two ex-pupils accompanied the party

Visits to the Masterton School museum and places of interest in Wellington were additional features of an educational and enjoyable journey

8th May Visit to the school of inspector Blackie. Owing to delay in Wellington the school was not open.

12th May Rabbit proof fence enclosing a strip along South boundary of horse paddock was today completed ready for tree planting

4th June Work of erecting woodshed and concreting boys shelter shed completed by pupils and School Committee

30th October Inspectors Report

- a) Roll 14
- b) Mr H Sutton Personal Grading 85
- c) Order discipline and tone excellent
- d) The general efficiency of the teaching is very good, much of the work being commendable
- e) There is little need of comment on the work of this school. The work has reached as high a state of efficiency as can fairly be expected in a school of this size.
- f) Drawing and writing especially commended.
- g) All work very neatly set out and most carefully done.
- h) Conduct of pupils is excellent

4th November Received resignation of sewing mistress Mrs S C Mitchell

1925

2nd February School not to reopen owing to epidemic of Infantile paralysis

25th March Two loads wood delivered to school

15th April School reopened after Easter Holidays and the previous closing due to epidemic Roll 14

29th April Doreen Dickens admitted.

21st May School visited by Inspector McKenzie

1926

1st February Roll 15. 3 admissions

1st May Funeral of Mary Palliser (*8 Years Old*), a pupil of the school. The funeral taking place on Saturday, the school was represented by the teacher. A memorial wreath was forwarded by the scholars.

11th May Cassell's Book of Knowledge received. Provided by the School Committee as an addition to the school library

25th May Visit of Physical Instructor, Miss Blackburn. Suggested that elementary folk dance form part of the physical instruction if a gramophone can be provided.

7th July Tree planting by committee and scholars 200 *Macrocarpa* were planted in continuation of S W Shelter belt in horse paddock

4th August received three loads of wood the gift of the chairman

19th October Visit of Ag instructor, Received Mangold seed and chemical manures for experimental work.

5th November Annual Inspection of the school was made by Inspector W J Boden. The only proficiency candidate, Walter Street was successful

a) Roll 15

b) The children are making very satisfactory progress

8th December School closed for purpose of attending the combined schools sports in Masterton

17th December Floor and window cleaning was carried out by pupils before closing. Attendance certificates were obtained by A Hay, C Hay and I Hay

1927

1st February School reopened Roll 19

The exterior of the school premises had been painted during the vacation

19th February (Saturday) The majority of pupils with Chairman of School Committee and teacher attended by invitation the Tinui School annual picnic and sports.

16th July Received Columbia Gramophone and Records, the purchase money having been raised by the School Committee with Departmental subsidy

5th August Visit of agricultural Instructor. Practical lesson on grafting

25th August Rev B Ashcroft who has for some years conducted a weekly class in religious knowledge, gave his last lesson this afternoon prior to his removal from the district'

28th September Visit of agricultural Instructor. The period was spent in practical work in the garden

29th September Mr John Andrew conducted the religious knowledge class previously taken by Rev. B Ashcroft

4th November Inspectors report received

- a) Teacher H H Sutton. Grading 70
- b) Roll 15 including One Standard 7
- c) Organisation and management very good
- d) The teaching is of an high order and leaves little to be desired
- e) The teacher is commended for the fine condition of the school

1928

1st February Roll 19. 3 of the 4 proficiency holders returned as Standard 7

During the holidays a new water tank has been provided by the School Committee

26th March Roll of school reached 23 today- The largest number attained for several years

3rd April Handed over the school this morning to Mr H C Reed

5th April Commenced Duties as relieving teacher Mr H C Reed

24th April Householders meeting held last night. The following were elected. Messrs Hay, Power, Smith, Palmer and Bannister

27th April Received records supplied by School Committee for infant's use

11th May Am relinquishing my duties today handing Keys and Records over to Mr C S Hay

21st May Commenced duties today as the new teacher Found no work book or timetable. V Millar?

31st May Took Iona Smith off the roll as she had gone to Wanganui

8th June Had 100% attendance for the whole week- The highest this year

22nd June Closed the school early as the day was wet and miserable and also because the boys had played a winning match against Homewood

3rd July Had a visit from Mrs McIntosh to say that her child will be leaving on Friday as she is going to Featherston

26th July Mr Brockett visited the school and left 10 lbs of manure for the garden

2nd August Rev James came today instead of Friday owing to a previous occasion for Friday

14th August Have just completed examinations for this term. Gave out reports today

15th August Gave children a half holiday with permission of the School Committee as it was teeming (sic) heavily and the roads were flooded

7th August Cleaned the school out- broke up for a fortnight's holiday

4th September resumed school. Only 8 present one of whom Gordon O'Conner is only here for a day or two. Weather very bad. Children away with bad colds. Closed an hour early as result

28th September Have planted nearly all the seeds.

1st October Some seeds beginning to shoot up

10th October Charlie Hay reported to have scarlet fever. Parents do not know for certain. Shall make further enquiries tonight.

15th October Charlie Hay had not scarlet fever- only septic throat and rash. Rest of children allowed back at school

1st November Weather still bad. Several slips on the road- children unable to get across. Rain heavy over 10 inches of rain in the last three days

8th November Visit from Mr Brockett today, re mangle plants

Inspectors Report. W G Blackie

- a) Miss J E V Millar Teacher Grading 199 S T
- b) Standard 7 roll 4
- c) Roll 20
- d) Some of the standard pupils will not be fit for promotion at the end of the year

e) The written work of some of the pupils indicate that the spirit of care is lacking

f) Attendance. Illness has caused a fair amount of irregularity

g) The methods as a whole are suitable, but the teacher does not appear to have the grip of the Standard classes, that is essential for effective work. The primers have made very fair progress.

h) The outhouses should be regularly swept out. At present the floors are littered with pine needles.

1929

20th February School was closed for the Masterton show

1st March The Annual School Picnic was held at Riversdale on this date.

15th May 16th May Heavy floods All roads impassable

29th July School Committee held to decide how to raise funds for the dental clinic. A dance was decided upon

A load of metal, the first, was deposited outside the school door today

23rd August Have had a flood during the last three days. It is still raining. Roads have been impassable in places, consequently attendance poor.

9th September Had a visit from Dr H Dougall today, she examined all the children during the morning

27th September Three children left today. The roadman had to leave so took his children with him.

1st November Inspectors report A Burns included

- a) Miss V Millar Grading 198
- b) Roll 13
- c) The general efficiency of the teaching is good The younger children have made very good progress.
- d) The gardens are kept in reasonable order considering the small number of boys in the school

13th December School closed for the Wairarapa North Sports held in Masterton Five of the children competed

Weather changed during the sports so sports were to be finished on Tuesday 17th None sent in on the 17th

20th December School cleaned out by children, after which school was closed for the holidays. I distributed a few prizes for good work which I had bought myself. Three pupils gained attendance certificates. Children were paid for cleaning

1930

3rd February Attendance 13

9th April Inspector Stubbs visited the school this afternoon A heavy thunderstorm began about 3 O'clock

17th April The 23rd and 24th April were granted as extra holidays owing to the fact that Anzac Day was in the same week as Easter

28th April This day was granted as a holiday in lieu of a picnic

27th May The teacher was absent owing to illness hence no school held.

23rd June Received notice today that Miss Hamilton will be taking up her duties here on 1st July

30th June Am relinquishing my duties today and am handing over the records and keys to the School Committee. Miss Hamilton will be taking charge in the morning

1st July Miss Hamilton started

11th July School closed as a mark of respect for the late Sir J G Ward

28th July An extremely cold wet day with fall of snow- only 4 children present

12th August A wet day- two children present as there was danger of the road becoming impassable owing to flood waters school was closed for the day from 10.30 a m

8th September Resumed after school holidays

4 new pupils, Shirley and Trevor Johnson. Helen Pilmer, Robert Fenemor were admitted

10th September. Mr G H Stubbs Inspector

- a) Roll 13
- b) Order, tone and discipline Particularly Good
- c) The pupils are keenly interested in their work and are pleasingly responsive
- d) Reading and English subjects are not good
- e) A window has been broken in the old school building otherwise buildings are in good order.

22nd September Peter Foreman admitted today (Roll now 18)

13th October Beth, Jean and Helga Bannister withdrawn (Roll 15)

21st November Concluded term examinations today. Work throughout shows a decided improvement. All pupils were successful and gained promotion

3rd December Miss Blackburn visited the school during afternoon session and gave instruction in three folk dances

12th December Both pupils were successful in proficiency examinations

1931

2nd February Roll 14. Ione Hiles-Smith started school

6th March Received 6 packets of flower seeds.

2nd April School closed in lieu of Picnic Day

25th May Lesley Pilmer was admitted

12th June School closed- Teachers Physical Culture Class at Masterton

10th July Very wet day- opened school 9 a.m. to 10.30 but no pupils attended.

23rd July Received parcel of onion seed

8th September Roll 13

30th September Inspectors report. A N Burns

- a) Miss R E Hamilton
- b) Roll 31
- c) The school is under very good management and control
- d) The pupils are happy and industrious
- e) Dancing, speech and art are of outstanding merit
- f) The schoolroom is attractively decorated and the gardens receive adequate attention

27th November Concluded 3rd term Examination Today.

Work throughout whole examination has been well done. Arithmetic (All Standards) averaged good to very good. There is decided improvement in English. Essays and comprehension. The

comprehensive answers given in History, Science and Geography indicate that the children are keenly interested in these subjects
Spelling was not up to standard – tests were fairly difficult, but at the same time careless errors were made.

All pupils gained promotion.

1st December. Proficiency examination held today (1 candidate)

2nd December. School closed schoolroom used as a polling booth.

14th December Received result of proficiency the only candidate was successful (299 marks)

16th December Parents entertained at school to breaking up afternoon.

17th December My last day at Whareama School. We are closing on 17th taking 18th in lieu of Labour Day Holiday. R E Hamilton

1932

1st February Commenced duties this morning D A Shepherd.
Transferred from Pelorus

Roll is 14

Can find no new attendance registers, so have sent for one.

The school has been newly painted and varnished inside so that it is a pleasure to enter the building.

2nd February Sent for correspondence lessons for Ian Hay (*For secondary schooling*)

11th February Day very wet so no pupils attended

18th February School closed for the Masterton A and M (sic) show

19th February Ian Hay's name removed as will now be on correspondence School Roll

2nd March School closed as teacher had to visit the doctor

4th March No afternoon school as teacher ill.

Received notice that if time made up at Teacher's pleasure attendance be counted for 2nd March

18th March Relinquish duties today for two or three months on sick leave for operation.

22nd March E L Cate Commenced duties as relieving teacher during absence of Miss D Shepherd

Only 8 children present

31st Inspector E Partridge visited school Full attendance

1st April School picnic to be held at Castlepoint on Saturday 2nd April

4th April Two new pupils Doreen and Kathleen O'Brien from Poroporo, Roll 15

Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 13
- b) Miss Cate has been relieving for only days and so is not held responsible for any of the weaknesses in the work. She has entered upon her new duties with commendable zeal and should be capable of conducting the work quite efficiently
- c) You are inclined to talk too loudly and to do more than your share of talking in oral work. Throw more of the burden onto the pupils who should answer in full sentence form.
- d) Tables imperfectly known. Daily Drill to be given,
- e) Composition Scarcely anything seems to be done this year. Give at least one essay and one letter a week
- f) Written work seems to have reached a very fair standard. Stress neatness in all such exercises

Ernest Partridge

12th April Peter Foreman absent. Dislocated finger while playing football

19th April The annual householder's meeting was held. Messrs Hay, Foreman, Card, Mitchell and Hiles-Smith elected. Mr C Hay was re-elected chairman

2nd May Weather very rough. Heavy rains during weekend. Only 2 pupils not present. Commenced term exams

17th June Concluded duties as relieving teacher and has handed over to Miss D N Shepherd who has been absent on sick leave for 3 weeks

20th June Resumed duties D N Shepherd

8th July 2 Bannister Children admitted from Masterton Central School. Harry Standard 3 and Helen Primer 4

15th July Roll 18 Audrey Sewell admitted from Shannon

8th August Inspectors report included Roll 17

The buildings are in good condition. The gardens are neat and in season and should be very attractive

The pupils are taking a keen interest in their work and in general a good level of attainment is reached

9th September 12 packets of flower seeds received from Wellington Education Board. Carrot seeds planted in gardens as well as seeds the children brought themselves.

16th September Began using hall for singing one hour on Thursday

30th September From 27th to 30th attendances excepted. Weather very wet and children get sick

24th October. Labour Day not observed as a holiday. Board gave permission to work that day and school close on 15th in Lieu of 16th

31st October Received small envelopes for collection for Children's Health Camp

1st November Part of proficiency examination held. Geography, History and drawing exams being given

1st December Proficiency Examination. One candidate- rest of school dismissed for the day

12th December Proficiency examination received word that Doreen O'Brien passed proficiency

15th December Term reports given out. Two good attendance certificates awarded- Doreen and Kathleen O'Brien

1933

1st February Standard 7 on correspondence. 19 pupils

6th February Holiday for Tinui Sports

15th February Holiday for A M P Show (Sic)

13th March Received word that 3 pupils won prizes in Colonial Industries writing competition

Standard 1-2 Bobby Fenemor (Special Prize 3/-)

Standard 3 Shirley Johnson 1st 5/3d trophy

Standard 4 Ione Hiles Smith 3rd 5/- book

The books to be bought at Adcock's Masterton and the trophy at Bradbury's as per the order form.

March Ione Hiles-Smith reported winning 3rd prize 5/- in the Masterton Flower Shows White Butterfly Competition. Her entry was nearly 2000 butterflies

18th March Combined schools picnic to be held in the Langdale Sport's ground. The following schools combining- Whareama, Tinui, Castlepoint, Mangapakeha and Whakataki

27th March Four children absent with summer sickness

11th April The chief inspector Mr McCaskill visited the school during the morning

13th April School closed for school picnic holiday

22nd May School resumed. Wood has been delivered during the holidays for the school's use during the winter. Forwarded 10/- to Wellington Education Board for the Health Camp Fund, as collected by the envelopes sent out

26th May Roll 19 The children in future will sweep the schoolroom. Mr Hiles-Smith donated a tin of cocoa for the Children's use also a kerosene tin for heating the water

29th May Very wet day. Only 6 children present. Received fire guard and box of chalk from School Committee

2nd June Bert Watson admitted and left again this week

July 3rd and 5th School Teacher visited Doctor. Time to be made up.

11th August Teacher absent ill

14th August. Ordered more chalk and reported broken axe to School Committee

18th August. I relinquish my duties here in view of my approaching marriage. Doris N Stephens

5th September A Campbell commenced duties as permanent teacher. Roll Number 19

Mr Hay and Mr Hiles-Smith Committee members called at school. Gave me two boxes of chalk, Coloured and White Chalk and replaced the broken axe handle

7th October School Committee held meeting Supplied the requisites applied for, 1 box nibs, ½ lb gum Arabic, 1 tuning fork, bandages, 11 records (19/- worth) to be selected by teacher

16th October School Committee held meeting re Dental Clinic. Mr Hiles-Smith appointed Secretary Mr Mitchell repaired the flooring in the old school

17th October Mr Hay, Chairman called to ask if the O'Brien's could leave immediately as older sister seriously ill. Also advised that School Committee would supply manure required for mangles Mr Hiles -Smith supplied 1 bottle of Separator oil for mower

26th October Dr Anderson visited the school for medical inspection. One nervous pupil- Ray Foreman- ran away home.

27th October Planted Mangles

No further entries until

1936

14th November Had to reprimand John Andrew for neglect of work. Whilst I was dealing with him, the boy's father- the chairman walked into the room. The boy happened to be yelling to get his own way. The father did not appear annoyed but whole attitude must have changed when he discussed the teacher's discipline with his committee- result next day turned up to say that his children (2) were not attending school. None of the children attended and on inquiry was informed that Chairman and Mr Carson (Member of School Committee) arranged for school to be closed for two days. I asked the chairman to arrange a meeting of the School Committee.

The same evening. But he refused, so interviewed the member's individually., save Mrs Foreman and I received no satisfaction

I put the position before a member of the Board on Sunday and appeared on duty on Monday when two children attended. Interviewed the other parents save the School Committee and their children returned the next day

14th December Closed school in honour of new King George VI's birthday and accession

15th December Reopened school though rumour to the effect that schools were to close owing to an outbreak of infantile paralysis at Dunedin

Inquiry held after school when Mr Donald, Colonel Macdonald and Mr Deavoll (*From Wellington Education Board*) conducted proceedings. On behalf of the teacher two representatives of the Teacher's Institute were present

Closed school for summer vacation as advised by Secretary of Board I relinquished my duties from here today and handed over the keys to the chairman

A Campbell

School operated in 1937 Next Log entry

1938

20th April G S Brash Commenced duties as relieving teacher

26th April Made bolt for lawn mower and fitted the roller back on

27th April Excepted half days Heavy rain and floods but considering the conditions, attendance excellent

6th May I relinquish my duties today and hand over the school key to Mr Carson of the School Committee after closing the school for the winter vacation

23rd May M Maxwell commenced duties as permanent teacher. Roll 18

Mr Andrew, Chairman delivered 2 lbs cocoa and 2 lbs sugar to the school for winter drinks. The tank and chimney have both been repaired during the May Vacation.

27th May Received two handles for two hoes.

28th June Lifted sugar beet crop and found weight of various seeds as possible

Eagle Hill (120) 131 lbs

Eagle Hill (651) 183 lbs

Eagle Hill (No 472,) 173 ½ lbs Total crop 487 ½ lbs This estimates at 16 tons 18 cwt (approx) per acre

27th July Mr Brockett agriculture inspector visited us and reviewed the sugar beet experiments. He advised preparations for Arbour day and the tree planting and nurseries

27th July The committee forwarded the following for school supplies

- a) 1 box of nibs
- b) 1 box of chalks
- c) 11 sheets of blotting paper
- d) 4 sheets carton paper

3rd To commemorate Arbour Day we commenced planting in the nursery bed and planted the following

3 Black Matipos, 1 Rangiora, 1 Kowhai, 1 Korimiko, 3 Karamus, In the enclosure we planted 2 walnuts, A flax bush, A kowhai

While on the other side of the path we put in 3 Kowhais, a five finger tree, a koromiko, an akeake and two wattles

16th September Pupils made a number of articles for handwork to be given to the local church bazaar

23rd September The Home and School competition was held at Tinui and various parents agreed to convey the school children there for the afternoon. Whareama Scored first for the following classes.

Bookends, book binding, original toy, pastel drawing, pen and ink drawing, scone, pastel draw (Standard 1) Native collection, toy (p), raffia, jigsaw puzzle

26th Sep Lespedeza seeds put in experimental plot and record made of various kinds

9th October Members of the committee repaired the fence around the horse paddock- making a small enclosure suitable for catching the horses after school.

19th October Mr Hay brought his dogs to hunt rabbits which are wrecking great havoc in the garden. He caught 13 in an hour

1st November Admitted 5 new pupils, the Nation family

3rd November The School Committee obtained the following requisites for the school. Blue ink powder, 1 box soft and 1 box medium gramophone records, a roll of brown paper, 1 tube secotine (*Fish Glue*) 1 packet of tacks. 1 bottle of Gloy (*Cheap brand of glue used by schools that can't afford anything better. Tacky, but not sticky*), carbon paper, writing paper for examinations

17th November Lesley Pilmer put her knee out, and the pain was so intense that Mr Carson whom I sent for took her to town to the Doctor. As it was necessary for me to look after her, the rest of children were dismissed early

13th December A Christmas party and concert at 2.30 pm for all the children and parents in the district was held in the local hall at my suggestion to the committee. There was an excellent attendance despite shearing difficulties, and my programme was apparently both successful and appreciated

14th December We are making an effort to leave both grounds and buildings in perfect order

1939

1st February Roll 12. 5 senior pupils left and Judith Walker standard 3 and Margaret Andrew, Primer 1 started

The grounds are pathetically parched and brown owing to a lack of water, and excessive wind. The school buildings are in perfect order, the cleaning having been done very thoroughly

6th February Commenced Learn to Swim week and made arrangements for swimming instructor to come on Thursday 8th February

Brian Madden started Primer 1

9th February Two swimming instructors, Miss Heaven and Mr Morton came out for the day and taught with such success that only two primer 1 girls and one boy are unable to swim at all. (*Presumably in the creek?*)

14th February Trevor Johnson returned to do Form 3 correspondence

15th February Holiday for Masterton A and P Show

4th March Combined Tinui and East Coast School sports held on Langdale Domain

9th March The first swimming sports held locally were begun this afternoon with the cooperation of the neighbouring schools of Tinui, Whakataki, and Mangapakeha. Pupils competed for 25 yards and 50 yards certificates. In addition John Andrew and Peter Foreman swam 100 yards

19th April Official visit by Inspector Mr McClune

29th May Brian Madden withdrawn from roll as he is now a pupil of Terrace End School. Palmerston North

9th June Received 6 garden forks from Wellington Education Board

17th July Planted 15 more native trees in the nursery

25th July Received £3-0-0 worth of library books from Whitcombe and Tombs- funds provided by library and subsidised by School Committee. The new list includes

- a) The children of Europe 5/-
- b) Great Exploits in the Air 3/6
- c) Round the Globe 2/6
- d) Romance of Modern Exploration and Discovery 2/6
- e) Book for a Nook 2/9
- f) Geography Readers (2) 4/6
- g) Harraps Dramatic Reader Book 1 2/3
- h) Etc.

6th September Roll of 23. Trevor Johnson as an additional correspondence pupil

6th September Further 50 native trees planted and protected by Macrocarpa twigs

18th October School tank cleaned by Mr Washer, employed by Wellington Education Board

30th October The school chimney cleaned and bird's nests removed by chairman- Mr Andrew. Fine netting being used to prevent further trouble

31st October Mr James Andrew addressed the school this afternoon, his subject being Our Voyage to England

24th November Received pair of new school towels from the Secretary of School Committee.

1940

6th February A D Wallace Roll 21

13th March Masterton Centennial procession

20th March Received box of woodwork tools from Wellington Education Board

28th -29th 2 days holiday. Death of Mr Savage (*Mickey- Prime Minister*)

15th April received supply of timber from Wellington Education Board

25th April Holiday Anzac Day- Played Tinui at Basketball (Netball)

2nd June Learned that Kings Birthday was to be abandoned

22nd June Entertained Tinui School in afternoon and played football and basketball

Children arranged everything and a very successful day was the result. Football: Tinui 6 Whareama 3. Basketball: Tinui 13 Whareama 7

22nd July letter to Wellington Education Board, signed by Messrs F M Johnson, G G Whale, J R Page, A C Percy J G Walker, Makareu, re difficulty of getting children to Whareama School

a) Our wives are very busy with household duties and do not have the time to supervise correspondence lessons

b) The nearest school is 11 miles from Riversdale and there are 7 children to carry.

c) The number of children travelling will increase if they can get to school

d) We are willing to provide free board for the teacher

e) The present teacher is unwilling to purchase such a car when he is likely to be called up at any time

f) He is quite willing to be transferred if this project goes ahead

30th September Today I put Leslie Nation out of school for consistent misconduct. He is a continual nuisance and a bad influence on the other children. He has been warned repeatedly and promised tearfully on Friday to make good. However on Monday he started again

a) By asking a silly question at morning talk calculated to be lewdicious (sic)

b) Not saluting the flag with the others and sniggering at his own cleverness at not being seen, as he thought

c) On being reprimanded for his spelling and made to rewrite, gave a cheeky answer.

d) This case is a hard proposition. Corporal punishment is I think unsuitable As I believe the boy has been knocked about a good deal at home, so I shall meet the case by telling the boy he may come to school provided he does not associate

with the others i.e. he will be outside when they are in and inside when they are out.

- e) I reported the matter to the chairman but not to the Board, as I do not think the case warrants an enquiry.
- f) Anyway the same boy was involved in a board enquiry last year and no good purpose will be served by another one. Which may bring for him harsh results that the case does not mention

21st October Lord's Prayer said every morning

7th November Letter from Wellington Education Board to Director of Education. Re Riversdale children

- a) The settlers are unanimously in favour of transporting children to Whareama
- b) The solution is to have a sole charge teacher at Whareama who owns a car and is prepared to transport children
- c) The present teacher is bonded by the two year clause and cannot apply for another position. It is known he is anxious and willing to get a transfer. If the Department would pay his expenses- he is a single man.

21st November Department letter back included It must be remembered that the war situation might make it difficult to secure a single teacher.

22nd November A note from Director. The cost of transferring children over a route requiring 44 miles of travelling per day would be prohibitive

However if any of the children could ride on horseback an allowance of 4d per horse would be allowed.

If allowance was made for the children to Board then an allowance of 7/6d per week would be available toward the cost

Or the children can use the correspondence school

11th December Mr W R Levin at Orui is willing to board the teacher thus halving the distance

1941

7th January Letter from Director to Wellington Education Board
If a teacher lived at the end of the run he would be paid 12/- per day to convey up to 10 children

The Department will not pay of the transfer expenses of the current teacher

3rd February L J Coup Roll 18

Inaugurated School conveyance service from Riversdale – Whareama. Enrolled Alan and Ian Whale

5th February Brian McKelvie and Judy Walker enrolled

21st February Received notice of transfer from Whareama

Miss C O'Hara appointed Sewing Instructress

26th February received programme and subscription lists from Combined Schools Sports Secretary of Whakataki for sports on March 15th at Castlepoint

28th February L J Coup left

6th March A D Kelly started

Commenced duties as permanent sole teacher. 19 Roll
Combined swimming sports in afternoon
3rd- 5th March School closed owing to change over of teacher and my having to procure a car and get passed by Transport Department etc.
11th March Miss O'Hara, sewing instructress came
10th March Received supply of wood for woodwork from Wellington
20th March. Received 6 hyloplate boards for infants from Wellington Education Board
May. Mr Kelly is living at Orui and transporting children to Whareama School. Capacity 7 seated and 3 standing. Cost 12/- per day
13th June School closed as I had to travel to Wellington to be re-examined for RNZAF. Previous consent obtained from School Committee and Wellington Education Board
2nd July Mr Kelly in hospital I took up duties as relieving teacher. Numbers depleted owing to lack of conveyance C N O'Kane
During my absence children were conveyed in my car by Mr Whale
10th July resumed duties today. Mr O'Kane finished his relieving position yesterday A D Kelly
31st July As I have received Leave of Absence from August 1st for the duration of the war to enrol in the RNZAF I am relinquishing my duties here today
1st August R L Tomlin Took up duties here today for Mr Kelly. War Appointment

4th August Visit by Mr James Andrew, who presented a new 8 day clock and some carbonettes (*also called brickettes, these were egg shaped pressed fine coal that burned slowly. Made in Huntly*)
5th August Mr James Andrew erected new basketball (*Netball*) posts
22nd August Schoolroom, woodwork room and grounds tidied preparatory to breaking up for term holidays
22nd August Mr R L Tomlin teacher driver 23 years 5 months Using a Ford V* 1935 car. Registration No. V 23
There was lot of other correspondence from when Transport Wairarapa took over conveyance but the idea as above is enough of a story
8th September. Commenced third term. Visit by Mr Andrew
9th September received things from Mr Andrew, which were ordered yesterday
10th September Admitted Peter Hargreaves and Margaret Buckeridge. Gravel for drive arrived. Spent school fine days getting the garden ready and in repairing the drives. Worked in 3s
2nd September Admitted Judith Card who is to attend 3 days per week, having to travel on the mail car

1942

5th February Commenced duties as reliever N J Sparks. Roll 16.
Enrolled Janet Carson
19th February Painting and general repair work done to school and outhouses.
25th February Withdrew 2 Whale Boys
6th March Admitted Ann Hull

18th March Visit from Miss Taylor, drill inspector. Spent most of the afternoon in drilling and explanation of drill movement

20th March Spent more time on painting, polishing, scrubbing- The School Committee has bought paint, scrubbing brushes, soap, sandsoap and polish. Also nail brush and soap to cultivate good personal habits in children

8th April Today the district nurse came and examined children

10th April N J Sparks Left

13th April L A Langtry began duty as relieving teacher. Roll 12

20th April Householders meeting. Mr James Andrew Chairman,

25th April Received first aid equipment today consisting of

Elastoplast plaster	Iodine Tincture	Gauze Bandages
Eye Bath	Dettol	Kidney Tray
Cotton Wool	Triangular Bandages	Boracic Powder
Boracic Lint	Splinter Forceps	Tannafax (For Burns)

27th May Began making cocoa for children

29th May Children's fancy dress party at Tinui. This school provided and item

6th July M E Fisher Relieving Roll 8

1943

2nd February E J Bloomfield roll 4

3rd February terrible winds. One tree on school premises blown down last night, other trees damaged. 3 pupils present but more expected next week

21st February School Closed. Bus failed to run to schedule and I missed service car from Masterton

25th February Mary Nation began

1st March New Tank arrived today

11th March Miss Tolhurst came to the school and talked to the children about the Junior Red Cross. The children decided to form a circle of their own here

19th March School closed. I visited Tinui School

29th July received from Mr Andrew, Cocoa, Jeye's Fluid, disinfectant powder, and two cakes of lifebuoy soap

9th September Mr Maher, National Candidate for Wairarapa visited the school with Mr Andrew, chairman of School Committee, Mr Maher gave a short talk on the surrender of the Italian Forces. He also told the children what the British Flag meant to them. The flag was flown and the National Anthem Sung

10th September Closed school for holiday given by Mr Fraser, Prime Minister of NZ

6th October Enrolled 2 new pupils Margaret and Guy Nation

19th October Mary, Margaret and Guy Nation taken off roll

20th October All the pupils and I went in to Central School for the day. In the afternoon we went to the Times Age building and saw the papers being printed

26th October School closed as I had to be re-examined for entrance to Training College

8th December School visited this morning by Woodwork Inspector

17th December Relinquished duties as relieving teacher

1944

2nd February B Bethridge-Topp

Spent the first three days cleaning and putting things in order. Found a great deal of rubbish had accumulated. Threw out several bottles of chemicals, that were without labels.

7th February Started serious schoolwork- have hopes of clearing the garden soon- and planting a few simple flowers.

28th February Today Mr O'Conner, the country schools inspector, called and discussed the work and examined it with me.

Mr J Andrew, Chairman School Committee, visited the school in connection with mowing the grass

Robert Oakley left during the third week

28th April Received a visit from Mr J Andrew, Chairman

4th September Reopened school today. During the last term we tidied up the gardens – and put in seeds and plants in the flower garden.

Three trees which were in close proximity to the school were cut down- it has made a great difference to the appearance and tidiness of the grounds

6th September We intend starting on a vegetable garden as soon as possible.

14th September Marie Barnes admitted- 5 years

Mr Maloney Agricultural Inspector visited the school discussed Nature Study-etc. and gardening he was quite impressed by the vege- gardens and helped the boys dig a new plot

24th November Mr Brown woodwork inspector visited the school

7th December Enrolled Bill, Mick, Janice and Gay Charteris today. This brings the roll number to 10

The gardens are quite in order now, the flowers are coming on well. The vegetable garden has sweet corn, carrots, parsnips, cabbages, red beet, cucumbers, lettuce, parsley and peas and beans

1945

5th February C B Pope commenced duties at Whareama this morning. Roll 6, 5 present. After the holidays lawns and gardens need attention

16th February I have attempted to mow the lawns but find it too heavy. We have managed to weed the garden but as yet the ground is too dry and hard to do anything to. Use of flour bags for sewing and fancy work

21st February School closed for peoples day at Masterton A and P

28th February Mr J Andrew Chairman of the School Committee came to discuss ways and means of travel for prospective pupils

12th March Two new part time pupils admitted. Dennis Holmes and John Card. These two boys attend at least three days per week.

9th April First case of apples arrived today and were duly sampled.

13th April Death reported of President Roosevelt, Great Shock to the Nation. He died yesterday afternoon.

16th April Two minutes silence at eleven o'clock as a mark of respect for President Roosevelt

4th April End of First term. Four year olds at school for the day. I relinquish my duties as teacher in charge owing to my approaching marriage. I wish to thank the Committee for their interest in he school affairs

C B Pope

22nd May P Tucker relieving.

11th June Received new grate and other supplies from School Committee

15th August. V J (*Victory over Japan*) Flag Raised- Holiday

1946

4th February T A Hoar relieving

8th February Received timber for light woodwork

18th February Compelled to visit Doctor in Masterton Closed school on this date.

20th February Holiday for Masterton Show

18th February Valerie Rees admitted Roll Number now 11

3rd May Final Dress Rehearsal for combined school concert, Whareama and Mangapakeha at Tinui Hall

8th May Mr Bell Inspector visited the school

31st May Received from Wellington Education Board 1 rake, 3 trowels and 2 fork handles

19th June School closed while I visited Mangapakeha for observation of infant work- Inspector's recommendation

1st July Commence duties as permanent sole charge teacher from today T A Hoar

24th July School closed to enable children to see Rugby Match, Kiwis V Wairarapa Bush

29th July Visit by Dr Mulholland and District Nurse

30th July Enrolled Noeline Foster. Roll 12

12th August June, Jack and Raymond Forster admitted. Roll number 15

11th September Received first consignment of books from Country Library Service

19th October Received 10 library books on loan from Wellington Education Board

6th November Received Inspectors report Mr Bell included

a) Roll 16

b) Records need some attention

c) The school room is well arranged and there are on the walls attractive displays of art and social studies projects

d) There is a very happy atmosphere in this school where the pupils are most pleasant to deal with- industrious friendly and cooperative

e) The teacher who is enthusiastic and willing is working along good lines. His methods overall are effective and the school as a whole is on the up-grade

f) Reading is becoming a live subject and some fine projects in Social Studies have been completed.

g) Good habits of book care and neatness are being encouraged.

h) Arithmetic although improving has not yet reached the desired level

i) The School Committee takes an active interest in all school matters and has generously provided funds for the purchase of teaching aids

j) The Country Library Service now provides books for general research and ready

k) Order, tone and discipline are very good indeed

1947

3rd February Roll now 19 . John Sladden, Selwyn Tomlin, Ian and Keith Horebough enrolled

24th February Teacher absent at this date, due to sickness

3rd March Michael Morton enrolled

8th March East Coast School Sports meet held at Castlepoint. Competing Schools. Awatoitoi, Mangapakeha, Tinui, Castlepoint, Whakataki, Mataikona, and Whareama

Castlepoint took the Hay Shield with 125 points. Whareama Second with 108 points. This was a most successful day. Janet and Alister Carson ran very well to each gain 3 firsts and a second. Jack Forster excelled in the long distance events.

10th March Brian Forster and Marion Morrison enrolled. Roll number 22

11th March School closed as I went to Masterton for a medical examination

26th May Douglas Heriot enrolled. Roll 23

3rd June Tinui defeated Whareama School at 7 aside rugby as curtain raiser to representative match. (*Possibly as part of East Coast Sub union*)

14th June Tinui again defeated Whareama at 7 aside rugby. Score 9-0. Ray Foster played excellent rugby

21st June Whareama and Tinui drew 9-9, Great improvement shown. Jack Forster excelled

25th June Cupboard and two desks sent by Wellington Education Board

30th June School closed on account of serious floods and blocked roads

31st September Kay and Jeff Anderson enrolled.

Beginning of daily mail service

29th September Alison and Stanley Shaw enrolled. Roll 22

31st October Attendance over past three weeks has been very poor. Average 13.9. One case of Rheumatic Fever, one peritonitis and seven cases of whooping cough

28th November Schools closed for indefinite period owing to epidemic of infantile paralysis

1948

17th February Visit to Mangapakeha School of all East Coast Teachers. Discussion with Mr Braggins and Mr Littlewood (Inspectors)

21st February Arrival and dispatch of correspondence letters

1st March School reopened after restrictions being lifted.

18th March Jocelyne Dunnet enrolled

24th May Sylvia Sutherland enrolled. Lawsoniana hedge topped and windows cleaned during holidays

27th May Cement and metal for concreting near basketball hoop arrived today

10th July East Coast Primary School seven aside rugby team reached the quarter finals in their grade at the Wairarapa Primary Schools Rugby Tournament. Alistair Carson and Doug Herriot represented this school

14th July Visit by Mr Ngata Barnett Nature Study Instructor

21st July Visit by Rev Hobson descendant of Governor Hobson, who is a missionary from Fiji, very interesting chat with class.

19th November Teacher absent with influenza and school closed.

30th November School calf and lamb rearing projects were judged today by Mr C S Hay. First prizes were obtained by

- a) Jocelyne Dunnet (Lamb)
- b) June Rees (Calf)
- c) The entries were of a very high standard. Photographs were taken by the teacher

1949

1st February Roll 19 School reopened

25th February I relinquished duties here today

2nd March M P Sloan Relieving

Unable to commence on 1st March owing to the distance I had to travel.

5th March East Coast Sports held at Castlepoint Tinui won the shield. Whareama second. Dissatisfaction over points. Check to be made

9th March School closed as it was to be used for polling booth for licensing and betting issue

24th March After final check up on points at Castlepoint, Tinui keep the shield

25th March. School closed for Masterton and District's primary school sports held at Masterton. Children 9 years and over entered.

Entered one team for ball games

25th March M P Sloan relinquishes duties

4th April Took charge of school after it had been closed one week as relieving teacher B Edwards

7th April Mr Evans the Agriculture Instructor visited the school today and explained the home garden scheme to the children

11th April Margaret Creech started today

12th April John Kresse sick all over the floor, desks taken outside, floor sanded (*Thrown sand on*) and desks replaced floor will probably have to be reoiled class work commenced about 11 o'clock
26th April School closed yesterday Anzac Day, an evening was held at Tinui during which a wreath from this school was laid on the War Memorial at Tinui School.

2nd May Received from Wellington Education Board copy of new salary regulations and one copy of the story of New Zealand by A H Reed

5th May Received from the Board one Rugby Football Ball size 4 ½

6th May Closed school and relinquished my duties as relieving teacher and would like to express my appreciation of the cooperation I have had from the chairman B Edwards

23rd May W E Cole started as Permanent Teacher. Margaret Foster enrolled Roll now 21.

30th April Visited by Mr Barnes Chairman of School Committee

10th June Measles prevalent

14th June Measles still prevalent, so contacted parents and asked that contacts be sent to school. All contacts however already in bed with measles.

20th June Roll today 8 Measles still prevalent

4th July Roll almost normal. 19 present today

3rd August Parcel of Books for library received from Wellington Education Board

5th August Miss R Andrew commenced duties as sewing mistress.

9th August School made donation of 8/1d to Otaki Health Camp. School closed because of floods.

10th August School visited by Chairman of School Committee and a member Mr Hadden, regarding complaint about children's behaviour on the bus. The matter was found to be false and the complaint was dropped.

14th September received painting easel from Board

16th September Visited by E G Pledger, architect, Wellington Education Board re school playing area and sundry matters.

25th November A very successful lamb and calf judging day was held with the largest number of entrants for many years

The prize winners were Calf Alister Carson 1st, Robin Corlett 2 June Rees 3

Lambs (Black Faced) Janet Carson 1, Dorothy Williams 2 Doreen Barnes 3

Lambs (White faced) Jocelyn Dunnet 1 Valerie Rees 2 Donald Williams 3

Pets John Sladden 1st Keith Horsburgh 2, Valerie Rees 3

30th November Closed as school used for polling Booth

1950

1st February Roll 28

14th February School closed to enable teacher group discussion with Inspectors

28th February School visited by Miss Milligan, School Nurse

26th April Received from Wellington Education Board 1 bag basic slag and 5 lbs of grass seed

5th May During Holidays School Committee installed two new girls lavatories, topped trees surrounding school, sawed firewood, put

new chimney top on library building, oiled floors and carted 24 yards of gravel for playing area.

29th May Roll now 29

24th June 40 Shrubs for School Gardens

24th July In the afternoon the whole school went to Homewood and we played a game of football and basketball. Afterwards we were handsomely entertained at afternoon tea.

17th August A successful sports afternoon was held at the school. The children were placed in age and weight groups. Schools entered were Awatoitoti, Mangapakeha, Whareama, Homewood, and Tinui

25th September Work on playing area completed

3rd October School visited by Inspector Horsfall, Transport Department Road Safety Officer. Michael, Peter and Vivian Pearson enrolled. Roll now 32

1951

5th February Remain here as permanent teacher until permanent teacher is appointed (School risen to Grade 3a) W E Cole

16th February Painting of exterior of school completed

31st May Cease duties here today W E Cole

1st June New Teacher Unnamed. Commenced duties as permanent teacher. Visited by Mr Horsburgh chairman of School Committee

29th June School closed Shopping Day

3rd July Len Sissons Physical Education Specialist came

11th July Weather cold and wet. Ross Andrews in hospital Finger to be removed.

16th July 24 Ornamental shrubs received from Esau's on Friday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Horsburgh, Mr McKelvey and Mr McKay assisted in planning where plants were to be placed and planting same.

17th July Mr Horsburgh and Mr McKelvey spent day at school carting wood and making basketball goal posts

30th July Received from chairman: Material for 2 towels, basketball rings, 1 basketball, 1 mouse trap

17th August School closed 15th and 16th Teacher Sick

25th September Received Book 7 Janet and John from Wellington Education Board

9th October Member of school savings bank department visited school

10th October School visited by Dr McKendrick and Nurse Kidd. All children examined by Dr.

1st November Received 150 books on loan from National Library Service

7th November returned 184 books to National Library Service.

15th November received 2 looms and 2 balls of wool from Wellington Education Board

22nd November Calf and Lamb day. Floral work and cooking judged. Exhibition of Handwork, art and projects, songs, verse speaking, plays and Phys Ed demonstration at Hall

1952

4th February Roll 28

7th February School closed death of HM King

26th February School visited by Mr Len Sissons, Physical Education instructor, morning spent at swimming hole at Whareama River

27th February Whole school attended Country School Sports at Masterton

3rd March School spent the day at Riversdale beach joined by Okautete Maori School. Mr Sissons and Mr Robinson and two training college students gave instruction in swimming and Phys Ed

18th March School closed. Meeting of teachers at Tinui to discuss school matters with Mr Woodley (Inspector)

Robin Corlett has been absent from school with ringworm but has now returned. Janet Barnes has also had a long absence, mumps

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16th April Alan Kerse has returned to school after being absent for four weeks tonsil operation

24th April Val Rees reported to have ringworm

6th June Barbara Le Maire had a headache. At lunchtime let her have a sleep. When she was awakened at bus time she was not all well.

8th September Roll 32

3rd October M L Paku Teacher from Okautete

15th October C E Scott commenced duties as relieving teacher

5th December Teacher shopping half day

1953

2nd February W G Foster commenced duties. Roll 29

2nd February Admitted Anne, Jill, Douglas Gardner and Norma Waaka

4th February Mr Horsburgh Chairman School Committee called
9th 10th February Teacher called to Wellington by Court Order.
Subpoena
9th February The erection of a house at Whareama is recorded by
the Secretary of Ed
10th March Letter to K J Holyoake MP for Whareama from
Director of Ed to the fact that a house at Whareama has been
included in the building programme
26th March Received from Wellington Education Board 3 infant rest
cots
30th March Country Schools' sports day at Park Oval Masterton. All
children attended. Roll 31
9th April Inspection by school's doctor and local nurse
29th April Visit to school by Mr Pledger and Mr Luey from
Wellington Education Board re site for school lavatory block and
school residence
School Committee held working bee to saw about four cords of
wood for school
30th April School closed, meeting of local teachers at Tinui with the
inspectors, Messrs Robinson, Hill and Littlewood
1st May Received from Wellington Education Board through AH
and AW Reed 43 library books.
25th May Admitted Mervyn H and Joyce E Williams. Lynette
Webster back after non attendance for first term. Roll 33
1st June School closed Queen's Birthday
2nd June School closed coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2

29th May Ceremony held at school to commemorate the coronation
of Queen Elizabeth 2. Many parents attended. Mr J Andrew spoke
11th 12th June School closed owing to serious flooding. 10 ½ inches
of rain on Wednesday and Thursday
19th June Attendance for the last weeks has been low because of
floods and heavy rains- every school day has been very wet.
1st Admitted Darleen Waaka (Returned from Pakipaki) and
Elizabeth Lutherous . Roll 36
29th June 10th July. Completed survey and sent out reports
23rd July Attendance very poor this week- sickness and suspected
measles Boys 7/14 Girls 7/21
5th August Visit to the school by Department of Health's Sanitary
Inspector. Condemned sanitary arrangements and lavatories
24th August Tender for a 1185 sq. foot house for £3940
8th September Admitted Max Sayer Roll 35
10th September Lynda Foreman's progress card forwarded to
Waihoki (*Out of Pongaroa*)
5th October Admitted Gary and Aleceyn Greeks, Roll 33
6th October Mr Horsfall and Mr Christie, Traffic Instructors visited
school 2 pm
15th October Mr R Chappell called at the school. Mr Chappell is
taking over the model school at Kelburn
27th October Governor General's Holiday. Given in honour of Sir
Willoughby Norris's Visit (Official) to Masterton
18th November Owing to the lapse of time since sending in his
price Mr J G Walker has now withdrawn his tender. It is proposed
to re advertise this work at an early date
27th November School closed shopping day.

9th December A new tender has been let to Premier Joinery for £3989/0/0

1954

23rd February District Nurse (Nurse Morgan) visited school and carried out medical inspection of the class.

25th February School picnic at Riversdale

18th March Country School Sports at Masterton. Very successful day.

17th March Construction of school residence began today

22nd March Mr B Piper commenced a four week period as student

5th April 9th April I was absent at the Country School Teacher's course held at the Aero- club rooms, Masterton. Mr Piper relieved in my position

2nd June Mr Evans visited the school. Left Flannelgram (Felt Board)

19th July School's Private Bag for mail commenced

6th September School reopened. Three new entries admitted

1st October Nurse visited school Gave anti diphtheria injections

28th October Moved into the residence this evening first occupant

2nd November Nurse visited to complete anti diphtheria injections

18th November School lamb and calf day

1955

9th February Mr Pledger (Architect) visited the school to clear the residences. Also discussed new lavatories for school, repainting inside, new blackboards, raising tank, bench and sink in porch, lights and power points, fencing, and drive (concrete) through

grounds to residence. Also new tables and chairs for infants. Mr Pledger agreed for necessity for all these things (Also discussed 29th April 1953)

11th February T B Xray in Masterton Closed school at lunch time

25th February School closed. Shopping Day

1st March Received 3 additional rest cots

3rd March School picnic at Riversdale

24th March Working Bee at school to cut wood for winter

25th March School closed for Shopping Day

2nd May Biennial meeting of householders. 17 present. Following committee- Mr W J Kerse (Chairman), Mr W N Douglas (Secretary), Mr R L Sayer, Mrs J Benn, Mrs R L Barnes

4th April Combined sports afternoon at Mangapakeha (Winter Sports)

21st June Mr Arkininstall visited school re maintenance programme. Agreed to everything. Told me he would notify me when he could find out anything definite re lavatory block.

25th July School closed. In service training course discussion day at Tinui.

1st August I visited Awatoitoi School for the day. Mr Burgess, organising teacher took this school.

10th August I went to Masterton in the afternoon to play rugby for Wairarapa. Mrs Foster took the school. School Committee and Mr Hill (Inspector) gave approval

24th August From Wellington Education Board to Education Department asking for the sum of £65/1/6d for an electric range for the residence. A coal burning range has been put in the new

residence. However the connection of electricity has recently been installed

30th August Department regrets it cannot pay for an electric range. As the sum is under £200 it is the responsibility of the Board

24th September Social Evening, including concert items, held for the school children in the Langdale Hall.

14th October School closed shopping day. Wiring of School for power completed and tested. No bulbs placed in sockets

25th October Wiring of school house completed for power, no range or hot water unit.

27th October Medical inspection of infants. District Nurse Miss Netherwood

Electricity switched on in this area (School House 1.55 p.m.)

2nd November A lady Doctor and District Nurse visited the school to inspect two children

Dr appalled by sanitary conditions. Will make report to her Department

9th November Mr Marden and Mr Hornblow- traffic inspectors (school) visited the school. Films

15th November Miss Cartwright, Dental Nurse visited school to inspect teeth

18th November School closed shopping day.

5th December. I visited Miss Macalister, Tinui Infant Room.

2nd December Sanitary Inspector visited school. Condemned facilities again

1956

1st February Roll 33

15th and 16th February East Coast combined schools held two days at Riversdale for swimming instruction. A number of staff from Wellington assisted.

5th March Mr D Gregorie four week period as student

During March tenders were called for the erection of new latrines

6th April Open meeting of School Committee discussed Jubilee of School

A report was given by the chairman of this recent visit to Wellington Education Board

That an application be made for an assistant teacher, pointing out the number of infants, rising roll etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 to allow the open meeting to begin.

Meeting was resumed on 23rd April 1956

That shopping days be held on Mondays except in special circumstances.

That the School Committee support the teacher's request for an electric range to be installed in the residence

Fancy Dress party was arranged for 4th May. Mesdames Hargreaves and Palmer to be asked to judge. A charge of 2/6 per family

26th April Installation of light fittings in school house completed

31st May Farewell for Mr A E Taplin (A benefactor of the school) was discussed and it was decided to hold an informal function at 3 pm on Friday 2nd June where the children would make a small presentation.

25th June Visit to school by Mr Wilton Wellington Education Board member and Mr Barker (Works supervisor) to inspect school conditions, much to be done.

27th June Annual 7 a side and Basketball tournament in Masterton The seniors from standard 3 up participated under the charge of Mr Hocquard, Tinui

2nd July New lavatory block commenced

23rd July Builders completed construction part of new lavatory block and tank stand

27th July Dental Clinic was discussed, members expressing concern at the delay in the dental nurse's visit to Tinui.

Tool Shed. It was decided to call a working bee for the removal of the girl's lavatory to a new site for use as a toolshed, when the new lavatory block was in use.

31st July School closed, shopping day I took the seniors to see the rugby match between the touring Springbok Team and Wairarapa Bush. South Africa 19, Wairarapa Bush 8

10th August Plumbers began their portion of new toilet work.

21st September A memorial shield for the ex pupils who served overseas in World War 2 was discussed and it was decided that quotes be obtained for construction and painting of a suitable tablet to include also the men of World War 1

Xmas Party: Finances for this function were discussed and it was decided to make a direct canvas

That prizes be awarded for the best attendance boy and girl and that cards be awarded to those children absent up to 6 half days

That as the roll numbers have reached the required numbers an application be made for an assistant teacher

That application be made for additional space be gone into and the matter be given urgency

That the sound framed tennis racquets be restrung with nylon

Supervision while the children were having their lunch was raised by Mrs Street who suggested that the occasional surprise check by the teacher might stop the foolery

The chairman expressed his concern at the way some Wellington Education Board staff visit schools without notification to the committees concerned

28th September School closed shopping day. Average roll grading is now 36. Assistant should be appointed for 1957

11th October School closed today on account of flooding. School visited by Board Architect, Mr Symmonds and Mr Wilton Wellington Education Board member to look at requested maintenance programme and need for 2nd room

25th October That the Board be notified of this committee's acceptance of the proposal to bring the old school up to habitable standard as a temporary measure and that details of future roll numbers be submitted to substantiate the request for an additional classroom

It was decided to purchase a softball from the Board

14th November M W Street began. Mr Foster sick. School has been closed for 1 week owing to teacher's sickness.

17th November The acting chairman expressed the thanks of the School Committee to Mrs Street for acting as relieving teacher during the illness of Mr Foster. He also expressed regret that Mrs Street's relieving duties had to end so abruptly because of her family obligations.

That John Kerse be nominated for the bus monitor award of the transport Department

19th November School closed Mrs Street's daughter ill.

26th November J Fairbrother Commenced relieving. Mr Foster sick

13th December School closed for the day as I had permission from the Wellington Education Board to return to Wellington for one day, 4th December. Miss Pemberton PE adviser came today taught children Holger- Neilsen life saving method

10th December Returned to duty today after 5 weeks sick leave. Miss Fairbrother staying on as temporary assistant. W Foster

1957

4th February Miss L M V Hoskin relieving assistant. Two teacher grading for this year

14th February That a water heater 2 gallon be applied for.

19th and 20th February These two days spent at Riversdale beach for swimming instruction by Mr Matheson and his physical educational staff. Combined schools of the area, all present

21st February Painter arrived to paint inside and outside of main school room

1st March Miss L M V Hoskin completed relieving duties – going to Taita. Permanent

4th March Miss B C Campbell commenced duties in a relieving capacity (Infants)

5th March Mr Alexander (Painter) completed painting interior and exterior of main school building. One interior coat, 2 exterior

8th March Annual school picnic at Riversdale

18th March School closed Shopping Day

23rd 24th March Diamond Jubilee celebrated. Very successful Mr R M Algie (Minister of Education) Mr K J Holyoake (Deputy Prime Minister and local MP) attended

11th April Swimming Baths at Tinui were discussed and it was decided to hold over any decision to be held over the Householder's Meeting

That the teacher occupying the house should pay half the phone rental and that the School Committee meet the cost of official toll calls

That this school adopt bottle green and white as the official school colours.

That 30/- be paid to Tinui Dental Clinic Committee for its special funds

Arrangements were made for the children to make a wreath and to take part at the Tinui Anzac Service

It was decided to secure a disused range fire guard for use around the heater in the infant room

15th April Biennial meeting of householders New School Committee Mr W J Kerse (Chairman), Mrs M W Street (Secretary), Mr R L Barnes (All re-elected) and Mr D S Hay and Mr J R Tocker 27 present

Mr Kerse stressed the lack of support of parents and local residents at school working bees. The general account of school funds was satisfactory but the special account had reached a very low level and was almost non existent

That a parent teacher group be organised under the direction of the School Committee

Mr Foster thanked Mr Kerse and the retiring committee for their cooperation

Discussion on swimming baths at Tinui: In view of the fact that so little was known about proceedings at Tinui the meeting had no directive to give to the incoming School Committee

29th April Correspondence from the Wellington Education Board re temporary classroom was received. The Board consider the infants room to be not structurally unsound and therefore suitable for present roll numbers.

That a letter be sent to the board stressing the structural defects of the said room and the effects on the Children's health in the winter term. The matter to be treated as urgent. Copy of the letter to be sent to Mr Wilton, Board Member

The Secretary was instructed to make enquiries about the possible use of the YMCA Masterton to hold a shop day in aid of school funds.

4th June Romesse heater installed in main room,

9th – 13th June Interchange of teachers Mr Burgess relieving each teacher.. Monday Mr Hocguard Tinui at this school. Tuesday I went to Tinui. Thursday Mr Staff Awatoitoti at this school

5th July Mr D S Hay brought two members of the touring Fijian Rugby Team to the school.

23rd July The chairman announced a most successful working bee at school

The Fancy Dress party was also successful the sum of £10 having been paid into the special account

Mr Foster, Head Teacher Reported that the radio ordered had not yet arrived although the indent form was received in April The

Secretary was instructed to write to the Board for further information

That teapot and 4 cups and saucers for school be purchased

The subject of reading will be explained by Mr Foster at Parent Teacher meeting

Mr Foster reported that some books from the 1955 grant have not yet arrived and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Board for assistance in locating the missing books

Thanks To Whareama Jubilee Committee for handing over £50 from its profits for use in the school

That a filmstrip projector and a ½ multiplex set plus prism be bought for the school. Cost to the school £18-5-0 plus £5 for funds. Multiplex set £21-5-0

9th September Reopened school Miss B Campbell still relieving assistant

11th September Mr Kerse paid tribute to the late Mr Hay for many years a member of the School Committee and also a past chairman. Special mention was made of Mr Hay's efforts in establishing the school bus service.

Congratulations were extended to Miss B Campbell on the occasion of her recent engagement

The radio has been received as has the parcel of library books

Mrs Foster has relinquished the post of the school cleaner and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Board notifying them that Mr Foster will take over school cleaning duties.

30th September Polio injections at Tinui School 33 children injected. Those 10 years and under.

17th October The bonfire is to be held at the residence of Mr W E Street. Mangapakeha School invited. Judging of guys to begin at 6 O'clock. Mr Cripps to be asked to judge. If enough entries there will be two classes: Preschool and infants

The Secretary was instructed to buy £1 worth of fireworks for the occasion

21st – 25th October 11 children from Linden School (Tawa Flat) spent week at this school

4th November Second polio injection given to the 5-10 year group

5th November Mrs Johnson tested the hearing of the children-audiometer

16th November Standard 3 -6 (15) were taken to Wellington this week on an exchange visit with Linden School. Transport main topic Visited railway station, tramway's workshop, Ford Works, Cable Car, Paraparaumu airport, Dominion Monarch (*Ship*) weather office, civic chambers and the Mayor, Mr Frank Kitts, and Parliament Buildings. Miss Campbell in charge of remainder. School roll now 50- 26 infants and 24 standards

25th November The Multiplex play equipment has arrived and installed in the playground

Mr Kerse reported on a letter from the Masterton County Council re the dust nuisance on the Langdale Road along the school frontage. The council is to consider resealing the area in the 1958-59 estimates

9th December The shop day at YMCA in Masterton was highly successful the sum of £79-18-0 being cleared after all expenses

In view of the number of children who qualify so closely for attendance prizes the chairman was instructed to make enquiries at

the Printing Co for suitable certificates for presentation to pupils qualifying for them. It was suggested that in future years certificates only be presented, the committee being unanimous in deciding that both parents and children are now more fully awake to the advantages of regular attendance. That the position over the past few years has shown a real improvement.

That a letter be sent to the Wellington Education Board about the changed position of the roll and requesting that something be done in the near future about a new building.

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3rd February Reopened school Miss M G Bissett relieving assistant Roll 48

7th February School closed on the occasion of the visit of the Queen Mother, Queen Elizabeth to Wellington

15th February After discussion it was decided to leave the question of a new mower until the school grounds are in order after the removal of the trees.

The open meeting is to be held on Monday 31st March at which meeting parents are to be asked for their ideas on the running of future Christmas Tree Functions. In future the School Committee does not wish to organise the financing of such a function and suggests separate committee be formed to do so.

The School Committee notes that nothing has been done by the Board re a school residence. A letter to be written to the Board especially about not installing an electric range in the residence.

Also pointing out again the nuisance of the pump reverberating in the ceiling.

Swimming instruction. That it was better value to have swimming instruction at the beginning of the season rather than at the end of it.

19th and 20th February Two full days swimming and Phys Ed at Castlepoint. Run by Phys Ed Staff.

28th February Miss Bissett completed period of relieving

3rd March Miss Billie commenced as relieving assistant

7th March School picnic at Riversdale

14th February Combined country school sports at Masterton-a school day.

25th March School visited by Sergeant Fogg of the New Zealand Police Lecture Group

31st March Open Meeting. That a separate committee be set up to run the Christmas Function.

A vote of thanks to Mr Foster for his sending out notices regarding events at school. This service is much appreciated by parents

10th April First polio injection given to pre school and over 12's from this and Okautete School by health department doctor (46 given to this school)

10th April A stove will be installed in the residence as soon as one becomes available.

The instructors are agreeable to having swimming instruction before the start of the Christmas Vacation, provided it is not in the last week of September

The YMCA On the Corner of Church and Dixon Street (*where Repco is in 2014*) has been booked for Friday

The chairman then reported on his visit to the board when he discussed matters

- (1) The stove and hot water for the residence be approved
- (2) More water storage for the residence- Suggested gravity feed tank to do away with nuisance of water pipes banging
- (3) The new building. This still awaits the Board's decisions
- (4) An application for wages to cover cost of mowing lawns is to be made by Mr Foster. Application must state area mown, size of mower, number of times cut, and amount of time taken for mowing.

The Secretary was instructed to contact the Secretary of the Tinui RSA for the order of service related to School Committee

That the School Committee purchased from Harry Bryne Esq a recording of the speech made by Hon R Algie at the unveiling of the School Roll of Honour for future use in the school especially in regard to Anzac Services

That a screen be bought for the film projector

14th April Rosina Waaka turned 15 and left to commence work

8th May 2nd polio injection given

26th May Miss M E Billie again relieving assistant

2nd June School closed for Queen's birthday. During holidays working bee held to clean up and level some of the grounds, form drive and clean up remainder of trees at the South End

9th September Mr Foster reported that the new electric stove has been installed in the residence and the noise from the water pipes has been largely eradicated.

The fancy dress netted a profit 16/6

A letter was received from the Masterton County notifying their intention of sealing 10 chains of road along the school frontage

13th June Planted 100 Cypress Lawsoniana trees on south and west of school grounds.

17th June Health Department Dr gave booster polio vaccinations to those ready at school. Homewood children too.

24th June Standard 3-6 taken to Tinui School for sports practice for 7 aside rugby and basketball tournaments

28th June. School closed shopping day

2nd July Standard 2 – 6 children took part in annual rugby 7's and basketball tournament. Schools of our area combined and entered three teams in each. Teams very successful

15th July. New concrete paths to lavatories installed.

28th July Any material bought by subsidy from the Wellington Education Board were automatically covered by insurance in schools

The school tank was empty owing to the dry winter. Water has been transported by Transport Wairarapa. The urgent matter of further water storage for the house is now in the hands of the Board Member

The Department of Ed had approved the new room.

That plans be got for the building before tender be put out

8th September. Miss Billie again relieving assistant

11th September Visit to school by Board's maintenance officer and assistant architect. Met committee members to discuss current works. Recommended extra water supply for house, new fence for tennis court, Assistant Architect had proposed plans for new school

room for infants- also involves remodelling present room. Hopes to call tenders in 3 or 4 weeks. Brought new clock for the school

12th September Because of lack of storage a further 800 gallons of water had to be carried to the residence today. First load was in August holidays

We have had the driest winter for many years

16th September Insurance for conveyance of children be taken out for £3 for £2000 cover

Plans for the new room were being drawn up and the School Committee was shown the rough draft. Alternative accommodation for the children will be necessary for 3-4 months during the building operations and applications and application is to be made to the County Council re the hiring of the Langdale Hall.

The Rabbit Board has asked that the school paddock be made available to them for grazing. It was decided to ask the board to pay a nominal rental per annum.. This to be paid as a donation to the special account. A limit on the numbers of stock to be placed in the paddock

That the Board be asked to arrange for the wiring in the new room to accommodate an additional speaker.

The School Committee has agreed to a request of the Whareama Tennis Club to have the use of the school court on occasions if necessary

The Secretary was instructed to purchase fireworks to the value of £1 for the school children to have a bonfire which this year is to at Mangapakeha

Calf and lamb day is to be held on Thursday November 13th

The Secretary was instructed to contact the Tinui Golf Club and arrange for the loan of their gang mowers.

26th September. School Committee held a shop day in YMCA Masterton today

3rd October A further 800 gallons of water carried to residence

6th October New Blackboards placed on wall of main classroom

8th 9th October I was absent for two days refresher course in Physical Education at Taueru. The children worked under the supervision of Miss Billie

23rd October The road in front of the school was today given its first bitumen sealing

3rd November The Tinui Rabbit board has agreed to graze the school paddock for a nominal £5 per annum

That no further subsidy was available from the Wellington Education Board for a new motor mower.

Mr Barnes has a second hand motor mower available for £75

Mr Kerse gave a report on the recent meeting at Mangapakeha to discuss the possibility of consolidating Mangapakeha with Tinui.

Mr Foster gave notice he can no longer cut all the lawns at school as he has no free time for his own work. The School Committee were unanimous. That Mr Foster has done a good job in looking after the lawns for so long and agreed to try and get some assistance.. It was suggested that the senior boys of the school could do the grass cutting.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Wellington Education Board asking for the board's responsibility

a) In the event of an accident to the operator

b) In the event of a child other than the operator being injured during mowing.

18th November Inspectors Hill and Robinson visited school First visit by an inspector since 9th August 1955

26th November Board's workmen commenced demolishing chimney in main room. Large hive of bees to be removed.

28th November School closed shopping day. Board's workmen removed chimney from main classroom- took beehive- room left

9th 10th December Combined schools. Two days at Tinui School for swimming instruction and physical education taken by 4 specialists from Wellington The new baths at Tinui were officially opened on the 10th

December 1958 Extensions to Langdale Hall. Kitchen, ladies room, men's room, supper room being added. Local people raised £500 towards work to cost £1000

3rd December The Board recommended contacting State Insurance regarding accidents when mowing. This has been done and State Fire have written to Wellington for information. As the State Fire officer is not satisfied with the reply received they have suggested reopening the question if the School Committee is agreeable.

The School Committee is asked to appoint a delegate to attend a meeting at Tinui on Friday to discuss proposals for the future running of the baths

The official opening of the baths is to be at 1. 30 p m

6th December Tenders called- recalled- for new room at school. Last lot must have been too high.

18th December Annual Christmas function held at Langdale Hall at 7.30 pm. First time this has been run by a committee separate from

the School Committee Very successful evening. School Committee made usual presentations to Form 2 leavers and to Miss Billie who has been relieving assistant since 1st March 1958. The infants have been most fortunate in having Miss Billie for so long as she is very experienced and most capable teacher. An ideal assistant to me anyway. Miss Billie is on a working holiday from England.

19th December Completed packing of both rooms. We have to be prepared to move everything during the holidays if the new extensions to the building are to be commenced. School closed for vacation

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2nd February Miss I Mackay relieving assistant

6th February *All committee meetings were at 8 p m*

No official reply has been received from the Wellington Education Board re letting of tenders for the new room. However following a notice in the local paper stating that Mr K J Holyoake MP had notified the School Committee that a tender had been accepted

Tentative arrangements' were made to take the children to the baths at Tinui for swimming instruction 2 or 3 times this month if sufficient transport is available.

Mr Hay offered to spray the gorse at the school

Mrs Byford having left the district Mrs Mellish is to take over the cleaning as from 1st February

Outside light for main entrance to school. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Wellington Education Board requesting an

outside light be installed on the corner of the school by the main entrance.

Extensions and new room were not commenced during the holiday
16th February Took all children to Tinui Baths for afternoon.

Swimming instruction

23rd February very violent southerly storm today. Heavy rain very cold. Cancelled swimming at Tinui

27th February Annual Picnic at Riversdale. Mangapakeha school joined in. Beautiful day

12th March A Kerse accidentally broke bone in small finger of right hand

17th March Doctor held pre school clinic at the School residence

19th 20th March School closed. Inservice training course in Masterton for whole Wairarapa

7th April The board is at present negotiating with the contractor re new room. The Board maintaining that the contract starts from the time the tender was accepted.

Approval has been given for an outside light when the alterations are done

Re mowing by pupils Dominion Newspaper March 17th reported that the Board defeated a motion to prevent pupils using a motor mower

The Tinui Committee report that there is a shortage of £15 to complete the final payment for the baths and asked the Whareama School Committee whether they can give assistance.. That the School Committee make a donation of £15 to the Tinui School Committee as the prospect of building a baths in the community is rather remote and the baths are used by the children at Whareama

Because of inadequate lighting in the present infant room and in case of further delay in building the incoming School Committee is recommended to

- a) Improving Lighting by using Tilly Lamps
- b) Erection of a volley board, donated by the Tennis Club as soon as possible
- c) Moving the lower school to the Langdale Hall
- d) Annual Fancy Dress party
- e) Levelling playground and shifting boy's shelter sheds

In recognition of the good behaviour of pupils travelling on the bus Miss Mitchell from Homewood donated £1 to the school to be used as a book token

13th April Householders meeting. 24 Householders present. Those elected Mr W J Kerse (Chairman) Mrs M W Street (Secretary) Mr D S Hay, Mr W H M Douglas, Mr Denniston

13th April New room not started as contractor is held up with other work

Mr Kerse stressed the difficulty of finding board for teachers and asked for the cooperation of parents in notifying the committee when they could board the teacher, even if only for a term.

20th April Today the school moved into the Langdale Hall where the school will be conducted until the additions at the school are carried out.

27th April Miss McKay gave notice of her departure at the end of the term Mr Kerse thanked her for her services to the school and wished her luck in her new appointment at West School

28th April School inspected today by Mr Des Deacon. A personal triennial inspection

8th May Closed the hall, closed the school. Miss I M McKay (Of Gladstone) completed her term relieving, going to Masterton West
25th May Reopened school for second term in hall. Miss M E Billie relieving assistant

Work started on additions at the school today. NOTE: Recently the name of the local domain has been changed to the Whareama Domain and the Hall to the Whareama Hall.

27th May The Secretary to write to Wellington Education Board for 3 more Kerosene Heaters for the main hall also to clarify whether the Board or the Committee pays for the Kerosene used in the heaters whilst the school is in residence in the hall

The School Committee has authorised the purchase of 3 gray blankets from Army Stores for use in the sick bay and for primers using rest cots.

That all parents be asked to notify teacher, especially if on Fridays and Sundays they are going to town and could assist in transporting the teacher at any time. This especially applies to the assistant teacher.

Mr Hay expressed concern at the short stay of some assistant teachers, a succession of relievers being detrimental to the children and the Head Teacher. After discussion it was agreed that an incentive was necessary to attract teachers to country schools. Two ideas for thought

- a) Instead of two classes of schools there to be three, Provincial, City and Country.
- b) Masterton and such towns not be classed as country service

10th June Two electric heaters arrived from board to assist in heating the hall

21st August Closed school for August Holidays. School has been conducted in the Whareama Hall for all this term

27th July That an 8 inch extension speaker be bought for the new room

The following matters were discussed following a meeting of the Central Wairarapa School Committee Association

- a) Religious Instruction. I favour of the present Nelson System of teaching religion in schools.
- b) Ideas to set before Education Commission.
 - 1) Teaching service in country schools
 - 2) Provincial Service to incorporate all boroughs plus schools within 3 miles of a borough boundary
 - 3) 2 Years Country service to equal 3 years provincial
 - 4) Inadequacy of system whereby women teachers relieving in the country receive more than those applying permanently for the same position

The chairman reported that he Masterton County waived the £30 cost involved in dumping the spoil in the school grounds

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr P Andrew of Langdale, congratulating him on his appointment as a JP

7th September Miss M E Billie again relieving assistant

15th September Plumbers are today installing an extra 5000 gallons of water storage for residence

14th September Mr H Barker maintenance officer inspected school with School Committee

30th September The classes returned to the new building today after being in the Whareama Hall since 20th April 1959. The original

school built 1906 has been moved to the property of the house on the north side of the school to serve as a garage

12th October One of the recommendations to the Education Commission was that the entering date for 5 year olds to school be limited to twice a term instead of when attaining the 5th birthday as at present

That a letter of thanks be sent to the Tinui Vestry for use of their heaters in the Whareama Hall.

The original School has been removed to the adjacent property. It was suggested that a notice be put in the window of the building, facing into the school grounds perpetrating the history of the buildings for future years

2nd November Dental Clinic. Mr Hay said the number of times he had to take his children to Tinui for comparatively few fillings was annoying. A suggestion was made that attendance at Lansdowne School would be better. Then parents could at least do business in town on the same day.

26th November Annual Pet's day. Informal function to "open" new building

1st December That the dental nurse work on Whareama Children in the staffroom and attend to the pupils in this area.

The School Committee undertakes to provide transport for the nurse either from Lansdowne or Tinui and to provide accommodation if necessary

One girl and 2 boys will be leaving the sixth standard and Mr Kerse was deputed to buy them each a pen the Committee's customary leaving gift

8th- 9th December Two days swimming and Phys Ed at Tinui School with Phys Ed Staff

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11th January Dental Clinic. Because of the delicacy of the new electric drill it cannot be shifted to other schools, which rules out using the staffroom

The nurse could examine the children's teeth at the school here. With the opening of the new Intermediate School and the building of another clinic in town, the position could be eased in a year or two and pupils may be able to have attention in town clinic but not necessarily Lansdowne

The annual school picnic would be held at Riversdale. Mangapakeha to be invited to join in. Ice Cream and Sweats to be bought from Riversdale Store.

The committee decided to use the Tinui Baths for swimming. Mr Stothers be asked to use his bus for conveying pupils. Each pupil to be charged 1/- per swimming day. This to cover hire of bus

1st February Reopened school. Miss J E Young relieving assistant. W G Foster Head Teacher

4th February A letter was received from the Group Labour Scheme re the possibility of connecting the Group Labour House to the school dam for use in the septic system. Provided that in a dry season the schools needs would always come first

At the next combined School Committee meeting the Question of State Aid to private Schools be raised.

9th February took all children to Tinui of swimming instruction Hired bus from Mr Stothers cost £2-16-0. Again on 15/2 , 17/2, 24/2 26th February School closed shopping day

10th March A letter was received from the Rev Dashfield asking the committee to purchase activity books for the use of children in Standard 2-6 during religious instruction 30 books would be needed at an approximately cost of 1/6 each.

28th March Open meeting It was with regret we record the leaving of Miss Young as infant teacher and the School Committee is sorry to lose her services She was presented with a shoulder spray.

The most important thing was the completion of the school room Appreciation of two families for giving two treadle sewing machines. These machines are at present at the Singer Shop and will be a big asset to the school.

Mr Foster was leaving and Mr Kerse thanked him.

1st April Miss J E Young completed the period relieving at this school today

1st April Thanks to Mr Foster who has been at school for 7 years and a term. A public farewell would be held

4th April Mr T Gooding commenced relieving as assistant

6th May I completed my appointment at this school today. Keys to Mr W N M Douglas of the School Committee for safe keeping. I shall vacate the residence on Tuesday 10th May W G Foster

17th May Louis Edmond Kerr appointed. Currently Sole Charge teacher at Port Levy Canterbury. Takes up position on 7th June 1960

23rd May School reopened without an assistant Unknown Head Teacher

24th May Lower school closed as Standard 2 to Standard 6 visited Hansells, 2XB, Times Age and a dairy factory.

23rd May Miss Levick relieving assistant didn't turn up to work.

25th May Mrs Hilary Atack (Nee Muir) commenced relieving as assistant

9th June Miss M E Sladden aged 17 and just left college appointed as uncertificated reliever

22nd June Dr Roberts and District Nurse attended to children

16th June Mr and Mrs Stothart (Phys Ed and Nature Study) visited school during the morning.

23rd June School Committee held working bee- lime around court, wood, metal on paths, dismantling volley board

4th July L C Kerr commenced duties as head teacher

7th July. Mr L E Kerr new Head Teacher welcomed

The Secretary to write to Mrs Street the previous Secretary, thanking her for her services on the Committee, her donation of shrubs and roses, her husbands' assistance with firewood

Miss B Sladden was to be informed of the appreciation of the committee for her assistance in the school before Mr Kerr's arrival.

Mr Kerr pointed out how a married assistant teacher might be attracted to the school if

- a) A house was made available
- b) The position was advertised accordingly by the Board
- c) The Chairman to approach State Advances Corporation re the ex rabbit board house on Riversdale Road

The chairs in the infant room require rubber stops to reduce noise in the classroom. 22 chairs and tables needed 88 rubbers

Arbor Day. It was explained that shrubs and trees at the school were normally planted before this day. A visit by senior pupils, however was proposed to native bush at Flagstaff, with assistance of trucks. Mr Kerr would then tramp with pupils to suitable area to identify trees and obtain some natives for school area.

Mrs Kerr would be available to the school for sewing instruction (Provided future assistants were men) Board to be advised

Mrs Atack had offered to carry out this duty. Secretary instructed to thank her for her offer.

1st August letter of concern from Mr Kerse to Wellington Education Board asking if the board would pay a reasonable rental on a property to house an infant teacher either married or with dependent relatives

Letter from Mrs Kerr saying she would relieve as an uncertificated teacher and that the Kerrs would offer permanent board to an infant teacher

8th August. Plumber repaired hot water and pumping system at residence. Knocked down flagpole when reversing truck.

19th August. During the holidays Mrs Kerr and I collected about 18 native shrubs and planted them in the "strip"

8th September The native Bush trip was abandoned because of the weather.

There was considerable discussion of a petition recently circulated to residents

That the Whareama School Committee wishes to bring to the notice of the Committee of the Tinui Branch of Federated farmers of NZ (Inc.) that the committee considers the “and to enable Intermediate and Secondary School children to be transported daily to Masterton , Monday to Friday should have been omitted from the petition, regarding alterations to the existing mail service until such time as a public meeting is held to fully discuss the case for a secondary bus to serve the district.

Mr Kerr advised the Committee of the dust nuisance in the classroom due to dust raised by broom sweeping, later settling on pupils and equipment and also chalk dust which remained in the air creating unhygienic conditions

It was agreed to investigate the purchase of a Tellus Vacuum Cleaner.

Meeting started at 8 pm and finished at 11.20 p m

17th September Repaired handles of rake and bats on Saturday Morning.

27th September A galvanised iron mailbox was shown to the committee and purchased

The Committee was advised that Mr Gooding had accepted a permanent position from 3rd October

The Board had no replacement. Mrs Kerr was prepared to teach for a short period to give the Board a chance to fill the position. The board to be advised that an uncertificated teacher was available for three weeks, after that there would be no teacher

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Two racquets were shown to the meeting. The Records show they had been restrung in 1956. It was decided to see if they should be repaired or new ones bought

In the case of a pupil leaving the school in Form 1 the case for a leaving presentation would be considered on its merits

It was resolved

- a) That school children should use hand mowers only
- b) That the services of Mr Cyril Hill be accepted at 6/6d per hour to cut grass in school grounds subject to the agreement of the group Labour Scheme
- c) That Mr Hill would be under the supervision of the Head Teacher
- d) That the loan of a hand mower from Mr Denniston be accepted.

Pampas plants. Mr Douglas had received plants s ordered but they were poor quality. He was asked however to plant ‘em

3rd October Mrs Kerr commenced relieving duties in junior room Mr John McDonald, visiting teacher, spent most of the day at school. Fay McKay suffered suspected fracture (greenbone) of forearm. Trod on a ball and fell on court. Accident reported to Wellington Education Board

5th October. Wool promotion programme at Tinui a m. Sports and social activities p m Rain during afternoon

13th October Mr Bill Hedley- Board’s work officer inspected painting of residence now being undertaken

20th October Painting of residence exterior finished

27th October The only prospect of a teacher was if one was available from a draft of teachers leaving training college shortly

Two new tennis racquets had been purchased (£5-5-0)
Mr Kerr had received a request from Wellington Education Board for a list of probable pupils to attend Wairarapa College which he would compile

Mr Kerr asked if the paddock might be available to him for running sheep for mutton. The Tinui rabbit board leased it at £5.00

Guy Fawkes night was set down for 5th November. Mr Hay would buy £1 worth of rockets

Guy Fawkes day subsequently held at Mangapakeha

10th November Visit of Mr Hickey (Transport Officer) re proposed high school bus in 1961 (*Probably to Masterton*)

21st November Miss Billie commenced duties as relieving assistant-junior room

24th November Annual Pet's Day. Red Cross Stall raised £14 approximately

6th December Miss Billie had returned to take the infant school at the direction of the Board

It was agreed that a letter would be written to the Tinui Rabbit Board that Mr Kerr would take over the paddock

Mr Kerse offered a prize for the top boy and girl. The committee accepted gratefully but would all contribute should more prizes be required.

After discussion it was decided That this committee expresses the desire for greater cooperation between the committee and head teacher in policy matter.

8th December Head Teacher resumed classroom duties in afternoon after having been confined to bed with flu and conjunctivitis. School

continued during past two days with cooperation of infant mistress, my wife, and senior pupils trained in desirable routines

13th December School roll 47

A group of children attended the ballet in Masterton

After prolonged discussion the Head Teacher advised that he would be applying for transfer with which the School Committee fully concurred

1961

1st February Miss J Watson reliever in Junior Department

16th February 6 shopping days were agreed to

School picnic to be held at Riversdale

- a) Y M C A camp was agreed to in event of wet weather
- b) Early arriving pupils to Rendezvous at Mr Denniston's house
- c) 2 Gallons of ice cream to be available at the store
- d) Mr Kerse would run the flag races
- e) Mr Denniston organise a treasure hunt
- f) Mr Hay to prepare an obstacle race
- g) Sack race and three legged races if required.

Head teacher's report. Roll 44.

The Secretary to thank Mr Barton for mowing grounds prior to Langdale Sports

High powered mowers only to be used when children are not about
Note. Mr Barton had declined payment of repairs necessary after his mower struck an obstacle in the school rounds

21st February School closed. Lecture in spelling by Dr Arvidson in Masterton (*Designer of the Arvidson Spelling systems and word lists*)

10th April Visit of Mrs Thornton, Audiometrist. No new defects in hearing noted

14th April Visit of Secretary Manager Wellington Education Board, Board member and area inspector re “Problems”

19th April Mr Garth Cranston McRae appointed his present position Wanhanui?- Sole Charge

23rd March It was agreed with Mr Kerr that the Rabbit Board continue to graze the paddock until a specific request from Mr Kerr was received.

That we run a stock drive to build up funds before the Householder’s meeting. Canvas areas were allocated and Monday 10th April be set for collection.

Mrs Hill was carrying on with school cleaning

Mr Pilmer would mow area with tractor machine

That we send a letter of congratulations to Miss Watson in her appreciation of her capable handling of the school picnic day.

14th April The chairman agreed with the Secretary that the board be asked for an inventory of schoolhouse contents and that an instruction be obtained as regards the committee’s responsibility upon the house be vacated

The reply had come and the Secretary requested to pursue with the Board the listing of “blinds” when in fact. Curtains had been purchased by the Head Teacher

Greater care in expenditure in general account appeared necessary

Resolution To Board

Following upon a meeting in the Whareama Hall on 12th April between the committee and Messers Charles, Logan and Donavan (From Wellington Education Board) the School Committee discussed the inability of the Board to effect the removal of Mr Kerr from the Whareama School

Resolution A That the Whareama School Committee has no confidence in the Head Teacher Mr L E Kerr and urges the Wellington Education Board to do all it can to make it possible for a proper sanctioning of the committee and school, by assisting the Head Teacher in taking up his new position at the earliest possible date

Carried unanimously

Resolution B That a letter be written to the board and a copy be forwarded to the Board Member, setting out the motion and the reasons therefore;

Letter to Wellington Education Board

The committee of the Whareama School wishes to express its extreme dissatisfaction and lack of confidence in Mr L E Kerr

The list below points on which we base our motion of no confidence

- A. An allegation of undue interference has been made against the Committee. Grounds given by the Head Teacher for his allegations are listed as follows

Accommodation for relieving teacher

The request made by the chairman for reasons for not accepting five year old children into the school

Note The chairman and Committee accepted the reasons given as reasonable in view of the special staffing problems prevailing at the time

The manner in which the chairman obtained a certificated assistant as a replacement for an uncertificated teacher

Note These dealings were all with Mr Torrance (Board Staffing Officer) and full reports were given at meetings which Mr Kerr attended

The manner in which members of the committee followed up a verbal complaint regarding flushing of toilets by pupils

Note. The committee agrees that there was a difference of opinion here, and as a result the chairman supported the Head Teacher and laid down certain procedures which should be followed in such cases in the future

The Committee flatly denies the allegations made by the Head Teacher against them and maintains that at all times the committee acted within its rights; acted as we believe a committee is entitled to; and in fact the committee have made every endeavour to keep within the limits that should be maintained.

B The Head Teachers abuse of the chair and committee at Committee meetings has brought relationships to such a level that the proper Committee - Teacher relationship is non-existent

The committee maintains that all or any of these points are not sufficient grounds for the attitude adopted by the Head Teacher. And the committee is of the opinion that an endeavour was made to override and break up the committee; and that the failure of this action has resulted in the attitude and course of action adopted by the Head Teacher.

The Committee does not want a formal enquiry as it feels no good can result

C The Head Teacher's relationship to the parents as a whole is in the opinion of the committee very bad; and this added to B must seriously affect the ability of the Head Teacher to maintain a satisfactory relationship in the classroom with the pupils. If however the Head Teacher pursues his allegations made against the committee, the Committee will defend its action to the limits

The chairman expressed his thanks to the members of the committee for their cooperation and restraint during the past year.

Mr Pilmer moved that the Committee compliment the chairman on his handling of a very difficult situation

17th April Householders meeting 24 present

The chairman welcomed those present He spoke of the death of Mr Peter Andrew who had for many years been chairman of the Householder's meetings and served the school well.

The chairman's report included

- a) The stock drive had produced 25 sheep and several cheques
- b) No shop day had been held as the day had been given up to the Christmas committee
- c) Thanks also to Mr Gray for his services on the bus

The meeting moved a vote of confidence in the outgoing committee in connection with the present staffing situation.

20th April Letter from Mr Charles Secretary of Wellington Education Board to Mr Kerr with a carbon copy to Mr Kerse and to the Chairman of the Wellington Education Board

Included

- a) In the opinion of the Board it is clear that an untenable situation has been reached and it was resolved that you be advised that you are to take up your appointment at the Eastern Hutt School forthwith
- b) I am of course fully aware of your housing problems and expect that the Board's house in Donald Street can be made available for you at the end of the month for a rental of £3.2.0 per week
- c) I am of course prepared to arrange for suitable washing facilities to be provided and also to arrange if you so desire free storage of your bulk furniture until such time as the pool house is available for you.

5th May Ceased school today L E Kerr

8th May Mrs Jeanette Constance Parkinson appointed assistant mistress

John Verity Parkinson appointed (Replacing Mr Mills who withdrew who replaced Mr Clifford who withdrew)

15th May The head teacher's chair was vacant as Mr Kerr had relinquished his appointment

The Committee had farewelled Miss Watson at a small function and thanked her for her services to the school

Mr McRae had declined his appointment

Mr and Mrs Mills had also declined

Mr and Mrs Parkinson had accepted the appointment

It was noted that a permanent appointment was to be assistant mistress.

That the rabbit board lease of the school paddock be renewed with the condition that the committee reserves the right to reclaim the grazing of it with one month's notice

Mr Kerse submitted his resignation from date of the next committee.
(Mr Kerse had stayed on until Mr Kerr left)

22nd May Commenced duties as Head Teacher with Mrs J C Parkinson as assistant J V Parkinson

24th May School roll 42. Sugar, coke and firewood arrangements were discussed

Religious instruction was confirmed as continuing as previously.

That the School Committee go into ways and means of purchasing a school piano.

25th May Withdrew Jeanette Alice Kerr from the register today

7th June Painters arrived to paint out buildings same colour as school
2 coats

14th June Mr Parkinson pointed out the necessity for the house phone to have an extension installed in the school.. That the Secretary write to the Post Office requesting the installation of an extension phone in the school

Saturday sport at the school was also reported on by Mr Hay (Chairman) The Football Club had organised children's football coaching and basketball coaching was also being provided for the girls.

Mr Henderson also undertook to recondition the school basketball
Cups for parent teacher meetings were badly needed. That 3 dozen cups and saucers be purchased: Also 1 tin of biscuits.

6th July Mr G A (John) Macdonald, rural adviser spent day here

17th July That Mr A G Pilmer's offer to sell the school a piano at £75 be accepted subject to the Board's approval.

2nd August Home and School Mr and Mrs Parkinson's methods

4th September Roll 43. Staff unchanged

7th September That the certificate from Steele and Bull, Music Shop Masterton and an application for subsidy be forwarded to the Board.

That a further stock drive be held to finance the projected ground improvement works

There was some discussion on current controversy over future at Wairarapa College

That Dr Palmer Chairman of Board of Governor's Wairarapa College be invited to address a meeting of our Parent Teachers Group

Roll 42. The parent teacher Groups had met three evenings very successfully

Mrs Parkinson would be applying for leave of absence during October for several months

28th September Sue Barnes "ran away" today to the river- Father and self found her 3 hours later. All OK

2nd October Mrs J Henderson commenced relieving today in the infant room. Mrs Parkinson has applied for Maternity Leave.

Mrs J Henderson October to October'

Reliever Miss Dianne Patricia Whitwell from Carterton October-December. 18 years old going to Training College next year

9th October Mr Douglas had planted pampas grass on the school frontage

The Riversdale surf club would be asked to provide a lecture to parents on methods of resuscitation including Mouth to Mouth

It was proposed to re erect the flagpole temporarily on a gatepost at the front gate

The Morrison mower at £37-10-0 less discount appeared to be the most suitable mower to purchase.

6th November A new motor mower had been purchased from Wright Stephenson's

Over 50 residents had attended the Resuscitation Lecture given at the school by the Riversdale Surf Club. A letter was to be sent thanking the club.

Farewell to Homewood Bus Driver Mr D Gray. A public Function was being arranged. The children were preparing a small function.

Roll 42

Mr Parkinson reported on the mowing of school area. He had been obliged to mow the playing area due to Mr Hill's default of over 1 month. Chairman agreed to discuss the matter with Mr Hill

That the Head Teacher be paid for grass mowing completed

Mr Parkinson also outlined a proposal at present under discussion by local teachers and a Masterton manual training officer to arrange transport with the Education Board for Form 1 and 2 pupils to travel to Masterton Possibly weekly

That no dogs be allowed on school grounds except on a leash

That the Wellington Education Board be asked for a relieving teacher for term 1 as Mrs Parkinson is on Maternity Leave

14th November inspectors report Shows roll 42

It is pleasing to note that school and community relations are harmonious.

11th December. Resignation of relieving assistant

Two Burnham Pens would be purchased (*As leaving gifts for children*). That Miss Whitwell be thanked.

A very satisfactory report on the school from Inspectors Logan and Skillington was tabled.

A suggestion was made for next year: That committee men's wives be responsible for the serving of afternoon tea.

Mr Parkinson had built a functional fowl house at the residence
Mangapakeha School was planning a wind up function on 14th December 1961

That the Committee and Head Teacher inspect the school grounds at 1 pm on Thursday 18th January

1962

6th February

Chairman reported he had secured the services of Mrs Janet Miller for 2 months as acting assistant teacher

Swimming in the Whareama River was also discussed.

School roll 40

Mrs Miller had competently taken over infant room. New floor mats for infants to sit on were required

Tennis net was now of no use

20th March Roll 39

Mrs Parkinson would resume on 2nd April

He also reported an elusive leakage of the hand water supply system
Equipment to be provided for creosoting residence fowl house

30th April Open meeting of parents. 20 persons present.

Following the arrival of Mr and Mrs Parkinson the general tone and well being of the school had risen considerably since their arrival

The Bottle drive money had gone towards a new tape recorder.

Mr Parkinson spoke on the history project with Tinui and Okautete Schools on the history of the district

22nd May That prizes for the Fancy Dress be sweets (lifesavers) as last year and door charge be 2/6d per family

Site for sandpit was decided as North West corner of hedge by front gate

That we apply for a grant in aid for reconstruction of the boys shelter sheds.

The school roll 35

The bottle drive had resulted in 450 dozen bottles sold. 60 dozen remained to be sold, also WACO and Kiwi Bottles to be sold.

The infant room needed.

- a) Wendy house and contents
- b) Book case unit for quiet corner
- c) Percussion instruments
- d) Wet day games
- e) Special readers
- f) Cuisenaire- extra blocks
- g) Woodwork tools
- h) Wood off cuts and wooden jigsaws

Senior Room needed

- a) Tape recorder
- b) As many books as possible for the library
- c) The film strip list needs increasing

d) Sports equipment would need some replacement in the summer.

14th June 3 p m meeting

Chairman had discussion with Mr Kilmister of the digging of a drain. An estimate of 4 hours @ £3 with dragline was given

6th August Bottle drive proceeds totalled £54-10-8

Mr Douglas reported that the pampas plants had arrived but Maintenance Officer's approval to the digging of a drain above shrubbery was required before pampas could be planted.

Approval was given for the transparent plastic for making covers for the new library books

Mr Parkinson displayed blank record cards which are to be filled in by primary school teachers to give an overall record of the individual child for the benefit of subsequent teacher. He reported that the cards are not been requested by him from Secondary Schools when pupils transferred.

That the Committee order a copy of the report of the Commission on Education for the school

5th September Mr J V Parkinson demonstrated a model tape recorder Model MRI at present on trial

Following this Mr Hay took the chair for business in the staffroom.

The maintenance officer on his inspection had decided to endeavour to get £20 allocated for the open drain. Mr Douglas would plant the pampas at his farm in the meantime.

That we apply for a subsidy for 16 volume encyclopaedias. And a Tape recorder.

Mr C Hill had resigned from mowing the lawn. Mr Parkinson had taken over.

A proposal for a car parking area along the school frontage was discussed.

Roll 37

It was decided to request Mr R S Pilmer to show his slides and give an address on his visit to McMurdo Sound.

1st October Meeting started at 8.15

Tape recorder. Subsidy to hand less sales tax

A Mothers V Daughters basketball game had been played.

Mr Douglas offered to empty rubbish bins. Mr Pilmer offered to supply an incinerator until a permanent one arrived from the Board as proposed by Mr Hedley Wellington Education Board maintenance officer.

8th November Art prints were in circulation around schools. A print was displayed and the scheme explained.. That £2 be contributed to Art Prints Scheme

13th December That attendance certificates to those children who have not missed more than 6 half days over the full year at Whareama School be continued.

Tennis club coaching at school court was being held on Saturday Mornings.

That a letter be sent to the Domain Board stating that there was a possibility of building of a swimming pool on the Domain Grounds.

1963

That we write to Mr Hedley saying that we consider the drain of such importance to our whole ground drainage system, that we request further consideration of this work.

The School Committee would meet on the 21st February at Mr Denniston's to discuss the points raised re the Royal Commission findings and there should be further discussion at parent teacher meetings later.

Mr J V Parkinson had taken over the cleaning duty from 5th February

Roll 39

Minute Book kept going but I stopped as I was starting to deal with too many people I knew

1967

30th September D Finnie head teacher

26th November D Finnie Head teacher and Miss D Corlett assistant

1970

Inspector Ned Rankin inspected the school Mr A D Finnie Head Teacher and Mrs M A Finnie assistant A very positive report. Mr *Ned Rankin was my Standard 6 teacher at Muritai School Esatbourne*

1971

23rd June G Kingi Head teacher

1972

19th June Mrs W L Kingi applies for years LOA for maternity leave. Note: there are no relieving teachers in the district

23rd August in reply to an urgent letter from Mr Kingi. Frank Alpe Wellington Education Board Secretary Manager replies that the Board is actively following up. *Yeah Right*

12th September Telegram from Whareama to Wellington Education Board Whareama School Committee after having discussions re appointment of relieving infant teacher until the 3rd term 1973 have decided that with parents assistance the room can continue open until Friday 15th September and that we require the Board to send notification to parents if it is necessary to close the room in the absence of an appointment being made by Monday 18th September.

Signed Bunkley Honorary Secretary Alderford Private Bag Masterton *(In a telegram you paid by the word)*

26th Oct Dorothy M Elliott writes to Mr Hickey Wellington Education Board staffing officer saying how happy she has been at Whareama as assistant.

1973

3rd April Mr G Kingi applies for a teacher aide as roll is 54 and increasing

A group of Maori children have just arrived in the area and also 2 Indian children who require much individual attention in language and reading

The teacher Aide to ease the pressure on my year 2 teacher who is taking time to adjust to teaching in a class with such a wide range of levels

Mrs Kingi took on teacher Aide position. 10 hours given.

15th July Letter from Mr Kingi. Roll is now 59. 5 new entrants are due to begin next term'

Miss Galbraith has expressed a desire to stay on. Mrs Kingi returns from Maternity leave

Note on Wellington Education Board paper. Miss Galbraith should remain if she is prepared to We undertook at the beginning of the year to shift her at the end of term but it appears she may have changed her mind!

Inspectors Reports

14th July 1964 Roll 39 Mr J V Parkinson, Mrs J C Parkinson

The school is well organised and provides for all the needs of the children The family atmosphere in the school is pleasing

It is obvious that teachers and parents make many sacrifices in the interests of the school. Parents and teachers have given many hours through working bees

The team effort should reflect in the quality of education in the school. It has been a pleasure to note again the efficiency of the school

26th November 1967 Roll 55 D Finnie Head Teacher Miss D Corlett

It is noted that some children travel approximately 20 miles each way daily a number reaching home in the afternoon at 5.00

Swimming has been regularly conducted in the very attractive school pool

Hockey has been added to the normal school activities

Of particular interest is the setting up of the school library so that opportunities available to urban children are presented also to these country children

17th November 1970 Roll 34. Mr A D Finnie Mrs M A Finnie

8th July 1974 Roll 67 Head Teacher Mr G Kingi, Mrs L Kingi, Mrs A Coventry

Because of the increasing roll the school is entitled to a third classroom and at present was using a forestry house next door while awaiting the arrival of a prefab.

Overall this is a lively and progressive school which must be commended for the sound school tone etc

8th March 1978 Roll 51. Mr A L Axton Mrs Axton

The principle and his assistant have made a useful start In the Junior Room levels of attainment in the basic subjects are at a high level

In the senior room the presentation of work is of a high standard

Buildings

1887 Building built 300 square feet. Land 5 acres

1954 Residence built 1065 Square Feet

1899	9	Whareama (Blairlogie)	Moss	Marie		Female	£33
1900	10	Whareama	Moss	Marie		Female	£22
1901		Whareama	Closed				
1902	6	Whareama	Pickering	Elvira A		Female	£30
1903	6	Whareama	Chapman	F M		Female	£30
1904	10	Whareama	Chapman	F M		Female	£60
1905	11	Whareama	Chapman	F M	Licensed	Female	£60
1906	11	Whareama	Scott	Myrtle		Female	£66
1907	14	Whareama	Irwin	Hannah E	Licensed	Female	£110
1908	14	Whareama	Chapman	Blanche		Female	£84
1909	14	Whareama	Chapman	Blanche		Female	£90
1910	15	Whareama	Chapman	Blanche		Female	£90
1911	16	Whareama	Chapman	Blanche		Female	£94
1912	20	Whareama	Turner	Mary E		Female	£108
1913	22	Whareama	Turner	Mary E		Female	£112
1914	23	Whareama	Turner	Mary E Mrs	D3	Female	£135
1915	36	Whareama	Turner	Mary E Mrs	D3	Female	£145
1917	39	Whareama	Turner	Mary E Mrs	D	Head	£210
1917	39	Whareama	Gibbs	Catherine M		Assistant	£126
1919	29	Whareama	Turner	Mary E Mrs	D-55	Sole	£300
1921	23	Whareama	Sutton B A	Howard H	B	Sole	£270
1923	14	Whareama	Sutton B A	Howard H	B-90	Sole	£285