

WAIWHARE SCHOOL HISTORY

AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

Acknowledgments:

To all those who have given photos and supplied information so enabling this history to be compiled from the start of the school in 1952, the committee's grateful thanks.

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The committee wished to record a vote of thanks to Mrs B Dampney for her work on the school history, on behalf of the district.

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THE EARLY HISTORY OF WAIWHARE SCHOOL

The finance for the school building was raised by the settlers of the Waihau district and was then built by a builder in 1930.

The site chosen for the building was in a Reserve on the farm owned by Mr. W. H. Hartree, "Ngaroto", Waihau.

The school building was moved from this site in 1952 and transported by truck to Waiwhare.

The original site chosen for the Waiwhare School was on Mr TF Fountaine's property, then the present site was decided upon being half-way between "Waiwhenua", "Omahaki" and "Waikonini".

The school land was generously lent by Mr BC Ward. A bus was purchased in 1951 by Messrs C Tolley, D Arthur, P Sheild and J Sheild to take the children to Otamauri School until Waiwhare School opened.

1952

PRESENT PUPILS

Ann Sheild
Christopher Sheild
Tim Sheild
Jane Sheild
Paul Sheild
Peter Arthur
Margie Arthur
Dennis Goulding
Daryl Marshall
Peter Kyle
Tony Drummond

LEAVING PUPILS

Ann Sheild
Peter Arthur

TEACHER

Relieving Teacher until the end
of the year from Otamauri was
Mr W George Lowe

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

F Fountaine
O Marshall

THE YEAR' S ACTIVITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 15th: Official opening by Chairman Hawke' s Bay Education Board, Mr Sivewright and
Secretary Manager, Mr Page.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY: Mrs Cliff Tolley



First principal, George Lowe, in an interview with Edmund Hillary after Everest expedition

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15th Sept 1952.
 Warehouse School was opened with eleven pupils on the roll. Ann Shield, Chris Shield, Kim Shield, Jane Shield, Paul Shield, Peter Arthur, Mary Arthur, Dennis Gauding transferred from Clansville School. Donald Marshall from Rauwha; Tony Hammond from Correspondence; Peter Hyde a new entrant.
 Relieving teachers appointed until the end of 1952:
 1. W.G. Lowe on leave from Clansville School.
 School stands on warehouse property owned by Mr. Benjie Ward. The name of the school comes from the property. The building was transferred from a site across the Tutekupu R. & used to be called Ngapoto School.
 Two school commissioners were appointed by the H.B. Education Board until the next election of school committees. The commissioners are Mr. Owen Marshall & Mr. Frank Jamieson.
 All children are transported in a school bus owned jointly by seven owners (John Shield, Peter Shield, Geoff Desbrough, John Tange, Owen Marshall, Jack Hyde, Bill Hammond) & driven by the teacher. A daily mileage of some 42 miles.

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15th Sept 1952.
 Official opening of the school by Chairman of H.B. Education Board (Mr. Stewart) with Secretary Stanger (Mr. Page) & Chief Inspector (Mr. Talbot). A full gathering of parents filled the room to overflowing. After a short evening afternoon tea was served followed by discussions for fencing, paths, shingle, concreting of a small quadrangle & the building of a shelter shed.
 22nd Sept 1952.
 Several children infected with influenza & teacher closed the school for 2 1/2 days (18th 19th 21st) when he fell ill.
 17th Oct 1952.
 Outbreak of mumps among of the eleven children caught the disease.
 20th Oct 1952.
 Mr. Kew (Chief Inspector) visited the school only four pupils present. He intends to return.

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30th Oct 1952.
 School Ball was held in conjunction with Pakiharamama, Rerandu & Clansville Schools. Held in Rerandu Hall. Folk dancing by children followed by ballroom dancing for parents.
 31st Oct 1952.
 Cupboards (in porch) & library shelves were installed. Sewing material delivered. Sewing for the shingle paths was placed by a board workmen.
 3rd Nov 1952.
 M.A. Program (Physical Education Instructor) visited the school & demonstrated ball handling progressions & balance beam exercises.
 25th Nov 1952.
 Staffing day - school closed.
 26th Nov 1952.
 School painted by contractors.
 4th Dec 1952.
 Inspection visit (Mr. Warner) 9am till 11.15am.

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6th Dec 1952.
 Inventory of garden tools supplied by Board.

2 steel shovels	2 trowels
1 large garden fork	3 small hand forks
1 rake	1 steel wheelbarrow
1 hunk hoe	
1 chop hoe	

1 axe, 1 saw, 1 broom, 1 car mat,
 1 mop purchased with L's getting up grant.

Physical Education equipment.
 12 rubber tennis balls.
 7 shift ropes
 1 Swedish balance bench
 1 tumbling mat.

1 thermometer, 1 barometer supplied by Board - delivered 10th Oct 1952.

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18th Dec 1952.
 School break up evening attended by lots of the children & other interested people. Mrs. Yolley presented school prizes.
 19th Dec 1952.
 School closes for summer vacation.
 Mr. W.K. Foster has been appointed permanent to this position & begins duties Feb. 1953.
 The relieving teacher's duties end to day.
 - W.G. Lowe.

1952 log book entries by George Lowe

Some of the Otamauri School pupils who came to Waiwhare:
L to R: Ann Sheild,
George (Chris) Sheild,
Margie Arthur,
Des McDonald,
Terry McDonald,
Graeme Tolley,
Jeanette Sargisson,
Sharron Bray,
Paul Sheild,
Jane Sheild



Early school buildings