

ELSTHORPE  
SCHOOL

75th  
JUBILEE



1898-1973

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I, as President of your Jubilee Committee, welcome all old pupils, ex-teachers and those who have been associated with the school over the past 75 years.

This our 75th School Jubilee is indeed a historic occasion for the Elsthorpe district, and it is a pleasure to have so many of you with us to celebrate such a memorable re-union.

With the Elsthorpe school roll numbering 109, it is an indication of progress made in 75 years, and many of you will find a vast difference in the school surroundings.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate the present staff and Committee for their enthusiasm, and for the amenities provided for our present-day pupils.

I would like to express my thanks to members of the various committees who have worked so hard to make these Jubilee celebrations a joyous and memorable occasion.

In conclusion, I am sure that you will all enjoy yourselves, renew many lifelong friendships, and that you will have happy memories of the Elsthorpe School's 75th Jubilee.

JOCK DUNCAN,  
President,  
75th Jubilee Committee.



Elsthorpe School — 1973.

# OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

## 75th Jubilee

18-20th May

FRIDAY 18th

7.30 p.m. COCKTAIL EVENING in Elsthorpe Hall

SATURDAY 19th

1.15 p.m. OFFICIAL OPENING

Musical Entertainment by Senior Pupils

SPEAKERS:

Mr J. L. Duncan, President.

Mr B. M. Jensen, School Committee Chairman.

Mr L. R. Lewis, Education Board Chairman.

UNVEILING OF JUBILEE PLAQUE

By Mesdames M. Hunter (McAulay)

S. Wright (Lozell)

G. Falkner (Lozell)

M. McGaffin (Beachen)

L. Cheer (Haycock)

First Year Pupils

CAVALCADE OF TIME

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

PHOTOGRAPHS

AFTERNOON TEA

8.00 p.m. JUBILEE BALL

SUNDAY 20th

10.30 a.m. JUBILEE CHURCH SERVICE at School

Conducted by Father P. King

Canon J. Wilson

Rev. A. Armstrong

# JUBILEE OFFICIALS

President: Mr J. L. Duncan

Vice-President: Mr J. Kenderdine

Secretary: Mrs W. McGaffin

Treasurer: Mr W. M. L. Gilmour

## Finance Committee:

Mr J. Kenderdine (Chairman), Mr J. L. Duncan, Mrs W. McGaffin, Mr W. Gilmour, Mr B. Smith, Mr H. T. Pearse.

## Magazine Committee:

Mr L. L. Brown (Editor), Mrs J. Muggeridge, Mrs J. Duncan, Mr R. Prentice,

## Catering Committee:

Mrs B. Sherning (Chairman), Mr J. Duncan, Mr M. Smith, Mr P. P. Beachen, Mr M. Kenderdine, Mr L. Locke, Mrs D. Forrest, Mrs H. T. Pearse, Mrs B. McPhail.

## Social Committee:

Mr P. Sherning (Chairman), Mr A. Tiffen, Mr M. Crampton, Mr J. Bibby, Mr M. Pearse, Mrs B. Jensen, Mrs L. Brown, Mrs B. Wilder, Mrs M. Tylee.

## Cavalcade Co-ordinator:

Mr B. Smith.

# **HISTORY OF ELSTHORPE DISTRICT**

## **EDENHAM**

The first land to be taken up in the Elsthorpe District was 25,000 acres acquired by Alfred Chapman in conjunction with W. B. and J. Rhodes in 1851. The block was called Edenham after a hamlet in Lincolnshire where a Chapman family lived. In 1913 the property, now down to 3378 acres, was purchased by Oscar Nilsson and is still farmed as his estate.

## **ST LAWRENCE**

In 1852 Edward Spencer Curling took up 16,500 acres then known as Te Kopanga. By 1887 Robert Curling, a nephew of Edwards, had inherited the property and changed its name to St. Lawrence.

The property was purchased by the Williams family in 1901 and developed as a memorial to Henry Williams and his uncle, Bishop William Williams, later known as the H. and W. Williams Memorial Trust. The income was and still is used for assisting Church of England Missions.

In 1912 the Trustees decided that all but 3,000 acres should be cut up and offered for lease. A mill was built to cut the timber from the 300 acres of bush still standing.

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## **FIRST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH — 1899**



**Teacher: Miss Burdett**

In 1965 the property was divided into 2 farms of 1,500 acres each with a manager on each block, one half being called Paihia. St. Lawrence wool is still branded E.S.C. as it was by its first owner Edward Spencer Curling.

## **TE APITI**

In 1853 a grazing licence was applied for by Alfred Chapman and the Rhodes brothers of Edenham for the 14,500 acre property known as Te Apiti. During the 1860s the property was taken over by Gavin Peacock, who made some of it freehold. In 1916 when Maori Leases expired, Te Apiti was left with 6,000 acres, cutting off Waimoana, Kapiti and Kokatawai. New buildings were completed at Te Apiti and Waipoapoa and they were run as two separate properties of 3,600 acres and 2,400 acres respectively.

## **MANGAKURI**

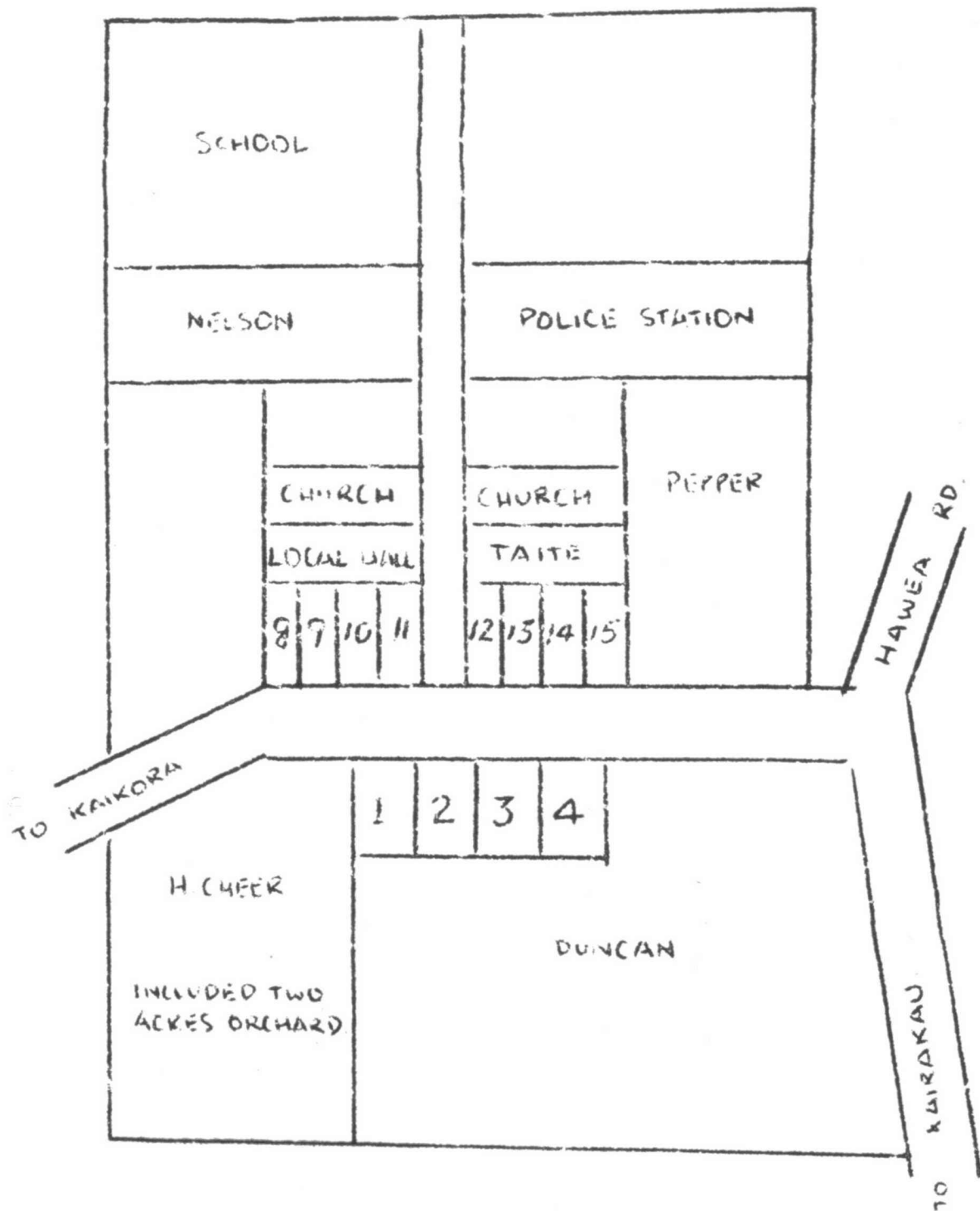
The 21,000 acre Mangakuri block was taken up in 1853 by W. Frederick Hargrave and Peter Couper. When the property was taken over in the late 1800s by the Rev. Samuel Williams he built a church on the property which is still there today. When he died in 1907 the land was sold mostly to relations, while 5,400 acres went to his son William Temple Williams. It was later divided again between Samuel Roy and Charles Athol Williams, one block being known as Netherton. Mangakuri is now 1,539 acres as S. R. Williams gave 1,152 acres, now known as Okura, to his children.

## **ELSTHORPE**

Dr. George Dalrymple Monteith applied for 10,960 acres of Edenham land in 1857, which he named Elsthorpe. Portions of the station were sold and in March 1862 4,000 acres were auctioned at the Napier Land Office and purchased by Weston and Buchanan. John Buchanan bought his partner out in 1869. By 1876 it was carrying 5,760 sheep. More land was acquired until Elsthorpe eventually reached 10,000 acres. In 1896, upon the death of John Buchanan, Elsthorpe was offered to the Government for closer settlement. It was divided into 28 farms and 22 village sections and balloted for on the 24th June. Mr Buchanan's gardener, Mr Thomas Haycock, drew the old homestead and a few acres. He turned the homestead into a boarding house, store and Post Office, becoming the first Postmaster of Elsthorpe.

ELMSHILL

In 1859 Frederick John Tiffen applied for 950 acres of Edenham and named it Elmshill. By 1874 the station had increased to 7,082 acres. In 1909 Frank Tiffen leased 2,388 acres from his father, and Henry, another son, leased the block now known as Mangarara, which was 2,772 acres. Elmshill is now 1,608 acres and still belongs to the Tiffen family.



Elsthorpe village sub-division — 1896.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF ELSTHORPE

Taken from the brochure advertising the lease of the  
Elsthorpe Station sub-division, 1896.

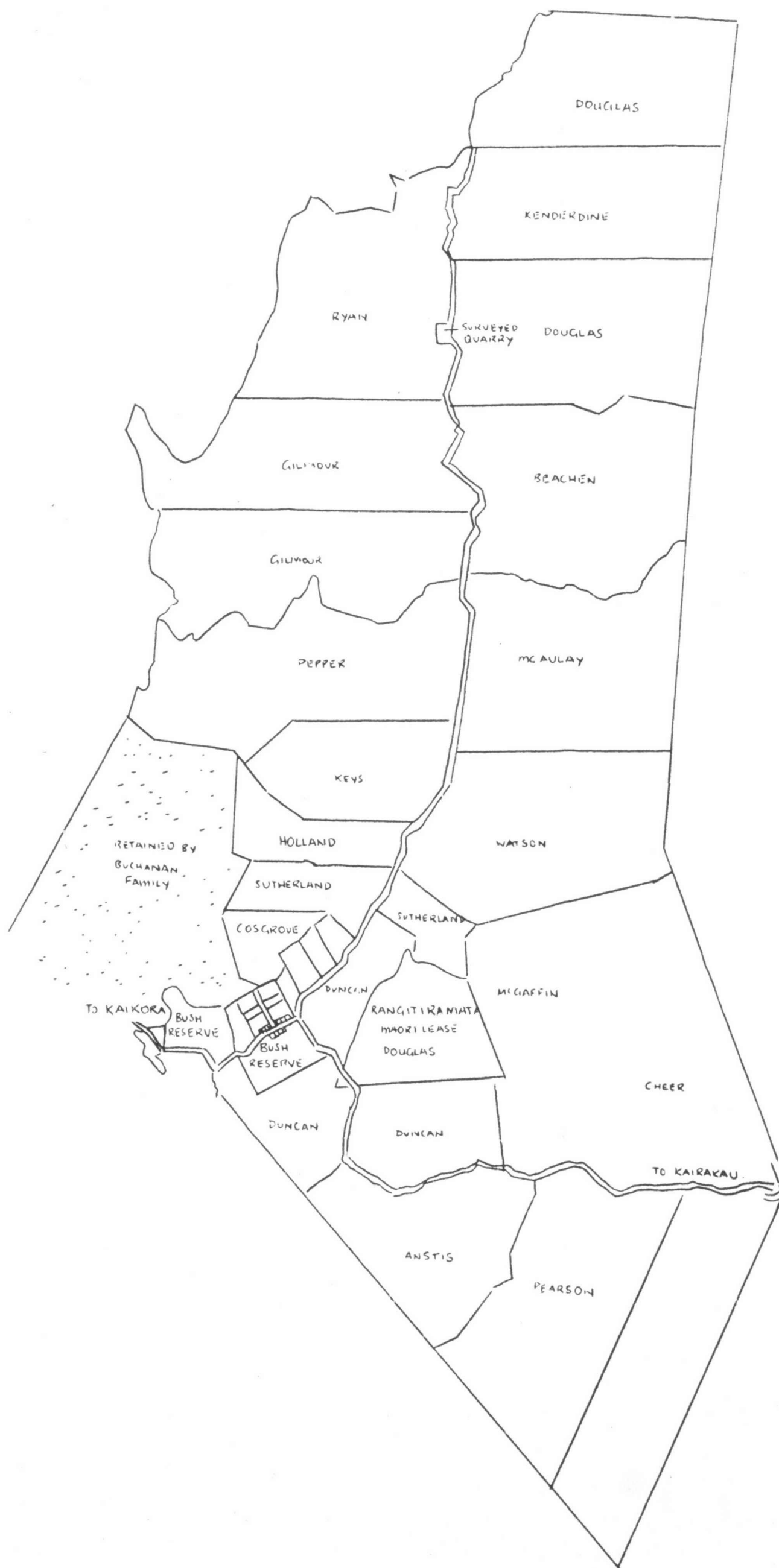
“The village of Elsthorpe is situated on the main road from Kaikora to the coast, about 14 miles from the former place. It is a very pretty spot, approaching from both sides through clumps of carefully preserved native bush — a somewhat rare sight in that part of the country.

The main portion of the village—that on the north side of the road—is all in good sward. Sections Nos. 16 and upwards are on gradually rising ground, and will make excellent residential sites, with an agreeable outlook. The belt of bush comes to within a few chains of the south side of the road, and is a great feature of the scene.

Section 22 contains the main building of the homestead of earlier days—a seven-roomed house, but not in good repair—also two underground concrete tanks with a capacity of 12,000 gallons. The only other section containing a building is No. 23 with a toolhouse, carpenter’s shop, coach-house and stable all under one roof.

Half-yearly rent for sections 1-10 is 4/- and for sections 22-29 rent ranges from £1.2.0 to £4.6.0.

Among the many terms of lease No. 12 states—“The lessee must not take more than three crops, one of which must be a root-crop, from the same land in succession; and either with or immediately after a third crop of any kind the land must be sown down with good permanent cultivated grasses and clovers, and be allowed to remain as pasture for at least three years. No. 13. The lessee must not cut the cultivated grass or clover for hay or seed the first year of the course. No. 19 All buildings must be insured in the name of the Queen.”



**Elsthorpe Station Sub-division, 1896.**

## **FLAG PRESENTATION**

WAIPAWA MAIL,  
28th April, 1900.

Wednesday, the 18th inst., was a great day here. Mr Tiffen of Elmshill presented the school with the Union Jack of Old England and the N.Z. flag. The flags are the largest size and of the best material. The people of Elsthorpe and the surrounding district gathered to see and take part in the ceremony. The school was packed.

The ceremony was commenced by Mr Buchanan in a brief but to the point manner, explaining the object of the meeting. Mr Tiffen then addressed the school children and those present. He said it gave him much pleasure in giving the flags, seeing the great interest the inhabitants and children took in the emblem of the Mother Country and then handed the flags to Miss Burdett, the school mistress, amidst great applause.

"God Save the Queen" was sung by all in a very patriotic manner. Then the school children sang "Soldiers of the Queen" and did it very well indeed.

Mr W. Fletcher, on behalf of the School Committee, thanked Mr Tiffen for his generous gift and called for three cheers for Mr Tiffen, which was given most heartily.

Mr Buchanan has a pole 40 feet long on the ground to be erected for the flags to be hoisted on when we hear of the relief of Mafeking, and on the termination of the war. May both events be soon.



**Taken about 1910. Teacher: Miss Burns.**

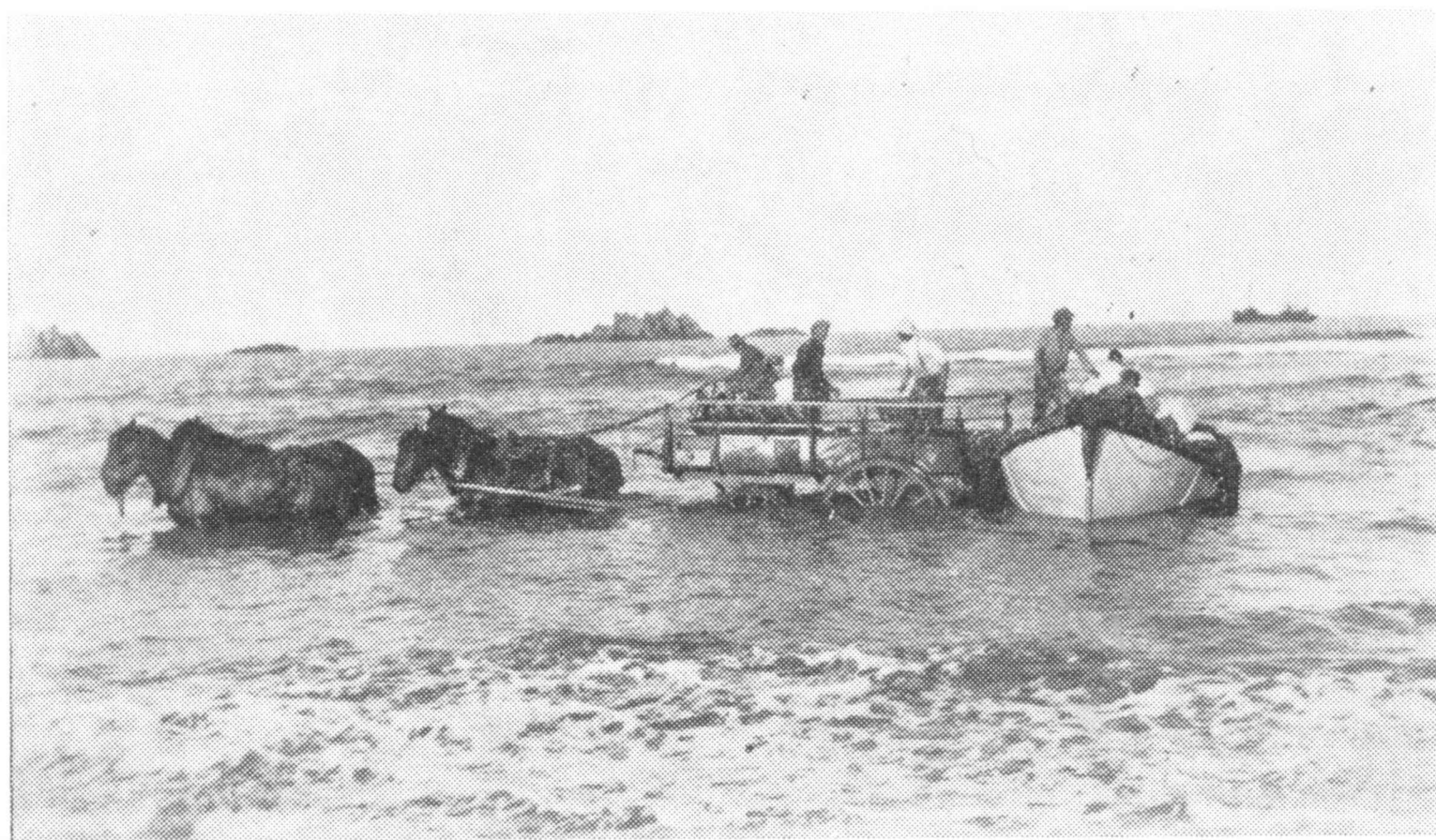
## **RECOLLECTIONS BY MR TOM PRIEST**

My parents emigrated from Scotland—actually from Shetland. My father came out in the sailing vessel “The City of Auckland” in 1878. The boat was wrecked between Kapiti and the mainland and the crew and passengers scrambled ashore and made their way overland to Wellington. My mother arrived five years later. After they were married they took up the position of “married couple” on Edenham Station, which was then owned by Mr Williams.

I stayed with my uncle at Woodville and started school there, but when a school was built at Patangata in 1895, I came home and attended there. I was eight at the time and the station provided me with a horse in return for carrying the mail; Elmshill Station paid me £3-18-0 a year for doing this. The road to Patangata was rough and only metalled in places. The bush closed in on both sides for about two miles and was unfenced. Swaggers frequented the area, especially during shearing times. However, with a good horse under me I was never frightened of them.

I finished my schooling at Elsthorpe which had opened in 1898, and I commenced the following year. There were five of us and we walked the 2½ miles.

One occasion I remember well was when wool was being loaded on a boat at Kairakau. The school was notified when the boat would arrive, the wool was taken out by a wagon team and the children were taken over the steamer. Mrs Minty made a cake for the captain and sailors for giving



**Loading Te Apiti and Waimoana wool at Kairakau.**

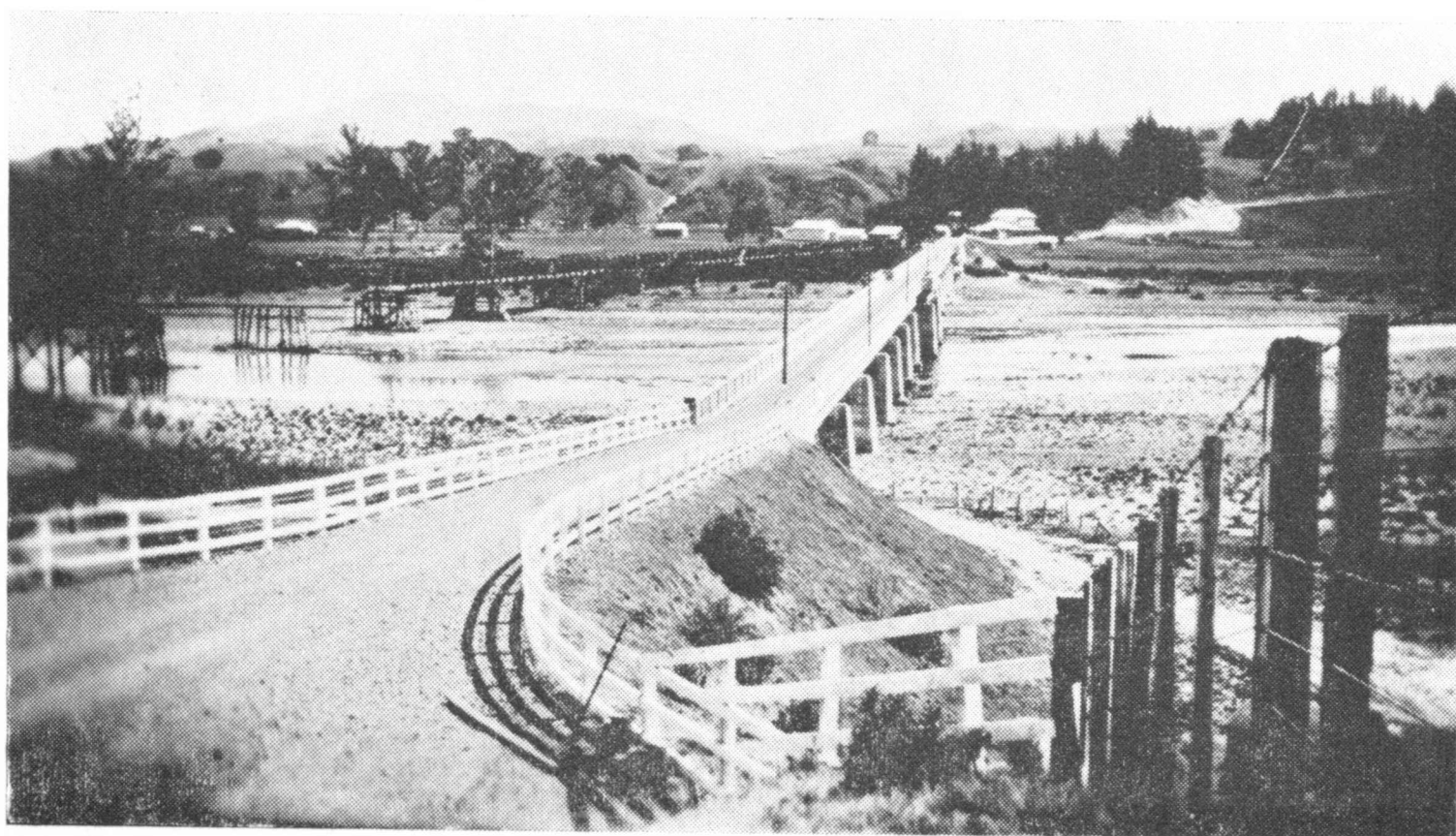
us the chance to see over the steamer. I believe bullocks were used at one time to load the wool in the surf.

In the first, roads were only clay tracks. Gradually they were formed and metalled. A contractor, Mr Ward, lived at Patangata and did this type of work as well as carting wool. At one time he had over 50 horses. I remember once a team of eight horses with a four-wheel wagon hauling a load of 36 bales of Edenham wool. The trip to the rail at Otane, then known as Kaikora North, took two days.

There was a chap on Edenham who used to do odd jobs. He had been a captain in the English Army at one time and was a well read gentleman. He started a library which was well patronised by all the men on the stations. It used to cost 2/6 to join and, I think. 3d a book. When Capt. Smith passed on Mr Williams gave the books to Otane.

The Post Office and store opened in 1899 by Mr Haycock in the old homestead building. I might mention that at about 1901 there were two blacksmiths. Mr Holland and Mr Halpin, and a saddler's shop in the brick building of Mr Wedd's. At first, entertainment was held either in the school or Mr Buchanan's woolshed. This shed had been moved to make way for the school site.

The years have seen many changes and I look back with pride in the achievements of the early settlers.

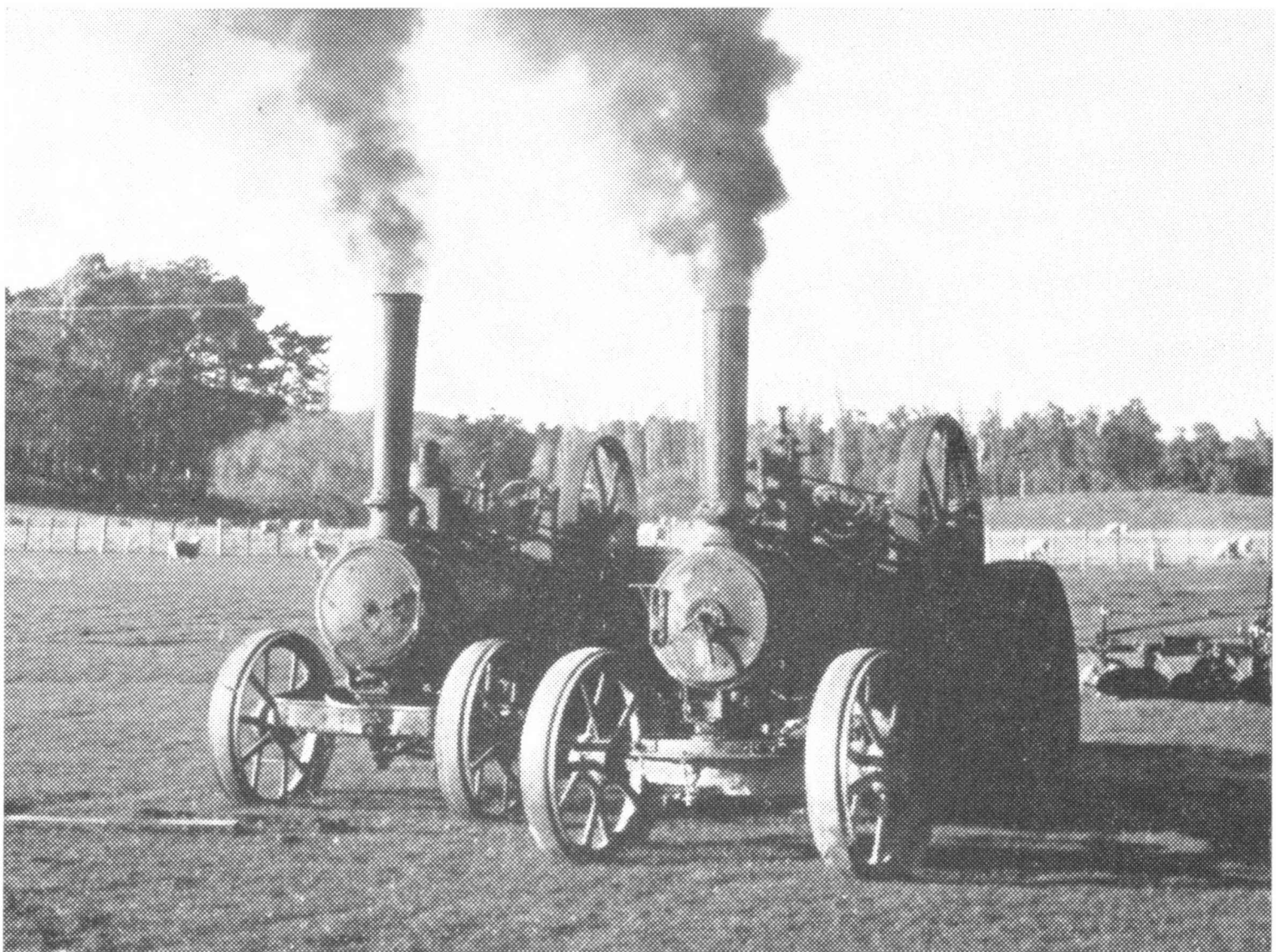


**New Patangata Bridge—1924. Old bridge in background.**

## **SAW MILLING**

(As recalled by Mr J. A. Kenderdine)

Generally Elsthorpe was fairly clear of bush except for odd patches and along the flats on both sides of the existing road. There was a 300 acre block on St. Lawrence known as the Rangiora paddock, where Mr Burgess commenced operations in 1912. Unfortunately the mill was burnt out in 1917 and the equipment was moved nearer the Elsthorpe village on the boundary of R. M. Kenderdine and N. A. Thomsen. The article which appeared in the H.B. Herald 12/6/17 reads: "The floods experienced here



**Traction engines used on Kahura to haul logs to Orbell's bush skids and for stumping.**

in the early part of the week are the highest in the memory of the earliest settlers. The skids at Mr Burgess's mill were swept bare of timber by the flood waters, while heavy wagons were carried several yards away and tossed about and broken by the force of the water. The inhabitants of the mill whares were in a sorry plight, one family being encamped on the boiler in the mill for several hours. An attempt was made by swimming to carry a rope, but it was futile. Finally, a line was made fast and by means of a rope

a rescue was effected. Owing to the main road being flooded to a depth of eight feet the mail coach was delayed for over 24 hours."

Again the persistent Mr Burgess set up business in a



**The Skids, Orbell's Mill—1930.**

site somewhat nearer to Mr R. M. Kenderdine's present house. This venture went into receivership and was sold up in 1925. A partly submerged black tank marks the spot where the mill existed.

The first two mills used bullock teams to bring the logs to the bush skids and then by four horses in tandem.

Mr Orbell purchased much of the mill plant and commenced business in Waipawa. When cutting was finished there, the plant was moved to Scannell's bush. This mill owned its own log hauler, which brought the logs to the bush skids. Timber was also brought from the Omakere district.

Orbell's mill closed down in the early 1930s. He then moved to Parkvale, Hastings.

## **ELSTHORPE PUBLIC HALL**

H.B.H.

2nd October, 1907.

“Last night saw the fulfilment of the hopes and expectations of the settlers of the district—the occasion being the opening, with a dance, of the newly built Public Hall. Mr Michael Ryan, as Chairman of the Building Committee, opened the proceedings with a neat speech, in which he explained the difficulties the settlers had to overcome before they succeeded in making the hall an assured fact, especially eulogised the ladies of the district for the time and trouble they had taken in raising the necessary money. He called upon Mr F. L. Tiffen, who had so generously supported them, formally to open the hall.



**An early photo of church and hall taken on the occasion of a local wedding.**

Mr Tiffen, in a few well chosen words, said he wished to identify himself with Elsthorpe and felt great pleasure in seeing such a hall, which he considered was a credit to the district. He felt that the settlers and ladies were deserving every praise and especially the chairman, whose exertions he was pleased to see had met with so much success—a sentiment which was applauded. He appreciated the honour shown him and declared the hall open.

About sixty couples took part in the dance, and there were many spectators. Visitors came from all parts, but the boisterous weather kept many away. Owing to the strong wind, the supper marquee suffered considerably, but a pleasant evening was spent.

Mrs Moroney provide the music, and extras were played by Miss Hannon, Miss L. Haycock and Mr E. Williams. The songs of Miss Beachen and Miss Prewett were much appreciated."

The hall and church were both built at the same time. Mr Mansfield was the contractor. For sixty-six years they have been at the centre of community affairs.

St. Stephen's, built by the Anglican Church serves also the Presbyterian and Catholic communities. Services are still regularly held and a well established Sunday School continues to flourish. Like other churches of the parish the Williams family have donated many of the interior furnishings.

The hall has been the scene of many happy and nostalgic occasions. Dances, weddings, farewells and money raising functions have featured regularly. During both World Wars a tremendous amount of patriotism was evident and considerable funds were collected at these gatherings.

The hall was administered by a Committee but in recent years was taken over by the Patangata County. At this time it was extensively renovated.

Through the initiative of those early settlers we enjoy the facilities today.

## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

### **WORLD WAR I 1914-1918**

* G. Priest	W. E. Gilmour
P. J. Priest	J. W. Priest, M.M.
C. F. Haycock	J. H. Sinclair
G. H. McAulay	

### **WORLD WAR II 1939-1945**

* D. G. (Kim) Duncan	* H. A. McAulay
J. H. Thorpe	D. Smith
H. P. Lissette	P. Beachen
B. Smith	K. Bawden
A. W. McAulay	F. W. Cheer
D. Cheer	D. Hagenson, D.F.M.
G. S. Lincoln	J. L. Duncan
E. I. Eagle	D. J. Nilsson
N. H. Bawden	R. C. Leyland
N. McGaffin	G. Fraser
W. Simmers	A. Leyland
A. Smith	E. Anderson
R. Cheer	

### **KOREA 1952-1954**

W. A. Williams	P. G. Williams
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### **VIETNAM**

\* W. A. Waterhouse

\* Killed on Active Service.

## **OUTLINE OF THE GROWTH OF THE SCHOOL**

The school opened on the 4th July, 1898, with a roll of 29 children, a sole teacher, a Miss Burdett. In 1916 the first assistant teacher was appointed, both teachers working in the one room with a partition part way. This continued to serve as the school until 1923 when the 'lean to' was extended to allow one teacher to use this as a classroom.

In 1936 the roll dropped and the school reverted to a sole-charge and remained as such until 1946 when the roll had climbed to 48. A second classroom was commenced in July, 1949, and in use in mid-September.

School baths were built in 1951 and a filtration plant was added in 1962.

In February 1954 a third classroom and staffroom was begun, the grading of the school having reached 3 teachers for the first time. 1958 saw the staffroom used for the first time as a sub-base for the dental nurse and this was used twice yearly for this purpose until a permanent clinic was built in 1966.

The concrete tennis court was laid in 1959 with the cyclone fence being added by voluntary labour in 1964.

During the December holidays 1963 the original classroom was extensively renovated and modern windows added. A staff cloakroom and toilet was added to the new block in 1964.

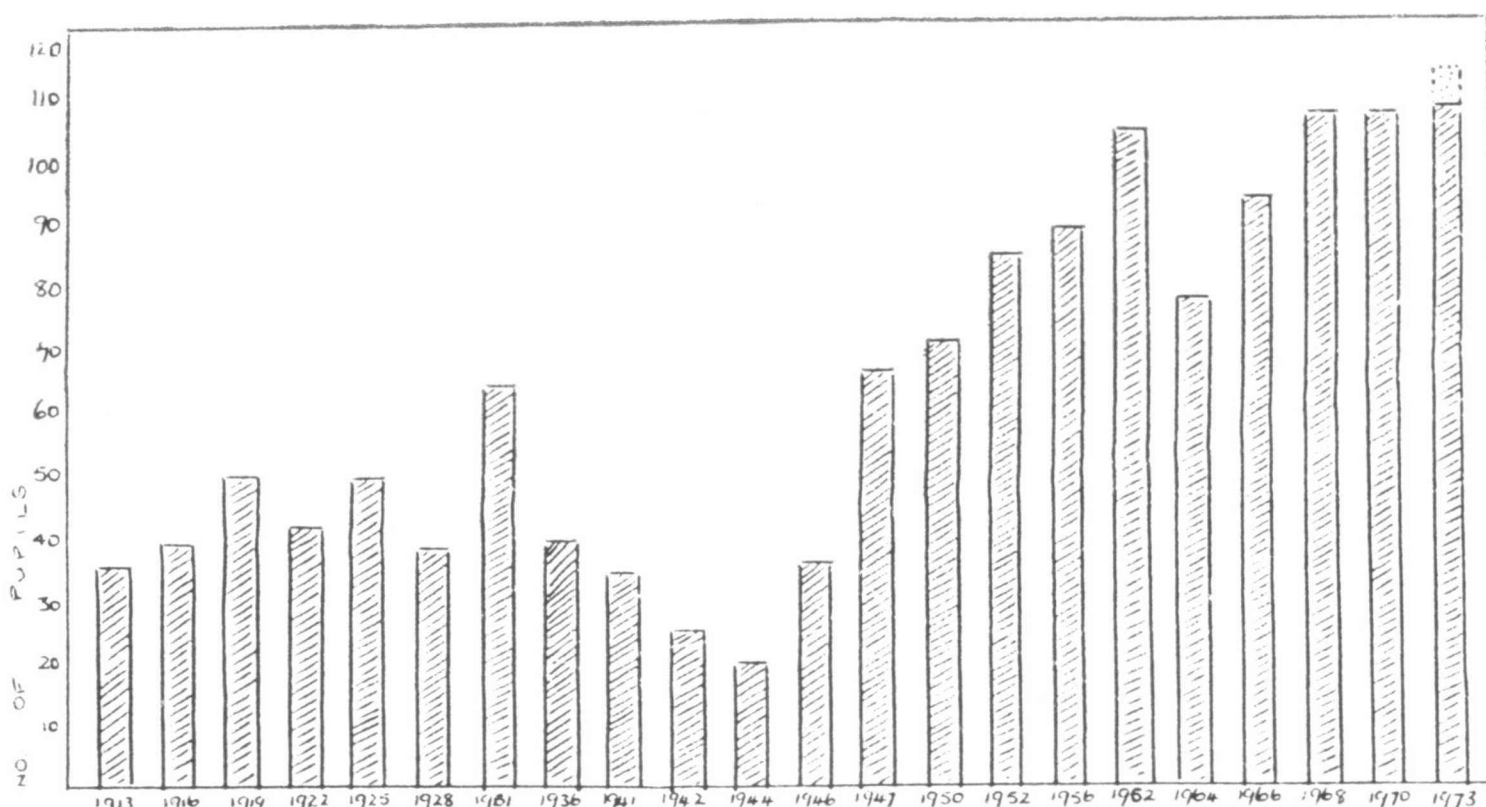
In addition to the 3 teachers a Teaching Aide was first appointed for 3 hours daily in 1966, this being extended to 5 hours daily in 1973.

Toilets had been the subject of repeated visits to the Education Board and a new block was added in 1967. (So strongly was the feeling on the poor toilet facilities one teacher recorded a Board Official actually being shut in an outhouse around 1916 !)

A new schoolhouse was commenced in March 1969—the old house being retained by the school committee as a flat for assistant teachers.

New storage sheds at the school and small fuel shed at the new house were built late 1972 along with new fences around the swimming pool.

March 1973 a fourth teacher was appointed when the roll reached 108. A new room is to be built early in the second term and in the meantime two teachers will again use the original building—without the partition !



**Graph showing school roll fluctuations.**

Unfortunately, records before 1913 do not exist, therefore the graph above begins at this year. With the advent of milling at St. Lawrence the roll showed an appreciable increase. However, this fluctuated somewhat with the opening and closing of the Patangata school.

The influx shown in 1931 was partly due to numbers of refugee children from more stricken earthquake areas being "imported".

The Depression years show a fairly marked decline in roll due mainly to the closing down of Orbell's mill after the bush was largely milled out. At one time during the Second World War only twenty children attended.

The first bus service was commenced in 1945. Shortly after, this was extended and the Atua and St. Lawrence services began. A dramatic increase in roll numbers resulted. This increase has been maintained as mileage has been increased.

A projection into the immediate future indicates that record numbers will shortly be attending. This is somewhat surprising in view of the rapid decline in rural population in many surrounding districts. However, the Elsthorpe school serves an extremely large area and future growth would seem assured.

## **HEAD OR SOLE TEACHERS**

1898-1900	Miss H. G. Burdett
1900-1901	Mr J. Auld
1902	Mr L. J. Plank
1902-1905	Mr J. Cartwright
1905-1908	Mr J. Flynn
1909-1915	Miss H. E. Burns
1915-1922	Mr H. V. Phillips
1923-1926	Mr E. Riley
1926-1930	Mr W. H. Conway
1930	Mr H. R. Hawthorne (Relieving)
1930-1936	Mrs N. Taylor
1936-1942	Mr A. H. Thompson
1942	Miss J. Cushing (Relieving)
1942-1945	Miss Corrie-Johnstone
1945-1953	Mr H. J. Winter
1953	Mr D. B. Telford (Relieving)
1954-1961	Mr W. J. Scott
1961-1965	Mr B. J. Hennessy
1965	Mr L. L. Brown

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## **PAST TEACHERS PRESENT AT GOLDEN JUBILEE 1948**



**Mr Jas. Cartwright, Mrs F. Taylor, Mr A. Thompson, Miss Corrie-Johnston, Miss L. E. Riach, Mr H. J. Winter.**

## **ASSISTANT TEACHERS**

Miss E. M. Webb  
Miss E. L. Jull  
Miss Pile  
Miss McNutt  
Miss Smith  
Miss D. Williams  
Miss McBratney  
Miss O'Donnell  
Miss Pugh  
Miss Bishop  
Miss Paynter  
Miss Ray  
Miss Butterfield  
Miss Thompson  
Miss Gibb  
Miss Duff  
Miss Walters  
Miss Sheen  
Miss Pickett  
Miss Waeffler  
Miss D. Souter  
Miss N. Sheppard  
Miss J. Setter  
Miss D. James  
Miss L. E. Riach  
Miss N. Bennett  
Miss A. Mayne  
Miss K. A. Arnott  
Miss Milroy  
Miss V. Vidal  
Miss S. Oliver  
Miss M. Dinnan  
Miss C. Doherty  
Mr D. Harris

Mrs B. Muggeridge  
Mr G. Saunders  
Miss M. Hadyn  
Miss M. Dysart  
Mr H. Liley  
Mrs W. J. Scott  
Miss H. Papps  
Miss M. Hamilton  
Mrs D. Lansdown  
Mr Green  
Mr R. Cowan  
Miss O. Mihaere  
Miss J. Kitching  
Mrs J. Gadd  
Miss R. Israelson  
Miss G. Cochrane  
Mrs M. McDonald  
Miss A. Tiffen  
Miss J. Fisher  
Miss J. Hay  
Miss J. Owen  
Miss C. Clark  
Mrs M. McDonald  
Mr A. Rowe  
Miss M. McKelvey  
Mrs L. Spence  
Miss R. Nimmo  
Mr C. Hucker  
Miss B. A. Bennett  
Miss C. Hogg  
Miss J. Harder  
Miss S. Chote  
Mrs L. Spence

## **PRESENT TEACHERS**

Principal: Mr L. L. Brown  
Assistant Teachers:  
Miss J. Harder

Mrs L. Spence (relieving)  
Miss S. Chote  
Teaching Aide: Mrs B. Brown

## MAIL SERVICES

In 1896 a Mail stage coach service from Otane (Kai-koura) to Elsthorpe was started by Jim Grant with his brother Jack as coach driver. This run was later extended to the coastal stations.

In 1897, when the Elsthorpe settlers were taking up their land, Mr T. Haycock opened a Post Office and store at his home. During the early stages of this Mail service a three-horse coach was used.



**Mail-day. Store managed and later taken over by Mr Jim Macaulay. Mr Bert Kenderdine in foreground.**

The mail came to Mangakuri on Monday, calling at Patangata and Elsthorpe en route, went back to Otane next day, calling at the same places. On Thursday the same practise was followed, only this time the night was spent at Te Apiti and back Friday, and only coming as far as Elsthorpe on Saturday. Mr Haycock delivered mail and groceries up to Atua and down to the Hawea Stream. Bill Porter took over from Jim Grant and introduced a closed-in coach drawn by four horses. Later owner-drivers were Tom Sinclair, Bill McQuilkan, Sam Linton, Jack Halpin, Claude Nelson, Norman Gallien and Jack Stevens—the latter selling out to Rene Grant, who soon replaced the stage coach with a Model T Ford covered-in lorry, although a buggy and pair were kept at Kairakau for the run to Mangakuri and Te Apiti, owing to the state of the roads.

Frank Limbrick drove a Federal bus, selling out to Rumbals—Mrs Rumbal driving a car on this mail run for years before selling out to Sealy Irwin. After this, the service was taken over by the Otane Store.

# **HEAD - SOLE TEACHERS**

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Mrs W. N. Taylor**

(1930-1936)

As the years pass memory dims and only highlights peep through. Well I remember Elsthorpe. I never taught a finer bunch of children. They were a credit to their parents and their district. But in the beginning I had my moments of trepidation. Rumour had preceeded me and much indignation was apparent when it became known that the school was to have a woman Head Teacher. However, my husband and I soon settled in after I had denied swimming in the water hole several times as a means of enforcing discipline. Some of the older boys soon realised I meant what I had said.

Probably my most vivid memory of my stay was of the shattering experience during the 1931 Earthquake. Normally the children would have been in the playground but because of misdemeanours I had called them indoors. The horror of the morning and the days that followed ring clearly. The evacuation was orderly despite falling bricks, tanks and a large cupboard. Parents began arriving in gigs and cars and it wasn't long before most had been taken home. When I surveyed the damage in the schoolhouse I was dismayed. To add to the mess of bricks was the milk which had swilled from the pans in which my husband had put the morning's milking. We lived very restlessly for many days.

It was a sad day when our turn came to leave. We have many memories and friendships to remind us of our time at Elsthorpe.

NOTE: Mrs Taylor taught for nearly seven years in the school. She could be best remembered for the enormous plantings of trees which was carried out. In 1936 she states in the Log Book having planted 130 Flowering Gums and 70 Lawsonianas. She also planted numerous pines and pussy willows. Many of these trees are still in evidence today.

She left the school when it reverted to a sole-teacher school.

## **Mr A. Thompson**

(1936-42)

In September, 1936, I transferred to Elsthorpe as Sole-Teacher. I came from Omakere and knew many of the parents and pupils through previous inter-school visits.

I found the old-type school well laid out in lawns and shrubs with asphalt playing area. During my six and a half years the Committee comprised Mr A. McGaffin (Chairman), Mr J. McAulay (Secretary) and Messrs T. B. H. Priest, J. Kenderdine and J. Sutherland. I remember that the Annual Meeting of parents would be chaired by Mr M. Ryan, a service he did for many years, and the Committee would be present but no parents. In due course the Committee would re-elect themselves.

The provision of a battery radio widened our curriculum. We also developed our musical ability mainly using home-made instruments.

We did not possess a swimming bath but all hands trundled down to a pool by the bridge near Mr Joe Cook's residence.

Our annual School Fancy Dress Ball was the highlight of the year. The hall was decorated with greenery and balloons and everyone turned out to enjoy the evening. Also the Kairakau Beach picnics were happy affairs.

War years brought shortages and gloom. A small dance band was formed with the help of Mrs Thompson, Miss Lois Nelson, Mr Alan Scott (piano), Mr H. Smith and Mr P. Beachen (piano accordion), J. Macaulay junior (drums), Mr J. Macaulay senior, Mr C. Prentice and myself (violin). In the early war years we were instrumental in raising over £300.

In March 1942 I entered the Armed Forces to go overseas.

In 1940 Mrs Thompson and I took a party of pupils from Elsthorpe and Omakere to the Wellington Centennial. We travelled by train and were billeted at the old Newtown School. It was a tremendous experience.

I remember the pupils compiling their own magazine "Cheerio". We used a primitive hand stencil set. I hope the budding poets have continued their efforts.

My days at Elsthorpe were happy ones. My wife and I made many life-long friends and have many nostalgic memories. May this 75th Reunion be as successful as the 50th.

## **Mr H. J. Winter**

(1945-51)

A spell of 27 years certainly smoothes the rougher sides and gives a more polished look to past happenings, and I'm sure that a balance sheet would show the pleasing ones out-weighting the rest not so interesting, less appealing, and less enjoyable. One of those "less" ones was our arrival in Elsthorpe, rather late in the day having come up from the Wairarapa. The carrier had unloaded the furniture and was gone about an hour by the time we arrived. It was almost dark, overcast and showery, and we literally broke into the house as the carrier had unloaded everything into three front rooms and finally the passage-way. No power of course so no light, and no heating except by stove.

To cancel out that sort of thing there were plenty of brighter moments. One was the fun of a heavy snowfall and the inevitable snowballing and snow-man. There were the trips to Waipukurau for football and athletic tournaments, even reaching the finals on an odd occasion not so much by skill as by the very unorthodox play and capitalising on the surprise created.

The girls' sporting life was more confined to taking part in athletics—numbers and sizes made serious basketball out of the question. However, they more than held their own in the playground games and activities in competition with the boys. It was my good fortune to have at that time a number of girls who were so reliable and responsible in so many ways.

I well remember one school howler in particular offered by a rather shy and serious girl. Her answer to a question about the masculine form of the word "duchess" was an inspirational "tallboy". This brought an end to any further work and we all went outside to play a game.

The introduction of a school bus service brought new growth to the roll. The school was fortunate in having such conscientious and reliable operators as Bill and Gladys Pepper. After a time the service was extended to Atua Road bringing to the school a number of children who previously relied on the Correspondence School for their primary education. This in turn introduced extra families to the school life to the advantage of all concerned, and in later school committee elections members were chosen from further afield than the usual confines of the village. Mr L. E. Hardy from Motonui became chairman of the new committee elected a few days before the Golden Jubilee in 1948, and with the other members comprising E. Bibby, R. Kenderdine, R. Tinning and R. Fannin, had the distinction of leading the school into the second half century of its progress.

## **Mr W. J. Scott**

(1954-1961)

An anniversary is a time when we look back and attempt to recapture the happenings, the emotions and behaviour of people in the setting of a time that has gone for ever.

In my time as a teacher at Elsthorpe it was a very close community cut off to a degree from the rest of the Bay by corrugated roads and the Patangata Hill.

In 44 years of teaching I give the children top place for manners and co-operation and when required tons of grit and determination.

An Elsthorpe School Committee Meeting was the highlight of the month. If something was required it was acquired with astonishing despatch. If money in kitty was low, a stock drive would be held. Truck owners were given a day and area, the auctioneer given a hint of what was expected, and kitty was buoyant again.

I wanted a rugby ground and gave the Committee a suggestion. The central driveway was eliminated, a roadway around the area bulldozed, fences erected and then tractors, discs, graders, etc., swung into action. It was a marvellous community effort. Of course then I just had to produce a rugby team. I have many nostalgic memories of the rugby games played and could fill a book with the pranks of some "lads".

I have many memories of the late Mr and Mrs Pepper and the school buses. Despite Bill's emotionalism, what a wonderful record of safe driving they made.

Of the many memories of humorous incidents one stands out very clearly. A parson newly arrived from England was visiting the school-house one evening and was taking a short cut to Lansdowns and Kenderdines. Below Lansdowns was a dam and he stepped out onto the beautifully smooth carpet of weeds and was soon well and truly stuck. Mrs Lansdown answered his calls for help and rescued him.

My family and I owe much to the kindness and generosity of the folk of Elsthorpe. My two eldest sons were indeed fortunate to start their working careers with Elsthorpe farmers.

Many fine people have passed away in the last thirteen years and I feel very sad when I remember that fine young man Willie Waterhouse, a product of the school and district.

I am thankful that my own children had the benefit of a country upbringing and education.

To all Elsthorpians, many happy meetings and memories.

## **Mr B. J. Hennessy**

(1961-1965)

Congratulations to Elsthorpe School on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. I was fortunate indeed to have been associated with the school for four of these years and have many happy memories.

I well remember the friendliness of the district and the wonderful support given the school.

Who could possibly forget the School Committee and the untiring efforts of its members to improve the school environment and facilities. And those Committee meetings that continued on into the late hours of the night long after school business had been completed. Elsthorpe School owes much to these men.

Mothers were most active in the P.T.A. and attendances would shame the majority of city schools today. I don't remember having played Beetle since.

The annual School Concert packed the Elsthorpe Hall to the doors. No matter how hard teachers tried, the school could never produce the star item. The annual star performance was given by a large black opossum that scurried across the stage pursued by children, parents and teachers.

The visit to Christchurch with the senior pupils was a memorable occasion as was the fantastic bottle drive which paid for the chartered bus to Wellington and return.

Sporting activities were always well supported by parents and many were the rugby, netball and athletic visits to Argyle, Pukehou, Omakere, Otane, Waipawa and Waipukurau.

Agriculture Day always began well with classroom displays and the parade of pets. However, by the end of the afternoon nerves were strained—particularly those of the pets.

Mention must be made of those staff members who gave such valuable assistance to me during my years in Elsthorpe.

No article would be complete without reference to the children who attended the Elsthorpe School and in particular those whom I taught. I can say in all sincerity that I have as yet to meet more conscientious, reliable and better mannered children than those I had the privilege to teach in Elsthorpe.

Elsthorpe School, I am sure, can be proud of its pupils and the contribution they made to New Zealand sport, industry, farming and the professions. It is my confident hope that they will continue to serve the community throughout the next seventy-five years as well as they have for the past three-quarters of a century.

## **Mr L. L. Brown**

(1965—)

It is eight years since I arrived as Head Teacher. The following year my wife was appointed as Teachers' Aide—one of the first in Hawke's Bay, and together we have experienced tremendous school interest and support from the people of this district. Our three boys have had the major portion of their schooling here and we have made many valued friendships and enjoyed a full and stimulating life.

I feel privileged to have taught many children who have had all their schooling here and I am continually impressed by the manners, sense of responsibility and sensitivity towards others shown by the children here—in all very teachable children. It is with pleasure that I follow their later lives and careers.

I have endeavoured to ensure all children have the opportunity to participate in a wide field of activities and I appreciate the willingness of parents to assist with providing transport. We have had numerous sporting contacts, had our share of winning and enjoyed wild enthusiasm at such events as swimming sports, D.A. days, rugby and netball.

Library development and reading has been one of my greatest interests and I have been fortunate in working with School Committees and P.T.As. who share this interest and have provided funds annually for books. I feel this school can be justifiably proud of its library.

There have been many highlights — the Christchurch trip with 32 children, Mrs E. Bibby and my wife; 2 very active trips to Kaitawa with enthusiastic parents and first class cooks; preparing and taking part in annual music festivals, concerts, balls, excursions, and individual swimming progress from the 5-year-olds to competent swimmers.

I am indebted to the assistance given to me by the Staff and in particular, my wife, who has worked with me. We have had very stable years of staffing and have always had very willing and conscientious assistants who have played an active part in the life of the school.

The Education Board have improved conditions greatly by building a dental clinic, a new toilet block, new school-house and storage sheds. These improvements, together with the added amenities contributed by the efforts of School

Committees, P.T.A., galas, and sheep funds, have given me the benefit of teaching in a school which is well equipped in all ways.

We are now staffed with 3 assistants and 1 teaching aide and a further room is in the foreseeable future. With the many pre-schoolers in the district, this school is assured of years of service to the community.

I look back with pride in the achievements of this district for their school and look forward to the continued support and development of Elsthorpe School. When the time comes for us to leave it will be with a feeling of sadness. However, we will have a store of satisfying memories and enriched lives to look back on.

I welcome all past teachers and pupils and look forward to meeting many of you here during the celebrations.

## **EMINENT EX-PUPILS**

### **MISS LIDA LISSETTE—1919-1926**

Trained as a nurse at the Wellington Hospital and came to be Matron of the Grey Hospital, Greymouth. (Now Mrs F. Parfitt, Greymouth).

### **DR. ALEXANDER GILMOUR—1936-1943**

Graduated Canterbury University B.Sc. 1952, and M.Sc. 1st class Honours 1956. He joined the N.Z. Oceanographic Institute and was granted a Fellowship—spent four years studying at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he built an instrument for testing deep sea temperatures.

Has twice been to the Antarctic, first in Summer 1960-61 and again 1972-73 when he was leader of a party investigating currents in McMurdo Sound, and has done research work with N.Z. and United States Oceanographic ships.

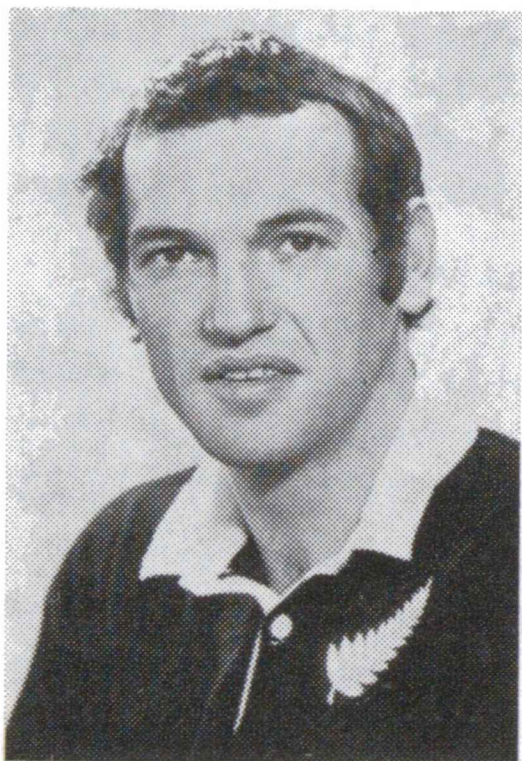
### **DR. DERRICK BREACH, B.A., M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D.—1942-43**

Started training at Victoria University, Wellington; then Melbourne University as a Junior Lecturer for 3 years. He then spent 9 years in Canada, gaining his Doctorate at Toronto University. He is at present Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at Canterbury University.

### **DR. BRIAN HARDY—1948-1954**

The youngest person to graduate from the Otago Medical School. Now a Lecturer at the University of California.

### **MR MICHAEL DUNCAN—1952-1960**



Selected as a H.B. Rugby Representative from 1966-1972. Played for Junior All Blacks in 1969 and 1970 and an All Black in 1971.

## **SCHOOL BUS SERVICES**

From 1945 school buses became an integral part of school life. Mrs W. Pepper began the first service on the Valley and Beach roads. The latter went as far as Waipuna, while the Valley bus catered for children as far as Forrests.

Shortly after this Mr J. Macaulay began a run on the Atua and to the St Lawrence station. Later this service was obtained by Mr Pepper. Between them the Peppers maintained a bus schedule which became renowned for punctuality and reliability. In the twenty years they covered 700,000 miles, accident free.

In 1965, the business was purchased by Mr Ken Blakie, who with his wife continued to provide a reliable and efficient service. In 1967, a new house was built and vested in the County.

Mr Blackie replaced the old vehicles with modern buses.



**School buses of present day.**

The present operators, Mr and Mrs D. F. Richards, took over in 1970. Mr Richards purchased a further vehicle and now has a stand-by bus. Today's run involves 180 miles and is one of the largest to serve a rural school.

We are fortunate indeed to have had such a stable and efficient bus service right from its very inception through to today.

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## **SCHOOL COMMITTEES (As Known)**

- 1898 First Committee  
Mr J. Buchanan, Chairman, W. Fletcher, Secretary.  
C. Wedd, D. Sutherland, R. McAulay.
- 1913 J. McNeill, Chairman, H. Haycock, Secretary.  
H. Stephenson, G. Beachen, R. McAulay, A. Kenderdine, M. Priest.
- 1914 J. McNeill, Chairman, H. Haycock, Secretary.  
A. Kenderdine, R. McAulay, M. Priest, T. Haycock, H. Stephenson.
- 1926 Mr Nelson, Chairman, Mr Macaulay, Secretary.  
Mr Sutherland, A. McGaffin, G. Duncan.
- 1927 J. Sutherland, Chairman, J. Macaulay, Secretary.  
R. Marsh, G. Duncan, A. McGaffin.
- 1930 J. Sutherland, Chairman, J. Macaulay, Secretary.  
A. McGaffin, G. Duncan, M. Priest.
- 1934 A. McGaffin, A. Macaulay, J. Kenderdine, J. Sutherland,  
1936 land, T. Priest.
- 1938 A. McGaffin, Chairman, J. Macaulay, Secretary.  
1940 J. Kenderdine, T. Priest, J. Sutherland.
- 1944 T. Priest, Chairman, J. Macaulay, Secretary.  
A. McGaffin, J. Kenderdine, W. Watson.
- 1946 J. Kenderdine, Chairman, Mrs H. Beachen, Secretary.  
J. Latton, E. Bibby, E. Hardy.
- 1948 E. Hardy, Chairman, E. Bibby, Secretary.  
R. Tinning, R. Fannin, R. Kenderdine.
- 1950 E. Hardy, Chairman, E. Bibby, Secretary.  
R. Tinning, K. W. Lawrence, R. Kenderdine.
- 1953 R. Fannin, Chairman, E. Bibby, Secretary.  
R. Tinning, B. Smith, W. Pepper.
- 1955 C. Scannell, Chairman, J. Duncan, Secretary.  
1957 B. Smith, P. Beachen, E. Wilder, C. Nuttall.
- 1959 E. Wilder, Chairman, P. Sherning, Secretary.  
P. Beachen, S. Tiffen, R. Kenderdine.
- 1961 E. Wilder, Chairman, P. Sherning, Secretary.  
R. Kenderdine, P. Beachen, T. Pearse.
- 1963 P. Sherning, Chairman, J. D. Harker, Secretary.  
P. Beachen, B. McPhail, R. Kenderdine.

- 1965 P. Sherning, Chairman, J. D. Harker, Secretary.  
B. McPhail, R. Kenderdine, W. Williams.
- 1967 J. D. Harker, Chairman, B. Jensen, Secretary.  
M. Tylee, W. Gilmour, W. Williams.
- 1969 J. Harker, Chairman, B. Jensen, Secretary.  
M. Tylee, W. Gilmour, J. Aitken.
- 1971 B. Jensen, Chairman, J. Aitken, Secretary.  
W. Gilmour, D. Smith, N. Thomsen.
- 1973 B. Jensen, Chairman, Mr J. Aitken, Secretary, Mr D.  
Smith; Mr N. Thomsen, Mr F. Tombleson, Mr I. R.  
Brown, Mr R. Prentice.
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## **SENIOR SCHOOL S3 - F2 1973**



**Back row:** Sandra Timmins, Neil Taite, Graham Harman, Diane McGaffin, Tessa Tylee, Christine Gilmour, Denise Smith, Fiona McPhail, Tony Jensen, Elizabeth Waihua.

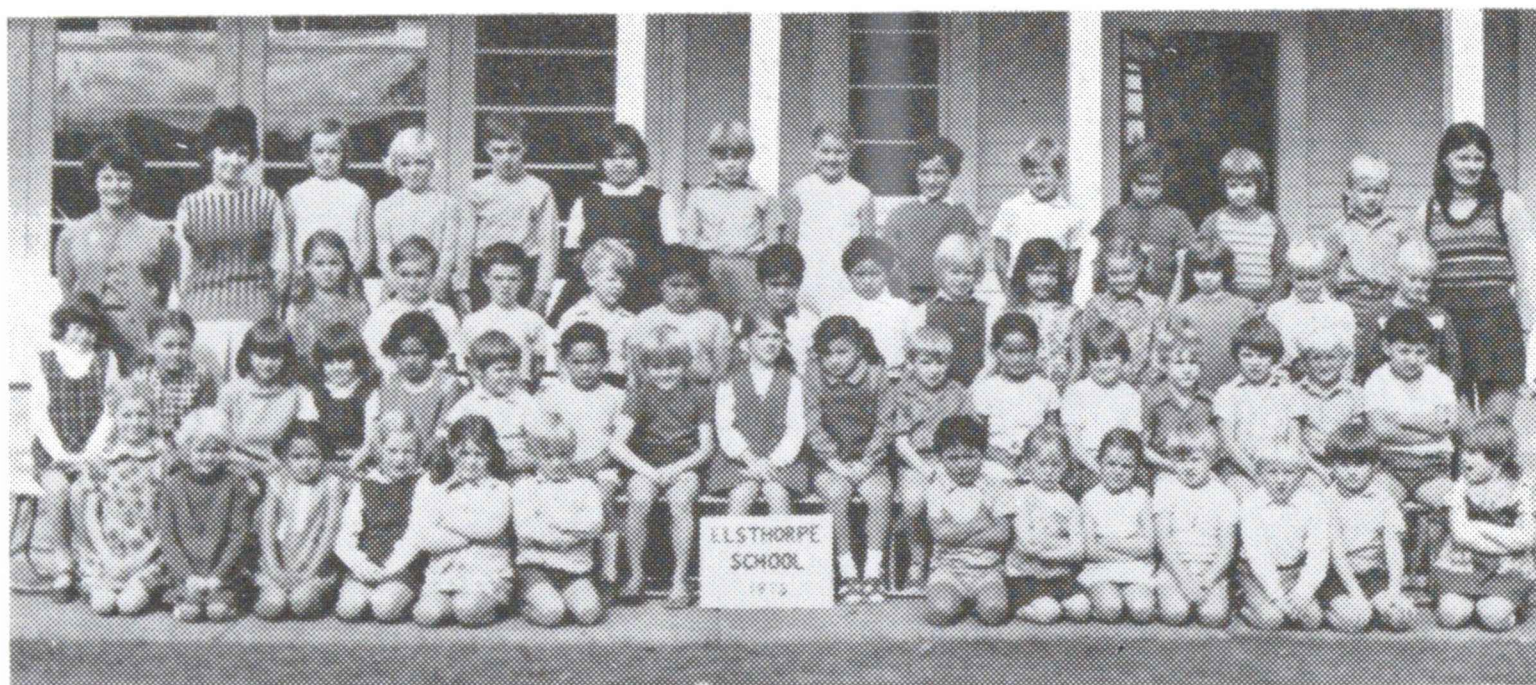
**2nd row:** Mr L. Brown (Head Teacher), Sharon Taurua, Nicola Prentice, Christine Hart, Alan Waihua, Ian Jensen, Robyn Muggeridge, Vicky Waihua, Karina Hazel, Kim Murphy, Ingrid Jensen, Megan McGaffin, Donna Richards, Mrs L. Spence, Teacher.

**3rd row:** Graeme Jensen, Peter Morris, Mark Greene, Turei Hazel, Murray McErlich, Philippa Harker, Tracey O'Halloran, Peter Greene, Graig Harman, Fiona Christie, Andrew Hart.

**Front row:** Megan Richards, Georgina Graham, Roxanne Wilson, Peter Tombleson, Leanne O'Halloran, Andrew Prentice, Tim Aitken, Allen Thomsen, Brent Jellyman, Lindsay Lock, Mark Brown, David Taite, Simon Jensen, Shirley Morris, Margot McErlich.

# **ELSTHORPE SCHOOL 1973**

## **INFANTS - STD. 2**



**Back row:** Mrs B. Brown (Teaching Aide), Miss J. Harder (Teacher), Elaine Smith, Sarah Sunderland, Graeme Orivss, Fiona Graham, Simon Sherning, Catherine Harman, Colin Tahu, Stuart Davies, Raymond Graham, Jackie Timmins, Jeremy Williams, Miss S. Chote (Teacher).

**Next row:** Kirsty Crampton, Tony Murphy, Jordie Wilson, Alan McGregor, Peter Thomas, Robert Tahu, David Thomas, Louise Jensen, Hazel Tahu, Sara Brown, Caroline Timmins, Jamie Thomsen, Kathy O'Halloran.

**Next row:** Pauline Kenderdine, Vicky Stewart, Gaylene Hart, Amanda Williams, Rangi Tahu, Tim Lee, Joanna Taurua, Hugh McPhail, Anna Bruce, Deeanne Chapman, Robert Greene, Lavinia Hazel, Tracey Pennall, John Lock, Mark Syme, David Aitken, Joseph Waihua.

**Front row:** Rosalie Lock, Catherine Bibby, Tania Graham, Jane Sunderland, Anna Brown, Scott Thomsen, Joseph Thomas, Linda Ingles, Jackie Wilson, Shane Davies, Heath Tiffen, Philip Smith, Tina Hampson.

## **EXTRACTS FROM THE LOG BOOK**

Unfortunately, the original log book is missing from the school records. The available log book dates from February 4th, 1913.

- 4/ 2/13 School commenced again—21 children present.
- 26/ 2/13 Napier Garden Club's Fete. All the school children went with their parents to Napier on a school excursion trip. Mr Priest conveyed most of the children in his wagon to and from the station (Otane); 53 children went altogether.
- 27/ 4/13 23 children went down to Napier by excursion train to see the Dreadnought.

- 1/ 5/13 The new members of the School Committee are Messrs J. McNeill (Chairman), H. Haycock (Secretary), H. Stephenson, G. Beachen, R. McAulay, A. Kenderdine and M. Priest.
- 18/ 7/13 Drs. Decke and South visited school today at two o'clock and vaccinated the school children and adults to the number of 72.
- 26/11/13 A start was made today on the new piece of asphalt. The ground in front of the school is hardly sufficient for the doubling exercises, etc., in physical culture so we are having the area extended over to the fence between the school and house.
- 31/ 7/14 School closed Wednesday at 1.55 to enable pupils to go to wedding.
- 11/12/14 £32 donated by children for Belgian Relief.

## **SCHOOL PHOTO 1910**



**MISS BURNS, TEACHER**

**Back row:** Bob Stephenson, Sam Pepper, Harry Sinclair, James Hassett, Joseph Hassett, Wattie Watson, Sandy Watson, James McQuade.

**2nd row:** Johnny Hassett, Beattie Cheer, Agnes Watson, Doris Cheer, Mary Pepper, Hilda Stevenson, Gertie Sinclair, Edie Pepper, Len Stimpson.

**3rd row:** Guy Lincoln, Laura Pepper, Myrtle Pepper, Phyllis McQuade, Ethel Leyland, Celia Priest, Eileen Lincoln, Doris Halpin, Clarence Haycock.

**4th row:** Sidney Leyland, Nellie Hassett, Winnie Halpin, Gladys Smith, Mysie Watson, ? McQuade, C. McQuade.

- 17/ 9/15 Owing to Patangata School re-opening, seven of my pupils living at St Lawrence left to attend the nearer school.
- 12/ 2/16 An assistant teacher, Miss Webb, appointed.
- 17/ 8/16 Holiday as school required for polling booth for Pahiatua by-election.
- 15/ 6/17 On the first three days of this school week over 15 inches of rain fell, consequently the roads were impassable.
- 8/11/18 On Friday, holiday for Peace Armistice which though said to be Official, turned out to be premature . . . .  
Official notification received on Tuesday.
- 15/11/18 Word arrived that all schools were to be closed for a week on account of the influenza epidemic, so the children were immediately dismissed.  
(Schools remained closed until 4/2/19.)
- 3/11/22 School painting completed. Hall used while interior of school being done.

## SCHOOL 1915



**Back row (left to right)—Arthur Leyland, Rob Stevenson, Hector McNeil, Stan McAulay, Albert Haycock, Guy Lincoln, Harold Leyland, H. V. Phillips (Teacher).**

**2nd row—Mysie Watson, Edie Pepper, Myrtle Pepper, Laura Pepper, Agnes Watson, Eileen Lincoln, Celia Priest, Ethel Leyland, Lucy Pepper, Eileen Haycock.**

**3rd row—Buster Kenderdine, Hector McAulay, Alec McNeil, Cecil Haycock, Bill Stephenson, Sidney Leyland, Dick Beachen.**

**4th row—Tom Ryan, Ronnie Leyland, Minnie Sinclair, Eva Lincoln, Norah Beachen, Bill Pepper, Elsie Cheer, Rosie Haycock, Les Haycock.**

**Front row—David Priest, Dick Pearson, Jimmy Lissette, Norman McGaffin.**

- 16/ 3/23    Asphaltting the playground between the school and shelter shed commenced.
- 22/ 9/23    School closed for one hour in morning on account of wedding in local church—all children attended the breakfast.
- 2/ 3/25    Owing to infantile paralysis epidemic, schools closed indefinitely.
- 15/ 4/25    Schools re-opened.
- 13/ 5/27    Piano arrives from Jensen & Moore, Auckland. £30 subscribed by residents of district. For this sum a new piano was supplied by the Department.
- 10/11/27    Wireless Concert: Children's Hour. Arranged for children to listen in at Mr Gibb's and Mr J. H. Sinclair's. Took 5 children to Mr Sinclair's. Altogether 20 children heard this special programme.
- 1/11/28    Scarlet Fever. First case sent to hospital. All children working outside.
- 10/11/28    School fumigated.

## **SCHOOL 1930**



**Back row (from left)—John Macaulay, Rex Nockall, Doug Donghi, Phil Marsh, Frank Cheer, Laurie Bruere, Pat Beachen, Peter Lissette, Ivor Eagle, Lewis Donghi, Doug Cheer, Russell Cheer, Jim Thorpe, Eric Eagle.**

**2nd row—Ron Johnston, John Donghi, Betty Bevan, Joyce Cheer, Addis Macaulay, Ruth McGaffin, Joan Cheer, Ina McHardy, Belle Priest, Peg Nockall, Joan Bevan, Olive Bowden, Elsie Lissette, Ian Eagle.**

**Front row—Earle Johnston, Geoff Marsh, Noel Marsh, Nola Duschenski, Eileen Eagle, Doreen Cheer, Jean Ormond, Ray Cheer, Bruce Smith, John Duncan, Frank Eagle, Joe Donghi, Desmond Bruere, Bill McGaffin.**

**Short row (behind front row)—Elsie Sinclair, Margaret Smith, Jean Marsh, Betty Macaulay, Maxie Duncan.**

**Headmistress — Mrs Taylor.**

- 12/11/28 School closed for one week. (Scarlet Fever). A child died of Scarlet Fever.
- 23/ 6/30 At a meeting of the School Committee it was decided to proceed with the erection of a motor shed for the Head Teacher's car. The Committee raised funds by means of dances.
- 3/ 3/31 Severe earthquakes at 10.45. Children immediately marched outside.
- 11/ 3/31 School resumed (after chimney dismantled and school declared safe). Roll number increased by eight, some of whom are refugees. Most of lessons are being taken out of doors.
- 2/ 4/31 Carpenters and plumbers attended and proceeded to carry out repairs (nine men).
- 6/11/31 Prepared tennis court for playing and instruction.
- 8/ 8/33 An oak tree planted in school ground in memory of Mr H. Hill, Inspector of Schools.
- 16/ 8/34 Mr Priest purchased 42 pine trees grown in school nursery.
- 24/ 7/35 School closed for Elsthorpe-Patangata ploughing match.
- 28/ 5/36 School regraded and Mr A. H. Thompson took over from Mrs Taylor. School now Sole-charge.
- 29/ 7/36 50 extra trees were planted, making a total of 130 flowering gums and 70 Lawsonianas.
- 15/12/36 School closed unexpectedly owing to an outbreak of Infantile Paralysis.
- 1/ 3/37 School re-opened today.
- 15/ 9/37 School was closed today to allow pupils to witness the South African-Hawke's Bay rugby football game being played at Napier.
- 3/ 2/38 Mr Leach has commenced resealing work on the asphalt playground round the school.
- 10/ 4/41 The Apple-a-Day scheme commenced at the school today.
- 10/10/41 Annual Fancy Dress Ball was held on this evening and was a great success in every way. The pupils gave exhibitions of folk dancing. Over £20 profit was made.
- 15/10/41 A school tennis tournament was held on the local courts. Sixteen pupils took part.
- 7/ 2/42 The annual picnic was held today at the Recreation Grounds. Owing to petrol restrictions we were unable to visit Kairakau Beach as formerly.
- 13/ 3/42 Today, with much regret, I give up my duties to go on leave to enter the Military Forces—Mr A. H. Thompson.

- 4/ 8/42 The Secretary of the Education Board advised that on account of the paper shortage individual reports for Primary pupils were hardly warranted.
- 2/ 8/43 Committee working bee to plant new trees on old tennis court and concrete holes in asphalt court.
- 10/ 9/43 School holiday—capitulation of Italy.
- 1/ 2/44 The roll has declined to 20 although there are prospects of future enrolments. This is the lowest figure for many years.
- 4/ 5/45 My term as War Appointee has closed and I leave to take up a further appointment—Miss Corrie-Johnstone.

## **SCHOOL 1947**



- Back row (from left)—Ross Prentice, Berris Pepper, Ann Latton, Jennifer Williams, Mavis Houseman, Florence Watson.**
- 2nd row—Adam McKay, Brian Moulder, Hugh Latton, Trevor Moulder, Noel Percy, William McKay, Zita Kenderdine, Elizabeth Gilmour, Wendy Robertson.**
- 3rd row—Lorna McKay, Merle Thompson, Robyn Fredsberg, Jennifer Prentice, Brian Winter, Robert Tinning, Rex Moulder, William Kenderdine, Alwyn Percy, John Bibby, Graham Pepper, John Latton, Judith Fannin, Bruce Latton.**
- 4th row—Lilly Wilson, Malcolm Williams, William Thompson, Margaret Macaulay, Barry Lissette, Elizabeth Macaulay, Isobel Couper, Allan Tinning, Susan Wilson, Ian McKay.**
- 5th row—Jimmie Macaulay, Colin Moulder, John Kenderdine, General Edwards, Elaine Lissette, Peter Fredsberg, Leith Kenderdine, Ray Osborne, Gladys Thompson.**

- 15/ 8/45 News received of the surrender of Japan — children dismissed at lunch time.
- 19/ 9/45 A Victory Oak was planted in the grounds to commemorate peace. All children assisted in the planting. Chairman was also present.
- 28/ 2/46 Advice has been received that this school has been awarded a certificate of merit for conditions of neatness, etc., in the grounds and school.
- 1/ 4/46 An assistant teacher appointed as from today.
- 2/ 5/46 Following the Householders' Meeting opportunity was taken to discuss the formation of a Home and School Association. Mr C. Prentice was elected chairman and Mrs Winter, secretary.  
The roll has increased to 48.
- 4/ 8/47 Roll now 66. A new bus service commenced to operate.
- 1/12/47 The school has been closed in accordance with broadcast instructions owing to an outbreak of infantile paralysis.
- 2/ 2/48 Schools are to remain closed until the end of March, owing to the paralysis epidemic.
- 7/ 5/48 Preparations have been completed for the approaching School Jubilee. A large attendance of ex-pupils and teachers is anticipated.
- 7/ 9/48 Further hedge trees were planted in the holidays, making a total planted around the residence and school of approx. 50 trees.
- 20/ 9/48 The Chairman of the Education Board, Mr Seive-wright, along with Mr Fleming, visited the school and met the Committee to discuss the site of the new room to be erected shortly.
- 11/ 7/49 A start has been made on the erection of the new classroom.
- 17/ 9/49 Primer Department moved into new room.
- 3/12/49 The new school building was officially opened by the Chairman of the Board. Visitors included Messrs Dunn, Campbell and McDonald of the Board and Mr R. White, Chairman of the County. A half-holiday was granted.
- 2/ 8/50 Owing to the difficulty in controlling and teaching all classes it has been decided that in view of no assistance being available at all, the primers be kept at home in the meantime.
- 22/ 9/50 Miss Oliver was unable to attend the course at Otane owing to the Patangata Bridge being repaired. It is opening at 3.00 p.m. on Friday for the weekend only.

- 23/ 2/51 The Chairman of the Committee has received word that a contract to build a learners' baths at the school has been signed. It is expected to have the work begun in April. The project has been in hand now for nearly six years.
- 28/ 2/51 A working party spent all day preparing the site for the baths construction.
- 15/ 8/51 Heaviest snowfall for many years—about four inches or more.
- 17/11/51 Working bees on the last two weekends have put up a fence around the baths, painted sheds and connected up the water. The baths can now be used.  
A review of children shows that of the S2-F2 with a roll of 44, only ten can swim.
- 13/ 2/52 Mr T. Priest invited to give a talk about early pioneer life in Elsthorpe.
- 9/ 6/52 Workmen erected a new garage at schoolhouse.
- 4/ 5/53 Work on the preliminary plans for another classroom is under way. It is anticipated that the room will be erected this year.
- 2/11/53 Power was switched on to school today.
- 2/ 2/54 A new classroom is being built on to the existing infant room. A small staff room is being added as well.
- 2/ 5/54 At the end of last term the Parent-Teacher Association held a card evening. The three teachers, the Head Teacher's wife and son, three boys from the Patangata Football Club, which the Head Teacher coaches, and the Chairman were present. It appears that school affairs are not in vogue at the moment.
- 19/ 6/54 Helped at working bee to concrete areas in front of new classroom.
- 8/ 8/54 A radio speaker system was installed today.
- 19/ 9/54 An Ampro projector was delivered to the school.
- 14/ 4/55 A new road formed by grader around school grounds. The buses are now to deliver and pick up children from the school.
- 2/ 7/55 Working bee on road, drains and concrete coke bin.
- 1/ 2/56 The ground improvement programme has benefited by a gift of about two hundred loads of spoil from the County. It has been used to extend the playing area.  
Numerous working bees have been held to level the grounds.

## SCHOOL 1960



Head Teacher, W. J. Scott; Mrs Lansdown, Mrs Gadd.

Back row (from left)—Murray Kenderdine, Bruce Fannin, Bill Pitt, Peter Nuttall, Michael Duncan, Mark Smith, Chris Brunton, Sheron White, Beverley Simmons, Joanna Wilder, Diana Brodie, Janet Macaulay, Rosanne Forrest, Linda Cameron.

Next row—Dennis Rosser, Philip Pearse, Dai Evans, Robert Forrest, Christopher Nuttall, Michael Pearse, Penny Scannell, Caroline Wilder, Jenny White, Christine Bell, Stephanie McKenzie, Stephanie Tiffen, Pam Lansdown, Annabel Mackenzie, Mr Scott.

Next row—Mrs Lansdown, Douglas McPhail, Ian McErlich, Barry Rosser, John Wallace, Ann McGaffin, Lynn Smith, Diane Wood, Carol Forrest, Angela Sherning, Jane Brunton, Christine White, Prue Kenderdine, Jeanette Sherning, Pam Bibby.

Next row—Mrs Gadd, Kevin Draper.

Next row—Alison Macaulay, Robert Ferrier, Barry Fannin, Tony Lansdown, Tony Wilder, Tim Beachen, Peter Draper, Richard Brodie, Gaylene Bell, Barbara Rosser, Marilyn Pitt, Gillian Simmons, Vivien White, Joanne Beachen.

Next row—Beverley Lobb, Judith Bibby, Alec McErlich, Eion Macaulay, Charlie Waterhouse, P. Lambert, Brendan Sherning, Angus McPhail, David Wood, Eleanor Wilder, Joanna Nuttall, Trevor Bell, Basil Cooper, Beryl Ries, Judith Gillgren.

Front row—P. Franklin, E. Doull, Matthew Nuttall, Peter McErlich, Nigel Ferrier, John Gerbes, Noeline Ries, Julie Beachen, Christine Wood, . . . . ., Joanne Brunton, . . . . ., Fiona Mackenzie.

- 13/ 4/56 The schoolhouse has been wired for a telephone, which is expected to be installed in the Spring, when the new automatic exchange comes into use.
- 17/ 6/57 At a recent meeting of the School Committee it was decided to purchase a film strip projector and a motor mower.  
I am advised that the schoolhouse is to be repiled, borer-cured and the rear part of the kitchen modernised.  
A flag-pole donated by Mr P. Beachen is to be erected on the front lawn.
- 19/ 9/57 Children injected for polio.
- 9/ 6/58 Dental Nurse has today commenced using the staff room as a temporary sub-base.
- 25/ 5/59 Owing to the very wet weather the contractor has not completed the concrete basketball area.
- 18/ 7/59 Fence removed from position along side of school in line with existing front fence—thus enclosing new paved basketball area with lawns.
- 14/ 7/60 A new sewing machine was delivered today. The money for this was raised by the children at the annual "Bring and Buy".
- 22/ 5/61 Owing to the new Head Teacher being granted leave and the Board being unable to provide a reliever, the two present teachers will manage the whole school. Members of the School Committee will assist with rugby coaching at lunch time.
- 15/ 6/61 Mr Wood, Board Building's supervisor, visited today. Unsatisfactory toilets were pointed out. He agreed something needed to be done.  
Dual desks which I thought were obsolete are proving most unsuitable for movement required with modern educational techniques.
- 14/ 9/61 Committee proposed purchasing a "Banda" spirit duplicator.
- 4/10/61 Religious instruction under the Nelson system will commence next week.
- 2/11/61 Working Bee at school to build shed and prepare for the installation of a filter plant for the baths.
- 20/ 3/62 A most successful "hangi" held in school grounds. Two turkeys, joints, sausages and vegetables were eaten by 84 hungry "warriors".
- 6/ 4/62 Portion of the boundary fence between the school and school house removed. Old overgrown rose bushes pulled out and two dead trees cut down.  
A new fence is to be erected soon.
- 3/12/62 Working Bee—erected two "Giant Strides".

- 29/11/63 A most successful visit to Christchurch. Children gain much from direct experience. No cases of sea sickness. Children commended for behaviour.
- 19/12/63 Men at school dismantling schoolroom. Old classroom to be renovated.
- 13/ 2/64 Committee erecting netting round tennis court.
- 20/ 4/64 Builders arrive to build staff cloakroom and toilet.
- 7/ 5/64 Miss Haig, Librarian, in attendance to arrange books in library. Miss Haig will be here all week. Ladies of the district will be assisting her.
- 23/ 3/65 Football field was tile-drained today.



**1965—Last day of Mr and Mrs Pepper's bus service.**

- 4/ 5/65 Mr and Mrs Pepper farewelled. They have been bus operators in the district for 20 years and have covered between them over 700,000 miles.
- 6/ 7/65 After much discussion the School Committee agreed to provide £100 towards building up the fiction section of the library.
- 1/ 2/66 I am advised by the Senior Inspector that the appointment of a Teaching Aide for three hours daily is approved.
- 12/ 2/66 At a Working Bee, Committee erected a volley board. The timber used was part of the old recently demolished St Lawrence homestead.
- 17/ 3/66 Builders completed the new dental clinic.
- 27/ 5/66 Today. Working Bee of Committee and parents concreted over the area of asphalt round old room. Twenty cubic yards will be poured in three days.
- 7/12/66 F.1-2 children presented with Lady Myer Gong, a national competition for Junior Red Cross.
- 1/ 2/67 Carpenters have commenced the erection of the new toilet block.

## SCHOOL 1968



**Back row (left to right)**—Stephen Greer, Darryl Muggeridge, Kim Duncan, Bruce Gilmour, Matthew Nuttall, Kerry Beachen, Catherine Perry, Julie Beachen, Jane Sherning, Lynne Sutherland, Susan Perry, Andrew Jackson, Peter McErlich, Russell Sutherland, Duncan McPhail.

**2nd row**—Tim Dorward, Willie Morris, Maree Evans, Sandra Taurua, Caroline Harker, Murray McErlich, Trevor King, Richard Tacon, Brent Muggeridge, Isaac Olsen, Tony Jensen, Andrew Williams, Sally Harker, Ann Tylee, Susan Nation, Jill Sutherland, Raymond Smith, John Morris, Paul Brown, Scott Muggeridge.

**3rd row**—Stuart Gilmour, Peter Jackson, Mark Greene, Paul Nation, Christina Jackson, Maylene Nation, Nicola Sherning, Christine Gilmour, Terrie Ward, Sheryl Barnes, Barbara Perry, Lesley Smith, Diane Jackson, Jane Prentice, Kenny Eyles, John King, Philip McCaughan, Kerry Harrison, Nigel Brown, Lloyd Ries, Philip Beachen.

**4th row**—Gavin Barnes, Raymond Maxwell, Shaun Ward, Tessa Rylee, Elizabeth Waihua, Caroline Aitken, Ingrid Jensen, Shirley Morris, Margot McErlich, Jan McCaughan, Robyn Muggeridge, Hannah Olsen, Nicola Prentice, Nicola McDonald, Megan McGaffin, Sharon Taurua, Tracey O'Halloran, Philippa Harker, Pauline Kenderdine, Denise Smith, Diane McGaffin, Fiona McPhail, Charmaine Morris, Peter Tombleson.

**Front row**—Michael Gill, Simon Jensen, Ben Tacon, William Williams, Mark Brown, Shane King, David Maxwell, Ian Jensen, Hamish Aitken, Bart Sutherland, Peter Greene, Alan Waihua, Murray Greene, Peter Morris, Andrew Prentice, Graeme Eyles, Lindsay Lock, Warren Barnes, Bennett Perry.

- 27/ 2/67 Saturday's stock drive resulted in 131 sheep being donated.
- 4/ 4/67 A D.A. day held. The following schools took part: Omakere, Oueroa, Punawaitai, Maraetotara and Waimarama. A most successful day with an extremely large number of parents attending.
- 17/ 4/67 Forty-eight parents and friends attended the householders' meeting.
- 3/ 7/67 At a recent meeting in the school it was decided to form a local Play Centre group.
- 7/10/67 The P.T.A. held a Gala on Saturday. Gross receipts amounted to \$454. This money was to contribute to financing a party of children on a trip to Christchurch later in the year.
- 8/ 3/68 An exciting day held in Napier by whole school. Children caught railcar at Otane and enjoyed all the facilities of the Marine Parade including boating, the dolphins, aquarium, trampolines. We returned by freight train, Committee providing a packet of fish and chips in Hastings.
- 10/ 4/68 A severe storm this morning ripped the roof off the baths sheds and blew numerous limbs from trees. Tragic news of the loss of M.V. Wahine in Wellington Harbour with loss of 61 lives.
- 1/ 9/68 A real send-off was given a party of 35 older children departing for a week at Camp Kaitawa.
- 13/ 3/69 Builders commenced the erection of a new school-house.
- 12/ 6/69 Board approve of old house being retained under Committee control to be used as hostel for staff.
- 17/ 7/69 Elsthorpe Sport's Club donated money to purchase a new radio and speaker system for the school.
- 23/ 7/69 First Apollo landing on the moon. Children assembled to listen to this historic event.
- 11/11/69 Children conducted Gala—raised \$118.
- 10/ 2/70 It was decided to purchase 20 ewes in the name of the children. These will make control of the football field easier as well as provide interest and an income.
- 5/ 3/70 P.T.A. granted \$50 towards school library.
- 10/ 4/70 Committee granted \$150 towards the library. This aspect of the school is a real feature. The attitude of the children towards reading is obvious.
- 30/11/70 Lambing of School sheep—115%.

- 5/ 1/71 Carpenters replaced rotting boards on old classroom.
- 8/ 3/71 Committee allotted further \$50 for School Library.
- 18/ 3/71 Plumbers commenced installing a pressure water system to the creek water supply. They have been hindered by the maze of old pipes and drains that appear defunct.
- 9/ 4/71 Purchased an additional \$250 worth of reading material.
- 22/ 7/71 P.T.A. members held a Coffee Morning, raising \$40 to be used to subsidise bus trips for child excursions.
- 20/11/71 Notified by Board that this school will be graded as 1VB. The additional teacher will not be appointed until 1975. This is part of the 1:35 staffing ratio.
- 8/12/71 A tired party returned from a week at Camp Kaitawa. The success of the week was largely contributed to the teamwork and atmosphere created by all.
- 11/ 4/72 New Bell and Howell movie projector purchased.
- 26/ 5/72 Committee visited Board to state case for new storage sheds and baths fencing.
- 31/ 7/72 Elsthorpe Store closed after 65 years of trading. This will make it difficult in many ways to receive supplies.
- 16/12/72 New storage sheds erected to replace fuel and tool sheds. Carpenters commenced erection of a new baths fence. New storage shed built at school-house.
- 14/ 3/73 A series of Working Bees have been attended at the school to pour concrete round baths extensions, in front of volley board and new sheds and to paint old school-house. On one day 33 parents attended.
- 22/ 3/73 Twenty-eight P.T.A. members were present to elect a new Committee and listen to a talk by Mr R. Coddington. Those elected—President, Mrs J. Smith. Secretary, Mrs J. McErlich. Mesdames D. Williams, Z. Muggeridge, Mr F. Tombleson.
- 26/ 3/73 Fourth teacher commenced duty.
- 16/ 4/73 Forty-three attended bi-ennial meeting of householders. School roll 110 today.

# SCHOOL ROLL — 1898 - 1973

## 1898

Cheer, Harry	Mullins, Maggie	Wedd, Grace
Sutherland, William	Cosgrove, Elizabeth	Beachen, Ethel
Cosgrove, Francis	Haycock, Harry	Anstis, James
Cosgrove, Edward	Haycock, Frank	Anstis, William
Duncan, Rachel	Cheer, D'Arcy	Lozell, Sarah
Duncan, Gordon	Beachen, May	Haycock, Grace
Cheer, Florence	Beachen, Helen	Lozell, Grace
Cheer, Louis	Sutherland, Donald	McAulay, May
Cheer, Ethel	Cheer, Frank	McAulay, William
Mullins, Minnie	Haycock, Lucy	

## 1899

D'Autherau, John	Gilmour, Cecilia	Priest, Thomas
McKain, Henry	Gilmour, James	Priest, Martin
Anstis, Thomas	Gilmour, William	Priest, George
Lozell, Isabella	Murphy, Florence	Mildon, Henry
Hemmingsen, Leo	Murphy, John	Mildon, Nora
		Mildon, Dorothy

## 1900

Wedd, Joseph	Auld, Jean	Priest, Peter John
Auld, William	Auld, James Alex	McGaffin, Annie
Auld, Edwin	Auld, Mark	

## 1901

Pepper, Florence Ida	Wedd, Jean	McGrath, George
Pepper, Annie	Priest, Jessie	McAulay, Gordon
Priest, James	McGrath, Henry	

## 1902

Downey, George	Hawker, Omma	Pepper, Mary
Butler, Herbert	Hawker, Olla	McQuade, John

## 1903

Smith, Flossie	Mansfield, Wilfred	Minty, William
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## 1904

Pepper, Samson	Cuff, Katie	Paddison, Herbert
Watson, Walter	Cuff, Dar	Haycock, Clarence
Watson, Alex	Paddison, Arthur	

## 1905

McQuade, James	Hasset, Joseph	Gore, William
Haycock, Charles F.	Hasset, James	Gore, Leslie
Sutherland, Olive	Hasset, Arthur	Christensen, Henry
Cuff, Jean	Haycock, Lucy	
Hasset, Nellie	Sutherland, Jessie	

**1906**

McAulay, Rubina  
Pepper, Edith  
Henderson, James

Sinclair, Harry  
Ward, Rebecca  
Fletcher, George

McQuade, Phyllis  
Cuff, James

**1907**

Cheer, Beatrice  
Stevenson, Hilda

Pepper, Myrtle  
Wootton, Percy

Rewi, Hina  
Nikora, Rangi

**1908**

Sinclair, Gertie  
Watson, Agnes  
Musson, Agnes  
Key, Elsie

Angus, Bessie  
Angus, John  
Smith, Gladys  
Halpin, Doris

McDonald, Gertie  
McAulay, Stanley  
Hasset, Johnnie  
Minty, John  
Pepper, Laura

**1909**

Pepper, Lucy  
Stimpson, Leonard  
Leyland, Ethel

Stevenson, Matthew  
Leyland, Sidney  
Watson, Marion

McQuade, Charles  
Lincoln, Eileen  
Priest, Celia

**1910**

Lincoln, Guy  
Halpin, Dorothy

Halpin, Winnie  
McQuade, James

McNeill, Hector

**1911**

Leyland, Harold  
Stevenson, William

Greaves, John  
Sinclair, Minnie

**1912**

Stephenson, Willie  
Tickner, John  
Tickner, Charlie  
Tickner, Lewis

Tickner, Freddie  
Halpin, Frank  
McQuade, Willie  
Leyland, Arthur

McAulay, Hector  
Kenderdine, Jack  
Lincoln, Eva

**1913**

Rumbal, Alfred  
Rumbal, Myrtle  
Rumbal, Daniel

Rumbal, Leslie  
Smith, William  
Smith, Fred

Smith, John

**1914**

Munro, Donald  
Pearson, Richard  
Minty, Emily  
McNeill, Alexander

Beachen, Richard  
McGaffin, Norman  
Campbell, Isabella  
Cheer, Elsie

Haycock, Leslie  
Priest, David

**1915**

Haycock, Eileen  
Haycock, Rosina  
Haycock, Albert  
Eagle, Norman  
Leyland, Ronald  
Knight, Elsie

Lisette, James  
Pepper, William  
Ryan, Thomas  
Eagle, Phoebe  
Eagle, Elizabeth  
Eagle, Stephen

Eagle, Henry  
Knight, Mabel  
Beachen, Norah  
Nelson, Marie Monica  
Stephenson, Ivy  
Smith, Leicester  
Smith, Marjory

**1916**

Aitchison, Douglas  
Aitchison, Jessie  
Knight, Hilda  
Bawden, Nelson

Tuck, Isabel  
Tuck, Lloyd  
Hansen, Martin  
Cartledge, Stanley

Smith, Thelma  
Keys, Ella

**1917**

McGaffin, Marjory  
Burchett, Mabel  
McGrath, Thelma  
Horn, Ethel

Horn, Phyllis  
Beachen, Henry  
Bawden, Mavis  
Knight, Hilda

Tiffen, Seth  
Bayliss, Lena  
Moran, Herbert

**1918**

Brickett, Grace  
Hagenson, Donald  
Cosgrove, Eileen  
Haycock, Gwen  
Bawden, Ralph

Moore, Lena  
Moore, John  
Horn, Nesta  
Kenderdine, Ronald  
Haycock, Dorothy

Beachen, May  
Sutherland, Olive  
Haycock, Reginald

**1919**

Macaulay, Jean  
McLauchlan, Robert  
Smith, Jean  
Smith, Allan

King, Trevorton  
Robertson, Arthur  
Eagle, Alfred  
Eagle, Doris

Haycock, Leila  
Macaulay, John  
Lisette, Lida  
Lisette, Hazel

**1920**

Atherfold, Wallace  
Bawden, Keith  
Knight, Joyce

Eagle, Inez  
Cosgrove, Olive  
Cheer, Henry

Kenderdine, Barbara  
Goodall, William  
Rust, Greeva

**1921**

Cheer, Molly  
Ryan, Betty  
Long, Dulcie  
Long, Eric

Rust, Leo  
Eagle, Lylla  
Nelson, Leslie  
Haycock, T. W. Rex

McGaffin, Gwen  
Phillips, Raymond  
Jarlo, Sylvia

**1922**

McGaffin, Andrew  
Smith, Douglas  
Waaka, Wirepa  
Waaka, Te Whetu

Lisette Peter  
Phillips, John  
Long, Joyce  
Sutherland, Jean

Macaulay, Betty  
Nelson, Lois

**1923**

Duncan, Donald  
Rapuea, Militus  
McGaffin, Jean E.  
Haycock, Claude  
Welsh, Frank

Nilsson, Douglas  
Welsh, Adelaide  
Sudfeldt, Thelma  
Sudfeldt, Gwen  
Sudfeldt, Mavis

Haycock, Dorreen  
Sudfeldt, Allan  
Lisette, Hazel  
Smith, Margaret

**1924**

Fraser, Douglas  
Eagle, Ivor  
Nockall, Margaret  
Sharples, Paul  
Cheer, Joyce

Jarlo, Sylvia  
Beachen, Patrick  
McGaffin, Margaret  
Morton, Charles  
Morton, Mavis

Macaulay, Janet  
Ross, Jack  
Morton, Mary  
Haycock, Margaret  
Haycock, Betty

**1925**

Cheer, Selwyn  
 Cheer, Cedric  
 Kenderdine, Edward  
 Bruere, John

Bruere, Audrey  
 Bruere, George  
 Haycock, Hector  
 Cosgrove, John

Livingstone, Vera  
 Cheer, Russell

**1926**

Hares, Evelyn  
 Hares, Coral  
 Nockall, Rex  
 Bawden, Olive  
 Macaulay, Addis

Marsh, Walter  
 Marsh, Jean  
 Marsh, Phillip  
 Lissette, Elsie  
 Marsh, Olga

Duncan, Maxie  
 Butcher, Keith  
 Priest, Isabella  
 Batterham, Sheila  
 Bruere, Desmond

**1927**

Welsh, Jack

Sinclair Elsie

Eagle, Eric  
 Duncan, John

**1928**

Thorpe, James  
 Eagle, Francis  
 Haycock, Alma  
 Marsh, Geoffrey

Quigley, John  
 Mahima, Margaret  
 Mahima, Ruth  
 Donghi, Lewis

Donghi, Douglas  
 Donghi, Joseph  
 Donghi, John

**1929**

Cheer, Doreen  
 Smith, Bruce  
 Cheer, Margaret  
 Cheer, Francis  
 Cheer, Joan  
 Cheer, Douglas  
 Cheer, Raymond

Eagle, Catherine  
 Eileen  
 Cheer, William  
 Cheer, Leonie  
 Cheer, Cecil  
 Wood, Keith  
 Wood, Daphne

McHardy, Ina  
 Burling, Maurice  
 Burling, Allan  
 Ilton, Olive  
 Duschenski, Nola  
 Eagle, Ian

**1930**

Johnson, Ron  
 Johnson, Earle  
 Beaven, Joan  
 Beaven, Oona  
 McGaffin, Ruth

McGaffin, William  
 Ormond, Jean  
 Nockall, June  
 McGaffin, Aileen  
 Watson, Marie

Cheer, Louis  
 Nelson, Patricia  
 Marsh, Noel  
 Lewis, Marie

**1931**

Minty, Aubrey  
 Minty, Gordon  
 Minty, Harold  
 Minty, Edna  
 Lissette, Joan  
 Webb, Charles

Webb, Ronald  
 Burling, Lorna  
 Burling, Avis  
 Burling, Ronald  
 Burling, Ernest  
 Linnell, George

Linnell, Jack  
 Linnell, Margaret  
 Linnell, Rita  
 McGaffin, Kathleen  
 Eagle, Doreen  
 Kenderdine, Edward  
 Sinclair, Joyce

**1932**

Eagle, Maurice

Webby, Eric

Webby, Molly

**1933**

Stewart, Victor  
 Donghi, Stanley  
 Eagle, Francis  
 Anderson, Eric  
 Eagle, Robert  
 Simmers, William

Simmers, Helen  
 Simmers, Eileen  
 Fleming, John  
 Marsh, Clarence  
 Macaulay, Allan  
 Eagle, Melva

Macaulay, Robert  
 Macaulay, Kenneth  
 Vesty, Derek  
 Vesty, Margaret

**1934**

Cheer, Audrey  
Eagle, Mavis  
Smith, May

Watson, Selwyn  
Powell, Ronald  
Thorpe, Graham

Watson, Beverley  
Eagle, Cyril

**1935**

Gilmour, William  
Vesty, Peter

Hunter, Heather  
Turnbull, Derek

**1936**

Powell, Harold  
Watson, Janice  
Eagle, Shirley  
Tyne, Patrick

Macaulay, Margaret  
Gilmour, Alexander  
Rumbal, Daniel  
Rumbal, Velma

Pethic, Rex  
Smith, Mary Helen

**1937**

Butler, Patrick  
Powell, Noel  
Rango, Rai

Bruce, Robert  
Edwards, Olive  
Stubbs, Norma, Mary

Thompson, Lacricia  
Thompson, Apiata  
Eagle, Raymond

**1938**

Ross, Joyce  
Flutey, Rachel  
Scott, Janie

Percy, Kenneth  
Percy, Cyril  
Milne, John

Milne, Douglas  
Milne, Hazel  
Milne, James

**1939**

Powell, Mervyn  
Percy, Noel  
Manihera, Inaraea

Manihera, Mary  
Haycock, Margaret  
Macaulay, Isobel

Watson, Florence

**1940**

Cresswell, Neville  
Beck, Alan  
Milne, Alma

Williams, Jennifer  
Hodgson, Nixon  
Prentice, Ross

Kenderdine, Zita  
Hodgson, John  
Powell, Shona

**1941**

Rumbal, Ngaire  
Riach, Gordon

Gilmour, Elizabeth  
Hodgson, Leonard

Milne, Molly  
Brown, Harold

**1942**

Templeton, Nola  
Dobson, David  
Dobson, Valerie

Dobson, June  
Pepper, Berris  
Breach, Derrick

Kenderdine, William

**1943**

Percy, Alwyn  
Brown, Pauline

McIntosh, Rodney  
McIntosh, Kevin

Haycock, Robin  
Dobson, Lois  
Edwards, Pahau

**1944**

Moulder, Brian  
Moulder, Trevor  
Mohi, Hariata

Wilson, Peggy  
Wilson, Lillian  
Prentice, Jennifer

Pepper, Graeme  
Bibby, John  
Tinning, Robbie

## 1945

Macaulay, Margaret  
Macaulay, Elizabeth  
Latton, Peggy  
Latton, Anne  
Latton, Hugh  
Latton, John

Morrell, Julia  
Williams, Malcolm  
Winter, Brian  
Dobson, Maurice  
Moulder, Rex  
Tinning, Allan

Thompson, William  
Fannin, Judith  
Martin, Lorraine  
Martin, Isabella

## 1946

Cooper, Beverley  
Cooper, Isabel  
Thompson, Merle  
Moulder, Colin  
Latton, Bruce  
Martin, Judith  
Beachen, Bernard

Mortensen, Janet  
Macaulay, Jimmy  
Lisette, Barry  
Lisette, Elaine  
Goldup, Carol  
Thompson, Gladys  
Fredberg, Robin

Kenderdine, Leith  
Bibby, Peter  
Wilson, Susan  
Powell, Hilton  
Powell, Allan  
Kenderdine, John

## 1947

McKay, Adam  
McKay, Lorna  
McKay, William  
Eagle, Gordon  
Franklyn, Beverley  
Franklyn, Heather  
McKay, Ian  
Hausman, Mavis  
Osborne, Ray  
Fredberg, Peter

Robertson, Wendy  
Edwards, General  
Forrest, Lynette  
Fannin, Brian  
Dumble, Roland  
Rossiter, Neil  
Rossiter, Kevin  
Rossiter, Norman  
Franklyn, Jimmy  
Williams, Jocelyn

Crampton, Michael  
Macaulay, Johnny  
Cooper, Patty  
Massie, Rosemary  
Beachen, Kit  
Von Hartitzsch, Peter  
Williams, Timothy  
Wilson, Nana  
Pohatu, Kawa

## 1948

Hardy, Michael  
Hardy, Brian  
Morrell, Julia  
Matson, Stella  
Pratt, Barbara  
Lisette, John

Williams, Elizabeth  
Bawden, Barbara  
Bawden, Graeme  
Natusch, David  
Nepata, Peter  
Tunncliffe, Annette

Lister, Doreen  
Powell, Joan  
McGaffin, Maxine  
Whakaruru, Mary  
McLean, Leslie

## 1949

McLean, John  
Pepper, Elaine  
Edwards, Tuakana  
McKay, James  
Hardy, Dennis  
Ramm, Elaine  
Firth, Margaret

Williams, Judy  
Bull, Lexley  
Bull, Crystal  
Bull, John  
Porourangi, Waimarie  
Osborne, Betty  
Eria, Charles

Drake, Ross  
Tiffen, Angela  
Thompson, Richard  
Thompson, Elizabeth  
Powell, Richard  
Edwards, Rebecca

## 1950

Miller, Diane  
Miller, Shirley  
Duncan, John  
Kenderdine, Neil  
Tinning, Noel  
Wilson, Henry  
Macaulay, Rex

Randall, Mihi  
Randall, William  
Sigvertsen, Diane  
Coleman, Christine  
Holmes, Hugh  
Holmes, Samuel  
Forrest, Glennis

Williams, Adrian  
Tamati, George  
Tamati, Ann  
Takarei, Laura  
McGaffin, David  
Wood, Pamela  
Wood, Jennifer

## 1951

Williams, Mark  
McKay, David  
Smith, Howard  
Smith, Leo  
Smith, Joan  
Nuttall, Timothy  
McGaveston, Royce  
Bell, Robert  
Higgins, Tommy  
Beachen, Jill  
Tudor, Richard  
Tudor, Doris

Tudor, Kenneth  
Tudor, David  
Anderson, Nancy  
Anderson, Gloria  
Anderson, Erland  
Hardy, Anthony  
Bawden, Dennis  
Takarei, Christopher  
Nuttall, Judith  
Tiffen, Anthony  
Wilder, Robina  
Bright, Ronald

Bright, Mervyn  
Lawrence, Ross  
Gilkison, Cheryl  
Waterhouse, William  
Palenski, Colleen  
Palenski, Bruce  
Robin, Ria  
Robin, Mohi  
Osborne, Janice  
Pearse, Hugh

## 1952

Lawrence, Graham  
Brodie, Alexander  
Tinning, Ngaire  
Nuttall, Peter  
Sigvertsen, Gary  
Kelly, Robert  
Forrest, Rosanne  
Robin, Reione  
Robin, George

Sutherland, Roger  
Sutherland, Stanley  
Brodie, Diana  
Bibby, Pamela  
Crampton, David  
Wilson, Robert  
Bewick, Margaret  
Bewick, Christine  
Bewick, Tony

Cooper, Hugh  
Cooper, Margaret  
Karaitiana, Atareta  
Karaitiana, Hana  
Karaitiana, Kingi  
Duncan, Michael  
Fowden, Laura  
Fannin, Bruce

## 1953

Takarei, Trevor  
Williams, Susan  
Broughton, Ella  
Takarei, Josephine  
White, Sheron  
Stephens, Basil  
Stephens, Edith  
Tiffen, Stephanie  
Hill, Graham

Piercy, Susan  
Pearse, Michael  
Osborne, Graeme  
Lawrence, Jill  
Wilder, Joanna  
Smith, Mark  
Townshend, Judith  
Feickert, Julia  
Kenderdine, Murray

Malcolm, Lance  
Luke, Murray  
Tunna, Maxwell  
Luke, Rayleen  
Luke, Sherrin  
Birch, Basil  
Birch, Shirley  
Birch, Mervyn  
Birch, Garry

## 1954

Scott, Richard  
Scott, Ian  
Scott, Phyllis  
Wilson, Shirley  
Perry, William  
Perry, Joan  
Perry, Bruce

Macaulay, Janet  
Scannell, Penelope  
White, Jennifer  
Bull, Ernest  
Bull, Kevin  
Bull, Noline  
Carney, Michael

Wilder, Caroline  
Forrest, Robert  
Williams, Virginia  
Shearon, Patricia  
Shearon, Lynne  
Shearon, Allan

## 1955

Bewick, Rachel  
Spence, Peter  
Hapuku, Dennis  
Evans, Alan  
Evans, Ian  
Evans, Bruce  
Evans, Reece  
Cameron, Peter  
Hapuku, Alberta

Greer, Warren  
Greer, Lorraine  
Smith, Olive  
Bright, Lawrence  
Pearse, Philip  
Mackenzie, Stephen  
Bull, Graeme  
Codlin, Bruce  
Codlin, Jennifer

Codlin, Nancy  
Harper, Harry  
Harper, Kelvin  
Harper, Verna  
Smith, Robert  
Ferrier, Robert  
Sheeran, Michael  
Nuttall, Christopher  
Lansdown, Pamela

## 1956

Menzies, Ross  
Alexander, Ian  
Townsend, Mark  
Airey, Peter  
Fannin, Barry  
Connor, Brian  
Connor, Graeme

Mackenzie, Stephanie  
Mackenzie, Annabel  
Beachen, Catherine  
Piercy, Maire  
Wilson, Audrey  
Timu, Susie  
Takarei, Yvonne

Brock, Andrew  
Lansdown, Tony  
Piercey, Maude  
Draper, Peter  
Ripohau, Bobby  
Ripohau, Faith  
Forrest, Carol

## 1957

Wilder, Thornton  
Cheer, Christine  
Prentice, Wilson  
Prentice, John  
Prentice, Marion  
Tauri, Esther  
White, Vivien  
Draper, Kevin  
Jackson, Robyn  
Jackson, Diana

McPhail, Douglas  
McErlich, Ian  
Riley, Jan  
Manson, Lexia  
Smith, Lynn  
Beachen, Timothy  
Menzies, Judith  
Brodie, Richard  
Woods, Diane  
McGaffin, Anne

Rosser, Dennis  
Rosser, Barry  
Rosser, Barbara  
Burton, Leslie  
Burton, Lynette  
Burton, Geoffrey  
Burton, Ross  
Macaulay, Allison  
Ferrier, Wayne  
Bibby, Judith

## 1958

Coulthard, Anthony  
Gray, Victoria  
Hayward, Virginia  
Hayward, Cranna  
Prentice, Fay  
Eden, Susan  
McErlich, Alec  
Cheer, Vivienne  
Keepa, Kathleen  
Woods, David  
Daley, Maxton  
Warnan, Christine

Hudson, Peter  
Kenderdine, Prudence  
Lobb, Beverley  
Keepa, Maraoa  
Keepa, Tuhamanawa  
Sherning, Angela  
Sherning, Jeanette  
Cameron, Brian  
Cameron, Linda  
Brock, David  
Hurua, Martha  
Puna, Terry

Puna, Billy  
Beachen, Joann  
Waterhouse, Charles  
White, Christine  
Osgood, Robert  
Macaulay, Eion  
McPhail, Angus  
Bright, Dennis  
Bright, Helen  
Bright, Barry

## 1959

Cooper, Basil  
Evans, Dai  
Sheeran, Graeme  
Fulton, Bronwyn  
Hayward, Colin  
Franklin, Patricia  
Franklin, Mihitai

Jones, Selwyn  
Doull, Ellen  
Maaka, Sharnita  
Wilder, Eleanor  
Ries, Beryl  
Mackenzie, Susan  
Gray, Puke

Gray, Cynthia  
Sherning, Brendan  
Nuttall, Joanna  
Hapuka, Denis  
Bell, Christine  
Bell, Gaylene  
Robin, George

## 1960

Nuttall, Matthew  
Gerbes, John  
Beachen, Julie  
Tangiora, Victor  
Bell, Trevor  
Gillgren, Judith  
Borlase, John  
Pitt, William  
Pitt, Marilyn  
Bibby, Susan

Franklin, Louise  
Ferrier, Nigel  
McErlich, Peter  
Simmons, Beverley  
Simmons, Gillian  
Muggeridge, Kay  
Smith, Patricia  
Heays, Roger  
Wallace, John  
Wallace, Margaret

Foddy, Stephen  
Mackenzie, Fiona  
Lambert, Philip  
Woods, Christine  
Vidler, Barbara  
Ries, Noeline  
Thompson, Hariata  
Brunton, Christopher  
Bunton, Susan  
Brunton, Joanne

## 1961

Ferguson, Ian  
Fergusson, Hugh  
Harker, Jeremy  
Cahill, Derrick  
Gowern, Beth  
Gowern, Gavin  
Gillgren, Lesley  
Wallace, Sharon  
Muggeridge, Darryl  
Gibson, Te Reo  
Lobb, Vivienne

Beachen, Kerry  
Duncan A. Kim  
Gilmour, Bruce  
Koia, Carol  
Koia, June  
Rhodes, Caroline  
Houston, Glenda  
Sunderland, Diana  
Kupa, Yvonne  
Kupa, Rosalie  
Kupa, Christine

McPhail, Duncan  
Sherning, Jane  
Koia, Rose  
Edwards, Sandra  
Edwards, Taylor  
Armstrong, Mark  
Morris, John  
Tylee, Michael  
Parker, Desmond  
Parker, Joy  
Parker, Pera  
Parker, Cheryl

## 1962

Bishop, Jennifer  
Lowe, Ellanmore  
Tangiora, Puruaute  
Taylor, Anna  
Taylor, Samuel  
Walford, Peter  
Sunderland, Christopher  
Ferrier, Phillip  
Tangiora, Angeline  
Tuhou, Te Aroha  
Lowe, Heather  
Nathan, Hira

Nathan, Suzanne  
Nathan, Daniel  
Harker, Caroline  
Dunnett, Graeme  
Dunnett, Cheryl  
Dunnett, Barry  
Hayward, Joanne  
Hayward, Robyn  
Cahill, Anthony  
McInnes, Angus  
McInnes, Douglas  
McInnes, Kevin  
McInnes, Laurina

Truelove, Linda  
Williams, Kimble  
Foss, Arthur  
Foss, Gene  
Foss, Keith  
Foss, Laurance  
Rollo, Judith  
Watson, Barbara  
Watson, Eileen  
Watson, Brian  
Beachen, Philip  
Dorward, Timothy  
Rollo, Sandra  
Feck, Jennifer

## 1963

Julian, Kevin  
Truelove, Gary  
Waaka, Joycelyn  
Dunnett, Heather  
Halliday, John  
Halliday, Lynette  
Halliday, Michael  
Vavasour, Gerard  
Taurua, Regina

Tylee, Ann  
Hill, Reginald  
Hill, Wayne  
Boyd, Reginald  
Boyd, Ronald  
Muggeridge, Scott  
Carroll, Leonard  
Walford, Brian  
Morris, William

Foss, Lindsay  
Sutherland, Lynne  
Sutherland, Russell  
Nation, Susan  
Gilmour, Stuart  
Evans, Maree  
Parkes, Cathryn  
Parkes, David

## 1964

Hayde, Lorraine  
Hayde, Mark  
Hayde, Paul  
Sutherland, Jill  
Perry, Catherine  
Perry, Susan  
Perry, Barbara  
Vavasour, Angela

Murray, Rosemary  
Godfrey, Kevin  
Morris, Charmaine  
Ries, Lloyd  
Taurua, Sandra  
Williams, Andrew  
Harker, Sally  
Manaena, Dawson

Hayde, Grant  
Nation, Maylene  
Muggeridge, Brent  
Stewart, Rodney  
King, Trevor  
Jackson, Andrew  
Jackson, Christine  
Jackson, Peter

## 1965

Hartley, Graham  
Maxwell, Raymond  
Jackson, Diane  
Sherning, Nicola  
Smith, Lesley  
Milne, Angela  
Clark, Lynette  
Clark, Peter  
Aplin, Karen  
Huiateroa, Michael  
Huiateroa, Clarence

Moran, John  
Waihua, Elizabeth  
Gilmour, Christine  
Te Hopu, Pirirangi  
Lampitt, Craig  
Prentice, Jane  
Barnes, Sheryl  
Sandford, Peter  
Sandford, Lorna  
Hennessy, Christine  
Vavasour, Philip

Tacon, Richard  
Brown, Paul  
Brown, Nigel  
Tylee, Tessa  
Lampitt, Mark  
McPhail, Fiona  
Walker, Karen  
Aplin, Alan  
Jensen, Tony

## 1966

Millar, Trvine  
Olsen, Vivenne  
Olsen, Beverley  
Black, Graeme  
McErlich, Murray  
Cheer, Karen  
Kumeroa, Churchill  
Milne, Rosalin  
Olsen, Isaac

Maxwell, David  
McGaffin, Diane  
Morris, Peter  
Muggeridge, Robyn  
Aitken, Caroline  
Barnes, Gavin  
Scott, Christopher  
Marsh, Polly  
McCaughan, Philip

Jensen, Ingrid  
King, John  
Smith, Denise  
Nation, Paul  
Eyles, Kenneth  
Smith, Arthur  
Aitken, Hamish.

## 1967

Sutherland, Bart  
Brown, Mark  
Cadman, Murray  
Ward, Terrie  
Ward, Shaun  
Prentice, Nicola  
Waihua, Alan  
Eyles, Graeme

Vavasour, Rose  
Harrison, Kerry  
Jensen, Ian  
Williams, William  
McDonald, Nicola  
Millar, Royden  
Greene, Mark  
Stark, Tania

Wilsin, Karen  
Smith, Raymond  
Tacon, Benjamin  
Greene, Peter  
Olsen, Hannah  
McCaughan, Jan  
Burt, Jody  
King, Shane

## 1968

Gill, Michael  
McGaffin, Megan  
Taurua, Sharon  
Tyler, Kim  
Tombleson, Peter  
Lock, Lindsay  
Waihua, Vicky  
Greene, Murray  
Kenderdine, Pauline

Harker, Philippa  
Thomsen, Allen  
Hart, Andrew  
Hart, Christine  
Graham, Georgina  
O'Halloran, Tracey  
Morris, Shirley  
Barnes, Warren  
McErlich, Margot

Prentice, Andrew  
Greer, Stephen  
Perry, Bennett  
Jensen, Simon  
Taylor, Paea  
Ward, Michael  
Aitken, Timothy  
Maxwell, Ian

## 1969

Jensen, Graeme  
O'Halloran, Leanne  
Moran, Rutawa  
Moran, Patrick  
Moran, Mark  
Evans, Bronwyn  
Sherning, Simon

Perry, Lewis  
McColl, Troy  
Biddle, Hine  
Graham, Raymond  
Hardy, John  
Blakie, Kim

Richards, Vicki  
Richards, Cameron  
Richards, Phillip  
Tacon, Kirston  
Smith, Elaine  
Howe, Angelena

## 1970

Barnes, Joanne  
Lock, Rosalie  
Wilson, Carol  
Richards, Donna  
Richards, Megan  
Renata, James  
Sunderland, Sarah  
Graham, Fiona  
Stewart, Vicky

Hart, Gaylene  
Crampton, Stuart  
Kenderdine, Steven  
Iremonger, Lorraine  
Brown, Sara  
Tahuri, William  
Tahuri, Shirley  
Tahuri, Tangi  
Harmer, Mabel

Bain, Terry  
Williams, Jeremy  
Tuahine, Mane  
Thomsen, James  
O'Halloran, Kathy  
Tahuri, Lum  
Waihua, Joseph  
Aitken, David  
Bain, Sonya

## 1971

Wilson, Roxanne  
Oakley, Jillian  
McColl, Dion  
Davies, Stuart  
Timmins, Jaquelyn  
Jensen, Louise  
Bibby, Catherine  
Smith, Philip  
McPhail, Hugh

Williams, Amanda  
Dowling, Michael  
Greene, Robert  
McNee, Leanne  
McKay, Georgina  
McKay, Peter  
Williams, Jonathan  
Wilson, Jordie  
Thomas, David

Thomas, Peter  
Crampton, Kirsty  
Tahau, Vicky  
Tahu, Colin  
Tahu, Hazel  
Brice, John  
Tahu, Robert  
Pennall, Tracey

## 1972

Waihua, Rodger  
Lock, John  
Toko, William  
Toko, Fay  
Toko, Eddie  
Toko, Reginald  
Hoko, Ricky  
Hoko, Waikaukau  
Hoko, Matea  
Hoko, Annette  
Hoko, Pania  
Lee, Timothy

Thomas, Joseph  
Graham, Tania  
Syme, Mark  
Smith, Martin  
Orviss, Graeme  
Taite, Neil  
Taite, David  
Thomsen, Scott  
Hazel, Karina  
Hazel, Turei  
Hazel, Lavinia  
Tiffen, Heath

Smith, Shiree  
Chapman, Deeanna  
Smeath, Joanne  
Smeath, Julie  
Bruce, Anna  
Hampson, Tina  
Jellyman, Brent  
Davies, Shane  
Tahu, Rangi  
McGregor, Alan

## 1973

Wilson, Jacqueline  
Ingle, Victoria  
Christie, Fiona  
Murphy, Kim  
Murphy, Tony  
Murphy, Kim

Timmins, Sandra  
Timmins, Caroline  
Inglis, Linda  
Harman, Graham  
Harman, Craig  
Harman, Catherine

Taurua, Joanna  
Sunderland, Jane  
Smeath, Richard  
Kinita, Joanne  
Kinita, Nigel  
Brown, Anna

## **LOOKING BACK**

The Kairakau picnics appear to feature regularly. Most appear to have been enjoyed in wonderful conditions. However, records show one was held in the hall because of rain and another at the domain because of petrol restrictions during the war.

Ploughing matches must have been popular. The school was closed many times for this event.

Scarlet fever and polio were obviously real threats. Many times reference is made to the closing of the school or the exclusion of contact children.

It is amazing the number of times the weather affected school rolls. Hardly a year went by without reference to some flood when roads were impassable.

The staffing of Head and Sole Teachers has always been very stable and the tendency was for these teachers to have a fairly lengthy stay. However, a large number of relieving assistants attended the school, especially during the "middle years".

One cannot help but be impressed by the plantings of trees. Every teacher and committee appear to have made massive plantings. Fortunately some of these are still evident.

The School Ball was a real event of note. It was a real money-spinner as well.

Various references to the Patangata School suggest that it was the first school in the area but closed several times. Children from St Lawrence attended there when it was open. This caused the Elsthorpe roll to fluctuate a little.

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