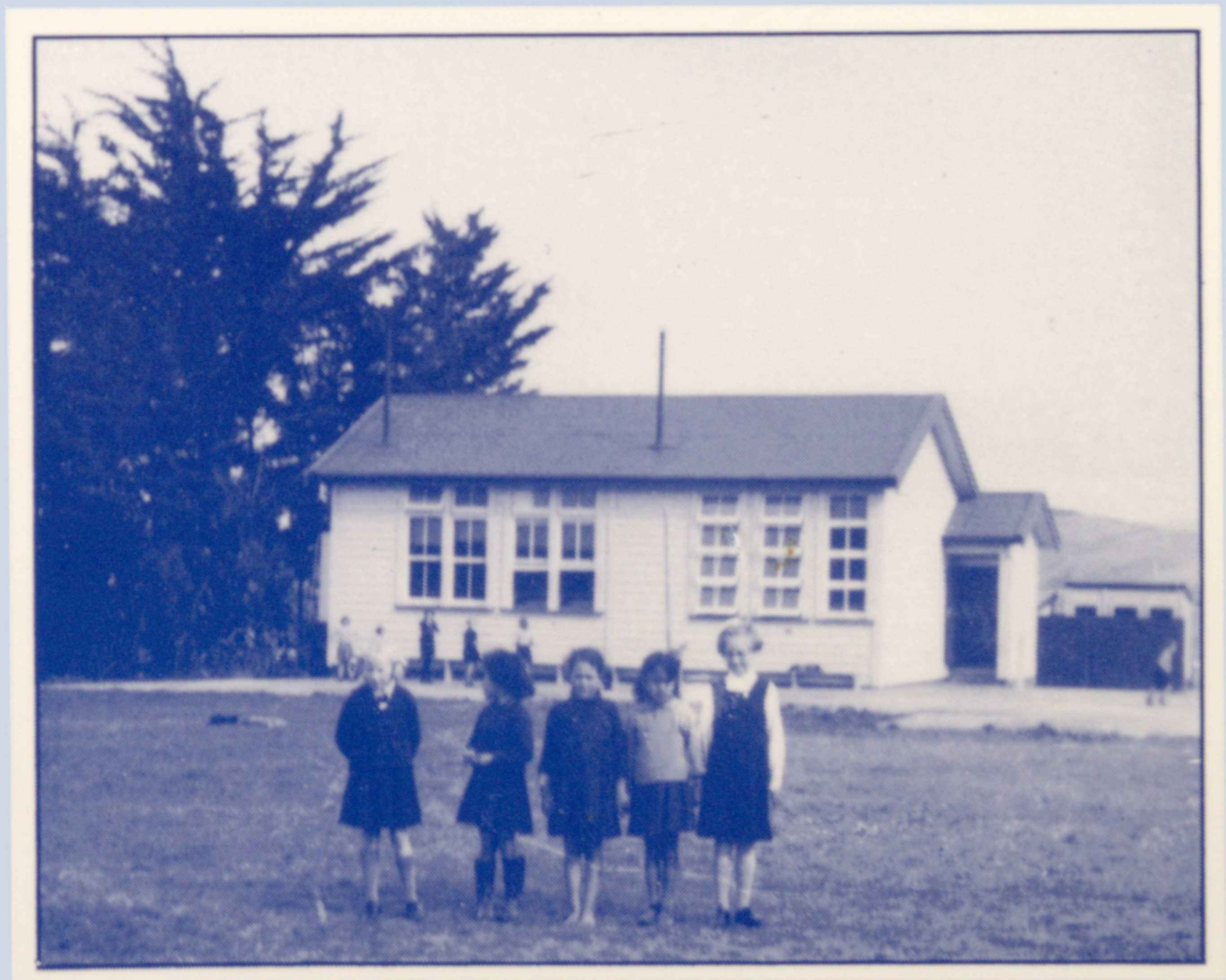


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# ***POUKAWA SCHOOL***

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## 1877 THE NEW ZEALAND EDUCATION ACT

Primary Education becomes free, secular and compulsory. School Districts defined, School Committees elected and Education Boards established. A Department of Education under a Minister of Crown constituted.

The Poukawa School is a full primary co-educational state school. It is set in approximately 1-5 hectares of land and is approximately 16 kilometres by road from Hastings, the nearest provincial centre.

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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Poukawa School 75th Reunion Committee, I would like to welcome everyone taking part in the Reunion and thank you all for your participation. We hope you enjoy the events we have in store for you.

On Friday night we start off with an informal gathering at the school to prime everyone for the Reunion. Saturday starts with a formal welcome followed by a display put on by the present pupils. Lunch and a photo session commences the afternoon with ample free time to catch up on old days. Saturday evening sees us out for dinner, and dancing for those who are keen. A Church Service on Sunday at Poukawa Hall will mark the closing of the event.

Your support and attendance will ensure this event to be the occasion you will be talking about at the 100th Reunion!

Lastly, I would like to give the Reunion Committee my most sincere thanks for the invaluable support they gave to the organisation of the Poukawa School 75th Reunion.

May the future be kind to all.

Russell J. Phillips  
Chairman  
Reunion Committee.



*School Photo 1933 with Principal Mr. Jas. A. Curran*

# NGAHINA AKENEHI HAPE

Ngahina Akenehi Ratima of Poukawa met and married a farmer from Wairoa - Whanui Hape.

They settled in Poukawa in the late 1890's and lived in the old homestead south of the School. The shell remains of the home can still be seen standing today. They had twelve children, most of them attending the Poukawa School. Their son Jame Hape and his wife Raiha occupied the Homestead after Ngahina and Whanui died and all their children attended the school during the years 1935 to 1955.

Ngahina was a very wise and humble woman with a kind heart and a willingness to help others. It is because of these attributes that she saw the need to encourage and foster the education of all the children within the district.

The land where the Poukawa School now stands was gifted by Ngahina Akenehi Hape. Her descendants take this opportunity in thanking our Tipuna for her gesture and also to extend our acknowledgement and remembrance on this special occasion of the Poukawa School's 75th Reunion.

Arohanui  
A.A. Hape.

## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga waka  
Haere mai, nau mai, haere mai ki o kura, te kura o Poukawa

On behalf of the school I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all past pupils, staff and parents of Poukawa School, to Poukawa Community members, both past and present, and to their friends and families who have accompanied them on this important occasion - the 75th anniversary of the school. How wonderful to be celebrating this birthday and acknowledging the importance of this school as a focal point of this rural community. Welcome **back** to **your** school.

I also take this opportunity to remember and acknowledge those who have passed on, and those who are unable to be with us this weekend. Our thoughts are with them as we enjoy our celebrations.

I am pleased to report that 75 years after it began, Poukawa School is very much alive and well. These days a mixture of rural and urban pupils attend Poukawa School and the commitment of our school community is as strong as ever.

Many of you will have striven to provide the assets which we all now enjoy - assets like the swimming pool, the library, our pine plantation and many of the resources which we utilise in the school. The present staff, pupils and community are most appreciative of the facilities we enjoy, and we too, are committed to doing our bit for the further development of the grounds and for the provision of modern, up-to-date equipment and resources so that our children can benefit from a broad, well-rounded education.

I'm sure you will enjoy your weekend, meeting up with old friends and reminiscing over past deeds. I personally look forward to meeting many of you and to hearing tales of how school was in your day.

Thank you for helping to make this weekend a great success. We look forward to another 75 years of successful education at Poukawa School

No reira te whanau o tatou kura, kia ora koutou katoa

Heather Titchener, Principal

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT 1996**

The Mission Statement in the Poukawa School Charter reads... "to create a safe, attractive and friendly environment that is stimulating and challenging, where all children are encouraged to take a growing responsibility for their own quality learning and behaviour and to achieve this in the partnership of the home."

These are the aims that the Poukawa Board of Trustees has, in consultation with the school and local community, set for education at Poukawa School in the 1990s.

However, reading back through some of the historical log-books of the school it is obvious that these have been objectives in the past as well. Our Mission Statement of the day is a natural progression of what has come before us.

From within the school there is a feeling of a very proud history and a very high level of personal and educational achievement of the pupils. Also the feeling of a strong sense of belonging to the community.

In recent times the school has felt the overwhelming support of its local community. In 1994 with our roll at 12 pupils we looked at the viability of remaining open and the Board of Trustees took our concerns to "Poukawa". From within the community we gathered the courage, support and expertise to sustain us. The School now owns its own bus and we transport children from Hastings. The roll in 1996 has increased to 45, we have a junior roll of 22 and the senior roll of 23.

The town/country ratio has remained stable at half each, with the country numbers just up at the moment.

Poukawa's caring community, which has been a strong thread throughout the school's history, has been there for us once again.

While we grapple with the everyday realities of running a school in the 20th Century it is most important for us to remember that the needs of the children and their learning be paramount.

On behalf of the 1996 School Board of Trustees and parents of the school, I salute those of our past and wish every success, happiness and great achievements to those who will follow.

Angela Hewitt,  
Chairperson,  
Poukawa School Board of Trustees.

## **POUKAWA SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

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# THE NAMING OF POUKAWA LAKE

## POUKAWA

pou - post or pole, kawa - lean

The district of Poukawa takes its name from the Lake Poukawa, named after a fishing rights discussion between two Maori chiefs, as follows.

Te Rangihirawea, the lesser ranking chief at Te Wheao Pa situated behind Te Hauke, left the pa with a small following and built a pa north-east of the lake. He asked the higher ranking chief Te Rangikawhiua for their fishing boundaries in the lake to be established. This demand, Chief Te Rangikawhiua found insulting and he disregarded the request. Te Rangihirawea thrust a long totara pole as a rahui into the lake, marking boundaries, and giving himself the best fishing grounds, leaving the tuna kawa or lean eels for the others. The lake was from then on known as 'lean pole' or Poukawa. Needless to say, Te Rangikawhiua disregarded the Pou Kawa, and fished wherever he liked. Following these events much strife occurred.

## EARLY EUROPEAN HISTORY OF POUKAWA

### The Douglas Family, Te Mahanga

Originally known as Ngawhakatarata, the station was 19,000 acres of limestone hills, foothills and flats on the eastern side of the Poukawa stream. The southern boundary was the South East shore of Lake Poukawa.

About 1860 William Douglas was farming the Te Mahanga block. He was very interested in racing and soon established a racing stud. At the time of the yearling sales up to 200 people would arrive by train, being transported from the Poukawa Railway Station to the Douglas' for the yearling sale and lunch. Horse racing has always featured in the Douglas family.

Over the years the size of the station has been much reduced, but families who worked on the land, or who bought the land, had need of a school in the district for the education of their children.

### The Carlyons, Koparakore

The Carlyons of Gwavas Station at Tikokino also had the property at Poukawa known as Koparakore, with boundaries including the Poukawa stream, Horonui and the Hassall Estate.

### The Campbells, Poukawa, Horonui

The name of the original station, Poukawa, was taken from the name of the lake. Mr. Hugh Campbell bought the station in 1867 and at this time it was approximately 20,000 acres with boundaries touching Te Mahanga, Raukawa, Maraekakaho and Paki Paki. Mr. Campbell's children were taught by a governess and after school they helped their father with stockwork. Mr. Campbell's son Mr. Hugh McLean Campbell M.P. made his home at Horonui and after his father died, managed the Poukawa block as well. Eventually Poukawa and Horonui became divided between members of the family.

# FROM ZOE CURRAN - MR. JAS A. CURRAN'S DAUGHTER

## School in 1930's

Before entering the School, the children lined up outside and everyone had to produce a handkerchief. There was to be no sniffing or using a cuff. Those without for two days in a row would get the strap. Hands were then looked at and any one with dirty hands went round the back to the basins. Rona Hawley would be at the basins with gentian violet for any impetago.

Schools always began with times tables which were written on concertina doors. There were permanent smaller panels on the bottom of these doors. Then spelling.

For morning tea Mr. Curran and the assistant teacher went over to the School House through the school gate and along the road for tea and hot scones, Mr. Curran watching the children from the School House.

Mr. Curran thought it important to be neat and tidy and to set a good example he wore two clean shirts a day.

On one occasion an Inspector of Science and Nature came to the School and Mr. Curran took him for a nature walk up Camping Hill and down again. Mr. Curran had hoped to show him Huhu grubs but found children had eaten them.

## War Years

During the war the school children stood on a hill to wave the men off. The train didn't stop at Poukawa, it just slowed down. During this time Mrs. Curran had a running battle with the Education Board because she wanted fly-screens and running water. The School House had only rain water tanks. Later a small spring was found and water pumped up. Mr. Curran was always battling on this subject.

The first school house was built in 1931. Mrs. Curran always thought the place was unfinished because concrete wasn't around the house. Eventually pink concrete was placed.

The boarding situation at Poukawa was always acute. One teacher came every day by train from Napier although getting back was tricky. Others stayed with families in the district.

On Friday afternoon Mr. Curran would walk to the Mission School at Te Hauke where the Misses Aplin taught. On occasions Mr. A. Smith would take him down by car and there he would help teach the young boys at the school. The Te Hauke Mission School closed in 1937. Some of the children went to Pukehou and some to Poukawa. The Te Hauke School was built in the sixties absorbing the Te Hauke children.



*School Concert at Church Hall 1931  
Florence (Flo) Clark 1st on left. Gwenna McDonald 3rd on left  
Lawrence McDonald Page Boy*



*Jas A. Curran*

## **JAS. A. CURRAN AND HIS TIME**

### **ZOE CURRAN**

James Curran (Baldy) came to the Poukawa School in May 1932 and started an 18 year battle with the then Hawke's Bay Education Board to get improvements to the school. The school was a stark building standing on a slight rise catching all southerly wind. The area surrounding the school was covered in limestone which when mixed with mud in the winter term made a lovely 'claggy' mixture which was carried into school by feet and shoes. Sometimes as much inside as outside!!

Eventually, after great discussion and recrimination, concrete was laid around the school and the house. The great difficulty at all times was, of course, the lack of water. This bone of contention was never resolved in my Father's time. The rain water-tanks were woefully inadequate for the school's needs. The country was coming out of a depression and there was little extra money around. After that, of course, the catch cry was 'Don't you know there is a war on?!'

Over the years many improvements were made but the one thing that would have made life easier would have been water and being able to do away with the 'long drops'

My Father enjoyed his years at Poukawa and I am still able to use the watch he was given when he left the school.

# THE POUKAWA CHURCH HALL

The Poukawa Church Hall was built by Charles Henum for the Campbell Family on land given by the Campbells and opened in 1907 by the Rev. Alex. Whyte of Havelock North who conducted the first service. Previously services were held at both the Campbell's Horonui Homestead and at the Douglas's Te Mahanga. It was intended for the use of all denominations and it has been used on many occasions since for a variety of functions. School was taught at the Church Hall prior to 1921, and Sunday School has been taught there on a regular basis.

From an extract of a child's diary written by her Mother "Sunday school party. For tea - jelly, ice-cream, sandwiches, buns, little sausages, orange drink. Balloons".



# THE POUKAWA POST OFFICE

## From "The Bay to Bush Postal History"

The Post Office was opened 13 August 1913. It was a very small corrugated iron-clad building adjacent to the railway.

James Corless, a local farmer was created first Post-Master. He lived 100 metres from the railway. His salary was 18 pounds per annum which included 4 pounds for rent of the building. James Corless was killed on the railway crossing in May 1929. The position of Post-Master was taken over by his son Terrance in May 1929. Terrance resigned later that year and the position was taken over by his brother John, known as Jack, in November 1929. The Post Office was the social centre for Poukawa with farmers and wives gathering for their daily mail. Jack retired in 1971 at the age of 81. The office was closed on 2 April 1971 and Rural Delivery introduced from Hastings from then on.

The Poukawa mail arrived by train and was dropped off at the Poukawa Railway Station at 8.30 am. Three bags were dropped, one for the Smiths, one for Horonui and one for Poukawa. Eventually the train driver would drop the three bags off to Jack at the Post Office, north of the Railway Station, and return mail was picked up at the Station. Latterly the Post Office was locked when not in use; many people had postboxes at the Post Office. Jack Corless did not marry and stayed on at Poukawa until he took ill and died.

# POUKAWA SCHOOL

1 June 1921

Poukawa School officially opened in the Poukawa Church Hall, a temporary building. It was rent free from Mr. H. Campbell, M.P., Roll 13 and Mr. Curran, the Teacher, stayed only one month. An inspection on 1 August 1922 found "that the building was most unsuitable for the purpose. On both occasions of my visit the room was bitterly cold". Head teacher at this time was D. C. Webber.

5 November 1923.

The School moved into their new building. The roll went up to 24 and the Headmaster was Mr. A.W.C. Kinch. An inspection found that the school was well in hand and doing well in a number of subjects.

1928. Classes being taken in the porch or shelter shed. Funds obtained to erect a picket fence and gates in front of school, also a doorstep.

1929. (June) The teacher reported that the weather was getting bad and that it was difficult to teach with 56 people in the room with seats for only 40. At school the juniors sat on the left and progressed to the middle of the room before sitting on the right as seniors. Reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and history were the core subjects.

4 June. Standards 2-6 taken down to the Smiths Home, Poukawa, where school was taught in a large room attached to the single men's quarters. The other classes were left at school, but unable to do much because of building operations. The standards returned after three weeks.

July. The school was painted, interrupting classes again and the teachers taking turns teaching on the porch when weather fine.

December. Prize-giving and concert/play in the Church Hall held at night.

1929. The County Grader employed to level the school grounds. Top soil levelled with a horse and dray. A portion of the grounds fenced for a horse paddock. Accordion Doors installed to divide the class room and School added on to.

Roll 60 - attendance 50.

A new residence for Headmaster applied for.

1930. Enquiries were made on cost of tar-sealing the Basketball Court. Estimated cost 50 pounds. In 1930 the children came out of school in winter months at 3.15 p.m. The children travelling by train at 3.45 p.m.

The annual Children's Fancy Dress held at the Taheka Grannery on 3 October 1930.

1931. School picnic planned for 6 February. However, owing to the February 3rd earthquake the school was closed until 16 February and picnic postponed indefinitely. A teacher reported "tremendous earthquake, seniors were outside, juniors inside the school, all safe". Chimneys were broken, 3 tanks damaged, a south gable end and spouting damaged. Many children had been moved out of the district and school was held outside as earthquakes were still being felt.

Steps were taken this year to obtain dental treatment for the children

- Pipes and drains laid in sportsfield
- Native trees planted in school grounds
- Money was forwarded to help re-build the Hastings Dental Clinic

1932. - School picnic held on school grounds

- Hot cocoa to be supplied for children at cost of one penny per week
- a wireless speaker fitted to the school
- unemployed men levelled the sportsground
- addition made to shelter shed
- no prizes given to children this year - instead the money allocated was spent on books for the school library

1933. Annual School Picnic held in Napier

Te Hauke established as a side school to Poukawa. School roll - Poukawa 40, Te Hauke 23. Start was made on tennis court.

A dance held at Te Hauke, with proceeds for school funds to purchase books. An Inspection Report of the side schools Poukawa-Te Hauke "The outlook is promising. The classrooms in both schools are in very fair order and have suitable provision for warming and ventilating them. The grounds are well looked after at the main school and pleasing to see tree planting. Order, tone and discipline good throughout. Jas. A. Curran, Headteacher, Poukawa, 23 pupils. Miss R. Hawley, Assistant, 22 pupils Poukawa Side School Te Hauke 25 pupils"

1934. A Trespass Notice placed on school grounds. School closed in May because of a measles epidemic. A 10 foot gate purchased for horse paddock.

1935. Grounds improvements included spreading 20 yards limestone on playground and planting trees. School closed on Election Day 27 November.

1936. Side School of Te Hauke closed. Mr. Timu ploughs school playing areas ready to be put down in grass. Sowing of seed left to Mr. B. Hennem. Application for a well to be sunk in school grounds. School lowered to one teacher status. Roll 45

1937. A request to the Education Board for a sign on road bend between the Church Hall and School. Suggested that Poukawa School line up with free milk delivery, but instead a free cocoa service was begun.

1938. Mr. Hennem topped the trees.

1940. Children to have ice-cream and sweets at the end of the year.

1942. A portion of the grounds were ploughed up for a garden. Sugar-ration coupons needed for cocoa service. On 22 October the school closed for the Grand Patriotic Carnival held at Tomoana.

1943. Spinning wheels were bought for the children to use.

1944. The school used for Maori Religious Instruction. The District Nurse came to school and commented favourably on the general health. A working-bee was held to clear blocked drains and clean and repair water spouting.

1945. School Committee recommended that pine trees be cut out and replaced with macrocarpa. Two new water tanks installed.

1946. Water tanks empty (March) 600 gallons of water were carried in and Mr. A. Smith supplied water to relieve the crisis. School roll - 70. Mr. R.H. Locks bus run discussed.

1947. Innoculations for protective treatment of diphtheria. School closed early on account of polio scare.

1948. A letter was written to the Education Board intimating that the school would close if water supply failed.

1949. Proposal that a fund be started with the object of building a swimming pool.

1950. As a possible school uniform - blue shorts and grey shirts for the boys was decided on. Application to the Education Board for bicycle stands was made. An appeal for the Poukawa School Baths Fund was opened at the Post Office.

1952. Physical Education equipment bought - jungle gym, horizontal bar, six rubber balls.

1953. School Library Service to continue. Coronation of Queen Elizabeth. Two framed photographs of the Queen and Royal Family bought - one for each room.

Application to the Education Board for a telephone for the school. Mrs. Campbell donated a new flag to the school.

1954. Funds canvassed for a sewing-machine and installation of a telephone. Education Board made 300 shelter tree plants available for the school.

1955. Poukawa School joins the Hastings & District Primary School Sports Association. A school bus run proposed.

1956. Working bees on topping trees at the School House, clearing a plantation on west side. Department of Scientific Industrial Research would advise school if enough water under the school grounds to supply a swimming pool. Mr. S.G. White donated a full set of Encyclopedia.

1957. A dance was held in the Poukawa Hall on 13 July to raise funds for the school.

1958. A house to house appeal for school funds was most successful, and some of this spent on library reference books, matting for junior room, footballs and basketballs, physical education equipment, art material, projector parts and woodwork tools. A Dance held to raise funds for the Christmas Party and School Picnic.

1959. 43 pupils on the roll. A new water tank installed. A jumble sale organised at Te Hauke by Mesdames Chapman and Horn to help finance a projector for the school raised 40 pounds and three pence. Sports at Raukawa School. A geography trip on 11 December.

1960. Junior Red Cross formed. Te Hauke school visited with Football & Basketball teams. Gala Day 16 October. Children swimming at the Pukehou School Pool.

1961. Manual training began 21 February, the Education Board providing transport.

Projector finally arrived and in use. Film showing at Hall every second Tuesday and fundraising used for school funds. Lynette King won the quarter finals Off-Road Safety Quiz. A grant received from Cabinet for the conversion of two small classrooms into one, the erection of a new classroom and provision of staff and ancillary accommodation. Gala Day 18 November.

1962. School Picnic Windsor Park 20 February 1962. Supplies - 6 doz ice-cream, 4 and 1/2 doz small pies, 9 doz. small cakes, 4 and 1/2 dozen coca cola, 1 bottle cordial, 16 doz. sandwiches, 8 doz. cheerios, 3 doz. buns. School lawn to be ploughed and levelled as it is too rough for mowers. Girls going to Waipukurau Waipawa for basketball and the boys going to Pukehou for football. Fence around concrete to keep sheep on grass. Gala put on by pupils. Swimming pool plans start again. School given half day holiday by Governor General, Lord Cobham, on 24 May.

1963. Owing to the baths being built the grounds not ploughed this year. New language, social studies, infant reading and number syllabuses introduced. Dental nurse comes to the school. 1 June - Committee parents and Head Teacher spent day working on the baths. Walls poured 12 July, 6 August floor of pool poured. Flower Show held in September. 18 October concrete poured for base of pool. A Pet Show held in October, Plastering of pool completed in November.

1964. Unsatisfactory drilling for water. 8 April a working bee to clean up around baths, fill and level for shed foundations. 18 & 19 August foundations for filter and changing sheds poured. 25 April under Mr. L. Horn's guidance boxing and pouring of concrete floors for changing sheds. 29 April Erection of sheds commenced. In September a kiln was constructed and fired for the first time in November. Poukawa School flower show in October.

1965. 1 March school baths completed and children had their first swim. Official opening 15 March by Mr. E. Ormond, Education Board member for the district. School house painted and papered in May and two new water tanks installed. Working bee to put battens on new fence and erect aluminium fences at the end of school. New 1,000 watt Aldis Tutor Film Strip Projector arrived.

1966. School Roll - 28. Poukawa Ladies' Social Circle initiated. Red Cross started at the School. A Record Player and a Polisher arrived from Education Department. New electric wires connected to northern end of school and power changed to new lines. Plans for new toilet block to be attached to the school.

1967. Skill set stands cemented in. School painted in May. Musical instruments purchased. Trees at top end of shelterbelt cut down. Shelter belt on front lawn planted.

1968. Roll - 34. Health Department representation tested pool water and investigated pool facilities with a satisfactory result. Olympia 18 inch carriage typewriter donated by Ladies' Social Circle. Five felled macrocarpa trees converted into firewood by a dozen men with chainsaws. Standard 3 and Form 2 pupils to Nelson Park to meet Sir Arthur, Lady and Joanna Porrit who granted a holiday to the school. A stock drive held, Gus Parsons, Brian Bain and Tony Robson collecting stock and donations. Twyford Sports. Hastings and District Sports. Swimming pool painted thanks to Rex and John Malcolm, Anne Bain, Lorraine Hare, Gloria Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. Preston. Proposal in hand from New Zealand Railways to install flashing lights and bells at Station Road, Poukawa. The school grounds commented on for their good condition during a school inspection.

1969. New toilets. More trees planted around the school. Items required for the school include musical instruments, new fence, flag pole to road, phone extensions for school house to school, new typewriter, school painted, gym equipment. Working-bee to erect fence around native trees. Moa bones found at Poukawa. Kiln in final stages of reconstruction. Permission given to dismantle old toilets.

1970. Mr. Preston arranges to take 13 children to Camp Kaitawa. Maori Festival - Poukawa combined with Te Hauke for a successful evening held at the Napier Boys' High School. Guy Fawkes bonfire and fireworks display. Twyford Sports. Committee members cut and laid carpet in the Library. Committee men broke up and removed concrete block from the old toilets and also cleaned up around plantation area. Garage floor concreted.

1971. Head Teacher, Mr. Preston, on Sabbatical Leave for 1971. 50th year of Poukawa School. Hastings and District Primary Swimming Sports Association - Richard Bartlett and Linda Cowan representing Poukawa. Nurse Nelson - dental nurse - inspected childrens' teeth. New goal posts erected. Te Aute and Te Hauke-Poukawa Maori concert at Te Hauke. Shop Day raising money for Save the Children-children bringing home-made sweets and comics for a stall. At A & P Show Megan Stowe and Annabel Waretini gained places in A & P Art Competition. Andrea Gray and Jennifer Cavell gained places in printing and handwriting. Several other children's work was highly commended. Swimming pool painted by Noel Porter, Chris Long, Peter Lincoln and Don Dixon. Roll - 43

1972. Swimming incentive awards completed. Board plumber replaced guttering along north and south sides of school. Painting of school and school house. A working-bee to provide wood for the fires. Mrs. Jacobs giving up the bus run. Meeting called to discuss new bus run. Amiria Waretini selected for the Hastings under 16 Girls' Hockey Team. Raukawa and Poukawa hockey teams visited Heretaunga Intermediate and played against the top intermediate teams. The girls beat Intermediate by 3-0 and the boys were beaten by 2-0. At A. & P. Show winners were Andrea Gray (printing), Nicola Phillips, Sally Scoular, Anderson Waretini, Debbie Long, Jennifer Cavell, Lyne Campbell, Eric Long, Mark Porter. Red Cross Youth Group pupils from the school helped preparations for a garden party held at Mana, Poukawa.

1973. Roll - 45. Temperature 7 February 102 degrees Farenheit/39 degrees Celsius in the Porch. Head Teacher gains his bus licence. School baths painted by senior children. Windows repaired in the school. Tenders called for the repiling of the school house. A Red Cross Youth Group survival day programme held in school grounds, Paki Paki, Te Hauke and Poukawa Red Cross members attending. Doors fitted in the playshed. Guy Fawkes celebrations with B.B.Q. beforehand. Mrs. Jacobs ending her bus contract.

1974. Floors sanded in both classrooms ready for carpeting. Senior class made two visits to the Peka Peka Swamp. Brian Spencer and Mark Porter selected as Hastings hockey reps. Fire extinguishers delivered to the school and their use explained to the children. Camp Kaitawa visit in third term. Pet Parade. Third bedroom requested for school house.

1975. School bus fully loaded on both runs. Mark Porter, Brian Spencer, David Campbell, Dean Mohi, Eric Long, Anderson Waretini all selected for the H.B. Hockey Squad. Staff attended a course on Natural Science. Ladies' Social Circle purchased new curtains for staff room. School gymnastic team performs well. Library painted and new carpet laid. Whole school participated in a Cookout as part of their study on fire. Guy Fawkes celebrations. 10 children pass gymnastics grade 2 badge, 10 children pass grade 1 badge.



1976. Plumbers installed a new pressure tank in the pumpshed. Square dancing lessons in the school. Two teams entered in the Saturday morning netball competition. Windows replaced in staffroom and junior room. Standard 2 to Form 2 pupils have a week's trip to Wellington.

1977. The gymnastics team invited to perform for the Queen. New fence line erected below the school by Derek Brownrigg and his men. School roll at 51. 5 April, 1000 gallons of water trucked out to the school. Motor replaced in filtration plant. 12 December three truck loads of water brought out.

1978. Chemical store shed completed. A Tulip tree planted by Form 2 pupils. Senior class children participating in a Club's programme. A mini Commonwealth Games held at school. Three hundred new pine trees planted. A Mumps outbreak. Governor General grants a school holiday.

1979. Extended licence for bus - 19 children can now be accommodated. 13 February water trucked out to school. An emergency door to be built into east wall of the Senior Room. School house on replacement list. School roll 61 on 6 July 1979. Swimming pool sandblasted. Sports Day at School - parents and pupils. Camp Kaitawa. New classroom confirmed. One of the specimen trees had to be shirred to make room for new classroom. Tank sites developed by the house to take two new 5000 gallon tanks.

1980. Roll - 67. Religion Instruction begun. Visit from 90 children from Irongate School. David Tilyard and Shane Hollis selected for the H.B. 'B' Hockey Team. Mr. L. Horn's water system connected for swimming pool. Poukawa School takes the merit award for writing in the first of the A. & P. competitions. School painted.

1981. School receives a new piano. Rooms 1 and 2 make class trip to Puketitiri.

1982. New record player for the school. Maximum school bus roll to be 18 pupils. Sufficient players to form a cricket team. Good results in Cross Country event.

1983. Dramatic downturn in school roll. Total fire ban in operation in district. 12 children passed their 1500m swimming test. 11 April water trucked out - top tanks drained. A Maori Arts demonstration held for Mrs. Harwood's class. Calculators arrive. Although rolls below minimum Poukawa a three teacher school. Camp Kaitawa 6/11/83 - 12/11/83. Christmas Social held in the District Hall.

1984. School house tenented. Successful swim-a-thon held. 18 June necessary to have water trucked to the school. School T-Shirts purchased. Front bank levelled and planted in succulents. Geoffrey Pilcher reaches Quarter Finals in a Chess Tournament. Well drilling at Hall site reported to be a success. Water found at 300 feet and pumped out at 480 gallons per hour. Swimming pool painted by parents. 11 December 1984 more water trucked out to the school. Christmas Party to commence 5.30 p.m. at Hall.

1985. 28 January 1985 school again out of water. School remains three teacher but could drop to two teachers in 1986. Rumour that Te Hauke and Poukawa Schools to combine, with combined school at Te Hauke. 17 May 1985 school house from Te Mata school transported to Poukawa. Wasps in the classroom. School raised \$36.14 for Telethon. School officially designated G1 (two teacher) for next year. September - Hall well water supply connected to the school.

1986. Several families took the opportunity to take children to the Royal Visit. Flag pole completed by Committee. Building renovations of senior and junior rooms. Pines in plantation pruned. 16 July 1986 Removal company put relocatable classroom on truck ready for removing the following day. Difficulties experienced getting truck out between house and school. Brad Thompson and Katie Hansen competed in the Country Schools Speech Semi-finals. Seven schools participated with Katie Hansen being placed first. Visit by two Hastings Central School Special Classes. School Speech Contest finals at Heretaunga Intermediate School Hall. Katie Hansen representing Poukawa School placed second overall, winning a prize for herself and \$150.00 for the school - Tourist Kelt sponsorship. Geoffrey Pilcher selected in the North Island Primary School Hockey Tournament. Old building site cleared by Mr. J. Lane and Mr. J. Campbell. School used for neighbourhood watch meeting. Approximately \$1500 raised by parents on crutching work days for school funds. Christmas concert and supper held at the hall.

1987. Roll - 25. Working-bee held by Committee and parents to thin trees in plantation and cut up wood for fires. Beach Study Day at Pourerere Beach. Visit to Wakarara Outdoor Education Centre. Camp for Standard 3- F.2 children at Central Hawke's Bay Outdoor Centre at Camp Wakarara. Notification of end of School Bus Service at end of term. Combined Poukawa-Te Hauke Cross Country held on Mr. J. Lane's property. New lawn mower - Masport Commander 610. Two teams successfully participated in the Hastings Tabloid Sports at Nelson Park. Belinda Bourke placed third in 9-year girls sports. Four children participated in Hastings and District Primary Schools' Twilight Athletics at Nelson Park. Final placings were Jared Thompson 1st 800m., Belinda Bourke 1st 9-yr old 100m. and 3rd 9-year old 200m. Christmas Concert at the Hall. Supper at the school.

1988. Swimming sports held in conjunction with Te Hauke at Poukawa pool. Trees felled in the plantation. Inter-School Swimming Sports at Aquatic Centre, Hastings, 11 children participated. Certificates won by Cameron Lane, Elaine Lowe, Sarah Lane, Myra Edwards, Kara Campbell. Ladies' Social Circle made donation of \$100.00 for the School Library. School acquired a computer. A team of three children competed in the Hawke's Bay Athletics Competition - Sarah Lane, Kara Campbell and Charlton Brownrigg. Their score was 65%. Sports visit from Mahora School. Pool waterblasted in preparation for painting. A craft week was held. Twilight Athletics at Nelson Park - Belinda Bourke finished 1st in 10 year old 100m and 2nd in 10yr. 400m. School break up at the Poukawa Hall followed by a social B.B.Q. at home of Pauline and John Campbell.

1989. Roll -13. Changing sheds and back sheds cleaned and painted. Address by Mr. Bob Heron on "Tomorrow's Schools". A cabbage tree planted just inside the main gate, sent by the Education Ministry and Department of Conservation to mark the start of Tomorrow's Schools. New television, video and lawnmower purchased from locally raised funds. Joy Cowly, author, visited, reading several stories and talked about writing and producing them. The school went on a day trip to Porangahau to see the war canoe being built. Mr. Trevor Hollis bought two classes from Raureka School for an overnight camp. Poor weather meant many children slept in the school as their tent leaked. Children performed two short plays at the Annual Break-up.

1990. V. Crisp, principal, to train as Reading Recovery Tutor, Wendy Taylor, acting principal. 16 June 1990 a climbing rose planted by front fence in memory of Rena Pilcher. Concrete laid over new trench for underground power cable. Whole school went to Te Hauke School to farewell on the marae Phillipa Thompson. This was the first marae visit for some pupils. Underground cables put in by Telecom. Medieval afternoon - parents invited, children in costumes, dances, medieval food and games. Pet Day. Bicycle Safety Day - children encouraged to wear helmets when riding. Working-bee to tidy up school following a B.O.T. meeting. A totara tree planted, donated by the Hastings District Council. Whole school went to an exhibition of Central Hawke's Bay Maori Artefacts by invitation of Nga Taonga O Tamatea Trust. Coming Together Project at the Tomoana Showgrounds. A display of children's work throughout Hawke's Bay.

1991. School opens with 18 pupils. 5 March 1991 National Census Day. School Camp at Waimarama Beach. Ramon Joe, Maori Adviser visited to discuss the content of our Maori Unit, beginning Term 2. Whole school travelled to Napier to go sailing on S.V. Tradewind. Mangaorapa School visited Poukawa School. 19 August 1991 snow falling in Poukawa. 31 August 1991 Poukawa Social in Poukawa Hall. Primary School Art Exhibition in Hastings - Poukawa School represented by all pupils. 28 November visit to Mangaorapa School.

1992. Combined Swimming sports with Pukehou at Poukawa. Field Trip to Dennis Brownrigg's property to study the pond and swamp. Poukawa Fundraising Committee established. Office reconstruction almost complete. Photocopier purchased and installed. 7-aside tournament at Onga Onga. Bark put down at the adventure playground by John Malcolm and Rob MacPhail. Springhill Cross Country - Poukawa winning three 1sts, two 2nds and three 3rds. Children's art work exhibited at the Hastings Y.M.C.A. - all children exhibiting. Older children taken sailing in an optimist yacht at Pandora Pond. Robin and Joyce Stothart farewelled.

1993. Roll - 17. All children visiting the Dental Nurse. Whole school went into Hastings to practise "Safe Walking" around busy city streets. Whole school goes on camp to Wellington. Seniors taken to a Science and Technology Show. A new Acorn A4000 computer acquired through the Write Price docket collection scheme.

1994. Playgroup began fortnightly sessions. Beach education day at Ocean Beach. Swimming carnival with Pukehou School held at Poukawa. Kiwi Sport Day at Elsthorpe School. A medieval Day held - children dressing up and enjoying a medieval feast. A school bus purchased and Mrs. Arna Ogg keen to get licence to drive the bus. School roll climbing. Second teacher appointed. Kite Day with Phillip Dean.

1995. Roll - 34. Softball tournament at Waipawa - Poukawa entered a team. Eight children taken to Gym Festival. A Californian Big Tree planted, donated by the Hastings District Council. Major working-bee at school. Field marked out for rugby and soccer. A Concert Day held at school. Seniors went to a camp at Taupo.

1996. Roll - 37 at beginning of year. Advertising for Poukawa School 75th Re-union underway. Softball tournament Waipukurau Primary School. Visit to Raukawa by netball team. Combined Poukawa School and Raukawa School Netball team called Kawa Kawa. Mini-ball starts again. Onga Onga 7 Aside.



*Poukawa School Bus 1996*

*Bus driver: Mrs Arna Ogg*

*Children Left to Right: Anna Franklin, Staci Jackson, Katherine Ogg, Jordan Anne Hawea, Kirsty Malcom, Hollie Burridge, Natalie Ogg, Paul Walsh, Peter Hewitt, Nicholas Hewitt, Brendan Malcom, Guy Hammond, Digby Hewitt, Gene Ogg.*

## **NOTES FROM AN ORIGINAL PUPIL - FLORA SEPHTON nee Struthers**

Flora Struthers' family lived at Te Mahanga where her father managed the Station. Flora and her younger sister walked to school each day - and she still walks whenever she is able. Mr. W.A.B. Goodwin, a Headmaster at Poukawa School, boarded for a time at Te Mahanga and although he had a motorbike he sometimes walked to school with the children. Mrs. Sephton remembers planting the macrocarpa trees for shelter and Torry Saunders saying "won't it be good to see these trees when they have grown up!" She remembers crossing over a style, past the Church Hall on the way to school, and that the School was just a building in the middle of a paddock with a shelter shed and garden. Heating the school was by a kerosene heater placed in the middle of the floor. Mrs. Sephton remembers the Fancy Dress Event which was held at Charlie Hennem's woolshed. Music was played by a Maori group and adults danced in the evening too! She was very keen on sport and the Poukawa children played basketball against Paki Paki and Paki Paki beat them hollow. Mr. Goodwin, the Headmaster, had arranged transport for the Poukawa children - the Te Mahanga truck with no sideboards!! Mrs. Sephton can remember walking to the top of Camping Hill, a day's excursion to marvel at the view, and find the remains of Maori camp-sites which included shells. Mrs. Sephton now lives in Hastings and her philosophy is "Life is full of challenges, and Give it a Go", also "Life is what you make of it".

# DORIS MALCOLM - EARLY RESIDENT

Doris Malcolm's family, the Barnes, came from Lower Hutt. They came to live at Poukawa in 1919 after the First World War, and by the time the Poukawa School opened, Doris had already completed her primary schooling.

Mr. Barnes, at the age of 40, bought a four year old orchard which had been planted by Wilson and Sweeny. As a twelve year old he had visited the Poukawa area and Doris remembers him telling her that the Te Mahanga hills, then covered with manuka and scrub were cleared by a host of bullocks which trampled the scrub underfoot. Also that there was a great deal of swamp and only a track to Hastings. One either rode or walked, and that the hill which has a channel at the back of it - on the right hand side as you go into Hastings, was caused by a massive earthquake last century and used to be joined to the big hill behind it.

Doris remembers the 1931 earthquake clearly as she and her husband, Dave, had just recently married. They had planned to go into Hastings, but as it was such a fine day Dave decided to spray the orchard. "What luck!" says Doris. When it struck Doris was thrown to the ground, all the doors in the house opened and shut and Dave came in from the orchard to see if she was all right. It was terribly noisy and the trees in the orchard went up and down like waves. The hills behind were invisible being covered in dust and beginning to slide. As Dave had intended to spray his water tanks were full to the top so no water was lost with the shaky ground. Those with half filled tanks lost most of their water and the Malcolms were able to keep everyone nearby in water until power was restored. They wondered afterwards if they would ever get straight again and Doris says "It's something you'd never forget".

Doris' younger sister, Hazel, attended the Poukawa School and Doris and Dave's son, Rex, his children and grandchildren. Doris used to take Rex to school on a motorbike. Dave had made a side-car for the motorbike and she took Rex and Margaret Huddlestone in it for two years. Then Rex rode a pony to school, leaving it in the horse paddock which is now planted in pines.

Having asked about the naming of Cohrs Road, I was told that Mr. Cohrs was a land agent who bought up land from the Douglas Estate, then subdivided and planted it before selling.

Doris has always maintained her property meticulously and has been responsible for painting her house and caring for her garden.

We salute a remarkable woman.

## War Effort

Euchre evenings were held at the school to raise money. Women and children made balaclavas and peggy squares.

# SOME MEMORIES OF POUKAWA SCHOOL DAYS

## BASIL DUTFIELD 1928 - 1935

While the memory dims some things stick there but hope that accuracy still remains.

Of walking on limestone roads two kilometres to school every day, wet or fine from before 5 years old - you started school at the beginning of the term in which you turned 5. This went on until getting a half size bicycle about 7 years old which, after having an argument with a strainer post at high speed, I learned to ride. No more walking - great - no school buses then.

Of the horse paddock, between the school and the headmaster's house, which I later used alternating between a pony and the bicycle, and of cocoa being brewed in a shed every winter (I can still smell it).

The biggest and most lasting memory of the Hawke's Bay earthquake in 1931 when I was still in the Junior room (Standard 2) and we were still in the room while the seniors had already gone outside for playtime. I can vividly remember that the teacher was first out with a few pupils then the piano moved across the doorway but moved back again to let more pupils out. This apparently happened a couple of times but once outside it was quite alarming to see 5-6cm cracks in the playing field. We were only about half a kilometre from a significant fault line so that was the major cause. Trying to get into Hastings a couple of days later was a problem if you took the north outlet out to State Highway One as the car could not get over the uplift at the end of the bridge.

Communications were poor in those days so our parents did not know what was happening to us. We were eventually told to go home walking on the opposite side of the road to the power lines (we had only had power a few years before). That was OK until the lines crossed the road. Confusion in an 8 year old's mind. It was solved after considerable thought by walking the rest of the way home through the paddocks.

Memories of the fights under the pine trees beside the road and the vigorous playtime Rugby. Of the Maori children from Te Hauke coming across the cold frosty paddocks in the middle of winter - barefoot. Mind you we were all barefoot in the summer-time. Of not only our own school picnics which included adults, but of the combined primary school picnics on the Waipawa River at Waipawa. Long trains (13 or 14 carriages) which I think started in Napier, full of exuberant children and their minders, returning home tired, sunburnt and with sore feet from the hot stones in the riverbed.

Remembering that Frank McKenna and I (the only ones in Standard 6) sitting our first external exam - Proficiency - so that we could gain a Junior Free Place in High School. Frank went on to Waipawa District High due to Railway workers family concessions on the trains but it didn't suit me.

While I have very vague memories of the Duke of Gloucesters visit in 1934, such as sitting on the grass at McLean Park, Napier and watching a procession go past, I do remember we went in and home on the train but the greatest memory of that day is that when I got home there was a brand new full size B.S.A. bicycle. \$25.20 in today's terms but a lot of money in those days.



*Basil Dutfield - First day at Poukawa School 1928*

Sad memories of when the father of the railway family White was killed on the railway line one morning towards Paki Paki and the Postmaster Corless who was also killed by a train when he was crossing the line where the post office was about one kilometre north of the station. Although no family he was a well known identity in the area. The Post Office was a shed about 3m x 3m on the opposite side of the railway line to the road and was never locked so that you went in and picked up your mail. One of my later chores - to pick up the papers at the railway station and the mail and deliver up our road.

On the way home from school being fascinated by the long special trains (race days, picnics, etc.) that were put onto the long loop south of the road crossing to pass the normal trains. If I remember correctly the Wellington-Napier Express passenger steam train went hurtling through about 4pm. If you dawdled a bit you could see this. Other very long trains were the stock trains after the Stortford Lodge and Waipukurau sheep and cattle sales.

Of the dances held in the big woolshed on the Carlyon Estate back station where, while the adults were enjoying the dancing, us children were getting into fights and other mischief underneath. I have vague memories of the school fancy dress dances held there and the embarrassment, as a boy, being subjected to ridicule because of the particular fancy dress and having to be in the Grand March...

A faint memory of a very popular teacher, Miss Drummond, sitting on the floor of the school amongst a heap of presents at her farewell.

For a last memory of the Poukawa area; of cycling to Hastings High School (co-educational then - now Hastings Boys' High School) every Monday morning to board with Mrs Maisey (nee Miss Drummond) and cycling home on Friday afternoon wet or fine. It was certainly no fun riding into southerly rain particularly in the winter. Incidentally the board was ten shillings per week -\$1 in today's terms.

Looking back, we had a lot of country fun and a good general education in a great situation and atmosphere that the "townies" could never understand.



*Poukawa School Picnic c.1930*

# POUKAWA - FOUR OF THE BEST

Four of the best years - well, four and a bit, really - that's my experience of living and teaching at Poukawa School in the late sixties and early seventies.

That's the time when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon while eleven year old Peter Horn was helping Russell Price find archaeological proof of early Maori occupation down by the lake, when Keith Holyoake was the PM and Brian Bain was the Chairman of the School Committee, and when Simon and Garfunkel sang "Bridge Over Troubled Water" while the Waretini kids played "A Whiter Shade of Pale" on the old pedal organ. That's the time when real men wore long hair and Noel Porter had more fuzz in his sideburns than elsewhere on his head, and when Kirk, Spock and Scotty were learning to use transporters and phasers while Jack Corless dispensed the mail from his little tin Post Office. It's also the time when Anne Bancroft was frightening a young Dustin Hoffman in "The Graduate" while Lyn Robson (an actress only slightly less famous than Ms Bancroft) was frightening a young teacher as green as the grass that grew under Rob Knottenbelt's irrigation system.

And green but keen I was, when Jan and I arrived at Poukawa for the start of the 1968 year. Poukawa was a two-teacher 'dual appointment' school, so called because it was intended to be staffed by a married couple who would live in the school house. A school like Poukawa, so close to town, classified as 'country service' (in those days a substantial incentive both in terms of salary and career opportunity), with a low rental house was considered by teachers to be a plum position. I was in my mid twenties and the school roll was just a little more.

Looking back, I have, on many occasions, told people that the period from '68 till mid '72' was the most exciting of my teaching career. I've been fortunate in my professional life to have had many interesting and rewarding experiences but those few years at Poukawa are golden for two reasons - for educational buzz and for community involvement. Although the two were closely interwoven at Poukawa there are, for me, very special flavours to each.

The late sixties were vintage years for primary education. The tutorial approach, typified by the Janet and John readers and the Schonell spellers, was replaced by child-centred, activity-based philosophies and techniques where teachers were encouraged to focus on each child's learning needs and to customise the programme for each kid. Where better to do this than Poukawa, a well resourced school with interested and encouraging parents and, of course, great kids who were a teacher's dream.

It was rewarding but it was hard work. Then, as today I guess, Poukawa parents were both supportive and demanding. They wanted to see results and they wanted to be assured that their kids got an education at least as good as that offered in town or at boarding school. Some didn't like the look of "this playway stuff" and wanted to see more of 'the basics'. I very quickly learned of the priceless trust that parents give teachers when they choose to send their children to spend their precious childhood time with us - it's humbling, it's scary but it's the reason why teachers are teachers.

Let's turn to the community which, in terms of school catchment, meant Poukawa itself, Horonui and Te Hauke. Although I grew up in a country town I was not prepared for the localised culture of this district, that rich mix of landowners and leasers, of managers and workers, of contractors and the few others who were not directly associated with the land, of Maori, pakeha and those of recent European connection. As the teacher of your children I was granted hospitality in your homes and, in many cases, access to your lives. Your community's goodwill was freely given by people no longer directly connected with the school. In short, as a result of a few years' residence in your district, I have some life-long friends who visit, write or call with the inevitable update of the Poukawa scene.

Here are some of my memories expressing the hospitality imbued in your community.

- \* Brian and Judy Bain's careful induction into school and district life, and Len and Barbara Horn's special neighbourliness.
- \* The real socialisation process, such as the rifle club (which centred on Monday evenings in Tony Robson's woolshed), the claybird shoots in preparation for the duckshooting season (neither the clay nor the feathered sort were ever in any danger from me - and Tom Lane JP

added his bit to protect them by lending me a cripple-stock full-choke gun!), and the various elevenses, lunch, afternoon and evening gatherings to either mark an occasion or to make one.

- \* The vehicles, like Len's stylish green MG, Chris Long's souped-up Mini Cooper, young John Malcolm's go-kart, and Ben Jacobs' school bus (which when I was driving one day, stalled on the railway crossing by the hall and I had to jump it off on the starter motor).
- \* The meals, like Betty Porter's mid-week specials, Kitty Hayde's Sunday curries, Anne Parsons' soirees and Meta Knottenbelt's family events.

Schools, first and last, are about education, that institutionalised way in which we parcel up knowledge, skills and attitudes to pass on one generation's culture to the next. Individually we each know what we want from our schools, we know what the curriculum should be, what parts of it are more important than others, what shouldn't be there at all and, critically, we know how things should be taught.

Poukawa parents are no different. On reflection I now wonder just how some of you coped with the style and programmes which Jan and I brought to your school. It's my view that a school, like a family or a club or a business must declare what it stands for and what it will do or produce. It must make a statement, through its environment, its principles, its communications and, ultimately, through its performance. And its got to evolve and change because it's in the futures business - the future of those kids - and teachers are the change agents who manage those precious opportunities which rich curricula, stimulating environments and quality relationships can ignite.

At Poukawa then our trademark or theme was the language arts, that amalgam of talking, listening, reading, writing and moving. Probably the most visible aspect of that theme was the various art media that we employed. I retain strong memories of juniors making jewellery by melting enamel onto copper with searing propane torches; of the old outside loos being converted into sloshy claythrowing areas where Hilde Knottenbelt and sometimes mums could be found up to the elbows in a wonky pot; of the almost-Maori gatepost which glared at visitors (the product of a fallen willow and enthusiastic carving by Ian Laidlaw, Peter Horn and Richard Bartlett); of the large field-looms made from green baling twine interwoven with gathered grasses, lichens, wool, bark, etc; of the imaginative bridges which were constructed over the green swimming pool in mid-winter; of the roaring kiln which was previously the remains of a chimney in Horn's paddock; as well as the many screenprints, paintings and photographs which communicated the world as our children saw it. The creativity that Paul Hayde showed in his clay constructions could be seen years later in his internationally acclaimed culinary creations.

One of the conventional ways of arranging multi-level teaching where one or two teachers work with a group of children of various ages is through so-called family grouping. A feature of this approach is the learning that younger children get by modelling on the older ones. At Poukawa this was particularly effective with seniors such as Gloria Bartlett, Amiria Waretini, Frans Knottenbelt, Julie-Anne Malcolm, Lyn Campbell, Margaret Stothart and Lorraine Hayde smoothly taking over the helm on the numerous occasions when teachers were diverted elsewhere. These young leaders took considerable initiative, and were so comfortable with the responsibility that I had to remind them that I, too, had to be involved in some of their decisions. On one occasion, when an inspector or adviser had called unexpectedly, one of these kids had tended to an injury, decided that a trip to outpatients was advisable, and had rung the injured child's mother. The first I knew about it was when Mum arrived at school to pick up the child. "You were busy, so I thought that was the best thing to do", was the disarming response to my query about what had happened. Although it wasn't obvious at first X-rays showed a fracture. I was left wondering if my treatment of the situation would have been as effective as that of my young deputy.

I have vivid memories of the awesome hockey team - the multi-talented Waretinis (Amiria, Adrian and Anderson), Mark Porter, Martijn Knottenbelt, Eric Long, 'Little' Bird and the rest. What an example of skill, teamwork and pride - tiny Poukawa blowing away the city intermediates (although we had monumental struggles with Raukawa School). Here was proof that kids learn in spite of their teacher, because I didn't know one end of a stick from the other. It all started one day when someone found a set of sticks buried away under the school and, fortuitously, the art advisor who was visiting at that time just happened to be a Hawke's Bay hockey rep and coach. For the next few months we enjoyed many Art/Hockey lessons from Kerk Taylor.



When I think of Poukawa as a place I recall the ribbons of roads which defined its geography - Poukawa Road, Cohr's Road, Horonui Road and the highway to Te Hauke. Then I think of the heart-break associated with other roads that have tragically taken the lives of my young friends Adrian Waretini, Mark Hayde and, of course, Jan Preston, not to mention the other tragedies shared in the Poukawa community.

So the years have passed and lives have been won and lost. My main reason for returning to Poukawa School at this reunion time is to find out how things have worked out for some of those young lives and to see how that fresh and full-on joy, exuberance, honesty and talent has grown.

And there are some young old people that I want to meet again. Perhaps there's another page or two in the Poukawa story.

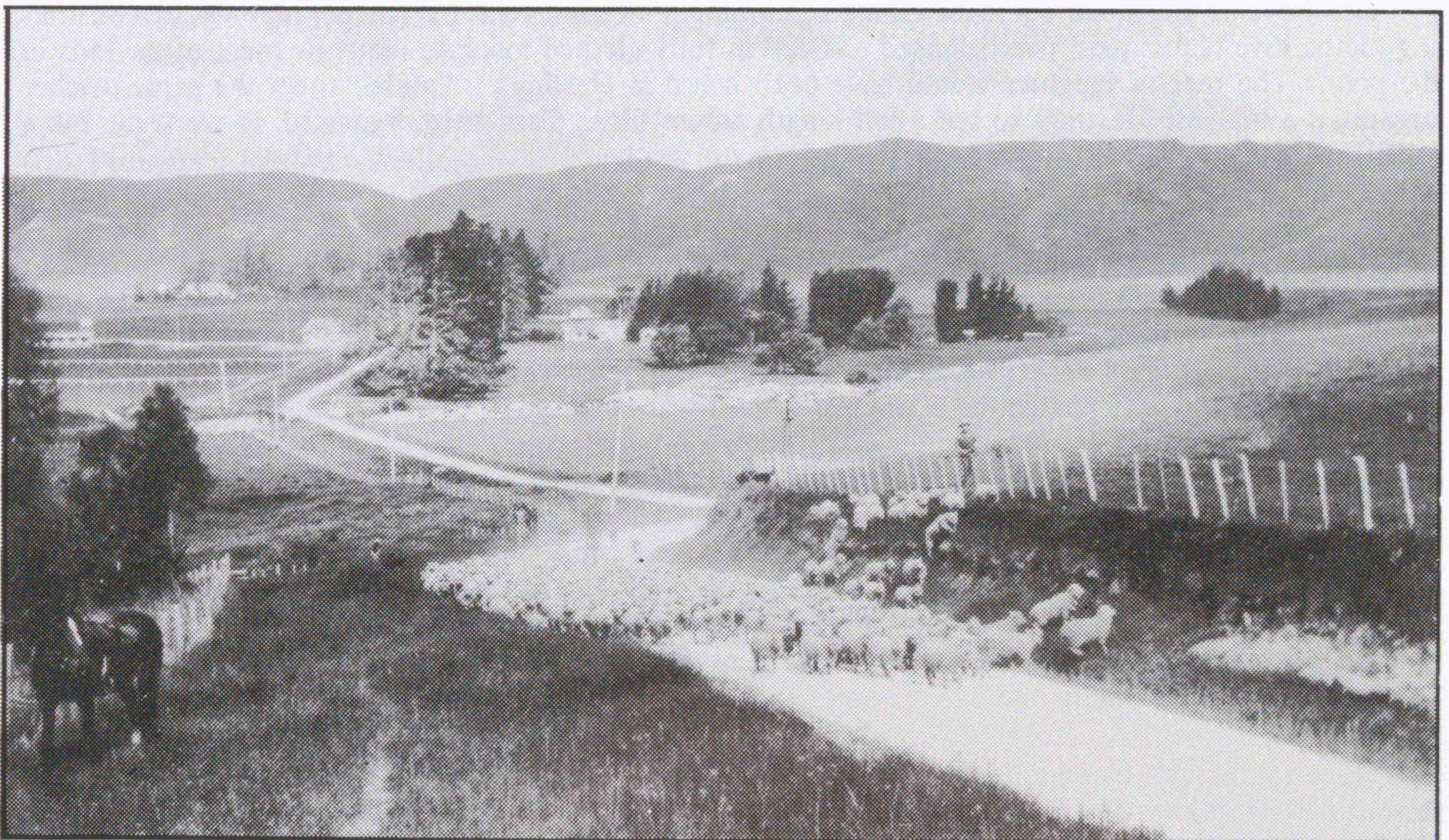
My best wishes to you all. Ka nui nga mihi ki a koutou.

## Ted Preston

From Poukawa Ted moved to Mahora and Hastings Central schools. He then worked in the Department of Education in Wellington, where he administered the development of Professor Marie Clay's Reading Recovery programme from its pilot phase in Auckland to a nation-wide activity. For eight years he was an Inspector of Schools and, through his specialist interest in the teaching of gifted children, set up the Programme Enrichment Centre.

Ted has tried his hand at consultancy (while working in Melbourne he met up with Hilde Knottenbelt) and, with the arrival of Tomorrow's Schools, was an inaugural Director in the Education Review Office. He is no longer in the education system, and now works as an HR strategist, specialising in the development of senior managers.

He still lives in Wellington, is married to Anne Cornege, and has a teenage daughter and son.



*Douglas Road c.1928*

# MEMORIES

## TREVOR HOLLIS

After 12 years at Poukawa School, there are many pleasant memories. Mainly of the friendly, polite and dedicated pupils, who strived mightily to reach high standards in their studies and their sport. Memories of nervous excited children waiting for the Show Competition results to be published in the paper. Their record of success in that competition was envied by most town schools. And in hockey, the many H.B. Reps from the school reflected our players high skills, determination and team work.

The Christmas Party performances in the District Hall and on the front lawn, were varied and of a high standard and became an eagerly awaited event. Some performances were particularly outstanding, thanks to the talented and dedicated staff that taught at the school over the years. Father Christmas always turned up with his Goodies. The Guy Fawkes night B.B.Q. and Bonfire was another event that was excitedly awaited. Firstly the children building the huge bonfire, and then each classroom constructing their own Guy - a great social event. Pet Day - when those usually obedient pets seemed to have a mind of their own, providing delightful entertainment with their naughtiness.

Camp Kaitawa was a highlight for many children and parents. Initially many children approached the Camp with trepidation, a week away from home, but once there the camaraderie and excitement took over - every night the cry was "stop talking and go to sleep!" They enjoyed the strenuous camp activities so much, that the day to come home was always a sad one. I have memories of Rueben Parahi, our bus driver, being a tremendous help to us all, and his enjoyment of playing 500 until late at night. Of a parent gnawing on a large mutton bone one dinner time. Of the entertaining Social Night when different groups performed humorous skits. Why did I lose my voice every camp and spent the next two days sleeping when we arrived home? The trips to Wellington were also a highlight and a revelation - the country bumpkins let loose in the big city. I remember one young lady who wanted to get a better look at the monkeys and fell into the low hedge and became stuck. Also the monkey that took a shine to Trev. and cried when he walked away. These were enjoyable times for the pupils and parents and I guess will remain in the memories of all that participated. I have not mentioned some of the antics the parents got up to!!

Other events that stood out involved the swimming pool. Who was the teacher that was demonstrating racing dive techniques, overbalanced and fell in fully clothed much to the enjoyment of the kids in the pool. The roar of laughter would have been heard in Hastings. Another time, the same teacher organised a trip into Hastings to see a full length nature film. Cars were organised, in we went, but a WEEK TOO EARLY! What a red face!!

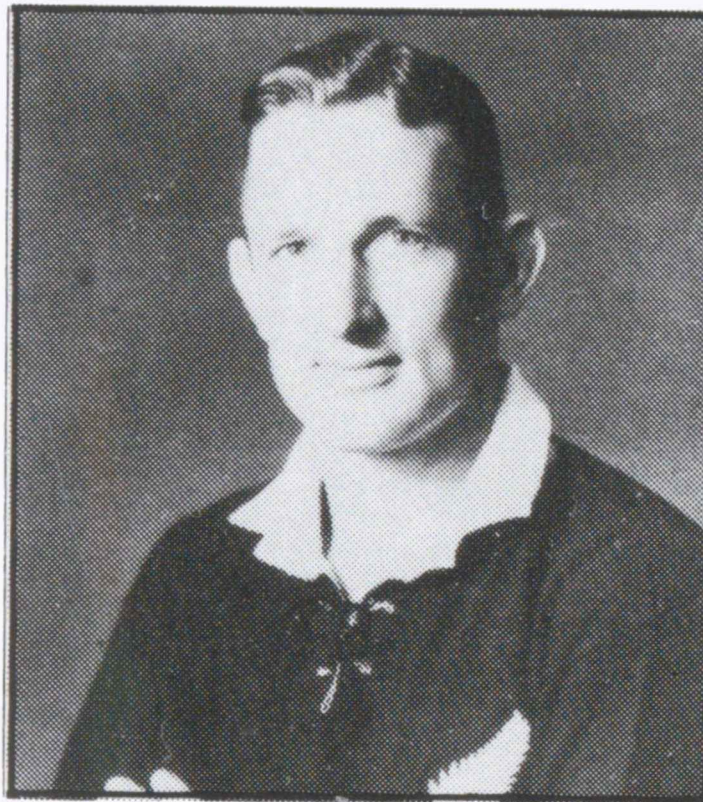
Probably one activity more than any other stands out in reflecting the attitudes and perseverance of Poukawa School children and that was the annual testing for their Swimming Certificates. Into the Aquatic Centre we went to test for the longer distances. How the children strived with great determination and success to pass their 1500m test. I still have a great deal of admiration and respect for their achievements, for I only passed the 200m test when I was their age.

A camp-out held on school grounds started with a disaster as heavy rain and strong winds on the first night flattened most tents - children ended up sleeping on the Library Primers Room Carpet. Ended up with no-one wanting to return home but a marvellous weekend.

Lastly I must reflect on the wonderful support from the School Committee, Ladies' Social Circle and the District as a whole, your keen involvement and interest in the School made my 12 years at Poukawa a very memorable one.

# SPORT

## Sporting Achievers



*Roy White, All Black 1946-1947*

## WHITE, ROY MAXWELL

### Educated Poukawa Primary School - enrolled 1922

Born: Dannevirke 18 October 1917

Died: Wellington 19 January 1980

Side-row forward

Represented N.Z. 1946, 47

10 matches (4 internationals)

Points for N.Z.: 3 1 try

Provincial Record: Wellington 1939-44, 46, 48 (Petone), 1945 (Trentham Army) also North Island 1944, 46, 47; NZ Trials 1947, 48; NZ Combined Services 1945.

Educated Hastings Boys' High School. A regular Wellington representative during the years of WW11. White played for New Zealand in both Tests against 1946 Wallabies, scoring a try in his debut, and the following year toured Australia holding his place in the Test scrum for the two-match series. His tour statistics were given as 6'1" and 14st 6lb.

White captained Wellington 1945-48 and the North Island 1946. He served on the Petone club's committee for 19 years; president 1968, 69, 76-79. Wellington selector 1961, 63 and a member of that union's junior management committee. New Zealand R Class yachting champion. An engineer.

14 September 1946 at Carisbrook (scored a try)

28 September 1946 at Eden Park

14 June 1947 at Brisbane

28 June 1947 at Sydney

A quote from Winston McCarthy "R.M. (Roy) White had been Wellington's Captain for some time and was at his peak, it was thought, when there was no big rugby being played (war years). He showed the following year (1947) when paired on the flank with K.D. Arnold in Australia, what playing in the big time can do to a player. In 1947 he was as good a flanker as could be found.



***Paki Paki - Poukawa School Football Team  
Winners McKee Shield 1930***

***Standing:*** Lesley Milne, Mr. F.N. Emmett, Torry Saunders, Tommy Timu, Johnson Whare,  
Verdun Bartlett, Mr. E. Riley, Roy White.

***Sitting:*** Willie Patton, Fred Hapi, Colling Coghlan, Roy McLeod, George Patton.

***Front:*** Luke Cooper, Nelson Carroll, Jimmy Puriri, Phillip Parahi, Willie Mohi.



***Netball Team 1946 or 1947***

***Front Row Left to Right:*** Betty Lock, Shirley Epplett, Heather Tasker.

***Centre:*** June Hapuku, Olivia Hapuku.

***Back:*** ?

# OTHER SPORTING ACHIEVERS

Representing Hawke's Bay in Hockey - Geoffrey Pilcher, David Tilyard, Mark Porter, Shane Hollis, Stephen Campbell, Richard Shaw, Anderson Waretini. Mark Porter became a New Zealand Representative.



1977

*Back Row Left to Right: Charlie Bartlett, Russell Phillips, David Campbell, Anderson Waretini, Matthew Caccioppoli, Mark Mohi.*

*Front Row Left to Right: Dean Mohi, Tama Campbell, Mark Porter, Richard Shaw, Erik Long.*



*T.R. Hollis and Hockey Team 1981*

*Back Row, Left to Right: Callum Wrightson, Murray Collins, David Tilyard, Shane Hollis, Shane Crawford, Graham Taka, Tim Thompson, Mr. Trevor Hollis, Headmaster.*

*Front Row, Left to Right: Delvar Robinson, Matthew McGlinchy, Roman Greening, Andrew McGregor, Quentin Hawea, Zappa Greening, Beaven Clark, Malcolm Olsen.*

Several pupils did well at Athletics and the following pupils - Matthew McGlinchey, Andrew McGregor, Sonya Taylor, Richard Collins, Natasha Caccioppoli - represented Hastings Schools at the Central Hawke's Bay Cross Country in their time at school.

Matthew McGlinchey, Shane Hollis, Natasha Caccioppoli, Sally Scoular all did well at the Hastings Primary Schools' Cross Country.

Natasha Caccioppoli went on to win titles at secondary level in Athletics, Cross Country and Triathlon and also for the Hastings Harrier Club.



*Netball Team 1977*

*Top Row Left to Right: Andrea Gray, Jane Porter, Tracey Hollis, Janice Shaw.  
Front Row: Sally Scoular, Annabelle Waretini, Joanne Reeves.*

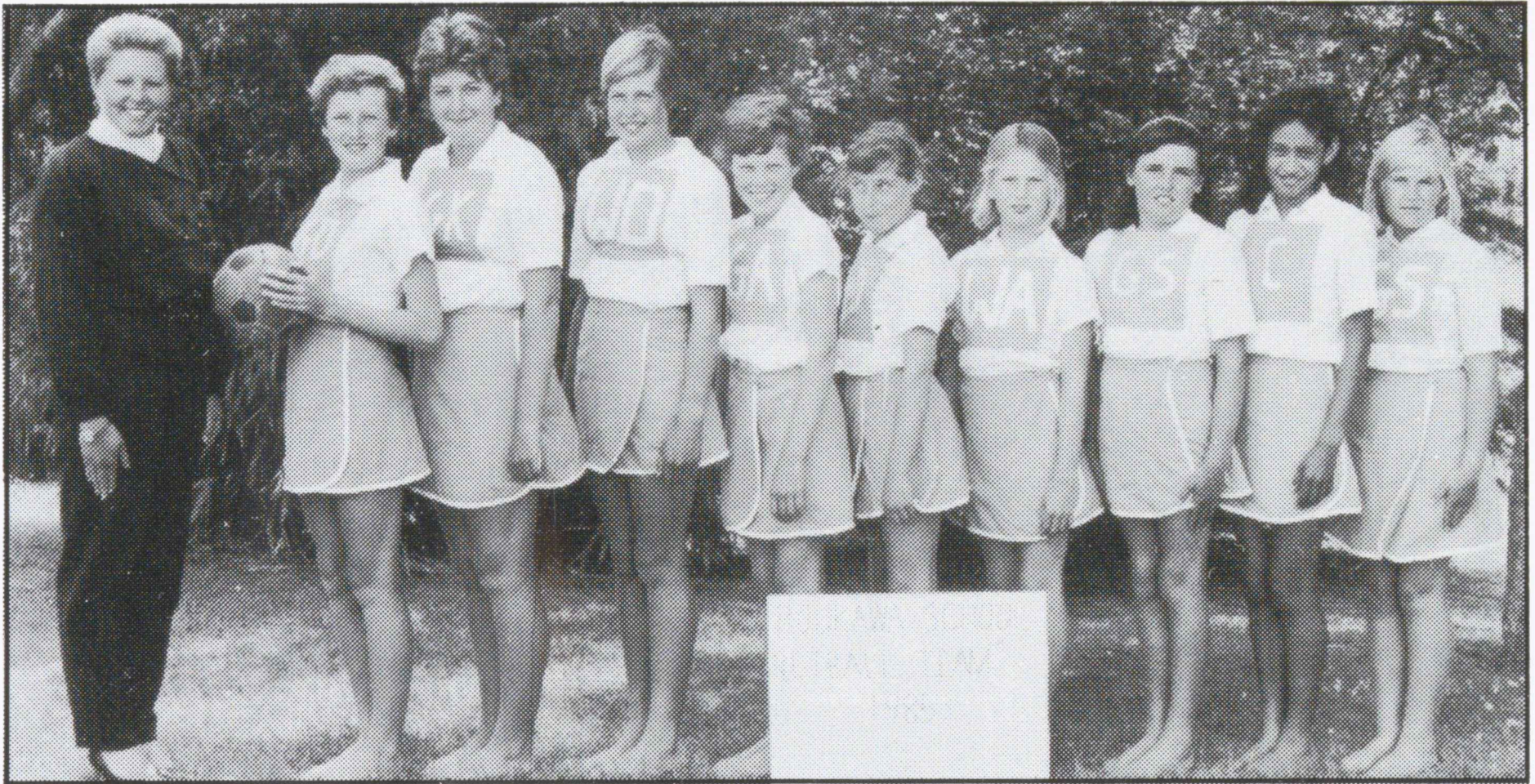


*B Netball Team 1981*

*Back: Nicola Lane.*

*Middle: Andrea Crawford, Monique Caccioppoli, Victoria Robinson.*

*Front: Debbie Hall, Mariet Kersjes, Natasyha Caccioppoli, Kristen Campbell.*



**Netball Team 1985**

**Teacher:** Maxine Harding

*Nichola Lane, Sandra Proctor, Pippa Campbell, Kirsty Duff, Michaela Caccioppoli, Katie Hansen, Penny Gray, Henrietta Tuhi, Frith Campbell.*



**Gymnastics Team**

**Third H.B. Gymnastic Schools' Competition, Country Grade - 1975**

*Back Row Left to Right: Sally Scoular, Janice Shaw, Andrea Gray, Annabelle Waretini, Tracy Long.  
Front Row: Margot McErlich, Jane Porter, Debra Long.*

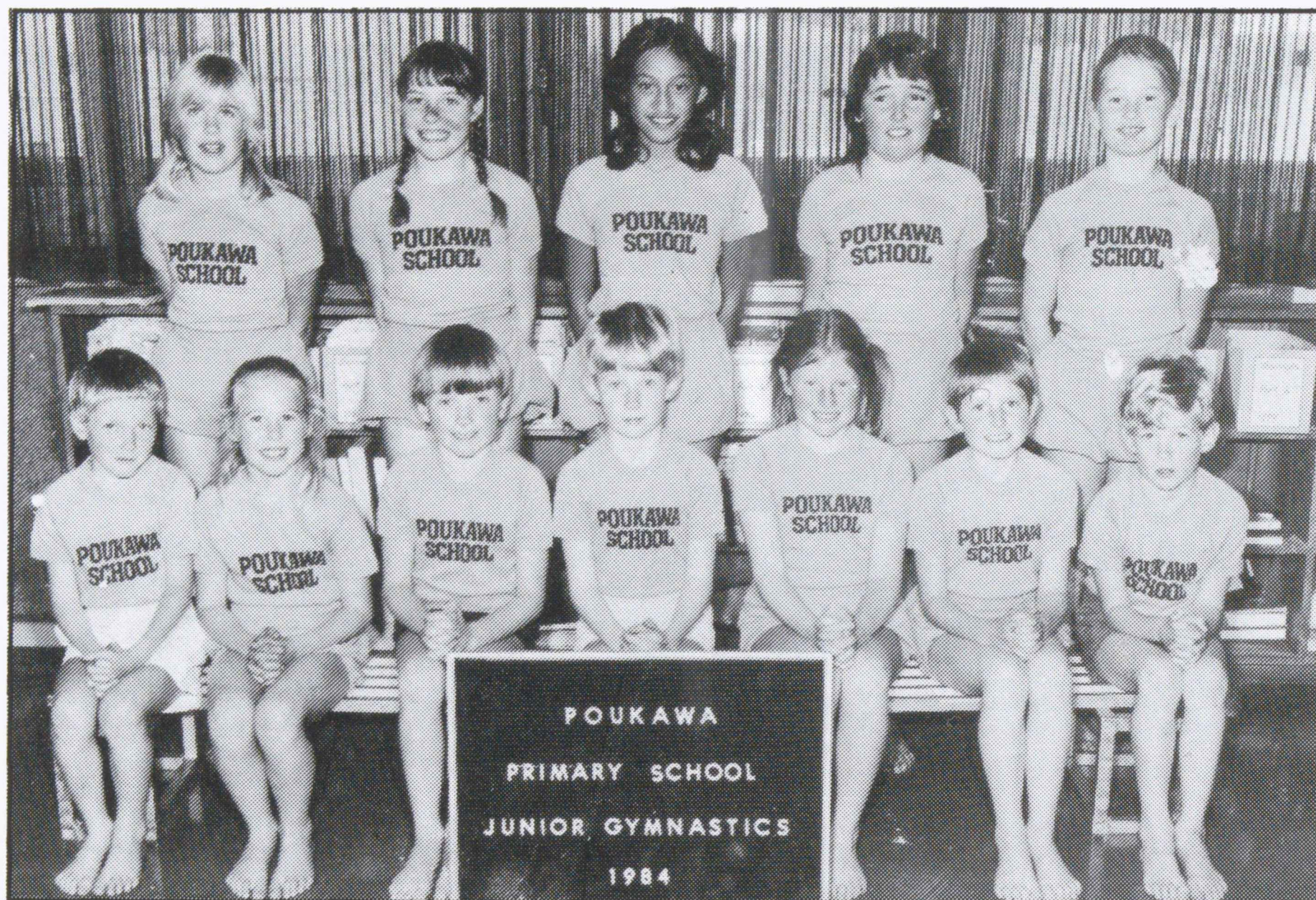
## Kirsty Duff

Swimming

When representing HB for the first time at age 9, Kirsty won a NZ. Teleprinter title. She continued to swim for HB for 7 years, breaking over 45 records, some of which still stand today. She represented NZ at the Pacific School Games in 1988.

## Andrew Duff

Swimming. Represented HB for 4 years and also broke several HB records.



*Junior Gymnastics 1984*

*Back: Frith Campbell, Michaela Caccioppoli, Henrietta Tuhi, Penny Gray, Katie Hansen  
 Front: Cameron Lane, Kara Campbell, Daniel McGlinchey, Charlton Brownrigg, Fiona Campbell,  
 Sarah Lane, Adrian Brownrigg*

## Sport 1996

Girls have Saturday morning sport taken by a junior teacher and a parent. Boys join different sports clubs - soccer, rugby, cricket.

During the Week - girls and boys play at Flaxmere Community Centre - Indoor soccer, basketball, mini ball.

Volley Ball at Community Centre on a Tuesday usually.

Swimming - part of the school day in the season. Swimming sports with other schools.

Softball - Central Hawke's Bay Softball Tournament at Waipawa an annual event in February or March.

7-Aside held at Onga Onga Primary School in August. All C.H.B. primary schools participate - about 10-15 schools. Netball, hockey, soccer, rugby. School banner paraded in. B.B.Q. sausage sizzle. Cake Stall.

Poukawa-Pukehou-Argyle Annual Cross Country. All children encouraged and children get a certificate to say they have taken part.



# IMAGINE

## PETER HORN

Imagine sitting near a lake shore in the late afternoon. The sun will soon sink behind the larger matai and totara trees on the forested ridge. On the lake, a flock of several kinds of duck appear to be drifting aimlessly in the light breeze, their feeding complete for the day. They seem hardly to notice the pair of pelicans dipping for small fish. A giant swamp hen feeds in the weed at the lake margin, watched intently by a small group of white herons which has already settled for the night in the branches of an old kahikatea that toppled in a storm last winter. Coots and takahe fossick amongst the ferns and grasses in a small clearing previously shaded by the ancient tree. Their actions startle a snipe and cause it to sprint to the cover of some scrub. High in the canopies of the large trees, flocks of kokako, tui, and wood pigeon forage noisily for their preferred fruits or nectar. Below them, on the lower branches and trunks, fantails and riflemen hunt for insects. Kaka screech at each other as they rip bark from a rotting tree in search of grubs. An eagle soars overhead with a small weka in its talons, and lands clumsily near its nest in a tall tree.

As light begins to fade, a small group of moa approach the lake along a well worn path through the bush. They drink and browse on young shoots and berries from the bushes near the shore before ambling back up the path to their night roosts. The approach of darkness heralds a change in the sounds of the forest. The calls of the tui and other songbirds are replaced by the occasional squeal and grunt of a kakapo and the shrill whistle of brown kiwi. In the distance, two laughing owls call to each other. A tuatara emerges from its burrow to begin its nocturnal quest for insects.

This is the image of Poukawa Lake about 4000 years ago, as indicated from investigations conducted in the 1960s and 70s by Russell Price. Russell had a lifetime interest in science, but particularly New Zealand's natural history and anthropology. Although he never had the privilege of an advanced education, he read prolifically and could confidently discuss topics as divergent as Greek history and astrophysics. He was an astute observer of his surroundings, and his jobs as a forester and surveyor with the Catchment Board enabled him to see much of natural New Zealand. I think it was his investigation of moa biology that ignited his interest in Poukawa when the deepening of the stream that drains Poukawa Lake produced a large quantity of moa bones.

When I first met Russell, he was 68, and spending one day each weekend systematically excavating a low ridge just north of Poukawa Lake. In the soil over much of the site was a clearly defined layer of small pumice lumps identified as ash produced about 1900 years ago when a volcano erupted and produced the crater that is now Lake Taupo. Ash layers from other earlier major eruptions in the central North Island were also identified deeper in the peat. Finds of Maori artefacts and extensive middens of freshwater mussels proved the site had been occupied in pre-European times. However, artefacts, cut and burnt moa bones, and evidence of cooking fires were recovered from beneath the Taupo ash layer, suggesting human occupation much earlier than the accepted arrival date of Maori. This caused some controversy in archaeological circles but despite several independent investigations, Russell's claims were never comprehensively refuted.

From a natural history point of view, the site produced a wealth of information. Over 12,000 bird bones were identified to species. The approximate age of individual bones could be determined from their position in the soil relative to the volcanic ash layers of known age. A picture of the bird communities present in the Poukawa area, and how those communities changed over the last 7000 years, was developed. Six species of moa and 55 other bird species were identified, more than from any other New Zealand site. The moa and 12 of the other species are now extinct, and a further 16 species are now rare or absent in the North Island.

Despite being an 'amateur' investigator, Russell's work contributed significantly to our knowledge of New Zealand natural history, and put Poukawa on the map in this regard. Some of his ideas were controversial, and although he wasn't always right, he always had a damned good argument. I was very fortunate to be able to work with Russell at Poukawa from 1969 to 1976.

# POUKAWA SCHOOL - THE RAILWAY

DAVID BUDDO

One of the hazards of riding ponies or biking to Poukawa School in the early days was crossing the Railway Line. When I started school in 1937 there were no lights or bells so my parents were very insistent that I took great care in looking both ways before crossing. There had been a fatality when Mr. Jack Corless' father was run down while walking the track between the Post Office and the Railway Station, so my Mother and Father were understandably nervous. Mind you, I never worried a jot - you could hear and see those large steam engines coming for miles. Sometimes you could experience those belching monsters well after they had gone through, as the fireman periodically got rid of the kinkers from the firebox by tipping them on to the track. In the middle of Summer they started many a grass fire.

The Rail was a very important part of Poukawa. To start with there was a daily passenger train which travelled between Waipukurau and Napier every morning returning in the afternoon. It stopped at every little station along the line including Opapa, Te Hauke and Poukawa. I think it was well patronised until most families acquired motorcars.

Freight trains were more the norm with livestock and fertiliser being carried. We used the Rail for older sheep and cattle going to the Works, and received sheep and cattle from places such as Gisborne, Taihape and Manawatu. Our prime lambs went by road transport which was much dearer. We would order the railway trucks two or three days in advance and they were always there waiting for us. The Rail was very reliable in this respect but you couldn't rely on the trains themselves being on time. They were a sort of national joke, everything could and would be blamed on them.

Loading was a breeze, the loading race worked well. Sheep trucks were double deckers and carried about 60 sheep. These wagons had very solid crates made of steel with wooden bars and sliding doors. Unloading on the other hand could be a real pain. There was a lot more weight to move along the track to the race. A large crowbar was provided and kept at the station. It had a sort of wedge on the business end with a heel and toe. The idea was to lodge the toe under the wheel and using the heel as a fulcrum bear down on the other end. Once the wagon was moving you dropped the bar and frantically put your shoulder to the wagon to try to keep it moving. You also had to remember to let the air out of the Westinghouse brakes which could be a trap for the uninitiated. It was easy enough to see the foot brake, but that stupid piece of wire hiding under the wagon was something else.

When stock arrived it was usually at night and Mr. Allen Smith would kindly ring you when they had arrived. Mr. Smith owned Poukawa Station and lived opposite the Poukawa Railway Station. Mrs. Crisp lives there now. At that time Poukawa homestead had two storeys with a large balcony around the top storey so it was easy to see and hear the train shunting wagons on to the siding. When we had heard from Mr. Smith we would go and unload immediately and return again at daybreak to drive the stock home. Mr. Smith was the only person I heard of who had sheep on the crossing when the express came through. I can't remember how many sheep were lost in the accident but I can remember feeling that it was quite unjust that he should be fined for holding up the train, sort of insult to injury.

The Railway families who lived in the two houses at the Poukawa Railway Station contributed lots to the sporting and social life of the District. The White family provided Poukawa School with its only All Black to date and Tom and Francy Jago organised monthly dances and weekly indoor bowls and table tennis in the Hall. All the events were great fun and it was a privilege to know all those wonderful characters who lived by the Railway.

# POUKAWA 1942 - 1958 - MY MEMORIES

## SYD JAGO

Arriving from Eketahuna at age 2 when my Father, Tom Jago, was transferred with New Zealand Railways from Eketahuna to Poukawa in 1942 in charge of the section of railway track from the railway crossing half way up the 'Opapa Bank' to a point along the straight between 'The Kennels' and the brick works later to become Amner's Lime Works, I have long and pleasant memories of the district, the life, the people, the railways, and the school.

My pre-school memories are rather vague, but looking through old photographs has reminded me of many things, one being the Thursday shopping trips to town (Hastings) by train.

As Poukawa was considered to be 'isolated', railways wives were entitled to free travel to their nearest shopping town once a week for shopping. On a Thursday, Mum and I would catch train No. 912 (a Woodville to Napier passenger express running Monday to Friday) at the Poukawa Station at 10.30 a.m., returning by train No. 636 which had a couple of passenger cars attached to the rear of a Napier to Woodville goods train, arriving back at Poukawa at about 6.15 p.m. My grandparents, Allan and Ellen Stephens, lived at Paki Paki, and we sometimes got off the train there, went to town with them and caught the train again at Paki Paki for the return journey.

Although considered isolated, there were several services available in the district. The bread van would call at your gate with shelves loaded with delicious, and often still warm loaves. The fish van selling fresh fish, and the butcher's van which called on a regular basis, and of course Jock Shaw delivered milk to those without a cow. Later in the day Jock would deliver the evening papers on his motor-bike. We had a cocker spaniel which would trot off down to the station after the paper had been delivered and was able to tell the difference between the Daily Telegraph and the Herald-Tribune. She never did bring the wrong one back. I'm told they were wrapped differently, but at the time I was certain we had the cleverest dog in the world.

Other very early memories of Poukawa railways are the steam engines hissing and clanking in the night while shunting goods wagons into the Poukawa siding right outside our front door, visits from drivers and guards who used to 'swap' 'much needed commodities' for eggs, baking and other produce which would be left on the front verandah for them during the night, railway staff living in huts on the siding at Poukawa and their problems with being moved during the night during shunting movements in the yard, and of course the morning in 1951 when the district awoke to find a thick covering of snow over the entire countryside. Summertime memories include the water tanks which were delivered, by rail, to our front door and the task of pumping, by hand, the much needed water into our household tanks which were supplied from our house roof, and the couple of summers when the fire risk in the district was at danger level and the Smiths set up a truck with water tank and pump in case of an emergency.

Other vivid memories revolve around the staff who travelled from Opapa each day to man the Poukawa 'Tablet Hut' which was located on the southern side of the Poukawa railway road crossing about half way between the crossing and the rail cutting. This tiny building was used to control the crossing loop where north and south-bound trains 'crossed'. One was put into the loop while the other passed through. Remember the old semaphore signals, one at the rail crossing and another just around the curve in the railway, just north of the railway houses. These were controlled by wires which were pulled by large levers at the tablet hut.

The Poukawa Station with its busy stock yards and loading bank saw much activity with the farming community sending and receiving wagon loads of stock which was loaded from the yards onto rail wagons via the little stock race, and unloading super and other farm requirements. A lasting memory is Dave and Rex Malcolm loading wagons with apples bound for places unknown. Also much pleasure was had by checking wagons in the morning to see what had arrived overnight, and from the card at the end, seeing who would be arriving at the station to unload their goods that day.

Every day saw activity which brought much excitement. One of Dad's daily morning duties was to check the wagons in the yard, and phone the "YT" (Yard Tally) to the Napier Wagon Supply Office. These days the wagons are checked electronically through stations. Another vivid memory is the fact

that whenever there was an earthquake Dad would have to go out in the middle of the night and inspect his section of the railway track before any further trains were allowed to use it. This also occurred at time of heavy rain and possible flooding. At times the track was inspected prior to any passenger train being due. These were the days that safety was considered to be paramount by N.Z. Railways.

Shearing time at the Smith's woolshed was exciting, with the shearing gang living-in at the shearers' quarters and all the excitement of the shearing, baling the wool and then watching it being loaded onto rail wagons at the station.

Living so close to the railway track gave one an early respect for the dangers of trains, something which proved to be valuable in later years when I chose a career in Railways in the Communications Section.

Memories of Railways people at Poukawa include Jack Keogh, the Tablet Maintainer, who would arrive on his hand trolley (Jigger) to balance the tablets, a ritual I never really understood until I joined Railways in Napier in February 1958, Albert and Jack Hapuku who worked on the track, Johnnie Walker from the house nextdoor, also a surfaceman (Track Maintenance Worker), Jack Haye, Ray Polly and Don Haggarty, also from the Signals Department come to mind as other visitors from afar (Napier) who seemed to just arrive, do some magic things to the signals and telephones, and then just disappear on their jigger.

One of the fascinating and daring things to do was listen in on the "train control" telephone at the station and listen to the voices from places as far away as Gisborne and Woodville receiving their instructions from "God", the Train Controller in Napier. I well remember the day when I was allowed, on a visit to Napier, to go into the Train Control Room in the old wooden Napier Station and actually see where it all came from.

Large passenger express trains were always exciting, and I was always privileged to know when they were due as Dad always had copies of the "train advices" telling him when all trains were due on his section of track. The passenger trains that spring to mind, other than the regular services, are the "Troop Trains" bringing servicemen home after the 2nd World War, and of course those famous Blossom Day specials bringing hundreds upon hundreds of happy excursionists, in the early hours of the morning, from Wellington to Hastings for the day of the Annual Blossom Parade on the second Saturday in September for many years, and returning to Wellington leaving Hastings at around midnight the same day.

Home for me from 1942 to 1958 was the northern most of the two railway houses which were of the standard railway design. They, along with all those identical from North Cape to the Bluff had been pre-fabricated at the Frankton (Hamilton) Railway Depot and then transported onto site and reassembled by railways builders. Ours today is still at Poukawa, although considerably altered. It is the last house on your left as you drive down Poukawa Road towards the Main Road.

Our house seemed to be a gathering place for many over the years, and we often had boarders, primary school teachers featured high on the list of boarders, and included Marie Foley who later married Len Jones, Pam McKee who arrived from Nelson, Ngaire Wibley, and Elsa Cody who later married Don Dixon. I still maintain contact with Marie who lives in Napier and her eldest daughter Sue, who until recently lived in Hastings, and has now moved to Waipawa where she and her husband Warren have bought a small property on the outskirts of the town. As well as boarders, we often had extras in for meals, especially the single guys who worked on the local farms. Among these are Bill Trewheellar (now in Napier) all of whom I still have regular contact with. Bill and Brian worked for some years on Tony Robson's farm, later moving on to own their own properties.

My parents involvement in the Poukawa Social Club brought many into our home over the years, with the table tennis club, the indoor bowls club and of course the monthly dances at the Hall. Don McKay, the regular pianist at the monthly dances is one I have maintained contact with over the years. These dances, with their fabulous home-made suppers were an institution, and were attended by people from far afield who loved the casual atmosphere, the great company, and of course the food. Cars were often parked on both sides of the road from the rail crossing up to the school corner. It was amazing how many people could squeeze into the hall. A feature of these dances was the fact that the MC was often required to announce the bracket outside, as most were usually at the tree-stump bars between dances. Perhaps this is how so many could attend, as I guess some spent very little time actually inside the hall.

Since it was a church-hall, festivities were required to end at midnight on Saturday nights, and groups usually gathered afterwards at the near-by homes into the wee small hours.

As well as their involvement in the social activities of the district, Dad was for some time Chairman of the School Committee, details of which I have no recollection.

As I write this, names keep popping up in my mind. The names then remind me of the vehicles they drove on the dusty shingle road.

Stan White and their huge American De Soto Station Wagon, Dave and Doris Malcolm and their Jaguar which Dave drove very fast, Donald Campbell and his Alvis, Lemin and Martha Cameron's green Ford Consul, Tony Robson in his Ford Popular, the Smiths, Buddos and Campbells in their large English cars, Les and Peggy Rich and their Model T Ford and Jim and Dott Little's Morris Minor. So the list goes on as I recall visions of the past, many over 50 years ago.

People I remember well are Mrs. Rich (Peggy) and Mrs. Buddo running the Sunday School, Stirling and Maureen Collison and David and Shirley, Doris, Dave and Rex Malcolm, Jim Curran - my first headmaster (I still see his daughter Zoe from time to time in Napier) and then Bob McKelvie who followed him, Margaret and Jocelyn McKelvie, Bob's two daughters, Tom (Chocolate) Timu, Annette, Robert and Kevin Little, Joe and Mihi Hape, The Karitianas, the Hapuku girls (June and Olivia), Kuini from Te Hauke who I later met again when working in Wellington in 1973, Taite Kupa, Archie and Mrs. McDonald from the Poukawa Store on the Main Road, the Brownriggs, Shorty from Te Hauke who travelled regularly on Fred White's bus, the staff at the 2YZ Transmitting Station at Opapa (Noel Ellison, Pont Wiffen and Ted Gawn), Barbara Smith (now Horn) who when she got tired of her lambing beat would sneak in our back gate for a cuppa and a chat without her Dad (Allan Smith) knowing, Jack Corless who ran the Post Office, Kathleen and Mr. and Mrs. Carter who lived in the old house across the paddock behind the railway houses, Barney and Mrs. Hennem, Margaret and Tom Lane, Lucy Douglas, Donald and Mrs. Campbell, Ewen Campbell and Johnnie, and Mary, Simon, Elizabeth and Sally Stead from Horonui, Jean Chapman and Brough and Rachel, Jock and Mrs. Shaw and Graeme and Barrie. One regular visitor to the district was Ned Barrett the county grader driver who attended to the needs of the road prior to it being sealed. I will always remember him towing his car behind the grader. All are characters I will always remember from my early days at Poukawa.

A memory I treasure is the night Donald Campbell, for reasons unknown to me, organised a roast bird as a prize at the Bowling Club function at the Hall. When it was presented on a silver meat tray and covered with a silver meat dish cover, there in all its splendour was a roast sparrow.

Perhaps the most famous of Poukawa's meeting places was the Post Office, no longer there, but able to be located by the Railway Gates both sides of the railway and a widening in the road for Post Office parking. Every week-day morning the problems of the world were discussed, and usually solved, and the district's news was distributed by the large crowd who would gather to collect their mail. In the early days the green mail bag was thrown off a train from Napier about 8.30 in the morning, but, alas, when road transport took over it became much less reliable and one often had to wait for ages. Time however went quickly on those waits, and the district lost something marvellous when rural delivery took over. Being a "mate" of the Postmaster had its advantages. Stamp collectors were allowed to get a look at new stamp issues prior to their release, were allowed to postmark their own first-day covers, and even, if you were lucky, Jack Corless would allow you to help sort the mail. I even did it all myself one time when Jack was either away, or sick.

The annual school pupils fancy dress dance held at the Hall, with its best costume competition and dance routines is a memory which was re-kindled when looking through old photographs. Some of these I would rather not ever see again. These nights were always fun and enjoyed by all.

Thinking of the Hall reminds me of the huge working-bees which were organised by the Social Club to totally replace the hall floor, paint the exterior and the roof, and generally restore the building back to great condition. What a shame that the more recent restoration work which was carried out has failed to re-kindle an interest in the Hall.

When leaving Poukawa School some children's parents opted to send their children to Hastings High School rather than to Waipawa District High School. This entailed a considerable amount of

travelling and rather long days. Parents (Jago, Little, and Rich) took it in turns to take us (myself, Lesley Rich and Annette Little) to the Paki Paki Store (no longer there) where we caught the Bridge Pa High School bus to Hastings, returning home on Fred White's Hastings to Waipukurau Bus Service leaving Hastings at 4.45 p.m. each day.

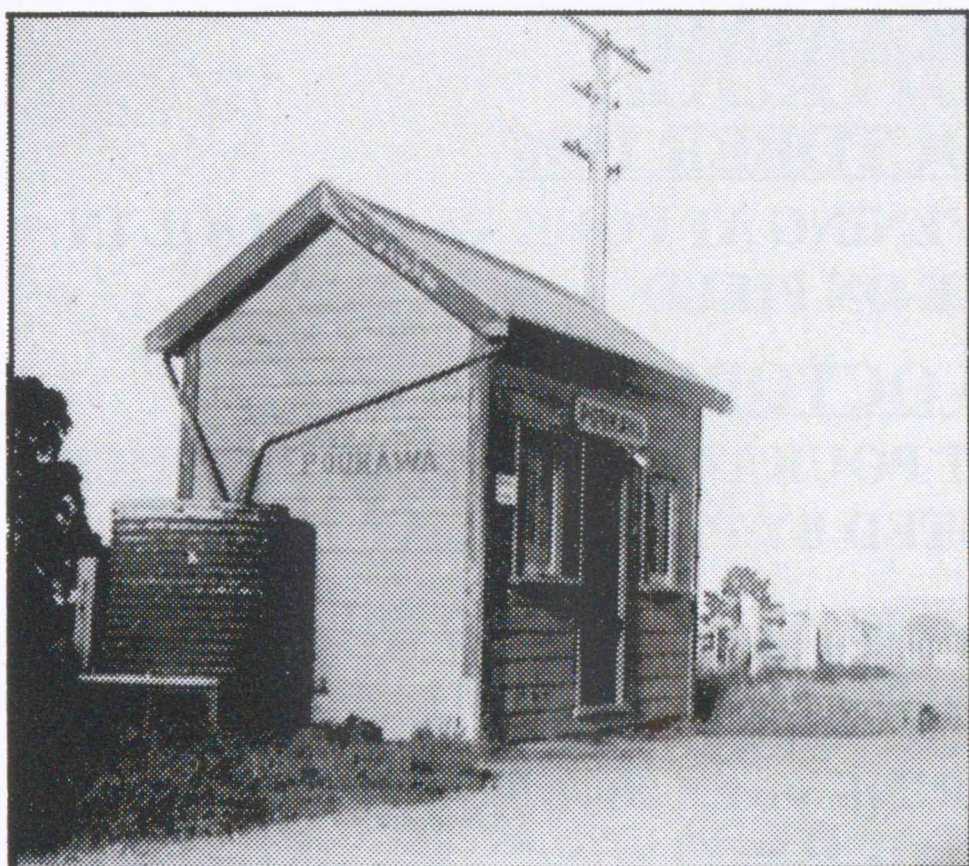
From the time I started working for Railways in Napier (1958) until we moved to Napier when Dad was appointed to a position also in Napier, I had no difficulty catching the Sunday Evening Wellington to Napier Railcar which was not allowed to stop at Poukawa, for my return to Napier after a weekend at home. Passengers would often be amazed when a passenger stepped into the passenger compartment with a suitcase in hand when the railcar had never appeared to stop. A wave to the Gisborne-based driver as he headed south during the afternoon would let him know that I would be waiting for him that evening when he returned. Slowing down, but not actually stopping, was all that was needed.

Our farewell from the district in 1959 took the form of a social and dance in the Hall, to which were invited, along with the locals, many of those who were regular attenders at the monthly dances. The district presentation, a canteen of cutlery, is still in my possession.

The Poukawa district will always remain in my mind as a perfect place in which to grow up. A place where everyone worked together regardless of their position in life and where life-long friendships were made.



*1951 Snow Fall (Syd Jago Photo)*



*Poukawa Railway Station. (Syd Jago Photo)*



*Tom Jago controlling traffic at Poukawa rail crossing prior to passing of Royal Train during 1953 Royal Visit of Q.E.2. (Syd Jago Photo)*



*Royal Train passes through Poukawa - 1953. (Syd Jago Photo)*



*Jago's Railway House. (Syd Jago Photo)*

# **PROGRAMME**

## **FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 1996**

**7.00 P.M. WINE AND CHEESE EVENING AT POUKAWA SCHOOL IN MARQUEE ON FIELD**

## **SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 1996**

**10.00 A.M. OFFICIAL OPENING AT POUKAWA SCHOOL WITH GUEST SPEAKERS. ITEMS PRESENTED BY PRESENT DAY PUPILS**

**1.00 P.M. CUTTING OF THE CAKE FOLLOWED BY DECADE PHOTOGRAPHS**

**6.30 P.M. PRE-DINNER DRINKS AT THE ANGUS INN, RAILWAY ROAD, HASTINGS**

**8.00 P.M. DINNER IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, ANGUS INN. DANCING UNTIL 1.00 P.M.**

## **SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 1996**

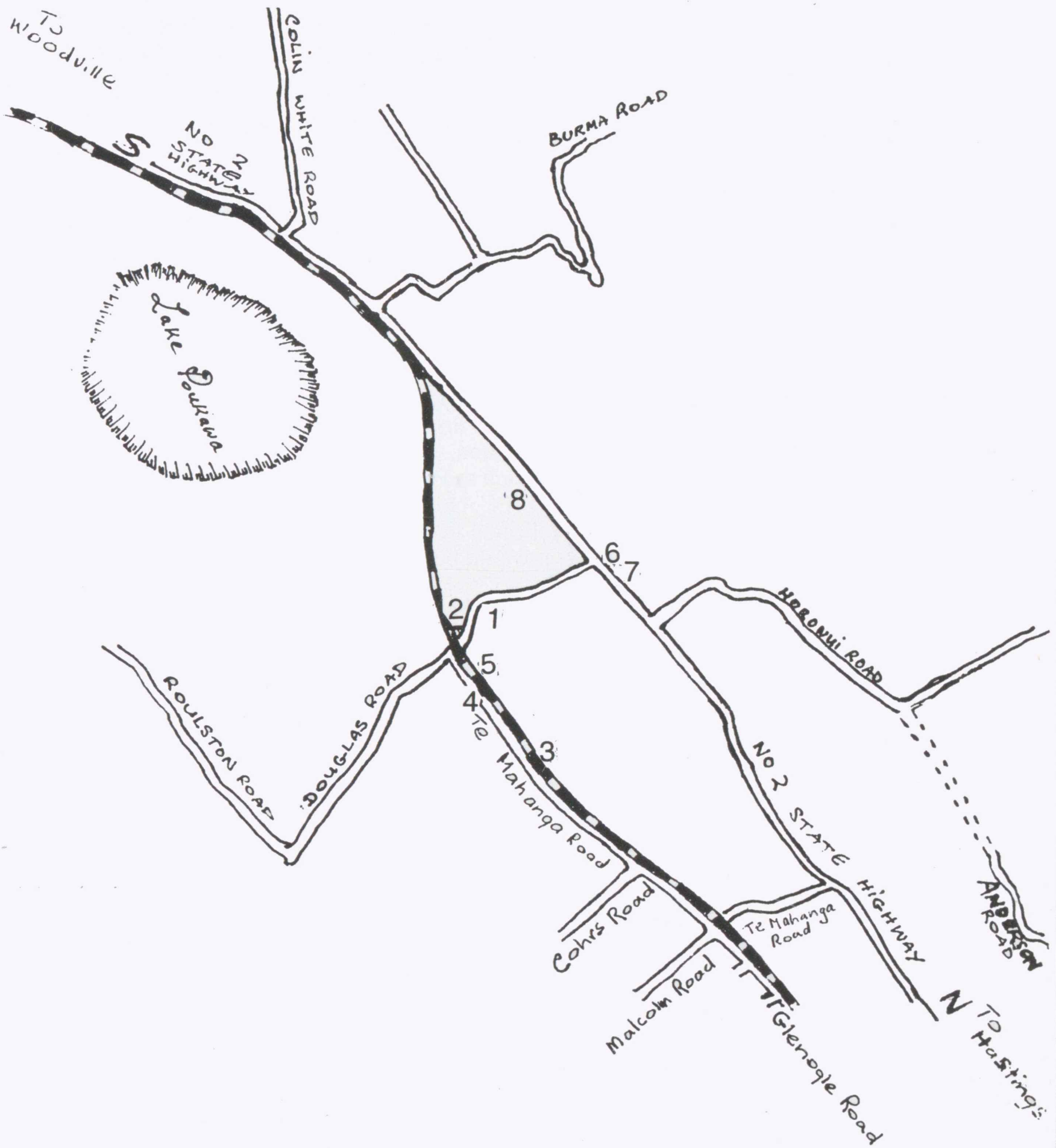
**10.30 A.M. THANKSGIVING SERVICE IN POUKAWA HALL FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA AT THE THE POUKAWA SCHOOL. ALL WELCOME**



*Senior Room 1962*



# LOCATION MAP



1. School
2. Church Hall
3. Post Office
4. Railway Station
5. Railway Yards
6. Store
7. Blacksmith
8. Later site of Store

# THE SCHOOL BUS

The bus service began about 1942.

Bert Lock began the bus run. He had a large long black box-shape car which had a yellow painted band around the middle. He could take all the children in his car.

Bert Flemming took on the bus route followed by Headmaster Alan Ingram who would teach and then take the children home. He drove a silvery-blue super snipe.

Keith Hubbard, Headmaster 1960-1962 drove the children in his own car.

Ben Jacobs drove a Commer van. Ben always wore a cloth cap and a spotted bow-tie. He and his wife, Phyllis, lived in Colin White Road and Phyllis would do the run at times. Eventually she took on the run full-time, taking the High School children to Paki Paki first, then picking up the Primary children on the way back.

Ted Preston, Headmaster, sometimes did a bus run.

Dawn Wright drove the school bus for 14 years beginning First Term 1973. She would leave Hastings at 7.30 a.m. every morning, and bike, wet or fine five miles to Havelock North to take charge of her bus. She would pick up High School children from Poukawa first, leaving them at Paki Paki, then return to Poukawa for three separate runs of primary school children. She was allowed to carry 17 primary school children. After the Poukawa run, Dawn would call back to Paki Paki to pick up I.H.C. children and take them to Te Kowhai School. On the return trip the I.H.C. children were picked up at 2.30 p.m. and each one left at their own home. Children were then collected from Poukawa, then the High School children were picked up from Paki Paki. Sometimes Dawn would be waiting for them until 5.00 p.m.

When the bus broke down (not very often) the family in the nearest house would ring the school. The Headmaster would ring parents and they came to collect the children.

A lighter side to bus driving was going up the Horonui Road in the mushroom season after the children were taken to school and filling the bus with mushrooms. Bringing them home, giving some away and eating them - also with water cress. Also Dawn would always stop and pick up any cast sheep if she saw any.



*Dawn Wright, children, school bus and view of lake outside school gate  
1987*

Dawn would sing multiplication tables with the children and helped them with their spelling and she always kept sweets in the bus.

Dawn drove a Nimons bus and she was allowed to take the Poukawa School children to Swimming Sports held at other centres.

A farewell function was given for Dawn at the Poukawa School and she will be always remembered with affection by many in the district.

Sometimes biking to and fro between Hastings and Havelock North, other Nimon bus drivers' would tease Dawn by driving slowly behind her, then giving a good blast on the horn, or get a passenger to ticle her with the bus cleaning broom in passing, or, if delivering newspapers, toss the odd one at her.



*Poukawa School 27.08.87  
Dawn Wright's Farewell. Dawn is 8th from left.*

## **POUKAWA PRESENT SCHOOL BUS**

The new bus service began in 1994. Between the time that Dawn Wright retired and the new bus, parents would drive their children to school, often taking it in turn to transport children from neighbouring families.

The Government Education Development Initiatives enquired into School rolls and some schools were considered as possibly closing. At this time Poukawa School had only twelve pupils, and ways of increasing the School Roll were urgently considered. It was obvious that the only way to increase the roll was to buy a school bus. Funds had accumulated and a Daihatsu Van was bought and adapted to seat 19 children each with seat belts. Many man hours, often till the wee small hours, were put into the new bus seating arrangement by three dedicated fathers, Kim Hammond, Guy Hewitt and Mike Walsh.

Nineteen children come in the School Bus from Hastings each day, driven by Arna Ogg, and nineteen children are picked up from the Poukawa area. One rule on the bus is to keep the noise levels down and town children have ten minutes "quiet time" at school before boarding the bus.

A Bus Sub-Committee handles all bus matters and funding for servicing the bus is raised by direct resourcing, donations and fund-raising managed by a Fund Raising Committee.

Poukawa School has a School Charter, a School Profile and a Community Profile.

# THE SHAWS

Charlie Henum, John Shaw's grandfather was a carpenter from Denmark who came to live in Poukawa. He built the Poukawa Church Hall, many buildings at Horonui and among other buildings the house where John and Jeanette Shaw now live, the land being purchased from Mr. H. Campbell. He married an English woman and one of their daughters, Anne married Mr. Jock Shaw from Dunbarton, Scotland. Charlie Henum and his wife kept poultry, pigs and a small herd of jersey cows which gave plenty of milk, cream and butter. People came to collect milk from the Henums bringing their billies. Milk sold for about 4 pence per pint, the cream was separated and the pigs had the skim milk. Cows were milked by hand. Cream and separated using a hand separator.

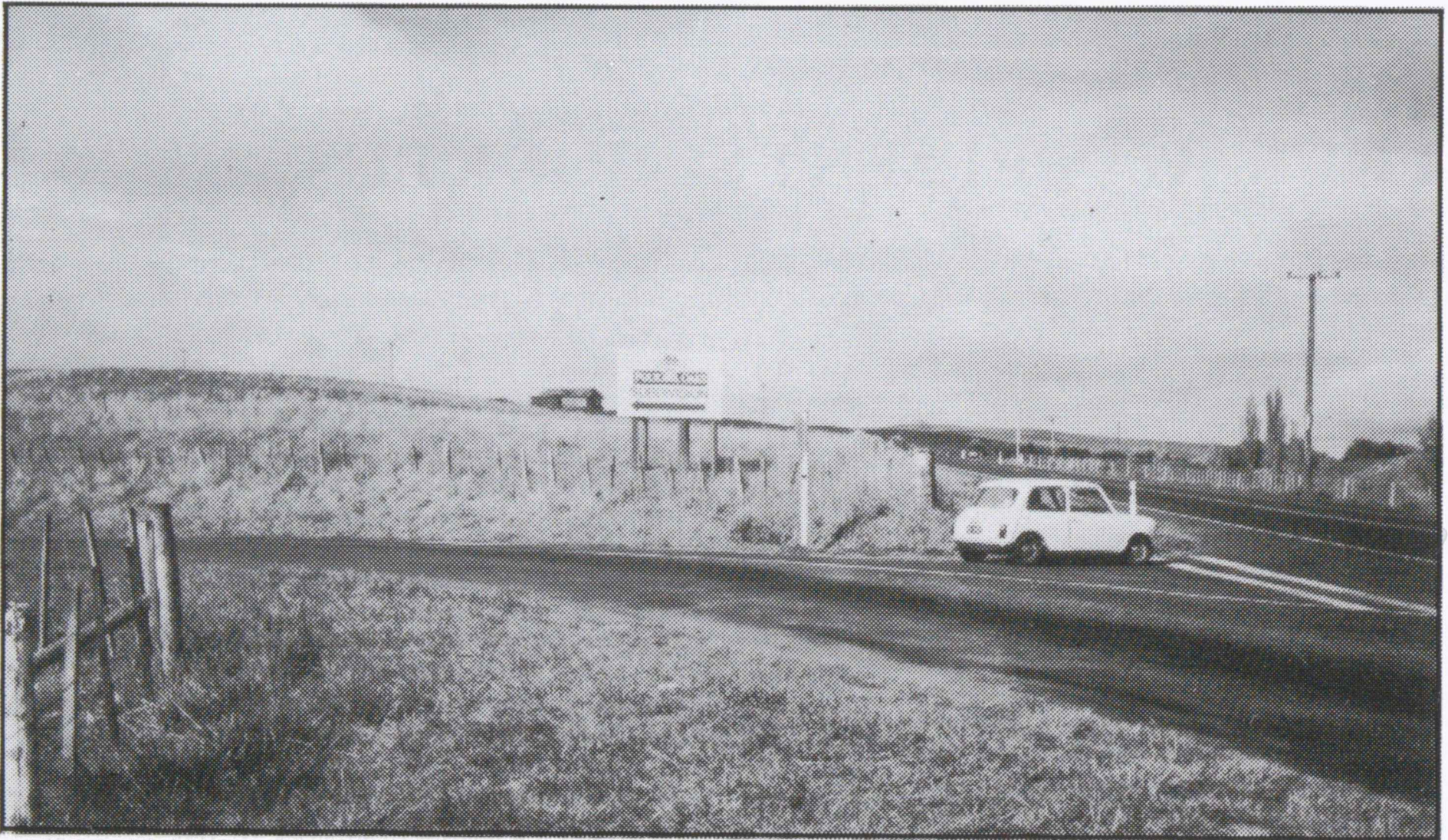
Eventually Jock and Anne Shaw took over the dairy cows and in 1939 Jock began the paper run, riding his motorbike with the paperbag held on the petrol tank in front of him. Jock and Anne had four boys, John, Brian, Graeme and Barrie and in 1953 John took over the paper run and in the late 50s the dairy cows. Prior to this, John used to help his father by delivering papers on foot, or horse, or bike to the Horonui Road families. The country roads at this time were metal and constantly graded by Ned Barrett the grader driver. Bundles of papers were dropped on specified corners on the paper run and there was always someone waiting to receive them.

John married Miss Jeanette McLeod in 1961 and they have two children, Richard and Janice.

A disastrous fire in 1966 destroyed the Shaws milking shed, workshop and hayshed and in 1969 Jeanette began helping deliver the newspapers taking her small children with her.

The district and the Poukawa School are immensely grateful to the Shaws for their willingness and cheerful distribution of Community and School Notices, which arrive wrapped around the newspapers and delivered to the gate. This is a great service and much appreciated. Jeanette has taken notices for the Poukawa School, Red Cross, Poukawa Ladies' Social Circle, Poukawa Social Club, Mr. Knottenbelt and others.

The Shaws drive Mini Minor cars on the paper run and they are a most familiar sight and sound in the district.



*"MINI ON THE RUN"  
1996*

# MEMORIES OF POUKAWA SCHOOL

By John Shaw

Some of my earliest memories of walking from our house on the main highway - a quarter mile of tar-sealed road to the corner of Poukawa Road and then three quarters of a mile of rough limestone and red metal (crushed rock and red clay). In those days spread by small trucks (Allan and Graham) for the Hawke's Bay County Council - followed by a large grader to level off (approximately once every three months - mostly driven by a jolly chap, Ned Barratt).

I still remember our Headmaster, James Curran, boiling an urn of hot water for making a mug of hot cocoa. You had to bring your own milk - of which we always had a plentiful supply as Mother milked a herd of jersey cows. School milk (bottles) arrived per railway truck at 1.30 pm daily, so it was warm when we drank it.

In later years we had to be very careful what we told our parents as sometimes a teacher was boarding. Other teachers stayed with Francie Jago, near the Railway Station. Unfortunately, the railway houses and stock yards are gone now. One house moved to near the Main Road.

A popular game during breaks at school was called 'rounders' - similar to American baseball. A tennis ball was used with a length of willow stick as a striker baton, then after hitting as hard as you could, you ran a marked circle, without being branded with the ball coming back! The yard at school was originally limestone but had been concreted and coated with red orche which if you fell over covered your clothes in a red colour.

Outside toilets had to be cleaned once a week! (By the pupils). Pupils had turns splitting wood for school heating also. Winter time saw woodfires warming the school. One point we always remember our headmaster having to hold his upper lip when coughing or sneezing to keep his false teeth in place.

Some years later we had an old pony (15 & 1/2 hands) which I rode to school. It was left in the horse paddock (now planted in pines) during school hours. At times the pony stumbled with a head low, many a time I came off to be told "get up and go on". Some pupils rode Shetland ponies. Sometime later we acquired our first bicycle to ride to school. Many years later, before the first school bus (that I remember) a large American car with a long seat installed behind the front seats to allow more seating for children and driven by Bert Lock.

Summer weekends sometimes included climbing the limestone hills not far from home with friends. We would knock off a bunch of cabbage tree leaves, then use them as a slide to go down the hill on dry grass. The alternative was a small piece of roofing iron flattened to use as a slide, but it produced many cuts on the hands.

The Headmaster was always warning pupils of Police prosecution for using a "shangie" - a Y shaped stick with a piece of rubber between, to fire stones off the road at telephone or power insulators on poles en route to school. Occasionally we had problems with magpies nesting in willow trees, divebombing and crowing your head on the way to school.

Eventually my brother and I left school having reached Standard Six to go to College at Wellington.

5 July 1996

# THE POUKAWA MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB

## A SHORT HISTORY

TOM LANE

From the lawns of Waipiropiro to the battens of Buteland — with whispers of a muted fanfare in the background.

A stretch of 33 years, just one of the measures of changing times in our district.

In December 1950 a small group of “Guns” got our Club off to a prone start with “Rabbit” rifles and a lot of optimism.

Our first Range was the open paddock in front of Donald Campbell’s home.

The same man and Sim Heighway each loaned a target rifle to the fledgling club, our membership grew, we got ourselves organised.

For a brief period we used F.J. Douglas’s Te Mahanga woolshed as an indoor Range, but uncontrolled draughts made it uncomfortable for people, inadequate safety provisions with uncontrolled .22 pellets made it decidedly dangerous for horses which may have been beyond the paper targets.

Sim Heighway helped out yet again. The Club was given the use of the floor of his orchard packing shed — then used as a store for bulk goods for Sim’s factory. Our weekly club nights became quite social events where members, from school kids to grandpas assembled to test their marksman skills.

Inter-club competitions were held, even “Postal” shoots at Dominion level. We held our own amongst the elite. Team spirit was high.

Shame!! — Disbelief!! Bolts of canvas, stored in that shed and destined to become tents for the “Great Outdoors” were found to have perforations rendering them useless for their intended purpose.

Errant shots?? No doubt!!

Forgiven — we cut a great trapdoor hole in the floor of the shed and constructed a SAFE range beneath, with the concrete foundations providing ideal confinement for the flying lead.

Nothing lasts for ever; the packing shed was required — as a packing shed.

Tony Robson’s “Buteland” woolshed was to be our next and final club house.

We built an elaborate shooters mound and a target area complete with curved steel back stops and sand traps to collect the spent lead; all about head height, over the sheep pen battens.

Now that particular piece of Kiwi ingenuity, that shooters’ mound, was designed to test the skills of true marksmen.

The ladder to it was steep, the light above it was uncertain, head room was limited. It took agility and dexterity to shuffle one’s load of rifle and wee tray full of “Rounds” into the firing positions.

Local knowledge was the key element to success, as visiting club members used to firm foundations, elbow pads, shoulder harness and Optometrist’s wizardry were to discover.

They could not understand our tolerance of such a “Snake Gully” approach to fundamentals - - essentials to scoring those ten inner bulls they expected, but we seldom achieved. I am sure we had more fun just trying.

Co-ordination was the key. Not just of hand and eye, not just of your own breathing, but of every minute movement of others sharing your “detail”. Two other “Davey Crockets” would be shifting elbows and hips, flicking feet to grasp the best grip to anchor rifle and rifleman into an unflinching unit as they focussed upon that little black dot twenty metres down the track.!

No. 3 was the mound to get - - against the wall - - something solid close by. No 1 was next best - - at the head of the ladder. The middle one, No. 2 was shunned by the knowing. It was “sprung” rather than supported by less than substantial beams below. It was the one which responded to each inhalation and exclamation as other bodies dared to move to squint through telescopes to observe the score of the previous shot. A lot of shooting skills were learned on those mounds. They held us together for a lot of years.

Our annual final nights became social events of some moment, with B.Y.O. suppers. Scores recorded over the year were added, divided, assessed and averaged to determine the winners of different categories.

Best score of that night was a competition which tested nervous trigger fingers and shaky foresights. Trophies were presented with due deference and accepted with suitable pride. Formalities over; rifles and ammo carefully stowed away; it was time to relax!

Nights and times to remember - - by those still able.

The lights went out on 3rd October 1983.



*Poukawa School 1996*

## **POUKAWA SCHOOL**

### **DAVID CAMPBELL**

Although I have written history books, I seem to have a poor memory when it comes to my days at Poukawa. I have vague memories of the school bus and the playground, but the day it snowed stands out clearly. Snow was not a common event in the Poukawa district, and we needed no encouragement to rush out to the playground to make snowmen, chuck snowballs around, slide up and down. I don't remember how much time we spent in class that day, but I doubt if it was very long.

My other memory of Poukawa is the devotion and perception of Miss Elsa Cody who married Don Dixon about the time I left Poukawa for Hereworth. I had been short-sighted and sometimes hopelessly clumsy from birth but my parents had accepted it as just part of the family scene. It was Elsa Cody who realised that I needed glasses. She noticed that my work in class improved as I moved closer to the blackboard and deteriorated as I moved away from it. She told my parents who took me to Shattky & Webber (now Shattky Donaldson & Eagle) for my first pair of glasses. I still remember the sudden clarity of vision when I put my glasses on and I am glad to have an opportunity to thank Elsa Dixon for her aid, even if it has taken me over forty years to do it in writing!.

Apart from snow and sight, my memories of Poukawa School are benign but vague. I liked the teachers and the headmaster, Mr. Curran. The atmosphere comes back as easy-going but not lazy in class, knockabout in the playground, a small friendly school, quite a contrast to boarding school. I lost some time at Poukawa through asthma, and that may account for the vagueness of some of my memories now. It's a pity, but best wishes for the reunion anyway.

# POUKAWA SOCIAL CLUB

## JOHN LANE

In the late 70's Terry and Rena Pilcher moved to Poukawa and instigated the formation of the Poukawa Social Club.

This band of fun loving, hard working district people worked to raise funds for the purchase of much needed equipment for the school and hall. During the Committee's heyday many thousands of sheep were crutched after work hours and at the weekends, which generated money to purchase the first photocopier followed by TV and video for the school. The hall also benefited by having a new fence erected.

These material things aside, many district functions were organised. These included the bi-annual New Year's Eve celebrations and inter-district sports days. Soon a friendly rivalry developed between Horonui and Poukawa, the trophy being the Dowel Konn Challenge Shield.

Team colours were quite distinctive with Horonui taking the field in the Celtic livery and Poukawa in a simple black singlet (woollen of course) with a Tui label attached. In fact John Lane is still short of a few outstanding team 'jerseys'.

The Social Club as such is now disbanded and \$1000 went towards the school reunion and the balance (\$300) has gone to the Poukawa Ladies' Social Circle

## THE POUKAWA LADIES' SOCIAL CIRCLE

The Poukawa Ladies' Social Circle is open to all women in the district and was the idea of Mrs. Irene Stockley, the then Headmaster's wife. The first meeting was held on 10 March 1966. Meetings were held monthly at the school and the group's aim was to help anyone in the community in need and later to raise funds for school equipment. A programme was organised for the year with two hostesses for each evening. A raffle was provided and there would be a small charge each evening plus a supper plate. Programmes would include a guest speaker or a demonstration, sometimes a fashion parade. Once a year a jumble sale would be held at the L.D.S. Hall Te Hauke and these sales were very popular. Here are some prices from a jumble sale: Big preserves 30 cents, small preserves 15 cents, jam 20 cents, pickles 20 cents, sauce 10 cents

Notices for the Ladies' Social Circle have been distributed by Mrs. Jeanette Shaw on the paper run since 1968.

The Poukawa School has benefitted greatly by the Ladies' Social Circle fund raising. Equipment and gear donated include shrubs, a Singer sewing-machine, daylight screen, skill set, multiply unit, plastic tumblers, Christmas decorations, flutter boards, skill set nets, number equipment, volley ball, soft ball glove and mask, cups and saucers, aluminium ladder, court marker, teaspoons, towels and tea-towels, bibs and sashes, typewriter, encyclopedia, preserving jars, tools, kiln, fireworks, dessert plates, gymnastic equipment, 1/3rd share of a bus for Camp Kaitawa, Poukawa Playcentre equipment, pottery glazes, 1/2 share in lawnmower, scrambling net, rompers, football jerseys, bands for sport, gymnastics beat board 1/2 share, 6 paddle tennis bats, groceries for a camp at Clifton Beach, Library books, etc. Each year the Poukawa Ladies' Social Circle has provided soft drinks and chippies for the children and ladies have contributed groceries for the popular hamper raffle.

Although the Poukawa Ladies' Social Circle no longer exists as originally conceived, an annual get-together is retained and on June 24 1986 a 20th Anniversary luncheon was held at the Hastings Club to celebrate 20 eventful years of fellowship and fundraising created by the Poukawa Ladies' Social Circle. In 1996 a 30th Anniversary Dinner was celebrated at the Hibernian Club in Hastings.





*Poukawa Ladies' Social Circle  
20th Anniversary June 24th 1986*



*Jeanette Shaw, Betty Porter, Bev. Caccioppoli, Shirley Malcolm, Irene Stockley, Judy Bain  
1986*

# CAMP KAITAWA

ROBIN PHILLIPS

What a week!! An experience pupils and adults would remember for a long time.

Poukawa and Te Hauke Schools combined to attend Camp Kaitawa, situated in the Waikaremoana area.

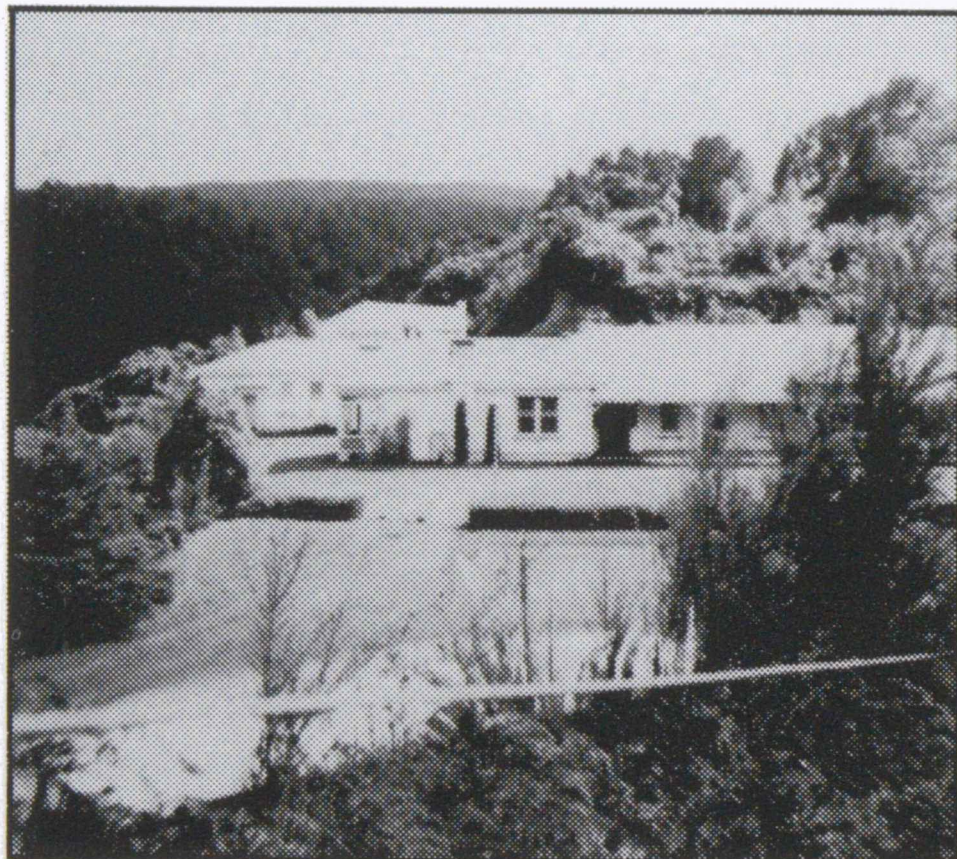
Fund-raising activities such as comic and sweet stalls were run by the children at school. Raffles and contributions from the Ladies' Social Circle helped with costs.

A team of camp cooks had the responsibility of catering for up to 50 people at the camp. Food was donated by parents, residents and some firms. A Camp Mother had the task of patching up spills and ills - and probably a touch of homesickness. Children had camp chores to carry out before the day's activities began.

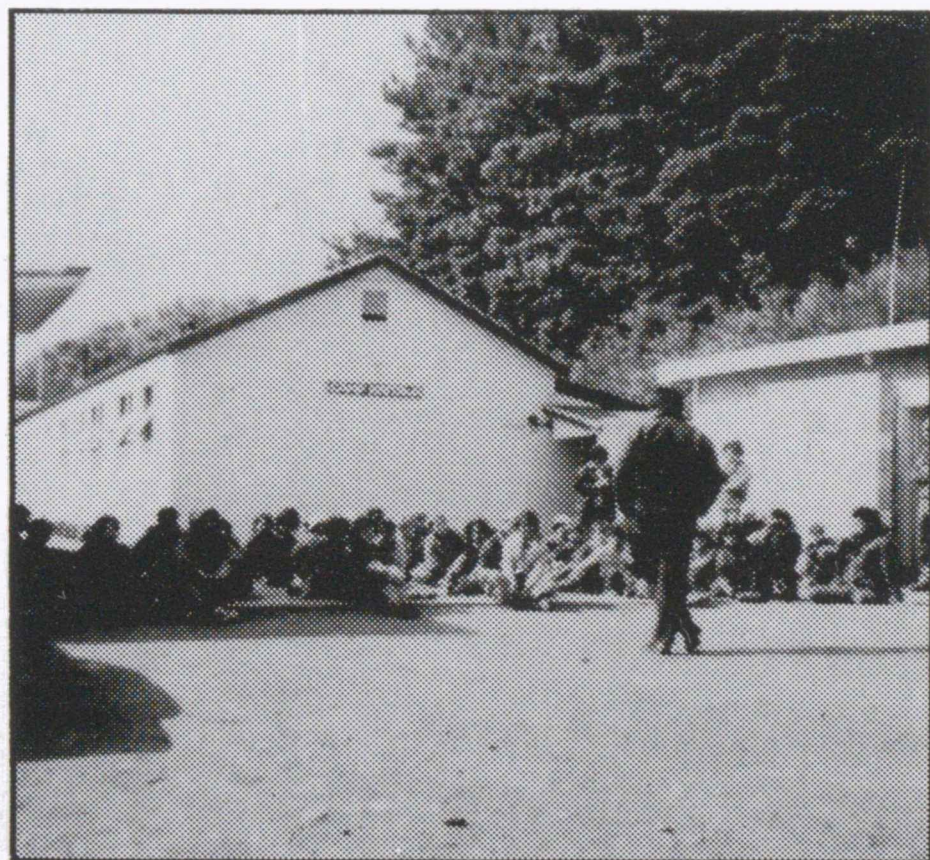
Activities included tramping around Lakes Kaitawa and Waikareiti; a walk along Hinerau's track to view the beautiful falls; climbing Mount Ngamoko, a tough climb to 1,600 feet up a very steep track but what a beautiful view from the top!; Visiting caves in the area; the Tuai Power Station and the Armed Constabulary Redoubt; Lectures on survival if lost in the bush; Campouts and sleepouts.

Children and adults all joined in to make the Camp Social on the last night a very happy time indeed.

Everyone arrived home tired, but agreed it was a very successful and enjoyable camp and a great experience.



*Camp Kaitawa*



*Camp Kaitawa*

1974

## From "Camp Kaitawa" Poukawa School Fifth Magazine

The Most Memorable Experience of the Kaitawa Trip.

The Ngamoko climb.

"When I had reached the summit I felt a sense of satisfaction" (Peter)

"I thought I'd never reach the top" (Amiria)

The Onepoto Caves.

"I saw a cave weta, glow-worms and moa bones for the very first time" (Martijn)

"It was dark and spooky" (Lynne)

Lake Kuriopuke

"I fell in" (Adrian)

Mrs. Malcolm's best (or worst) experiences:

Climbing Ngamoko

Completing the obstacle course

Going through the caves

Mrs. Hape's best memories

Observing the children develop independence

Seeing the friendships grow

Mr. Preston's most memorable times:

Trying to sleep in the same hut as Mr. Taylor

Adjusting the hot water mixture for the cooks' showers

The long run (Beaten by three boys)

## THE WIRELESS STATION

The Wireless Station plays music on air from the 30's, 40's and 50's era, 24 hours a day on 1530 A.M. and involves the whole Gane family from Poukawa.

Through doing on-air announcing at the Community Radio Station in Hastings, Chris Gane met two people from Havelock North who had decided to start up a new Radio Station. They wanted someone to join them and with Chris' knowledge of computers and his huge collection of old-time music he was an ideal choice. Commercial automation systems for the station proved to be unsuitable; however the Ganes two teenage sons who had attended the Poukawa Primary School, were adamant they could do something better. With the amazing trust of their business partners, and against dire predictions from outside parties, Michael and Stuart wrote the Computer program which runs the Wireless Station. This was while sitting School Certificate and Sixth Form Examinations. They are still doing work on it and Chris, though working on another job is also the Program Director of the Wireless Station and in charge of recording music on to computer, scheduling songs, advertisements and serials. The Wireless Station phone is answered by Trish Gane who is also copywriter for most of the advertisements. The Wireless Station Programme can be heard from Wairoa to Dannevirke and livens up many households in the area.

The Ganes, as other parents in the district, have assisted the school in many ways.

# MEMORIES OF POUKAWA SCHOOL

## LUCY SCOULAR (DOUGLAS)

My lasting memories of the Poukawa School were getting to.. and home again from school. I had an old fluffy brown pony named Captain and we used to gallop to... and home again from school jumping every ditch and log along the way, with my leather school bag flapping on my back. Of course in those days the roads weren't tarsealed and luckily there was not much traffic. We used to have Pony Club nearly every weekend at Mr. Stirling Collison's farm or ride there all weekends and every Monday morning Captain would turn in there and nearly unsaddle me - the rest of the week we always went straight to school.

Another memory was climbing the huge macrocarpa trees on the southern side of the school to escape from the senior school bullies!! Poukawa was a great Thoroughbred horse nursery and all the owners used to congregate at the Post Office full of the latest news on their hopefuls. It was no wonder our Headmaster Mr. Jim Curran was an avid follower of the horses. My father, Denys Douglas, always made sure he gave Mr. Curran a good tip for the races before the end of the term, and it was amazing what a good report one achieved after that tip.



*Douglas Road 1996*

## GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT

A. Tichener has produced draft plans free of charge. A lot of work has been done by M. Walsh and P.D.s coming in on Thursday and Fridays. The macrocarpa trees have been cut down and replaced in pine.

The General Development Plans include a long jump; goal posts for soccer; gardens around the school building; a shade feature over the sand pit which has been moved; a new fence at the car-park area making a new car-park and agapanthus planted around the swimming pool.

The swimming pool was fenced to standard recommendations in 1994, Kim Hammond, Guy Hewitt, Mike Walsh and Mike Heard being responsible with work being done mostly in the evenings.

## SONIA HAWEA 1974-1982

When I think back to my years at Poukawa, I see long, warm summer days spent playing non-stop cricket or pater-tennis. But then I also remember winter hours spent around the pot-belly stove listening, very alert, while Mr. Hollis recounted the Drama in Real Life from the latest Readers' Digest, about how a man lost both legs in a shark attack and lived to tell the story!

Poukawa was always a very community-oriented school. I can recall countless occasions when parents were supervising this, or raising money for that. It was during these times that I developed an unhealthy partiality for hokey pokey and chocolate fudge! Nevertheless, Poukawa parents were a special bunch, always there for the kids, be it dragging themselves to the top of Mount Ngamoko at Camp Kaitawa, building climbing forts or trudging through the plantation of Guy Fawkes night looking for itinerant Form 2s! Other events, such as Pet Days and Christmas Shows are also remembered with some pride, plus some twinges of embarrassment at the memory of a mischief goat!!

Something else I remember well was the importance of school rules and 'duties'. I remember sitting around while duties were dished out. For some reason the 'bell' always went first (probably because the lucky sod could hide the pater-tennis ball!) and 'rubbish' last (well, you can guess why). There was also early practise at waiting in lines, like at assembly and waiting for the bus. This well prepared one for endless queuing at University!

While I want to avoid offending anyone by missing them out, I want to mention a few of the significant characters from my time at Poukawa. Of course, there was Mr. Hollis equally comfortable in front of a blackboard as lying on the grass providing a hiding place for a game of go-home-stay home! Mrs. Hollis, who was also so nice, and willing to lend a sympathetic ear, as well as very efficient with the banking! And Mrs. Wright, our bus driver. Always smiling and friendly, and willing to buy those endless pots of fudge, Mrs. Wright was also always willing to go the extra distance for a tired pair of young legs. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Harwood, wives of (then) traffic officers, these women didn't realise it, but they were my first 'examples of fashion'! It was through observing the developments in both their wardrobes that I learned to appreciate loafers, frocks and the importance of accessories.

There are a couple of things I remember with some unease. First, those awful rompers that us girls had to wear. Thinking about it now, Trevor Hollis would probably have the Commissioner for Children on his doorstep if he tried to get kids to wear those things today. Besides, it's all lycra and polar fleece these days. Second, it was as a result of a rule (another one for the Commissioner?!) that girls couldn't play hockey that, of course, I deliberately avoided netball at high school, eventually making captain of the senior A Hockey Team!

With my parents still living in the district, memories of Poukawa are never far away, and it's great to have a constant reminder of where it all began. After Hastings Girls' High School I followed a good friend to Victoria University in Wellington, where I completed degrees in Law and History. After being admitted to the Bar I felt that I needed a bit more experience outside the legal environment and for some reason, I thought that a spell in the public sector might do it for me. Hence I'm now working as a senior policy analyst for the Ministry of Maori Development in Wellington, which I enjoy very much.

I'm pleased to see that Poukawa School is still open, and now offers "townies" the opportunity to benefit from a country schooling. Memories of the lessons, the pupils, parents and teachers will always be positive and I wish the school another happy 75 years.

# POUKAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS 1921 - 1996

TAKEN FROM REGISTERS OF ATTENDANCE

1921	Jas. A. Curran	
1922	E. Steers	
1923	A.W.C. Kinch	
1924	A.W.C. Kinch	
1925	W.A.B. Goodwin	
1926	W.A.B. Goodwin	
1927	W.A.B. Goodwin	
1928	W.A.B. Goodwin	
1929	W.A.B. Goodwin	
1930	F.N. Emmett E.B. Drummond	Boys & Girls Std. 3 - 6 Prim - Std.2
1931	F.N. Emmett Kathleen E. Bishop	Prim - Std.2
1932	F.N. Emmett Jas. A. Curran	Term 1 Terms 2 & 3
1933	Jas. A. Curran	
1934	Jas. A. Curran G.R. Hawley Kathleen E. Bishop	Seniors Prim. & S.2 Prim. & S.1
1935	Jas. A. Curran Kathleen E. Bishop E.M. Ridgway	Seniors Prim - Std. 2 Prim - Std. 1
1936	Jas. A. Curran	
1937	Jas. A. Curran	
1938	Jas. A. Curran	
1939	Jas. A. Curran M.E. Nace	Prim 1 - Std. 2
1940	Jas. A. Curran E.J. McIvor	Infants - Std. 1
1941	Jas. A. Curran E.J. McIvor	

1942	Jas. A. Curran	
1943	Jas. A. Curran	
1944	Jas. A. Curran E.M. Nicoll	Seniors Prim 1 - Std. 1
1945	Jas. A. Curran E.M. Nicoll	Prim 1 - Std. 1
1946	Jas. A. Curran E.M. Nicoll	Std. 1 - Form 3 Prim 1 - Std.
1947	Jas. A. Curran Joan S. Booth	Std. 1 - Form 3 Primers
1948	Jas. A. Curran	Std. 1 - Form 2 Primers
1949	Jas. A. Curran	Std. 2 - form 2 Primers
1950	P.M. McKee K. Treacy (Relieving) R.T. McKelvey	
1951	R.T. McKelvey E.D. Cody	Std. 2 - Form 2 Infants - Std. 1
1952	R.T. McKelvey E.D. Cody	Std. 2 - Form 2 Infants - Std. 1
1953	R.T. McKelvey E.D. Cody	Std. 2 - Form 2 Infants - Std. 1
1954	Not Signed R. Goodwin	Std. 2 - Form 4 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1955	C.A. Walker Miss M. Hutchins	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1956	A.H. Ingram Miss Sinclair	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1957	A.H. Ingram B. McIntyre	Std. 2 - Form 2 Primers
1958	A.H. Ingram B.K. Randal	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1959	A.H. Ingram B.K. Randal	Std. 2 - Form 2 Junior Room
1960	K.W. Hubbard Bruce Randal	Std. 2 - Form 2 Junior Room
1961	Keith W. Hubbard Colleen Edwards	Std. 2 - Form 2 Junior Room

1962	Keith W. Hubbard J.R. Braithwaite	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1963	A.C. Hill J.R. Braithwaite	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1964	A.C. Hill C.M. Harkness	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1965	M. Lankovsky C.M. Ancell	Std. 3 - Form, 2 Prim 1 - Std. 2
1966	C.E. Stockley Miss Cooper	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1967	C.E. Stockley Miss Cooper	Std. 2 - Form 1 Primers
1968	E.G. Preston Mrs. J. Preston	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1969	E.G. Preston Mrs. J. Preston	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1970	E.G. Preston Mrs. J. Preston	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim 1 - Std. 1
1971	W.G. Fulton A. Fulton	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim - Std. 1
1972	E.G. Preston Mrs. J. Preston	Std. 2 - Form 2 Primers - Std. 1
1973	T.R. Hollis Mrs. N. Gribben	Std. 2 - Form 2 Primers - Std. 1
1974	T.R. Hollis Mrs. N. Gribben	Std. 2 - Form 2 Primers - Std. 1
1975	T.R. Hollis Mrs. N. Gribben	Std. 2 - Form 2 Primers - Std. 1
1976	T.R. Hollis Mrs. H. Lay	Std. 2 - Form 2 Primers - Std. 1
1977	T.R. Hollis Mrs. H. Lay	Std. 3 - Form 2 Prim - Std. 2
1978	T.R. Hollis Mrs. Natalie Hema	Std. 2 - Form 2 Prim - Std. 1
1979	T.R. Hollis Mrs. Natalie Hema	Std. - Form 2 Lower Junior - Upper Junior
	3 September - 14 December New Entries to Primer 4	- Mrs. Williams
	9 July - 14 December Std. 1 - Std. 2	- B.M. Glinchey - Mrs. Natalie Hema



1980	T.R. Hollis Mrs. L. Williams	Std. 3 - Form 2 Upper Junior & New Entrants	
1981	C.M. Harwood Mrs. L. Williams	Stds 1, 2, 3 Infants	
1982	T.R. Hollis C.M. Harwood Kevin Ryan	Std. 4 - Form 2 Stds 1, 2, 3 New Entrants/Upper Junior	
1983	T.R. Hollis Mrs. C.M. Harwood K.G. Ryan	Form 1 - Form 2 Stds 2, 3, 4 J.1, J.2 - Std. 1	
1984	T.R. Hollis Mrs. C. Harwood K.G. Ryan T. Simons	Form 1 - Form 2 Stds 2, 3, 4 J.1, J.2, Std. 1 2nd Term	
1985	T.R. Hollis P. Mathieson	Form 1 & 2	Term 1
Terms 2 & 3	Miss M. Harding T. Simons	Stds 2, 3, 4 New Entrants - Std.1	Relieving Princpal
May 1985			
1986	K. McKenzie Miss K. Sweetapple	Stds 3, 4, Form 1, Form 2 New Entrants, Std. 2	
1987	K. McKenzie Miss K. Sweetapple	Std. 3 - Form 2 Juniors - Std. 2	
1988	Alan D. McDonald Heather Lay	Std. 3 - Form 2 New Entrants - Std. 2	
1989	Victoria Crisp	New Entrants - Form 1	
1990	Victoria Crisp Wendy Taylor	New Entrants - Form 2 Relieving Term 2 & 3	
1991	W.M. Taylor	New Entrants - Form 2	
1992	W.M. Taylor	New Entrants - Form 2	
1993	W.M. Taylor	New Entrants - Form 2	
1994	Heather Titchener School became two teacher - Heather Titchener Liz Reid	New Entrants - Form 1 Term 3: Std. 1 - Form 1 New Entrants - J.1, J.2	
1995	Heather Titchener Liz Reid	Std. 1 - Form 2 New Entrants - J.1, J.2	
1996	Heather Titchener Liz Reid Janine Pohe	Std. 1 - Form 2 New Entrants J.1, J.2 Terms 1 & 2 Term 3	

# POUKAWA SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

A. Tait	1928-1929
W. Barnes	1929-1931
A.W. McDonald	1931-1932
L.J. Saunders	1932-1933
W.F. Fleming	1933-1934
D.J. Malcolm	1934-1936
B.A. Henum	1936-1940
L.W. Jones	1940-1948
J.R. Arnold	1948-1951
S.T. Jago	1951-1955
R.B. Stothart	1955-1959
L.E. Horn	1959-1961
R. Knottenbelt	1961-1963
A.R. Robson	1963-1965
S.G. White	1965-1967
T.B. Bain	1967-1970
N. Porter	1970-1971
R.B. Stothart	1971-1972
D. Collison	1972-1977
D.S. Brownrigg	1977-1985
J. Lane	1985-1991
R. McPhail	1991-1993
D. Goulding	1993 - end of 1993

Chairperson Poukawa School Board of Trustees  
A. Hewitt 1994 -



*Camping Hill  
1996*

# POUKAWA SCHOOL ROLL

## 1921 - 1996

### **JUNE 1ST 1921**

**PRIM.** Adamson Jean  
Condon Vida  
Struthers Flora

Byrn Douglas  
Taylor Willia

**PRIMA 3.** Smith Arthur

Kennedy Donald

**S.2** Whare Mabel

Corless Frederick

**S.3** Flemming Bessie  
Condon Norman

Hay Mavis

**S.5** Barnes Hazel

Condon Gordon

### **DURING 1921**

**PRIM.** Lewis Dolly  
McQuilkin Eion

Te Atua Mihi  
McQuilkin Mavis

**P.3** Whare Mary

**S.4** MacKenzie Melva

### FIRST PUPIL REGISTERED - CONDON GORDON

### **1922**

Joseph  
Lewis  
Saunders  
Russell  
Hape  
Lewis

Cox  
Gertrude  
Torrence Leslie  
Luke  
Alfred  
Dolly

Douglas  
Byrn  
White  
Russell  
Russell

Ronald  
Cynthia  
Roy Maxwell  
Fanny  
Vini

### **1923**

Struthers  
Hape  
Carmen  
Whare

Ella Agnes  
Fred  
Bessie  
Johnston

Taylor  
Franklin  
Whare

Norman  
Herbert Joseph  
Lizzie

### **1924**

Savage  
Handly  
Greenfield  
Nepia

Eric Oscar  
Dorothy  
Leonard Tracy  
Millie

Hape  
Greenhalgh  
Saunders

Naomi  
Constance  
Aleen James

White  
McCormick  
Byrn  
Cooper  
Hapuka  
Lord  
Franklin  
Wereta

Grace Dorothy  
Eileen  
Jack  
Luke  
Ivanhoe Te Nahi  
Eileen  
Hugh  
Annie

## 1925

White  
Greenfield  
Bewick  
McCormick

Edward J.C.  
Betty  
David  
Mervyn

Franklin  
Harmer  
Raru

Flo  
Jack  
Albert

Corless  
Greenhalgh  
McDonald  
Greenfield  
Campbell  
Campbell  
Sutton  
Saunders

Dorothy  
Edna  
Jessie Catherine  
Benita  
Mary  
Dorothy  
Geoffrey  
Molly

## 1926

Karena  
Whare  
McDonald  
Greenfield  
Rapihana  
Sutton  
Tait

Billy  
Eina  
Freda Gwenna  
Queenie  
Toki  
Olive  
Janet

Cracknell  
Robson  
Hape  
Timu  
River  
Wood  
McDonald

Amy  
William Jobson  
Baba  
Willie  
Jim  
Kathleen Edith  
Laurance Arch

## 1927

Robson  
Campbell  
Hape  
River  
Ngawiki  
White  
Wood

Anthony Ridley  
Nola  
Wiwa  
Sonny  
Rangi  
Nancy Rosalie  
Irene

Fearnley  
Cooper  
Timu  
Karena  
White  
Timu  
Harmer  
Lewis  
Harmer  
Wi Kani  
Hapuku

John  
Hianga  
Lilly  
Hori  
Daphne  
Marjorie  
Sarah  
Mihi  
Reed  
Barney  
Sonny

## 1928

Cooper  
Cooper  
Eagor  
Dutfield  
Smith  
Harmer  
Wati  
Pakai  
Pakai  
Wi Kani  
Takerei

Neil  
Dick  
Eric  
Basil  
Beth  
Minnie  
Tilly  
Iate  
Ben  
Rohu  
Leone



*Sand Castles*

Smith  
Chase  
Pahu  
Milne  
Milne  
Hapuku  
Malcolm  
Bartlett  
Bartlett  
Kara  
Baker  
Raihania  
Corbet  
Hone  
Boihi

Margaret  
Polly  
Nikiora Price  
David Mitchell  
Gordon Rennie  
Jack  
Joyce  
Alice  
Mike  
Phil  
Merehana  
Mollie  
Arthur  
Mereana  
Arihi

Carroll  
McQuilkin  
Harmer  
Nikora  
Nuia  
Moananui  
Nuia  
Headly

Nelson  
Jean  
Bella  
Ellen  
Phyllis  
Bella  
Boyboy  
Maureen

Lewis  
King  
Rangi  
Duncan  
Clark  
Timu  
Hawes  
Beckett  
Lewis  
Kara  
King  
Hawes  
Moananui

Walter  
Josephene  
Thomas  
Reina Vivia  
Florence Mildred  
Georgie  
Pepina  
Jean  
Margaret  
Rosie  
Winnie  
Maud  
Karal

Bartlett  
Harmer  
Hart  
Price  
Naita  
Tunnecliffe  
Timu  
Timu  
Lewis

George  
Charlotte  
Kenneth  
Mary  
Cocky  
Noel  
Albert  
Jim  
Adelaine

## 1929

Chase  
Pakai  
Wilson  
Milne  
Nikera  
Malcolm  
Himona  
Bartlett  
Bartlett  
Grey  
Campbell  
Heneriti  
Lewis  
Hone  
Putahi

Niki  
Jerry  
Watene  
Leslie  
Bullie  
William  
Lemnos Madros  
Ione  
Verdun  
John  
Patricia  
Pepina  
Huki  
Pohe  
Mama

## 1930

Pinihi  
Ratima  
Pakai  
Baker  
Moananui  
Hawea  
Hewitt  
Moffat

Mary Ann  
Marara  
Matilda  
Merehana  
Margaret  
Lena  
Pauline Mary  
Howard

## 1931

Hennum  
Pakai  
Cosgrove  
Moffatt  
Timu  
Jones  
Moffatt  
White  
Thompson  
Wati  
Hope  
Wilson

Robert Bernard  
Captain  
Jack  
Denise  
Karani  
Tutu  
Victor  
Betty Jackson  
Polly  
Jack  
Walter  
Margery

## 1932

Bartlett  
Aplin  
Nikora  
Timu  
Tunnecliffe  
Chase  
Clark  
Timu  
Hawea

Bertie  
James  
Royal Boy  
Agnes  
Merle  
George  
Rita  
Mary  
Tom

Harmer  
Hapuku  
Wairama  
Hapuku  
Hapuku  
Revet  
Pakai  
King  
Martin  
Bartlett  
Karaitiana  
Wati  
Timu  
Chase

Teddy  
Ada  
Kara  
Queenie  
Violet  
Sonny  
Billy  
Billy  
Sonny  
Gloria  
Rotoera  
Tilly  
Janie  
Joyce

Curran  
Saunders  
Nicholls  
Harmer  
Pakai  
McKenna  
McKenna  
Parkes  
Smith  
Smith  
Wairama

Alice Zoe  
Clem William  
Doris Louise  
Charlotte  
Billy  
Janet  
Catherine  
Audrey  
Jean Vida Joy  
Donald Victor  
Ana Tipu

Hape  
Timu  
Watene  
Marsh  
Parkes  
Anderson  
Hape

Wikitoria  
Noel  
Variety  
Desmond  
Allan  
Teddina  
Ropoma

Le Comte  
Jones  
Hapuku  
Pakai  
Ratima  
Timu  
Wilson  
Wilson  
Redwood  
Malcolm  
Hewett  
Hewett  
Buddo

Kenneth Newton  
Moira  
Katie  
Roley  
Hoani  
Mick  
Jimmy Whareata  
Georgie  
Dawn Alison  
Rex  
Mildred Katherine  
Betty Emily  
David

## 1933

Elers  
Hapuku  
Martin  
Hapuku  
Hapuku  
Cooper  
Elers  
Rotahi  
Pakai  
Hennum  
Hapuku  
Timu  
Headly  
Nuia

Polly  
Takapuna  
Thomas  
Maku  
Billy  
Jim  
Rangi  
Nuki  
John  
Thelma  
Edith  
Rangi  
Charles  
Mary

## 1934

Thompson  
Timu  
Walker  
Harmer  
McKenna  
McKenna  
Wilson  
Smith  
Smith  
Martin

Lucy  
Dinah  
Clifford Reginald  
Amy  
Frank  
John  
Hupata Melvin  
Grace Katrina Gladys  
Coral Betty  
Nancy

## 1935

Timu  
Watene  
Marsh  
Huddleston  
Hennum  
Timu

Robert  
Hatepi  
Catherine  
Margaret  
Melva  
Rex

## 1936

McKenna  
Willetts  
Ratima  
Haweā  
Hape  
Timu  
Flutey  
Redwood  
Watson  
Timu  
Hewett  
Hewett

Agnes  
Iris  
Jack  
Daddy  
Mihi  
Jackie  
Rachel  
Lexine Cynthia  
Robb Lester  
Wiripina  
Frederick Wallace  
Phyllis Nita

Ratima  
Mikaera  
Hape  
Carroll  
Clark  
Poole

Kiriwai  
Jimmy  
Jackie (Tuki)  
Mary  
Rita Margaret  
Margaret

## 1937

Wairama  
Spooner  
Karaitiana  
Lay  
Edwards

Aporina Ngaio  
Rovina  
Reihana  
Nancy Dorothy  
Olive

Stacey  
Karaitiana  
Karaitiana  
Hape  
Monk  
Watene  
Watene  
Hape  
Greenfield  
Russell  
Hape

Dawn  
Riki  
Billy  
Huia  
Margaret  
Wiremu  
Hemi Reginald  
Kura  
Denis Keith  
Arthur  
George

## 1938

Toroaiwhiti  
Timu  
Harmer  
Greenfield  
Monk  
Watene  
Watene  
McKay  
Greenfield  
Blight  
Jones

Mabel  
Peter  
Hilda  
Pat  
Doreen  
Ngapuke  
Kingi Hori  
Douglas  
Allan  
Keith  
Allan Leslie

Wati  
Watene  
Wairama  
Shaw  
Greenfield

Heni  
Rumoana (Jack)  
Rangipaia  
Leonard John  
Ruth Winsome Judith

## 1939

Karaitiana  
Holden  
Tamehana  
Douglas  
Greenfield

Lester  
Denys  
Bobby  
Mark  
Jansen Bertram Reeve

Pango  
Harris  
Clifford  
Lock  
Lock  
Panapa  
Tamihana  
Lock  
Archer

Rai  
Kathleen  
Peggy  
Lawrence  
Thelma June  
Ngairo  
Rangi  
Raymond Leslie  
Pamela

## 1940

Harris  
Hapuku  
Greenfield  
Lock  
Lock  
Randle  
Jones  
Hape  
Timu

Adelaide  
Albert  
Ronald  
Robert Martin  
Mervyn Douglas  
Dennis  
Margaret  
Lester  
Marie

Shaw  
Taylor  
Hawkins  
Greenfield  
Hape  
Wood  
Wood  
Hindrup  
Hindrup  
Hindrup  
Williams  
Jones  
Wairama  
Timu

Brian  
Dick  
Rebecca  
Kenneth John  
Vera  
Kelvin Donald  
Rex Earle  
Ingrei Virginia  
Philip John  
Neil Malcolm  
William Henry  
Moir  
Tarati Owen  
Maiki

## 1941

Tipu  
Ngawiki  
Whatarau  
Watene  
Wood  
Wood  
Wood  
Hindrup  
Hindrup  
Riach  
Edwards  
Greenfield  
Hyde  
Hapuku

Sonny  
Maudie  
Edward  
Matekini  
Terrence Gordon  
Trevor Ernest  
Ian Maurice  
Katherine  
Elaine Patricia  
Gordon  
Mihi  
Peter  
Peter  
June

Timu  
Harmer  
Wairama  
Pratt  
Andrews  
Lock  
Hapuku

Eli  
Tony Mathew  
Rangipaia  
Joan  
Mona  
Betty May  
Oriwia

## 1942

Watene  
Harmer  
Ratima  
Catton  
Aranui  
Hawkins  
Hindrup

Penitana (Ben)  
Patricia  
Maehe  
Peter Edward  
Kereama  
William  
Ewen David

Streeter  
Karaitiana  
Tasker  
Tasker  
Hawkins  
Hart  
Bartlett  
Eagen

Annette  
Eunice  
Ralph Lorrimer  
Dawn Julia  
Edward James  
William  
Colin  
John

## 1943

Karaitiana  
Holden  
Tasker  
Shaw  
Hape  
Timu  
Thompson

Nikorima  
Jill  
Heather May  
Barrie  
Hona  
Thomas  
Rachel Joyce

Tasker  
Wairama  
Pratt  
Hape  
Hapuku

Howard Donald  
Laurie Penetana  
Billy  
Mihi  
Roly

## 1944

Wairama  
Wairama  
Watene  
Douglas

Claude Caldwell  
Leslie Moroati  
Manu Atiarita  
Lucy

Tonihi  
Cribb  
Pratt  
Winiata  
Henare  
Carter  
Carter  
Walls  
Jago  
Henare  
Beckett

Marvin  
Jackson  
Betty  
Campbell  
Bella  
Joyce Mabel  
Kenneth Ronald  
Judith Aileen  
Sidney Allen  
Norma Dorothy  
David

## 1945

Cribb  
Beckett  
Shaw  
Cribb  
Hikawai  
Carter  
Carter  
Hape  
Lock  
Hill  
Collison

Maria  
Brian Charles  
Graeme Francis  
Mary Helen  
Keite  
Maureen Rona  
Edith Lorraine  
Joseph  
Allan  
Hariata  
David

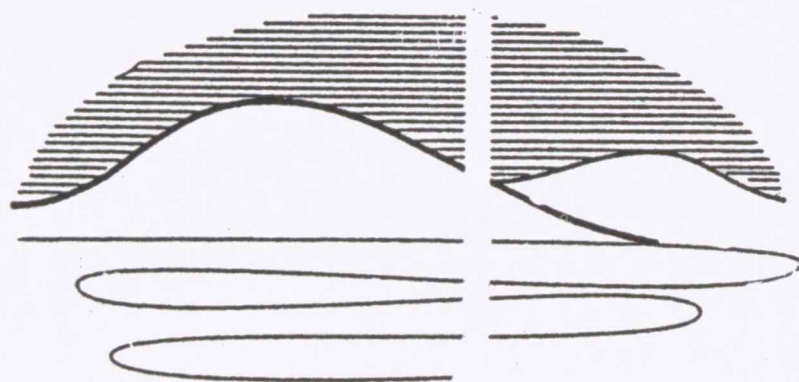
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Tasker  
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Campbell  
Watene

Keith  
James  
Barbara  
Jerry Owen  
Judith  
James Carew  
Irene Lesley  
Lorraine  
Ivan  
Bruce  
Wini  
Moana

## 1946

Karaitiana  
Hilton  
Hapuku  
Greenfield  
Turi  
Elers  
Epiha  
Greenfield  
Turi  
Henry  
Hapuku

Harvey  
Sam  
Geoffrey Turongo  
Robin  
Reid Rawiri  
Alice  
Frederick  
Timothy  
Robert  
Blossom Puawai  
Ivan





## 1947

Epplert  
Epplert  
Baines  
Carpenter  
Hapuku  
Rutene  
Hape  
Karaitiana

Shirley  
Anthony  
John William  
Dennis  
Ralph  
Horomona  
Thomas  
Kingi

Epplert  
Baines  
Carter  
Hapuku  
Rutene  
Cuthbert  
Harmer

Kenway  
Kay Mary  
Deidre  
Margaret  
Ruth  
Michael Anthony  
June Lilian

## 1948

Hapuku  
Turi  
Wimuta  
Hart  
Timu  
Tonahi  
Cribb

Toko Lane  
Donald Edwin  
Willie  
Eric Leslie  
Raihania  
Anthony  
Rita

Tunncliffe  
Wooding  
Greenfield  
Hart  
Tipene  
Chadwick

Annette  
Shirley  
Bruce  
Ella Leslie  
Eunice  
Vonny Joanne

## 1949

Harmer  
Wātene  
Haenga  
Mason  
Ching  
Donovan  
Thompson  
Waitere  
Stead  
Spooner

Daniel  
Gable  
Lavinia  
Murray  
Margie  
Beth Constance  
Delma  
William  
Sally Catherine  
Te Aroha

Tasker  
Holden  
Jillings  
Hape  
Donovan  
Donovan  
Waitere  
Stead  
Gribben

Barry Maxwell  
Mary-Lou  
Ellen Lola  
Georgina  
Patricia Helen  
Geoffrey Francio  
Kawa  
Elizabeth Mary  
Annette

## 1950

Cuthbert  
Harmer  
Lock  
Greenfield  
Thompson  
Little  
Timu  
Millar  
Harmer  
Arnold

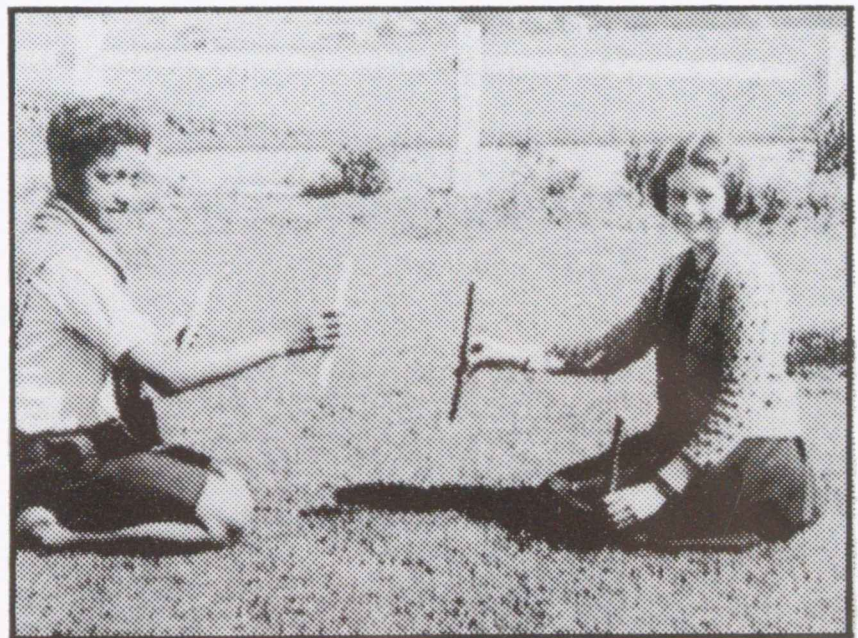
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Kevin Alfred  
Leoni Phillipa  
Brian Donald  
Amilia Nola  
Robert Graham

Harmer  
Campbell  
Greenfield  
Timu  
Little  
Little  
Johnston  
Boyle  
Roberts

Mila  
David  
Marilyn  
Marguerite  
Annette Arini  
Robert John  
Allan  
Neil William  
Kathleen Louisa



*Annette Little, Lesley Rich, Elizabeth Stead in school gardens. (Lesley Evetts Photo)*



*Taite Kupa and Jill Bennie playing Maori Stick Games. (Lesley Evetts Photo)*

Kupa  
Bennie  
Page  
Buddo  
McKelvey

Tutu  
Jill Kay  
Janis Edith  
William Menzies  
Margaret

Mihaere  
McClutchie  
Kennedy  
Gill  
Harmer  
Saunders  
James

Harry  
Caroline  
Ailsa  
Ian Claude  
Judith Edward  
Bryan  
Rosanna

Gilbertson  
Pakai  
Phelan  
Hutchison  
Karaitiana  
Kennedy  
Williams

Donald  
Arona  
Kerry Patricia  
James Clark  
Hana  
Alison Mary  
Adrian John

Kupa  
Beere  
Chapman  
Andrews  
Broadcondon  
Walker  
Campbell  
Beere  
Stothart  
Kahukore

Barney  
Brian  
Eleanor Rachel  
Michael  
Lionel  
Catherine  
Dallas  
Anthony James  
Lynette  
Wikitoria

Timu  
King  
Wall  
Wall  
Wyllie  
Crowley  
Harmer  
Astridge  
Wall

Nema  
Lynette  
John  
Patricia  
Myra  
Pauline  
Bobby  
Cristopher  
Heather Lyn

Shirnack  
Hura  
Thompson  
Wilson  
Meadlarkin  
Airay

Allan James  
Albert  
Graeme  
Waenangi  
Roderick  
Bryan William

## 1951

Bennie  
Woods  
Griffen  
Campbell

Stuart Keith  
Pamela Beatrice  
George  
John

## 1952

Harmer  
Stead  
Karaitiana  
Harmer  
Packer  
Saunders  
Waitere

Claire  
Simon (Tim)  
Ivan  
Mark Wiari  
Graham  
Betty  
Derek

## 1953

Gilbertson  
Phelan  
Lane  
Karaitiana  
Harmer  
Little  
Harmer

Richard Dennis  
Mark Allan  
Paula  
Atereta  
Mary Lou  
Wayne Tait  
Manuera Puku

## 1954

Beere  
Williams  
Andrews  
James  
Walker  
Lane  
Campbell  
Hope  
Webbey

Barbara  
Janise Anne  
Gail Patricia  
Susanne Mary  
Nicholas  
John  
Martin  
Merrilyn Shelley  
Rosie

## 1955

Timu  
Davies  
Wall  
Chapman  
Harmer  
Ruwhiri  
Howard  
Hope

James  
Gary  
Terrence  
Brough  
Peter  
Elizabeth Annette  
Kim  
Jennifer

## 1956

Harmer  
Thompson  
King  
Johnston  
Airay  
Guild

Pauline Sherry  
Wayne  
Laurence  
Allyson  
Susan Margaret  
Lindsay

Kaiwahie	Margaret
Hewson	Fay Christine
Harmer	Honey
Hawkins	Silkie
King	Graham
Meadlarkin	Lorraine Seth
Horn	Wendy Lorraine
Matheson	Kathleen
Hape	Keith

Randall	Kathleen Joy
McClutchie	J.
Hope	Glenys Brenda
Kupa	Christine
Randall	Lewis John
Fever	Rachel Sydney

## 1957

Hope	Alison Linda
Hura	Sally
Hawkins	Tootsie
King	William
Greaves	Patricia Dorothy
Timu	Joanna Dorothy
Lane	Judith Anne
Lucas	Deborah

## 1958

Ingram	Susan
McClutchie	David
Hape	Maureen Elizabeth
Kupa	Rosalie
Dyer	Kaye Marion
White	Janet



*Tim Stead*



*Morning-break Milk 1953*

Percival	Phillip Clayton
Timu	Sally Ricki
King	Raymond John
Knottenbelt	Maaike
Ratima	Henare
Ratima	Neil
Gough	Sharon Ann

Hubbard	Nichola Sue
Bartlett	Mark
Hall	Dennis
Hall	Lee
Maxwell	Anne Sandra
Smale	Karen Irene
Harmer	Christopher
Sutton	Lynette Margaret

## 1959

Percival	Warren Kendrick
Tipu	Tiria
Knottenbelt	Robert Jan
Knottenbelt	Anneke
Ratima	Lorraine
Horn	Lesley

## 1960

Dixon	Mary Elsa
Bartlett	Henry Hoeroa
Hall	Janice
King	Lorraine
Hart	Christine
Hape	Lillian
Davidson	Lois Margaret

Buddo  
Bartlett  
Stalker  
Bain  
Parsons  
Rautu  
Mason  
Hubbard  
McKay  
McKay

Catherine Rosalind  
Gloria Tokorangi  
Irene Jean  
Judith Anne  
Virginia  
Tangi Ata  
Ruby  
Michael James  
Wendy  
Hugh

Wilkins  
Wilkins  
Walsh  
Franklin  
O'Brien  
Lee  
Davidson  
King  
Robson  
Buddo

Madeleine  
Norman  
Wiremu  
Louise  
Jeremy Michael Cole  
Rowan  
Sandra Lynne  
Rebecca  
John Anthony  
Bridget Alexandra

Bain  
Walsh  
Maxwell  
Sandilands  
Walsh  
Miller  
Hill  
Stothart

Murray  
Maree  
Shona  
Russell  
Peter Geoffrey  
Lynnette  
David Stewart  
Margaret Joyce

Malcolm  
Bartlett  
Wilson  
Ormond  
Harmer  
Panapa  
Robson

John William  
Richard  
Cristina Maree  
Gordon  
Jacqueline Henrietta  
James  
Hamish Andrew

Heighway  
Mason  
Renata  
Maxwell  
Knottenbelt

Christina May  
Roy Taylor  
Colin Tai  
William Robert  
Martijn

Cowan  
Sandilands  
Mortier  
Buckley  
Bain  
Peters  
Waretini

Linda  
Philip  
Monique  
Denise  
Wendy Margaret  
Stephne Rose  
Adrian Tutuira

## 1961

Knottenbelt  
Stalker  
Stalker  
Chrisstoffels  
Heighway  
Rautu  
Leicester  
McKay  
McKay  
McKay

Frans  
Penelope Rae  
Christopher John  
Wendy Joan  
Trevor James  
Tira Wiremu  
Robert Lindsay Finch  
Pamela  
Peter  
Jill

## 1962

Wilkins  
Wilkins  
Franklin  
Franklin  
Percival  
Horn  
King  
Bartlett  
Knottenbelt  
Martin

Gary John  
Robert  
Mihitai Elizabeth  
Daphne  
Warrick Gary  
Peter Lennox  
Anne  
Wititi  
Hilde  
Jacob Norman

## 1963

Walsh  
Temperton  
Sandilands  
Hill  
Miller  
Anthony  
McLauchlan

Christine  
Garry  
William  
Keith Allan  
Gaye Patricia  
Grant David  
Jean Isabel

## 1964

Cudby  
Ormond  
Parsons  
Tawera  
Panapa  
Pink  
Pink

Wendy Anne  
Richard Kingi  
Michael Edward Douglas  
Irene  
Peter  
Michael Keith  
Sheree Margaret

## 1965

Waihai  
Davidson  
Maxwell  
Malcolm

Peter Manahi  
Stephen Douglas  
Jenny Dianne  
Julie Anne

## 1966

Harmer  
Sandilands  
Buckley  
Buddo  
Weaver  
Waretini

Paul  
Emily  
Leslie  
Robert David Roy  
Sharon  
Amiria-Belle

## 1967

Laidlaw  
Nagel  
Nagel  
Shaw  
Turberville  
Long  
Jacobs

Ian  
Tony Grant  
Maurice Robert  
Richard  
Lynnette  
Eric Martin  
Edwin Teruna

Nagel  
Nagel  
Stockley  
Campbell  
Turberville  
Rolleston  
King

Annette Joy  
Llannys Gwen  
Marie  
Emaraina Lynne  
Frank Justin  
Elizabeth  
Richard Ewen

## 1968

Porter  
Campbell  
Smart  
Andrews  
Hayde  
Hayde  
Kani  
Long

Mark Darrell  
Rongo Allan David  
Karen  
Tania  
Mark Raleigh  
Grant Michael  
Margaret Phillipa  
Debra Anne

Waretini  
Smart  
Cowan  
Hayde  
Hayde  
Cowan  
Kani

Anderson Te Aranui  
Lorraine  
Victor  
Lorraine  
Paul Driscoll  
Peter Johnson  
Johnny Benjamin

## 1969

Caccioppoli  
Waretini  
Haye  
Phillips

Matthew Bernard  
Annabelle Lois  
Peter Frederick  
Russell John

Campbell  
Scoular  
Collison  
Orr

Tama Andrew  
Andrew Douglas  
Edward Peter  
Kenneth Gordon David

## 1970

Shaw  
Webb  
Porter  
Shailer  
Shailer

Ann Janice  
Deirdre Anne  
Jane Maree  
Robert Dennis  
Joanne Merle Patricia

Caccioppoli  
Webb  
Giles  
Shailer

Donna Maree  
Lindsay Charles  
Donna Myra  
Penelope Jane



1965

Campbell  
Berrigan  
Mohi  
Gray  
Cavell  
Stowe  
Collins  
Gray

Stewart Tia  
Sally-Anne  
Mark Anthony  
Andrea Irene  
Michael Bruce  
Shelley-Marie  
Marlaine Josephine  
Phillipa Jane

## 1971

Berrigan  
Mohi  
Lincoln  
Cavell  
Stowe  
Jillings  
Phillips

Dawn Marie  
Riki Dean  
Raewyn Diane  
Jennifer Susan  
Megan Payne  
Gregory Peter  
Nicola Marie

Scoular  
Long  
Bartlett  
O'Shea  
Taehen  
Tangohau  
Tangohau  
Edwards

Sally Jean  
Tracy Jane  
Charles Robert  
Susan Maree  
Pieta Mary  
Jack Arama  
Wayne David  
Leonie Dixie

## 1972

Milne  
Avery  
O'Shea  
Taehen  
Buddo  
Tangohau  
Edwards  
Edwards

Debbie Kathleen  
Philip Norman  
Karen Leigh  
Raewyn  
Benjamin Roland  
Philip Grant William  
David Maera  
Pauline Joy

Hollis  
O'Brien  
Mohi  
Waretini  
Hollis  
Harley

Tracy Lee  
Shaun Michael  
Linda  
Alton Huia Afton  
Shane Alexander  
David Robert

## 1973

Harley  
O'Brien  
Hodge  
Brownrigg  
Caccioppoli  
Collison

Peter Cameron  
Sharon Marie  
Denise Margaret  
James Seabrook  
Tanya Letitia  
Wendy Jan

McErlich  
Campbell  
Crawford  
Styles  
Haweia  
Caccioppoli

Margot Jan  
Lesley Ann  
Shane Elliot  
Thomas David  
Sonia Tui  
Natasha Anya

## 1974

Spencer  
Gray  
Styles  
Styles  
Tait

Brian William  
Elizabeth Ann  
Ronald Mark  
Christopher Peter  
Margaret Jane

Waretini  
Puke  
Wallace  
Stevenson  
Reeves  
Collins

Ani Taane-Mate  
Alan Hone  
Mark David  
Michael Charles  
Kane Sydney  
Murray Gilbert

## 1975

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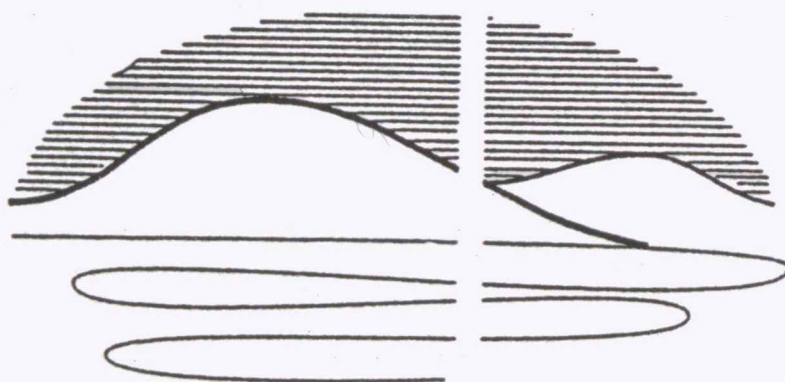
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Graeme Trevor

## 1976

Parnell  
Smith  
Brownrigg  
Chapman  
Crawford  
Eggers

Joyce  
Sheyne Bernard  
Roger Harry  
Thomas Brough  
Andrea Marie  
Darrell Peter



## 1977

Dalrymple  
Wrightson  
Collins  
Goile  
Goile  
Campbell  
Campbell

Ella Jane  
Bruce Craig  
Richard William  
Lindsay Deane  
Simon Leslie  
Stephanie Marie  
Pippa Ovena

Wrightson  
Caccioppoli  
Waretini  
Goile  
Goile  
Hawea  
Lane

Callum James  
Monique Sheree  
Elisa  
Kim Warrick  
Peter Ronald  
Quentin Rangī  
Nicola Ann

## 1978

Hema  
Tilyard  
Marsh  
Brownrigg  
Reeves  
Smith  
Greening  
Caccioppoli  
Thompson

Tania Joyce  
David Craig  
Christopher Ginn  
Matthew Haydn  
Kelly Robin  
Priscilla Louise  
Zappa Henare  
Justine Michaela  
Kim Arthur

Hema  
Tilyard  
Marsh  
Grieve  
Brownrigg  
Dalrymple  
Greening  
Thompson  
Greening

Donna Lena  
Marcia Gaylene  
Michelle Aroha  
Susan Jane  
Gavin Isaac  
James Keith  
Roman Charles  
Tracy Margaret  
Parris Reid

## 1979

Hawea  
Gray  
McGlinchey  
McGlinchey  
Waretini  
Kerrigan  
Taka  
Kani  
Robinson  
Taka  
Aitcheson

Adeodata Miriama  
Penelope Faye  
Matthew John  
Claire Louise  
Moana  
Frank  
Alan Samual  
Michaela Charmaine  
Delvar Christopher  
Daniel Paul  
Lynlee

Gibbs  
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Kerrigan  
Taka  
Kani  
Hansen  
Robinson  
Campbell  
Aitcheson

Angela Kelly  
Emma Kate  
Finton Patrick  
Henrietta  
Judy Anne  
Graham Richard  
Michael Winston  
Katie Claire  
Victoria Sarah  
Frith McLean  
Toni-Ann

## 1980

McGregor  
Caccioppoli  
Smith  
Campbell  
White  
White

Andrew Paul  
Roxanne Tamlyn  
Sonja Helene  
Steven Neil  
Tony  
Zane

McGregor  
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Kirsty Jean  
Mary Elizabeth  
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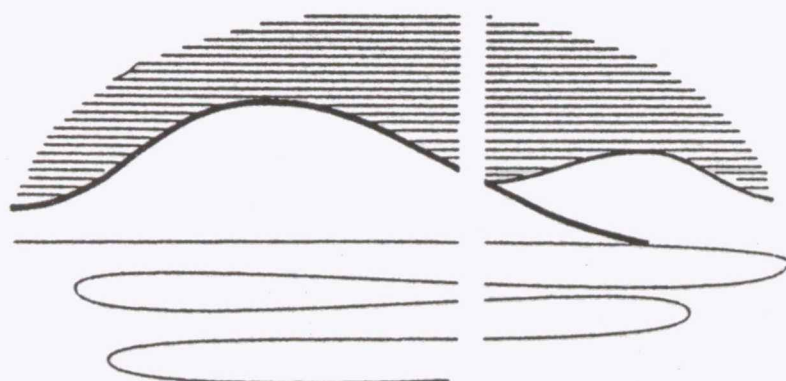
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McGlinchey  
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Duff  
Edwards  
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Daniel Timothy  
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Debbie Gaylene  
Daniel Ray  
Nigel Andrew  
Andrew Graham  
Myra Marama  
Sonya Elise

Kersjes  
Campbell  
Hall  
Lane  
Hastie  
Campbell  
Mason  
Taylor

Anneloes  
Kara  
Leona Wendy  
Sarah Helen  
Debbie Margaret  
Fiona Joy  
Damian Wayne  
Aarron Lindsay



Pilcher  
Leeks  
Anderson  
Hall  
Brownrigg  
Ash  
Ratima

Melanie Kay  
Diana Maree  
Timothy Rangi  
Aaron  
Adrian Dean  
Melody Victoria  
Joanne

Hastie  
Ratima

MacLean  
Joanne Atereta

Gane  
Evans  
Henderson  
Carroll  
Ayre  
Thompson  
Kingi

Michael Lawrence  
Ashley Damien  
Dion James  
Clinton Peter  
Joseph David  
Jared William  
Bronson

Robertson  
Gane  
Edwards  
Eagle  
Eagle  
Hooper

Bridget Raechel  
Stuart James  
Henry Paratene  
Geoffrey Mark  
Juanita  
Kimberly

McKenzie  
Jordan  
Thew

Bevan Robert  
Nathan Earl  
Katherine

Lomas  
Bourke  
Gane

Riki Roy  
Belinda  
Vicky Lisette

Lowe  
Tuhi  
Ward  
Macphail

Elaine Patrica  
Moori Rangi  
Rebecca Marie  
Duncan Robert

Northe  
Devlin  
Meeks  
Meeks  
Hensman

Stuart George Lindsay  
Tyneall Andre  
Fiona Robin  
Lisa Michelle  
Joel

## 1982

Pilcher  
Pereka  
Pereka  
Edwards  
McGregor  
Farrelly

Geoffrey James  
Kalwyn Clarke  
Rhys Renata  
James Morgan  
Christopher John  
Benjamin Francis

## 1983

Lane  
Robertson

Cameron Hamish  
Jonathon Raymond

## 1984

Evans  
Evans  
Henderson  
Carroll  
Thompson  
Thompson

Joshua Abraham  
Honey Ruth  
Bryce David  
Glen Dean  
Brad Victor  
Rohan

## 1985

Proctor  
Sibley  
Eagle  
Eagle  
Hooper

Sandra Gay  
Jackueline Ann  
Stephen John  
Richie Wayne  
Daniel

## 1986

Jordan  
Bird  
Thew

Craig David  
Jessica Naomi  
Stuart

## 1987

Bartlett  
Bourke  
Raue

Richard Erihana  
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Aja Rose Lily Pearl

## 1988

Lowe  
Hensman  
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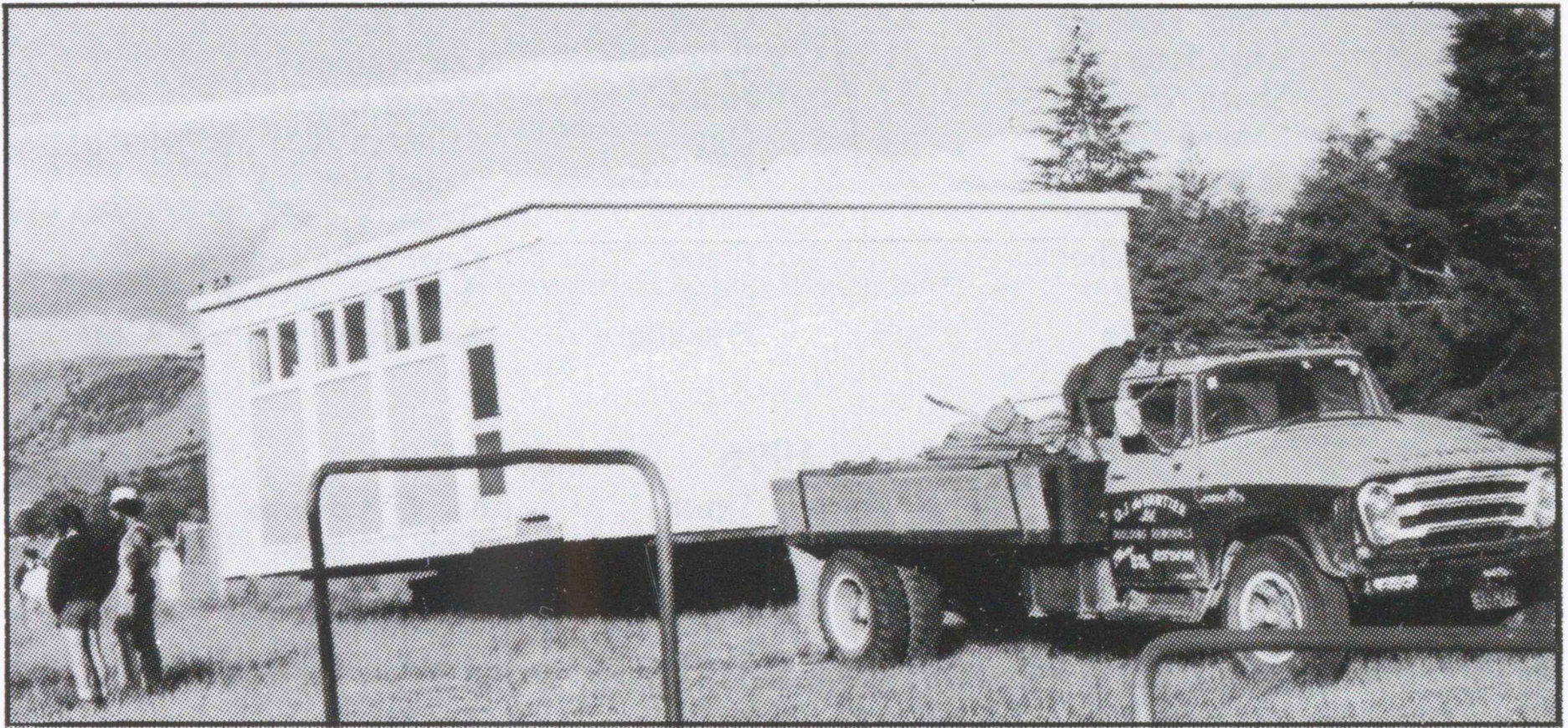
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Emily Jean Francis

## 1989

Gane  
Devlin  
Meeks  
Macphail

Debbie Celeste  
Karen Amanda  
William Robert  
Jeffrey Craig





*Arrival of new Classroom 1982*

Wolland  
Williams  
Taylor  
Ward

Eileen Marie  
Emily Jane  
Matthew  
Daniel Steven

**1990**

Wolland  
Malcolm  
Hewitt

Shannon Tiemi  
Kirsty  
Nicholas Guy

Goulding

Hayley Fiona

**1991**

Wood

Jennifer Louise

Te Kahu  
Knight  
Taylor  
Knight

Joshua Wallan Walker  
Alivia  
Erin Elizabeth  
Edward

**1992**

Northe  
Knight  
Hewitt  
Malcolm

Adam John Earl  
Laura  
Peter Philip Guy  
Brendan John

Poulgrain  
Haerewa  
Northe

Jimi  
Ivanna  
Kaine

**1993**

Goulding  
Hammond

Lorna  
Guy Donald

Walsh  
Toms  
Ogg  
Rawnsley  
Rawnsley  
Christie  
Christie  
Jackson  
Dean  
Hewitt  
Burrige  
Gazzard  
Wolland  
Walsh

Paul Trevor  
Joel Kenneth  
Natalie Rose McPherson  
Thomas Zachary  
Robert James  
Jason Caine  
Joshua John  
Staci  
Richard Robert  
Digby Daniel Guy  
Rena  
Matthew Daavid  
Shannon  
Hayden

**1994**

Hales  
Ogg  
Ogg  
Rawnsley  
Williams  
Christie  
Grew  
Haerewa  
Barnett  
Burrige  
Sackfield  
Gazzard  
Rainsford  
Heard

Mathew Anthony Charles  
Gene McPherson  
Katherine Mary McPherson  
Jessie Jill Cherie  
Sarah Anne  
Sequoia-Lee  
William  
Atanita  
Trent  
Hollie  
Angus William  
Benjamin Kailin  
Nicole Joanne  
Caleb Michael

## 1995

Kenrick  
Therkleson  
Cavell  
Brown  
Sneddon  
Black  
Penberthy  
Williams  
Welch  
Herrick  
Buddo

Janie-Lee Cullan  
Corey Devon  
Rhys John  
Shaun Wayne  
Samuel John  
Taare Piripi  
Alyssa Brooke  
Benjamin Thomas  
Samara Lee  
Duane Mike  
Sophi Maryke

Therkleson  
Cavell  
Brown  
Hales  
Ogg  
Penberthy  
Farrow  
Frater  
Cook  
Franklin

Nicole Casey  
Ryan Ray  
Lee William  
Megan Louise  
Ashleigh June McPherson  
Daniel Edward  
Tyson Vincent  
Kevin John George  
Gareth Gene-Paul  
Anna Hayley

## 1996

Hammond  
Phillips  
Williams  
Hawea  
Koutsos  
Stewart  
Roberts

Guy Donald  
Amanda Jenny  
Bradley John  
Jordan Anne  
Mahina  
Mark  
Richard

Smith  
Phillips  
Hogarth  
Hammond  
Stewart  
Hamlin  
Roberts

Nicole Valerena  
Kent Douglas  
Tracey Marie  
Lachlan Samuel  
David  
Josephine  
Joshua



*Mr. Goodwin, Back Row: Jean Carter, Flora Struthers, Douglas Byrn, Grace White, Donald Kennedy, Vida Condon, Eileen McCormick  
Middle Row: Neil Kupa, Torrence Saunders, Cynthia Byrn, Nora Greenfield, Naomi Hape, Baba Hape, Jack White, Ella Struthers, Jack Byrn  
Front Row: Alan Saunders, Dorothy Campbell, Gwenna McDonald, Betty Greenfield, Jessie McDonald, Leonard Greenfield, David Bewick  
Photo taken at the School. Late Twenties.*

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A Fund-Raising Committee was established in 1994.

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1995 Hamish Adie  
1996 Arna Ogg

The Committee consisting of between three and five members meet once a month and are constantly fund-raising for the school.

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In my efforts to compile an historical record for the Poukawa School over the past 75 years, District history inevitably became included.

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I feel that this booklet is only the beginning of recording the history of Poukawa and I hope someone else will take it from here and write, while memories are still fresh.

May the School continue to flourish as we enter the twenty-first century and I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and happy 75th Poukawa School Reunion.

My greetings to you all

Rosemary Stead,  
Research Person.

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