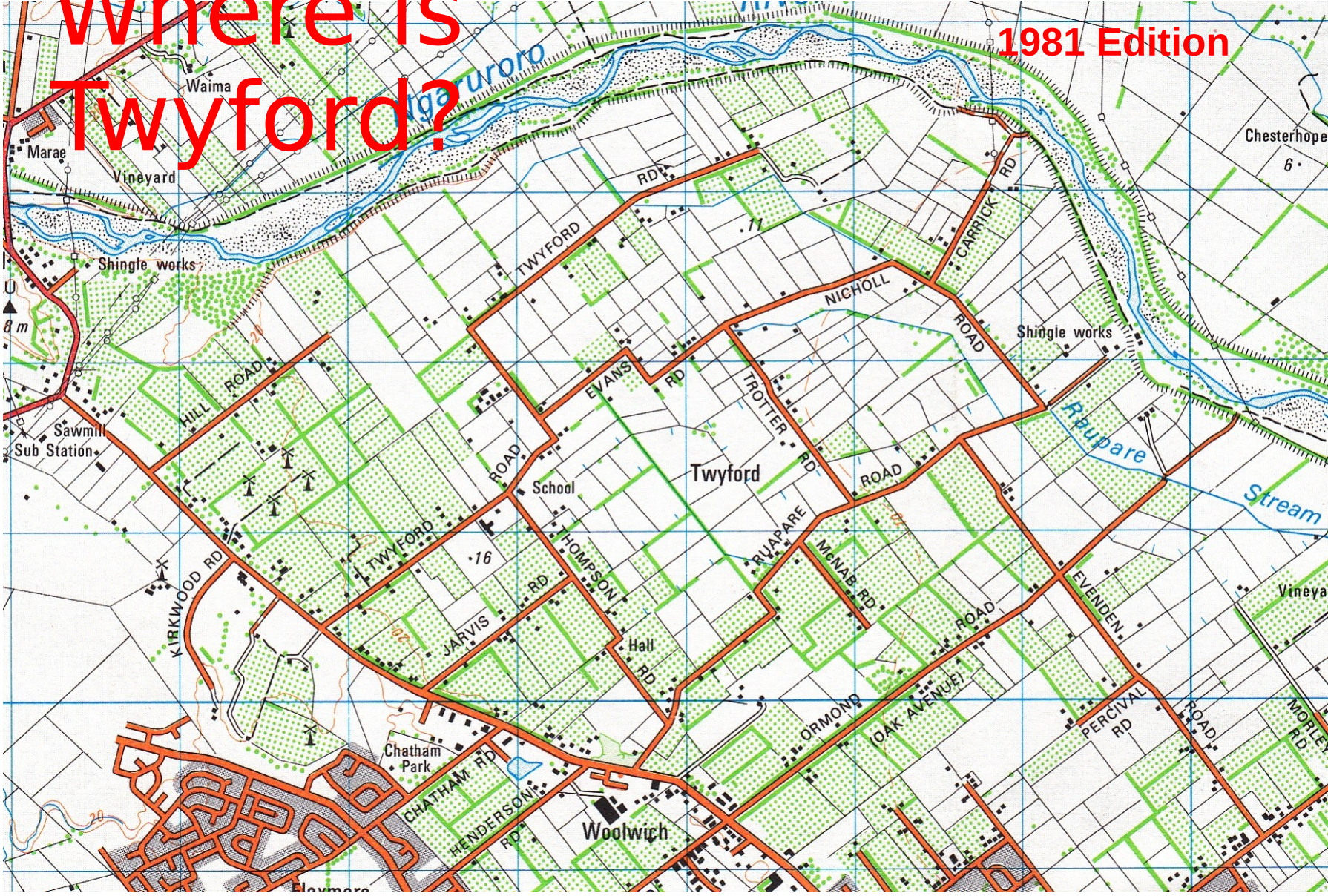


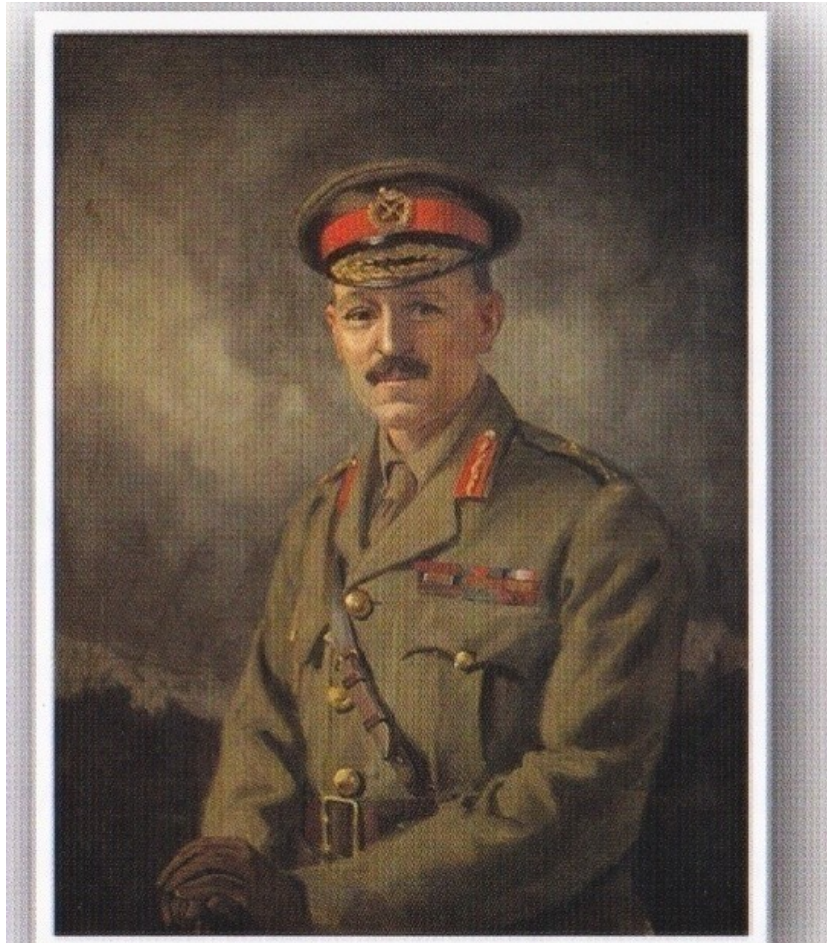
Lifting the  
Outskirts

Twyford Revealed

# Where is Twyford?

1981 Edition





**Sir Andrew Russell**

**Sir Andrew Russell is regarded by the residents of Twyford as a benefactor, a generous supporter and a man who had an eye to the future.**

**A Need for a  
School ...**

**The room facing was the original classroom –  
demolished in 2009**



The original building 1930

# A Fine Band of Men ...



Mr. T. TAIT (Chairman)



Mr. J. AGNEW



Mr. S. JARVIS (Secretary)



Mr. C. H. THOMPSON



Mr. D. WILSON

# The Originals

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Register Number.	Form Reg. No. of pupil readmitted.	Date of Admission or Re-admission.	Name & full address.	Date of Birth.
1		7-10-12	Innes Leabella Chalmers	14-7-1899
2		7-10-12	List Gladys May	13-6-1900
3		7-10-12	Bennett Ruth Elizabeth	15-3-1898
4		7-10-12	Innes Janet	11-2-1901
5		7-10-12	Wilson Amy Amelia	21-2-1902
6		7-10-12	Thompson Lois Marian	8-5-1902
7		7-10-12	Young Duncan	26-4-1902
8		7-10-12	M:hab Mabel Bertha	20-5-1902
9		7-10-12	Lait Eddie Henry	29-11-1900
10		7-10-12	List Mildred Mary	9-11-1903
11		7-10-12	Heard Joyce Charlotte	3-7-1903
12		7-10-12	List Harold	31-8-1905
13		7-10-12	Evans Eric	18-12-1905
14		7-10-12	Evans Angus	25-12-1900
15		7-10-12	Heard Gordon	8-7-1904
16		7-10-12	M:hab Thomas David	12-2-1906
17		7-10-12	Heard Gladys	12-10-1905
18		7-10-12	Heard Hazel	13-1-1907
19		7-10-12	Wharton Ada	11-3-1906
20		7-10-12	Wharton John	26-7-1907
21		9-10-12	Riddell Catherine	15-10-1904
22		9-10-12	Riddell Effie Marian	13-5-1906



## The Roll Grows...



Back Row: Billie Petersen ? ? Hector Mercer? Gordon Heard? ? ? Duncan Young? ? Eddy Tait Fred Cook (teacher)

# The roll continues to grow ...



*Back Row: Norman Cooper. Brian Horrocks. Campbell MacKav. Graham Burns. Graeme Hasell. Eric Heminway. Wavne Evans. Neal Burns. Alistair Shaw.*

**... and to grow ...**



**The roll continued to  
grow ...**



*Present Day Students & Staff*

26th September 2012

Photographer: Glenn Taylor

# The Inspectors Visit

This school was opened on October 7<sup>th</sup>  
of the present year.  
It is in charge of Mr Thomas Staggs  
The roll numbers 37, of whom 29 were present  
at the time of my visit.  
Of the total roll twenty-one of the pupils  
had attended either Whakanga & Whakanga, Whakanga  
Pakei Pakei or Omahu. The non-attending  
are quite young.

The excerpt from the very first Inspector's Report - 5 December 1912 - Henry Hill

II.—Report of work done in subjects not specified in the individual class lists, including the general arrangements therefor and the choice made where an option is permitted:—

Nature Study - observation of clouds, rain etc.  
study of birds and trees.

Physical Exercises - no apparatus - taken at  
9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. for 5 or 6  
minutes.

Dairy work - Milk testing by Babcock tester -  
properties of milk - dairy cows -  
individual work and arithmetic on.

Health - General ideas of care of body -  
introduced as occasion offers.

Forwarded Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, 1912.

Thos. Staggpoole, Head Teacher.

In order:

H. Hill

Inspector.

sits continue ...

The excerpt from the very first Inspector's Report  
- 5 December 1912 - Henry Hill

immediate surroundings of the building. The attendance has risen to 49 so that, given a good standard of regularity, a second teacher should be added to the staff next year; the parents should bear this in view. At present whooping cough prevails & results in a certain amount of absence.

Excerpts from the 1913  
Inspector's Report

He also assessed the learning and teaching as per the report.

He concluded that the ... "Tone and Discipline - Excellent. I was pleased with the appearance of the children. The out-offices are very neat."

Needlework: Good; but programme limited.

Science: Dairy work - Satisfactory. A useful programme is in view. I am pleased to find this subject in the course. A primus lamp should be provided.

Weather records - Fair. There is a good equipment of instruments and from graphs on the wall it appears that records are regularly kept; the pupils, however, found difficulty in explaining the use of the instruments and describing their action. A good nature study collection has been initiated.

Singing - Excellent.

Drill - Good.

They also served ...

**Mr Fred Cook –  
Headmaster 1913 - 1916**



# They also served

**Miss Ida Bain**  
**Infant Mistress**  
**1914 - 1918**



They also served

...

**Miss Joyce Kater**  
**A young teacher**  
**1928 - 1932**

They also served

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**Mr Cyril Arthur**  
**Headmaster - 1929 – 1934**

They also served ...

**Miss H M Hayes Assistant  
Teacher - 1937 – 1940**

# The Kauri



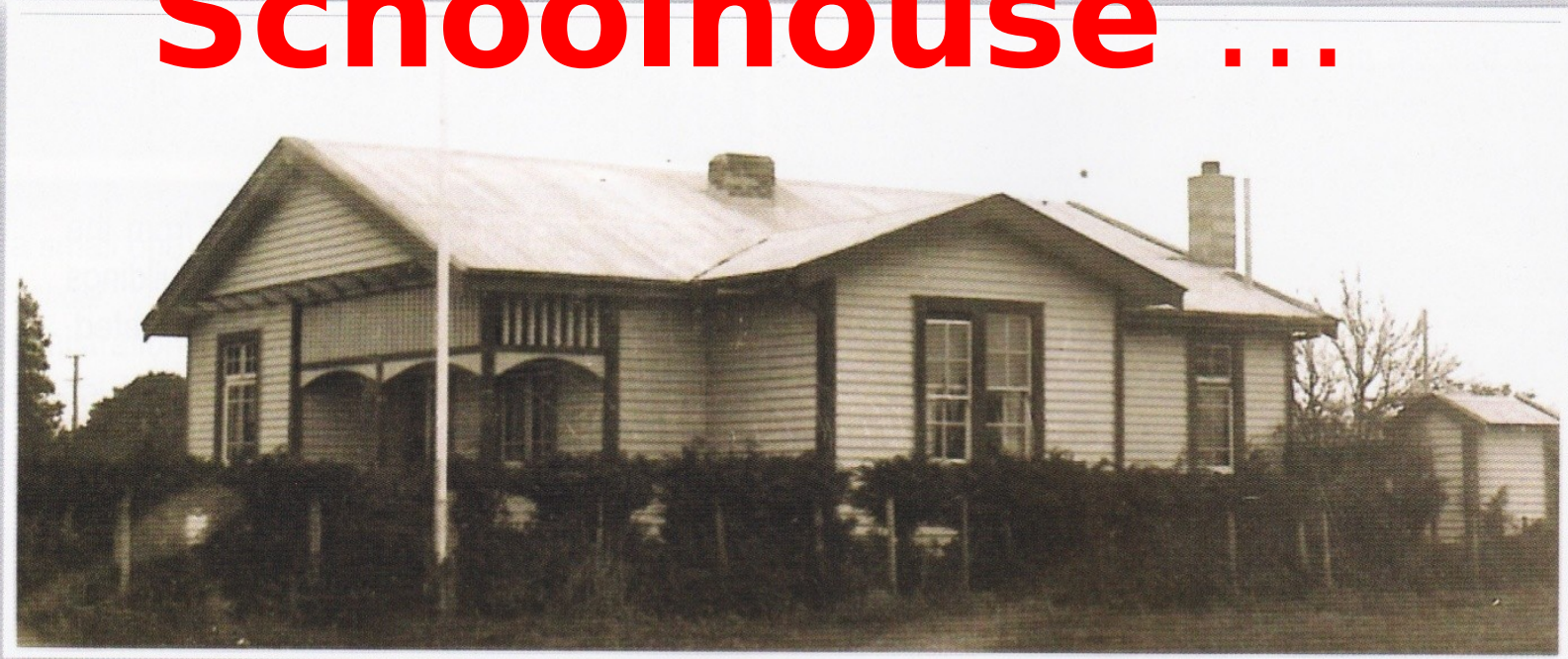
# They also served

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**Mr C George Warren**  
**Headmaster**  
**1953 - 1958**



# The Schoolhouse ...



The School house circa 1930

Telephone  
Okawa 702

TUNA NUI  
HASTINGS  
HAWKES BAY.

27 August 1989

Twyford School Trust Board

Dear Sir

It has been brought to my attention that a portion of the land set aside for a school at Twyford by my Grandfather the late Sir Andrew Russell, is to be sold by Land Corp. I believe that this land was given to the Community at Twyford to ensure that the intended school had adequate ground.

I find it hard to believe that, now 75 odd years later, when the School and Community have both grown considerably in number that the need for ground space is less, not more. Therefore I question the wisdom of Land Corp. in selling this land.

As the present head of the Russell family I register strong protest against the possible sale of any part of the land occupied by the Twyford School. In fact I would also question Land Corps right to settlement.

Yours faithfully

John R. Russell

Letter of support from John Russell to the Education Board.



# **An old-timer recalls ...**

**This handwritten note was found in the archives at the back of some shelves. Unfortunately it is not dated, not able to be attributed to anybody but it deserves to be published. It comes from the memories of the early 1920's due to its reference to Mr Nicoll, the head teacher appointed in 1919.**

**I suspect that it was developed from personal memories of past pupils for the 1962 Twyford School Reunion.**

# Comparison S ...



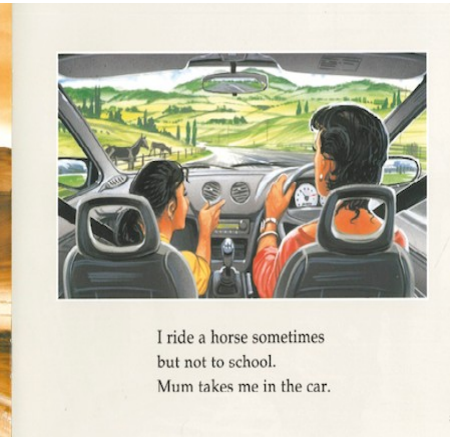
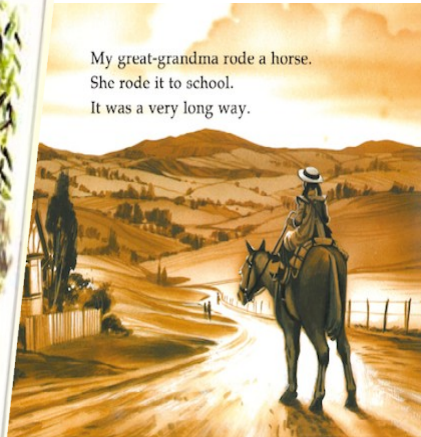
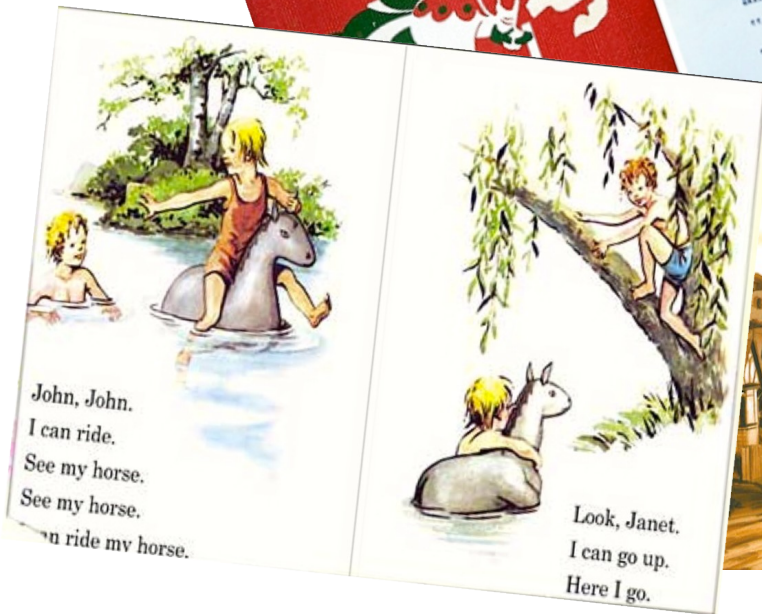
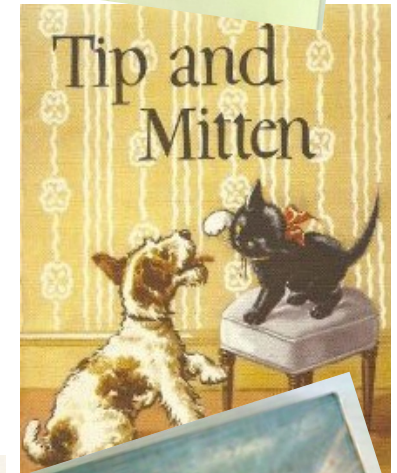
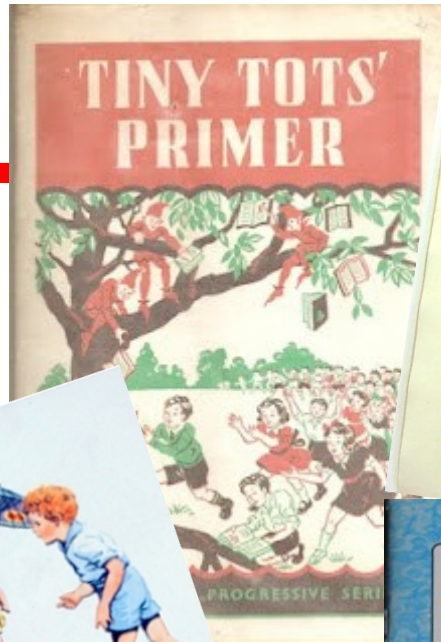
# Handwriting styles

## Handwriting styles ...

Handwriting styles have developed over the years – some say you can judge character from them. Here is a sample of varying examples of our principals as taken from the Attendance Register.



# Readers .

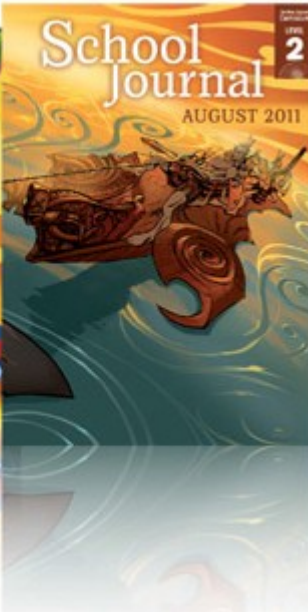
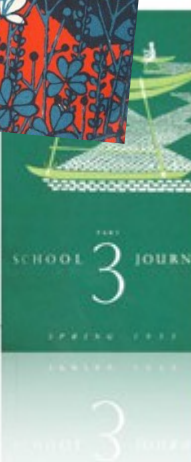


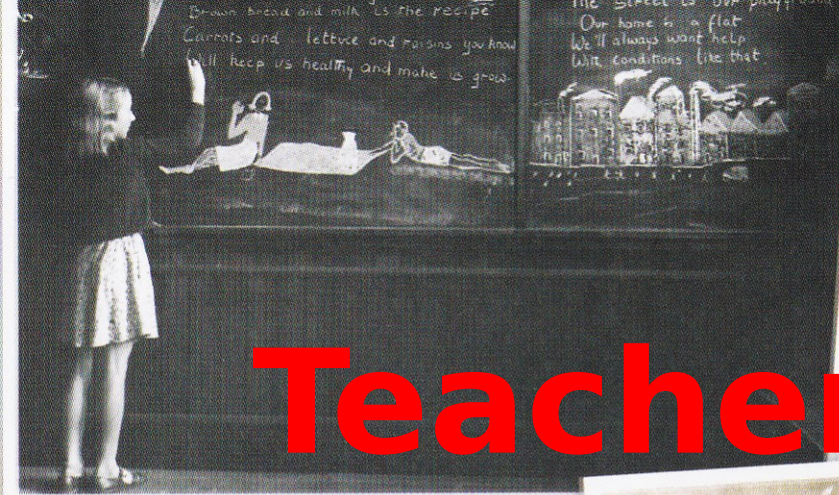
# Journals ...



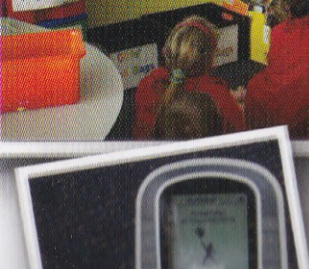
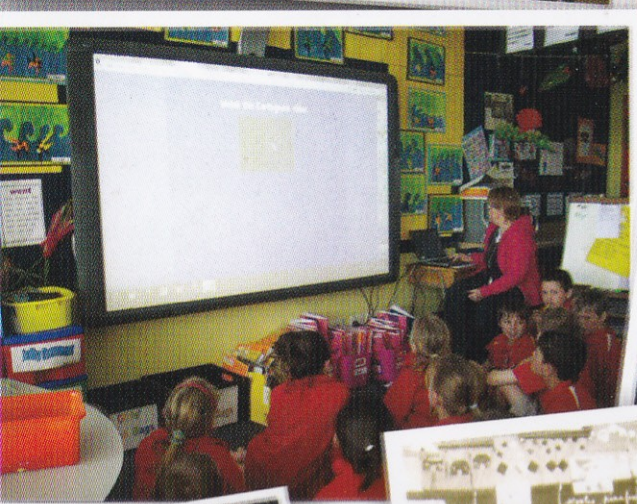
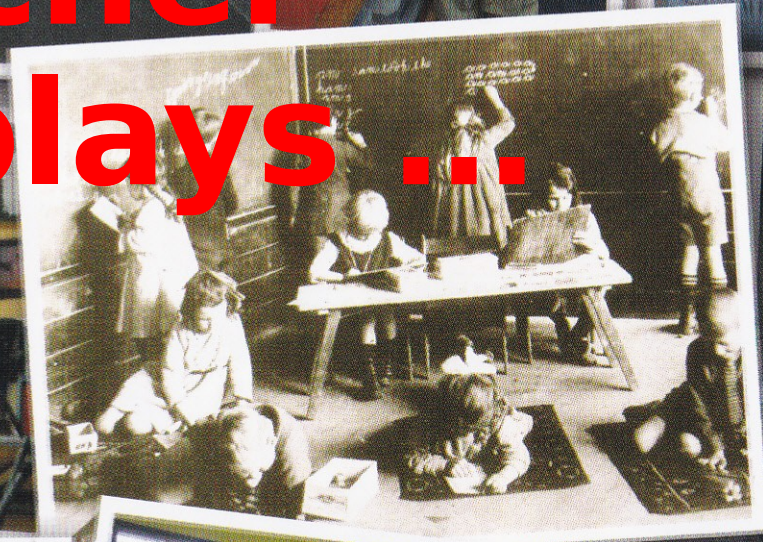
At the end of each year, each of our students writes a letter to the editor. This is the letter that we have chosen for this year.

**THE FISHES OF THE OCEAN**  
The ocean is a vast, deep, and beautiful place. It is home to many different kinds of fish. Some are small and some are large. Some are colorful and some are plain. Some are fast and some are slow. Some are friendly and some are scary. The ocean is a wonderful place and we should all love it.

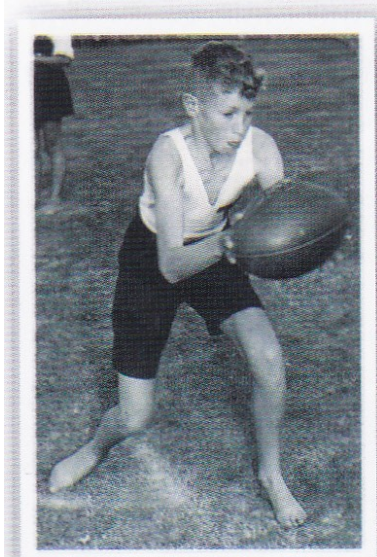




# Teacher displays ...



# Sporting Uniforms



Campbell Mac Kay  
Basketball 1950



Basketball, 1964



oid sports' days when

Kiwi B Cricket, 19



10-a-side Rugby, 1999

# Statements taken from the Log Bo

## Major Events

**1914 ... 4 August ... War declared ... school closed for 1/2 day to allow all to attend "Declaration" ceremony in Hastings. Flagpole erected and 'saluting the flag' commenced.**

**1916 ... Dominion Day - school assembled 9 o'clock and after address on "New Zealand and it' importance during present war" saluted the flag and sang "God Save the King". School then resumed work as usual.**

**1925 ... Owing to Infantile Paralysis the school did not open for 1925 until April 20. During a part of their Term Assignment of work was set by the Education Board and the work was well responded to by the pupils.**



# Major Events

**1931 ... 3 February ... HB Earthquake ... no injuries with all pupils outside. Considerable damage to the buildings and equipment. 5 schools had to be demolished and 106 schools sustained some damage.**

**School recommenced under the trees.**

**1938 ... Anzac Day flood.**

# Major Events

**1945 ...** The capitulation of the German armies in Italy and West Austria has taken place and the Minister of Education has granted a school holiday on Friday 4 March.

Definite news of the cessation of hostilities was received late this morning and in accordance with instructions, the school was closed and will reopen on Friday August 17. The children were advised that a parade of children will be held in Hastings at 9am tomorrow.

Heavy rain interfered with Peace Celebrations set down for the morning and these will be held tomorrow.

**1968 ...** Most severe storm in 'living memory'. Lifted the new bike shed off its foundations and throwing it against the boundary fence. Forced to cancel field trip to South Island. In order to overcome children's disappointment at the cancellation I may organise an alternative trip.

# Statements taken from the Log Book Concern for Children

**1913 ... Whooping Cough prevalent in surrounding district - attendance suffering considerably.**

**1919 ... School closed by order of Chairman on account of severe weather - no attendance.**

**1933 ... This winter the children were provided with cocoa as usual but as the entertainments organised by the Committee to raise funds for "Cocoa" were not well supported the children were asked to pay 3d per head per week. The cocoa was very popular with all concerned, only 1 or 2 pupils not taking it.**

**1948 ... Held annual school picnic in Windsor Park. Swimming and running events for which money prizes were given. Senior boy 1<sup>st</sup> won 5/6, 2<sup>nd</sup> nothing; Junior boy 1<sup>st</sup> 3/6, 2<sup>nd</sup> 1d; Primer 1<sup>st</sup> 1/-, 2<sup>nd</sup> nothing.**

# Concern for Children

**1966 ...** Doctor commented on condition of hair on one of the children. Nurse is to call to leave the washing solution. Approval to send ... to Health Camp has been given providing the necessary clothing could be found. I contacted several parents with regards to this requesting any clothing of suitable size that their children had outgrown.

Received excellent response from the parents for clothing. Apparently nothing can be done by us about housing conditions.

**1969 ...** Slot car reported missing by David Osborne. Investigations brought no information. Public Health Nurse on request investigated the children infected with ringworm.

**1978 ...** Discussion by local people on dangers in the environment - sprays, machinery, firearms and explosives.

**1998 ...** Fans installed in Rooms 5 & 6 and soon to be installed in Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 7

# Statements taken from the Log Book

## Trouble at Mill ...

**1943 ...** As a result of the long dry spell of weather it has been impossible to fill the school baths this month. The water will rise to about 18 inches above the bottom and as a result the swimming instruction has suffered.

**1967 ...** The state of water lying around the classroom entrances is making it virtually impossible to keep the floors clean.

**1969 ...** The lack of cleanliness in the school was so appalling and he was making no effort to bring it back up to standard that the Chairman of the School Committee visited to inspect the cleaning standard - the cleaner tendered his resignation. The children used to assist in a thorough cleanup before new appointment.

**\$1** reported missing from Room 1. All teachers instructed that money is not to be left in classrooms but left for safety in the Office.

# **Trouble at Mill ...**

**1970 ... Plumbers called to clear blocked stormwater drain - could not find outlet. Job unfinished.**

**Plumbers discovered that the stormwater drain from the playground and the Junior Block ran under the 'gate' end of the woodshed and ended in solid earth - no wonder it was blocked.**

**1971 ... School Cleaner, Mr R Smith, handed in his resignation for health reasons. (1<sup>st</sup> June)**

**Eight applicants for the position of cleaner were interviewed. Little choice on grounds of suitability.**

**Mr R Smith died today in hospital (6<sup>th</sup> June). A wreath was sent by the Committee. The new cleaner will finish his duties at the end of the week. He is unable to cope with the job satisfactorily. (30<sup>th</sup> June). The cleaner has not done his work - no contact from him at all. The staff have done the cleaning.**

**The previous cleaner died this morning. He collapsed at the wheel of his car. (4<sup>th</sup> July).**

**Intercepted an unsuitable article being handed between the children. Action taken over the 'yellow' article.**

# **Trouble at Mill ...**

**1979 ... Very wet and blustery day. Rain water running down inside walls - Building Supervisor checked and nailed down roofing iron.**

**New septic tank and sewage system installed during May school holidays.**

**Checked swage system and found it blocked at inspection point.**

**New sewage system back flooding because of much rain and high groundwater level.**

**1995 ... Major burglary within the school.**

**After remedial action was taken the following costs were involved - \$6582 on the installation of an infra-red security system; \$480 on the daily monitoring of the system; \$1090 on the maintenance of the system; \$764 on the installation of new door locks; \$613 on the installation of window locks; \$420 on the upgrading of security lights. A budget of \$100 was allowed for. We overspent by 2184%.**

# Statements taken from the Log Book

## Humour ...

**1976 ...** Swimming Sports held at Aquatic Centre. A child from R2 got into slight difficulties and Mrs Cresswell had to enter the water.  
Mrs Cresswell ceased teaching duties to take maternity leave.

**1989 ...** Received 7 new staffroom chairs - colour doesn't match but they are soft - hope to get the staff off them and back to their classes.

**2001 ...** "Wacky Wet Sports Day" held - a wide range of saturated activities but watch out for the clown - he is dangerous.



And off into the future  
with the past behind them

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