

# *Kimihia Primary School*

## *Volume 1*

*August 23rd 1897 to December 1966*

In December 1966 the original school closed its doors for the last time before classes moved west to the newly constructed school in Tamihana Avenue, closer to Huntly.





## Information Sources

*Velma MacDonald*

*Estelle Uren (nee Jacobs)*

*Len Rosser*

*Bella Moody (nee Craw)*

*Roma Major (nee Jackson)*

*Grace Allen (nee Hartis)*

*Terry Drayton*

*Bill Jones*

*Marion Bogie*

*Shirley Clifford-Marsh*

*Edna Yates*

*Neil Holland*

*Lorraine Yates*

*Ron & Judy Holland*

*Mick & Alison Mather*

*Janet Slee (nee Rogers)*

*Pat & Margaret Lawless*

*Clive, Irene & Paul Lewis*

*Christine Himmelreich (nee MacDonald)*

*Stancy Koolen (nee MacDonald)*

*Neil Fowkes of Solid Energy Ltd*

*The National Archives of NZ (Auckland)*

*The Tatler Newspaper*

*The Huntly Press Newspaper*

*Huntly & Ngāruawahia Community Libraries*

*Hamilton City Library*

*Lands & Survey Government Department*

*Five-Plus-One Architects of Hamilton*

*NZ Aerial Mapping Ltd*

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*Huntly Primary School*

*125th School Reunion Attendees*



Compiling the first 125 years of Kimihia School's existence was an interesting challenge. I never saw it as being a complete record, but gathering together what could be found would be far better than no collection at all.

The reader will discover obvious and glaring gaps in the compilation, which should be thought of as a beginning—a record that can be added to as further data turns up from official and personal collections. The biggest “gap” is the missing records from the World War 2 years of 1943 and 1944, when the records were removed from the school by the Ministry of Education. These “missing” names were later appended to the 1945 register.

In a number of places there are links to further records, such as the school enrolment registers as well as links (in some cases) to the music we may have listened to in the years of our attendance.

My interest in this work stems from having lived in Kimihia from my birth in 1945 up to 1967, as my father Harry was a heavy machine operator in the mine, helping to assemble and then drive the monstrous Euclid 120-B excavator (the assembly instructions were all in Russian). The original single-classroom educated me from 1950 to 1957 before I moved on to Huntly College.

I had the fortune of being able to return and teach the middle-school pupils in 1966 before the school's closure. It was, at that time, a 3-room school (which had two prefabricated rooms added) with fellow-teachers Mick Mather (Headmaster & seniors) and Marion Bogie (Juniors).

I am hoping that this record can be a memory-boost for families from the district, and provide an incentive to have our memories added to.



*Sandy MacDonald*

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*(or just browse)*

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# History of the Kimihia district



Oil on canvas painting of Lake Kimihia by Ella Priscilla Knowles, looking South.

The word Kimihia can be freely translated as “Go and Seek”. It is not certain when this picturesque region with its lovely lake was first occupied as the Māoris kept no written record.

Two legends, whether mythical or authentic, would appear to give point to the name Kimihia. One of these records that during a tribal foray a Māori chief, who was hard pressed by his enemies, fled into the region and hid in a cave. His pursuers spent much time searching for the cave but did not find it or its temporary occupant.

According to the other legend there is a cave in the district with a large stock of kauri gum stored in it. For this supposed treasure there have been many people who have been willing to “go and seek”. One local authority said that people were always looking for it, but to date it has not been discovered.

Māori history would indicate that the area was occupied fairly early after the great migration of the 14th century, principally for the easy fishing in the lake and the plentiful supply of edible birds in the surrounding forests.

It was also a convenient stopping place for Māori voyagers up and down the Waikato River. A spur on the north side of Kimihia Lake was the main lookout over the Waikato River, and there was a redoubt at this point.

The range of hills behind the present farming area formed part of an important Māori track. This connected Whangamarino and Ngāruawāhia with a branch-off to Hoe-O-Tainui. The track continued on from Ngāruawāhia through the King Country and on to Wanganui.

Kimihia, as a Pakeha entity, begins with the missionary settlements at Te Awamutu, Matamata,

Taupiri and further north.

The missionaries Ashwell and Morgan passed through the district frequently and often broke their journey at the Māori pa there.

It is rumoured that the mysterious Kelly, possibly the first white man to settle in the Waikato (a “Pakeha-Māori” who meticulously avoided all contact with other early Pakehas for reasons of his own) also left traces of his occupancy at Kimihia.

But white settlement in the district really began with the confiscation of Waikato lands by Governor Sir George Grey in the 1860’s.

A soldier discovered coal, and before long the underground miners became the first Pakeha settlers. Operations were carried out until the galleries, which extended out under the lake, were declared unsafe (there was both fires and floods) and the mine was closed down for the time being.

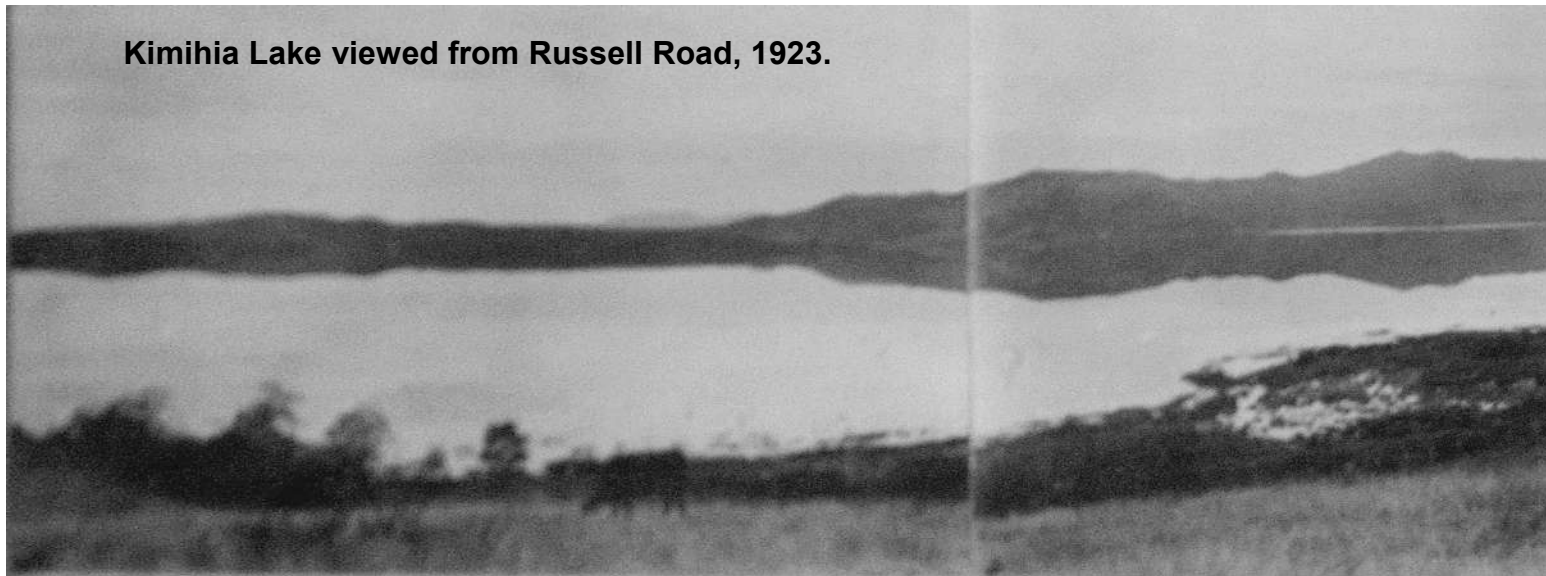
This lake covered about 300 acres with a small island near the southern end. This was a pretty little island with rich soil, unlike the heavy clay of the surrounding country-side. Weeping willows grew in clumps. This island was a popular camping place for the early Māoris as there were plenty of eels, catfish and fresh-water mussels in the waters of the lake. The Māoris came up the Waikato River in their canoes and entered the lake via the outlet to the river.

In the early history of the area there must have been large kauri forests as when the Pakeha arrived both races dug up large quantities of kauri gum by using long spears to find the gum. Kauri gum can still be found in the area.

The first farmers were also miners and, as they arrived in a body, no one can claim to be descended



**Kimihia Lake viewed from Russell Road, 1923.**



land, tea-tree and gorse that then characterised the district. During the depression of the 1870's and 80's the gum-diggers, who had done so well for themselves in the Te Rapa swamp, probed the Kimihia hills for the precious gum and even spent much time grappling in the lake for it.

Recorded in the New Zealand Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives (1898) is a report from the Auckland University College Council showing the endowments of land:

“10,000 acres in the Parish of Taupiri. Of these, 7,516 acres have been offered for lease in five small grazing runs, but none have been disposed of. A very large proportion of these lands is not worth the cost of keeping down briers; it is only the swamps and small portions between the hills which are of any value. 46 acres 32 poles have been leased to the Taupiri Reserve Colliery Company from the 21st January, 1895, to the 21st October, 1899, at a rental at the rate of £100 per annum. The remainder of the reserve has been cut up into twenty-four lots, of about 100 acres each. Of these, twenty-two have been disposed of for the most part at 6d. per acre, but where held by perpetual lease the rent is only 4.8d. per acre. These sections yielded a rental during this year of £46 16s. 2d.”

The record goes on to state:

“The total amount of revenue received in 1897, from the 30,000 acres which form the land endowments of the University College, was £156 12s. 6d., and the expenditure in connection with these endowments for the same period was £31 6s. 2d., leaving a net revenue of £125 6s. 3d. It seems but right to note these facts, as it may be generally supposed that an endowment of 30,000 acres would be a great help to the University College, whereas it is of scarcely

any value: the fact being that the endowment consisted for the most part of the most worthless land in the Province, and which, at the time it was made an endowment, was unsaleable.”

The area of land made available by the College encompassed an area that ran along the southern shores of both Lake Kimihia and Lake Hakanoa.

The first farmers were Holland, Evans, two families of Clinches, Johnson, Patterson and Shearer. Mr Holland Snr had taken up land that he was unable to work until the Māoris had taken their crops out and shifted some burial remains to Huntly.

The old cooking stones of the Māoris remain on the Holland farm just where the hills rise from the old swampy area.

For the Holland family it was a day's work to get to and from Huntly for stores, especially in wet weather. All houses had quantities of home-cured bacon which they lived on. But if they wanted a change of diet they went out and shot quail, pheasant, ducks or rabbits. Pheasants were so plentiful they rose like sparrows and used to come in and feed with the horses.

Shortly after this the flax-millers came in and set up a mill on Holland's farm. The flax was farmed by individual plants being sliced across so that it was possible to cut each area only every second year. Flax was cut in all the swamps and round the lake shores.

Machinery and boilers had to be brought in from Ngaruawahia, 12 miles over the hills and over the bush track with 6-8 horses pulling. Maoris worked the flax, washing the fibre in drains with the fibre being sledged to the station at Kimihia.

The Maoris lived in whares of raupo with an innovative door swivel made from an up-turned beer bottle with a stick in it! This flax venture did not last very long, and no trace of it now remains.

Mr G.A. Shaw (quoted in *The First 60 Years of Knox Presbyterian Church, Huntly*) wrote of the Huntly scene in 1892,

*“The hills around were bush clad, though land was being rapidly cleared. Bush was felled in winter and spring and burned*



*Most buildings were miners' cottages of three to four rooms. New arrivals sometimes lived in Māori whares."*

In those early days Kimihia boasted a railway station, a shop and a boarding house (this railway station was situated where Kimihia Road originally intersected with State Highway 1, off Hakanoa Street). One of the houses acted as a post office. Family names listed in the Kimihia Sixty Years booklet are some which are still in Huntly today - names like, McGlynn, Evans, Soppet, Troughear, Clinch, Hall, Skellern, Taylor, Dunn, Patterson, Foote, Johnson, Wilson, Russell, Holland and Valentine.

Most of the land on the east side was obtained from the Māori people in the early 1870's and given or sold to soldiers who had taken part in the land wars.

From this time until the 1900's it was mainly owned by the Ralph and Muir families. Robert Riley Ralph, son of Anthony, the first settler in the district,

married Margaret Muir and had a family of 14 children.

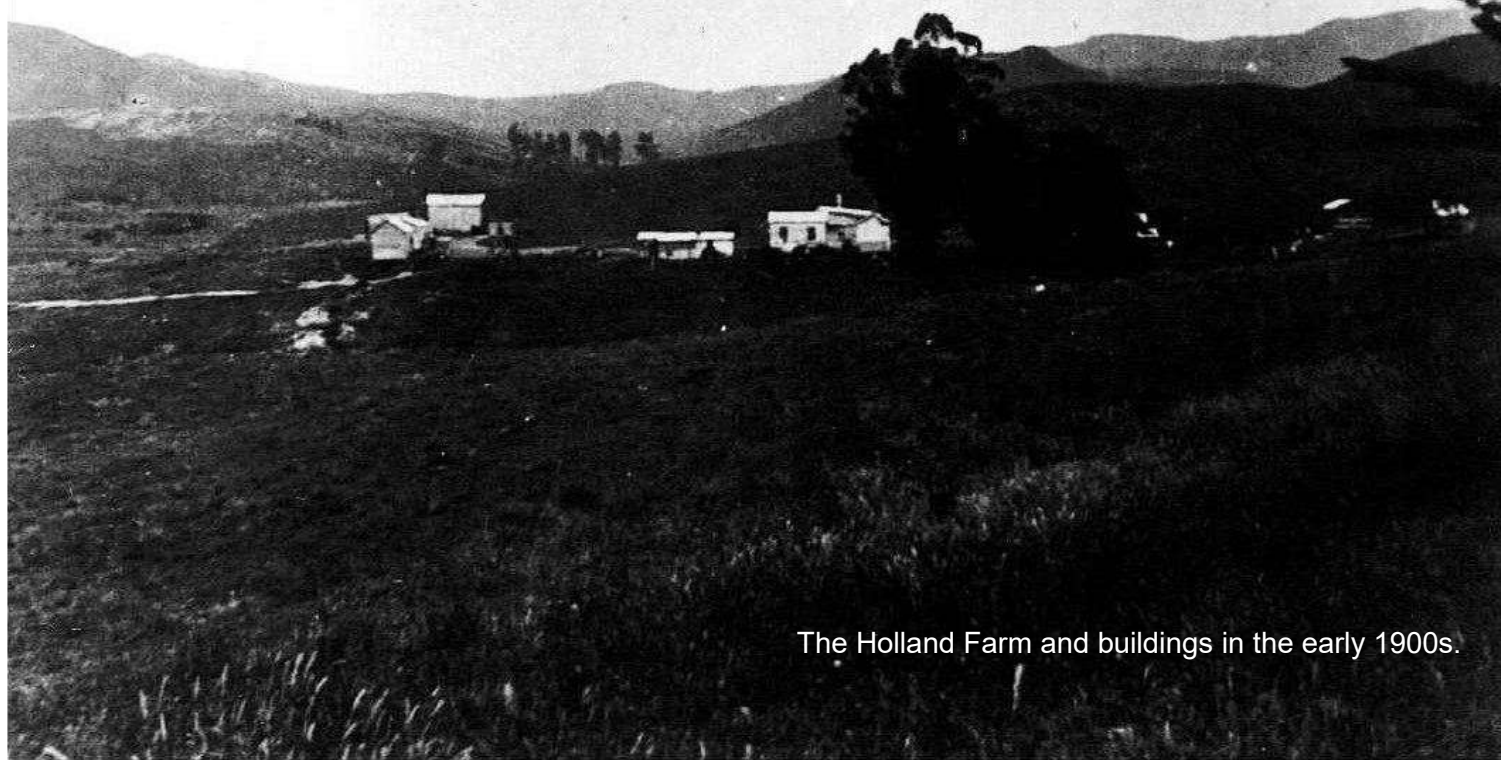
Before the turn of the century it became apparent that a local school was necessary to cater for the increased juvenile population, the result of closer settlement.

A petition was presented by some of the local settlers to the Auckland Education Board for such a school.

At the time the children who were old enough to stand the rigors of the daily return journey had to tramp over the old swamp road to Huntly school, which had opened in 1879.

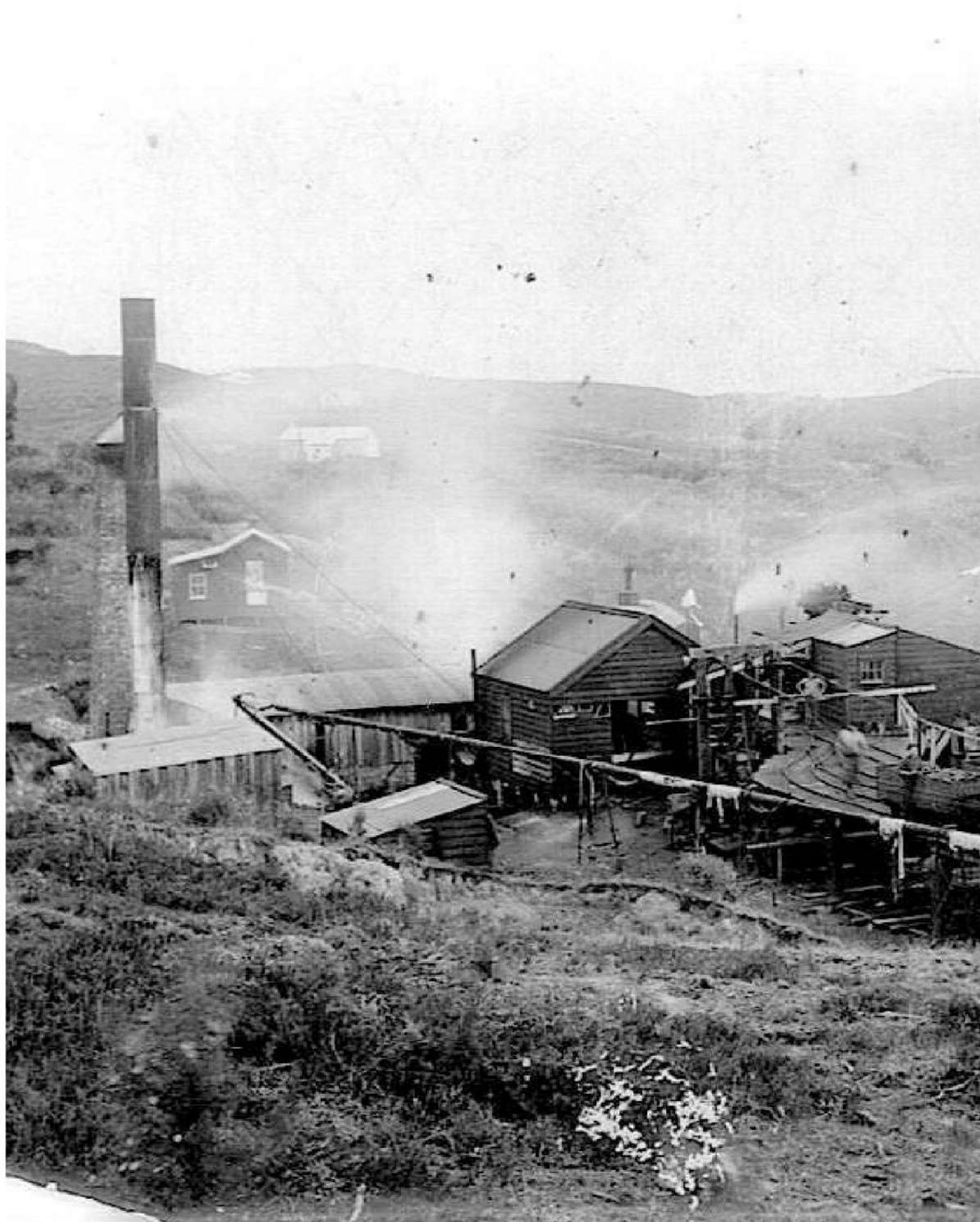
In due course the Education Board agreed to provide a school and a site was selected on part of a University endowment as indicated in the following letter:

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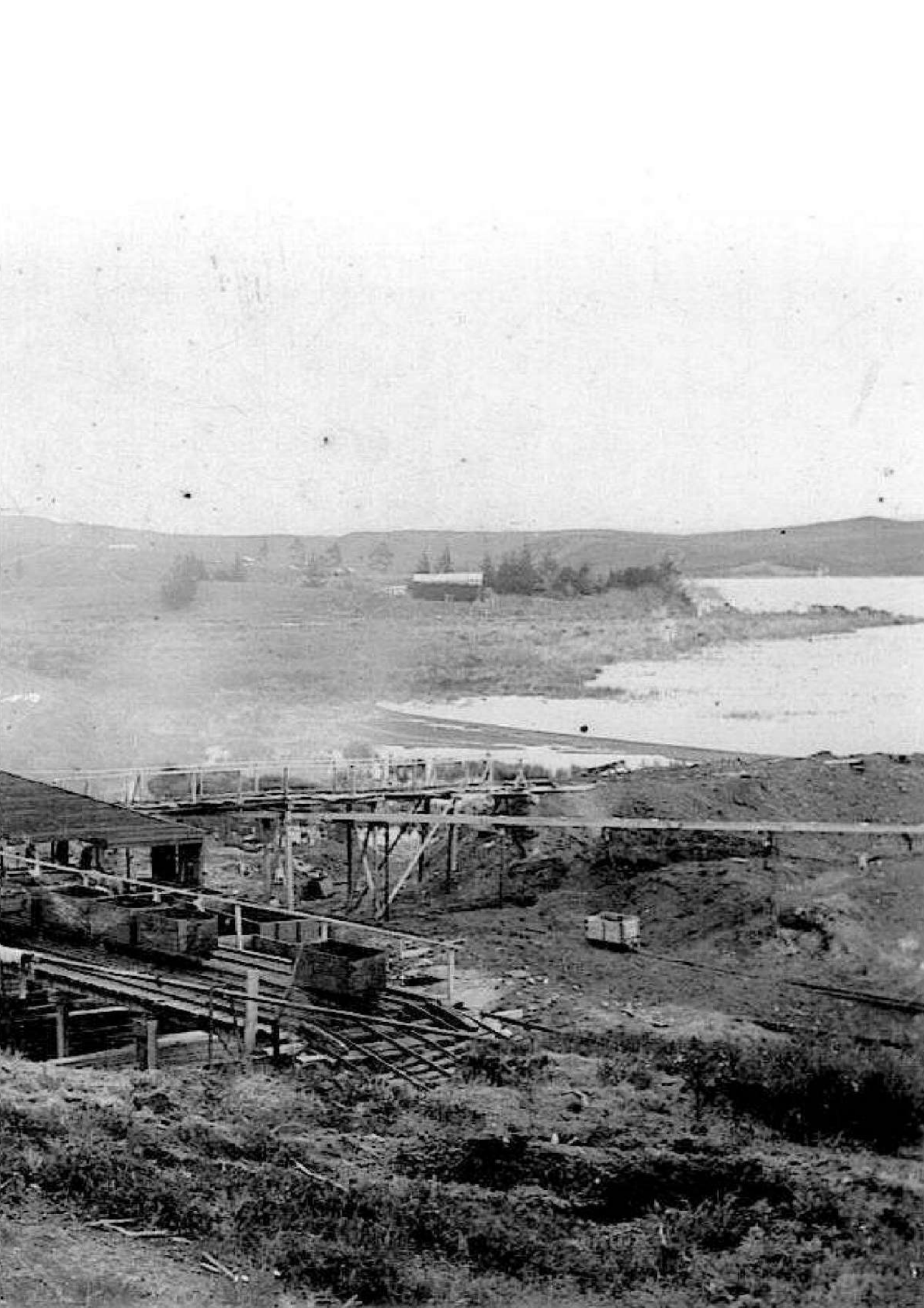


The Holland Farm and buildings in the early 1900s.

An 1895 view of the Taupiri Reserve Mine looking to the west towards Huntly.  
This photo taken just two years before the school opened in September 1897.





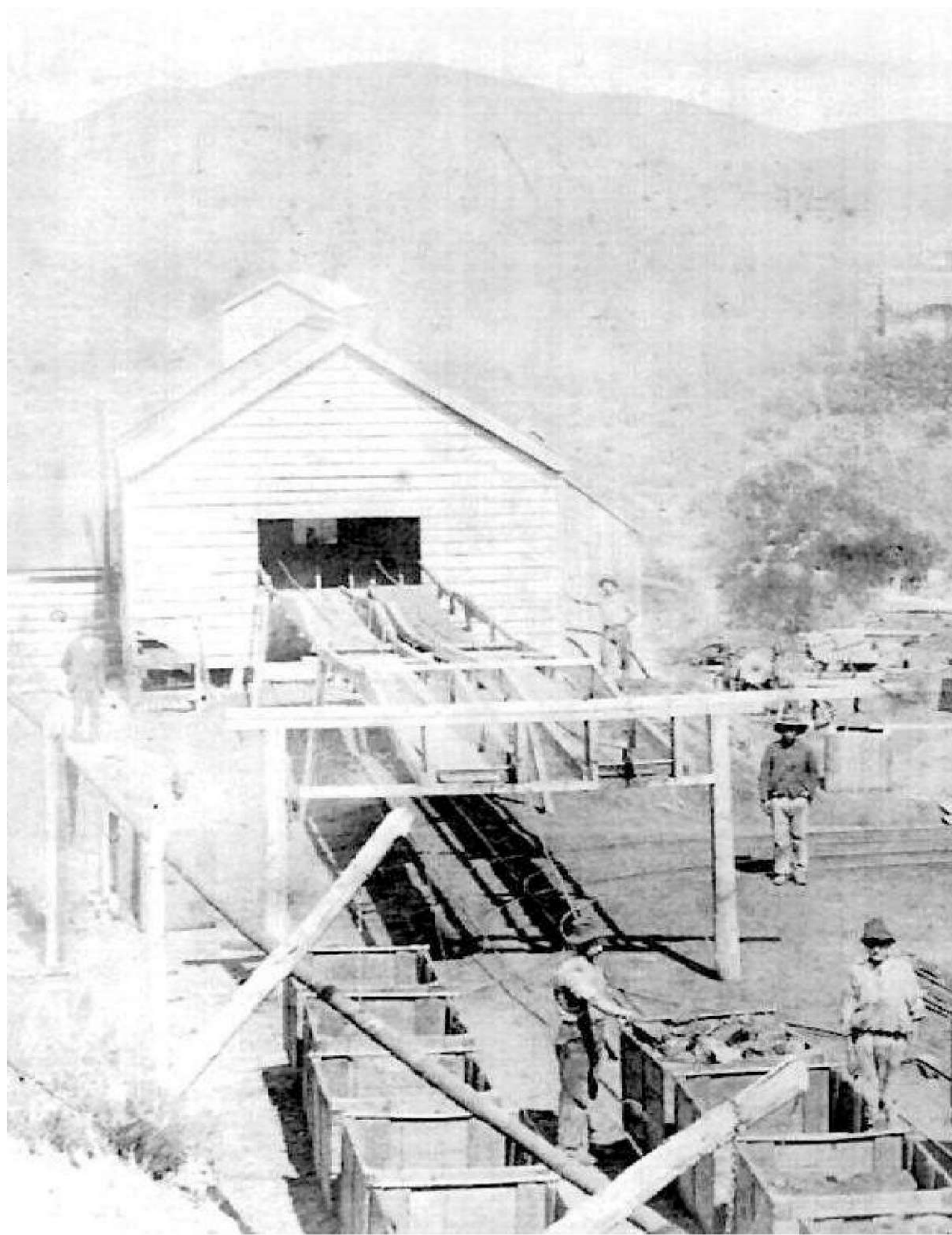


A view of the Taupiri Reserve Mine on the southern shore of Lake Kimihia.  
This was where the shaft to the vast underground workings was located,

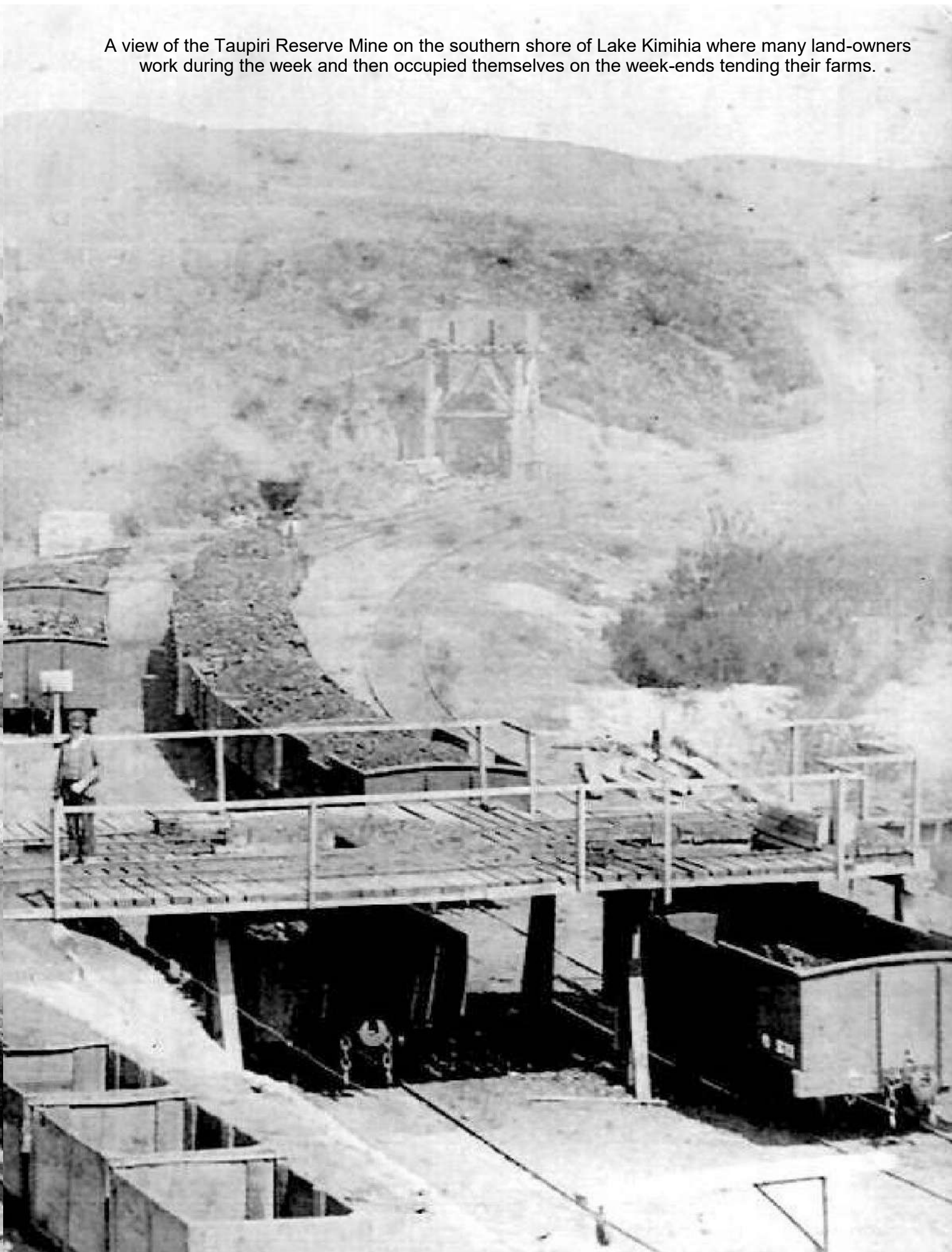








A view of the Taupiri Reserve Mine on the southern shore of Lake Kimihia where many land-owners work during the week and then occupied themselves on the week-ends tending their farms.

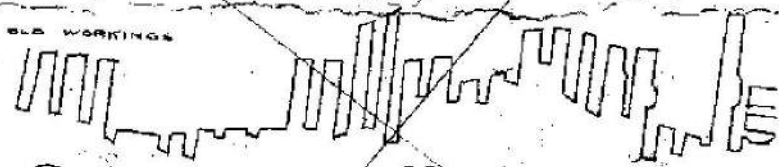


# HOLLANDS MINE

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OLD WORKINGS







University College  
Auckland N.Z. 19th May 1896  
To the Secretary  
of the Education Board  
AUCKLAND

Sir,

*I have the honour to inform you that your letter of the 15th inst, was considered at a meeting of the Council held yesterday, and the following resolution was adopted:-*

*"That the Education Board be requested to communicate with the Commissioner of Crown Lands on the subject of their letter; that they be informed that a site of four (4) acres, more or less, has been reserved at Kimihia, and that the Title is leased in perpetuity on payment of 1/- per annum, if demanded."*

*I am Sir,*

*Your Obedient Servant*

*D. W. RUNCIMAN (Rgr.)*

This school hope became a reality as one was built and opened in August 1897.

Original plans of the school were erroneously thrown out by an enthusiastic apprentice who worked (for a short time) at *Five Plus One Architects Ltd* in Hamilton. This firm is the holder of all Education Department drawings. The apprentice was 'cleaning out' the plan room and saw no reason to keep the 'old drawings' and they ended up in a dumpster. All that appears to remain in the NZ archives are the general tender documents and some water paint sketches.

Schools of similar design and size (7.9m x 5.5m), and built roughly in the same era, were:

Katikati No.1, Maungatautari, Te Puke No.2, Taupo, Otumotai, Taneatua, Hikuwai (Tairua Block), Mamakau and Netherton.

Waitoa school was of similar design but slightly larger (9.1m x 6.1m).

A building of almost the same outward appearance as the Kimihia School stands in the historic village at Mystery Creek, Hamilton (see page 223).



## ***Land Transfers & Acquisitions***

Recorded in the Register of Land Deeds in the early years were leases from the University College to aspiring farmers and land owners who obtained their leases for property in the strip of land generally to the south of Lakes Kimihia and Hakanoa. This land was deemed of little worth to the University College.

- 1896 Arthur McGlynn, Betsy Johnson,  
Thomas Johnson
- 1897 Thomas & Richard Johnson,  
William Paterson
- 1898 Thomas Haley, William Bond
- 1899 Thomas Johnson
- 1900 William Paterson, William Bond,  
Betsy Johnson, Henry Clinch
- 1902 William Samuel Evans, Janet Holland,  
Jonathon Harrison
- 1903 Charles Star the Younger
- 1908 Frank Walter Raynor, George Smith
- 1909 Thomas Johnson
- 1910 Louisa Caroline Evans, Nellie McGlynn
- 1912 James William Wilson, George Anderson Shaw
- 1913 Lionel Frank Collins, Horace Pearce,  
Hugh Gavin, William Thompson
- 1914 John McGill, Duncan Bullock
- 1916 Edwin Clinch
- 1917 1917 James Robertson, Ewen McGregor,  
George Clinch
- 1918 Thomas Dunn, Thomas Jones, Richard Yates
- 1919 George Smith
- 1920 John Brown
- 1921 William Henry Paterson,  
Herbert Myles Stavely Rider,  
Ewen John McGregor
- 1923 William Mantach
- 1925 John Brown
- 1926 Ewen John McGregor, Alfred Cyril Parker,  
Thomas Clubb
- 1927 Henry Algar Clinch
- 1928 James Johnson, Henry Algar Clinch
- 1929 Thomas Morgan
- 1930 *Auckland Education Board for Plan 22177  
being the area of land for the Kimihia School*
- 1932 James Paterson
- 1934 Rowland Percival Towle, John Thomas Holland  
Joseph Alexander McGlynn,
- 1936 George Henry Smith
- 1937 Thomas Cowan, James Bond,  
Annie Smith, Mary Ann Gardner,  
Mary Ann Jones, James Lancaster,  
John Henry Park, William Henry Roberts,  
James Roberts
- 1938 George Smith
- 1939 Annie Smith
- 1940 Herbert Roy Burrett, William Henry Roberts
- 1941 Isaac Beckett, George Smith
- 1942 1942 Victor Joseph Healey,  
Francis Patrick Healey, James Johnson,  
James Paterson
- 1943 Charles Hillman
- 1945 John William Hayward, Alfred Johnson,  
Maggie Thornton Johnson, Elsie May Currie,  
Ewen John McGregor

10th February 1896

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— 10 Feb 96 —

Alfred H. Taylor  
Kimitia

10 FEB 96  
The Education Board, Auckland

We the undersigned householders at Kimitia  
do humbly beg that the honorable members  
of the Board will erect a school for the  
educating of the children at the above  
place (Kimitia) for the granting of the  
above five petitioners will for ever pray

		Number of children school age & under	
Settler	Alfred H. Taylor	3	3
Settler	Henry Hartley	2	
	Archib. Hall	3	2
Settler	John. Holland		1
Settler	A. Mc. Glynn.	2	2
	James Johnson	3	
Settler	George Clinch	2	.
	William Shearer		1
	Robert Droughear	5	1
Settler	L. S. Evans	3	3
Settler	John. Keel	3	1
	William Paterson	1	
Settler	Francis Mc. Gowan	6	2
	Robert Droughear	1	2
	Jas. W. Wilson	1	
Settler	Samuel Pearce	1	
Settler	William Dunn	5	2
Settler	Jane Russell	2	
	Joseph Colvine		1
Settler	John Stewart		2

~~THE~~  
Education Board of the District of Auckland.

TENDER.

Contract for

*School Building Kimitia*



*I*, the undersigned, do hereby tender and agree to execute and complete the whole of the works comprised in the above Contract, in strict accordance

with the Plans and Specification, and in terms of the General Conditions for the

Sum of *One Hundred & Ninety Seven Pounds*

*£197*

*George Hawkins James*  
*Laurel Str*  
*Orewia*

Tenderers' Name in  
Full, and Address.

And *I* do hereby undertake, in the event of *my* Tender being accepted, to provide a Cash Deposit of the sum required, or to execute a Bond in the amount stipulated in the said General Conditions within the time specified therein.

Witness *my* hand this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 189*7*.

*Geo H James*

Tenderers' Signature.

Names in Full,  
Residences, and  
Occupations of  
two Sureties for  
Bond.

*Accepted by the Education Board of Auckland*  
*of the District of Auckland*  
*17<sup>th</sup> of April 1897*

*Secretary.*



# The Education Board of the District of Auckland. School Building at Kiriwaka

## GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

1. The Works included in this Contract, and for which Tenders are to be made, comprise the providing all materials, tools, workmanship, labour, cartage, and every other thing requisite and necessary in erecting a School Building at Kiriwaka in strict accordance with the accompanying Plans, Sections, and following Specifications, and to the entire satisfaction of the Architects or other person whom the Board of Education may appoint to supervise the work.

2. The Contractor is to provide all materials of the very best description of the various kinds specified, also all cartage, tools, and labour; and is to execute all work in the best and most workmanlike manner.

3. The Drawings and Specifications are to be taken together to explain each other, and the Works are to be completed according to the true intent and meaning of the same, any error or omission notwithstanding; and in case of defective description, or any ambiguity, the explanation given by the Architects shall be final.

4. If any alteration shall hereafter be made by order of the Board of Education by varying the Plans or Specifications, or otherwise, such alteration shall not vitiate the Contract in anywise; but any alteration in the Works ordered by the Board of Education in writing shall be executed by the Contractor, and the value thereof, whether additions to, or deductions from the Works included in the Contract, shall be ascertained by the Architects without reference to any other person or persons and the amount thereof shall be added to, or deducted from, the amount of the Contract, as the case may be.

5. It is to be expressly understood in reference to the foregoing clause, that no claim for extra work will be recognized without the production of a written order from the Board of Education.

6. The Contractor will be held responsible for any injury that may befall the work during its progress, as also during any time for which he may have contracted to maintain it; and he will also be held responsible for all materials upon which he may have received an advance.

7. The whole of the works are to be finished and delivered up complete within 3 Three calendar months from the date of acceptance of Tender; and for every week beyond the said Three calendar months, during which the Works or any part thereof shall remain incomplete, the Contractor shall forfeit and pay the sum of two pounds sterling (£2) and any amount so accruing shall be deducted from any sum of money due to the Contractor, as and for liquidated ascertained damages.

8. Payments will be made to the Contractor at the rate of 80 per cent on the value of the work done, as ascertained by the Architects and the balance will be paid when the Architects shall have certified that the whole of the Works have been completed to their satisfaction for 10 per cent of the Contract, which is to be retained for one month thereafter, during which time the Contractor is to maintain the Works, and is to make good all defects therein.

9. No Tender will be taken into consideration, unless accompanied by Bank notes, Post Office order, or a marked cheque (good for 14 days) for the sum of five pounds sterling (£5) which will be returned in the event of the Tender not being accepted, and in case of acceptance of Tender it will be retained until the required security is given, and will be absolutely forfeited to the Board should the Tenderer fail to enter into the Contract.

Provided that the Board may, if it see fit, retain any of the deposits until the Tenderer selected by the Board shall have entered into the Contract; and in the event of his failing to do so, the Board shall be at liberty to substitute another of such tenderers, and may call upon him to enter into and carry out the contract in all respects as in the case of the Tenderer originally selected.

10. The building or buildings comprised in this Contract shall be insured by and at the cost of the Contractor in some Insurance office or offices to be approved by the Board; the policy to be in the name of "The Education Board of the District of Auckland;" the insurance to be for such amounts as the Board may from time to time require. If the Contractor shall fail to deliver to the Board the receipts for premiums of such insurance required from him, the Board may insure the buildings at his expense, and deduct the cost thereof from any moneys which may then or thereafter be or become due to him in respect of this Contract. In the event of any damage occurring from fire to any part of the buildings so insured, the proceeds of such insurance shall be expended under the direction of the Architects in replacing or making good such damage; but the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any moneys on account of such insurance.

11. The security required by the Board will be a Cash Deposit equal to ten per cent, or approved security to the extent of 100 per cent. on the amount of the Tender, the Bond to be executed within seven days from the date of acceptance of Tender.

12. These Conditions and Contract herein referred to shall be subject to the provisions of "The Contractors' and Workmen's Lien Act, 1892."

13. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

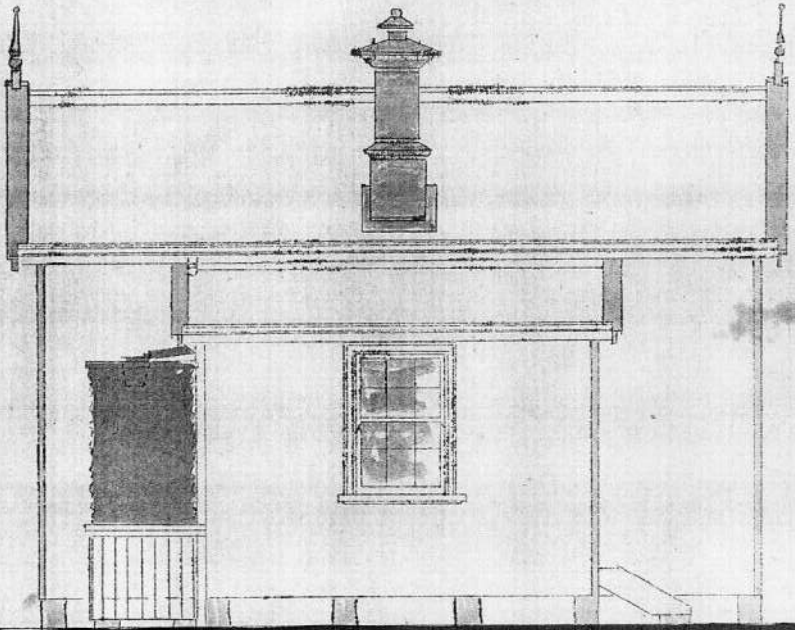
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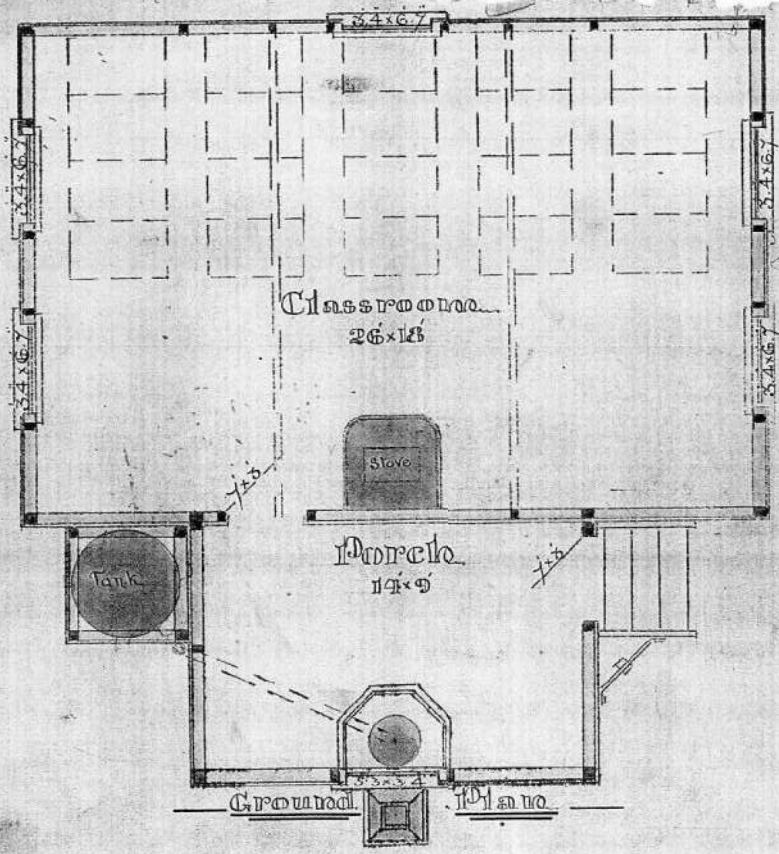
Ed. W. James

*Humbler*

*Geo H. James*



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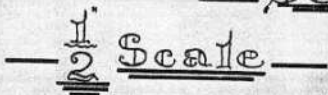
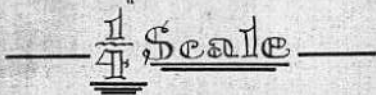
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*Geo H. James*

1/4" Scale



Dr. H. C. Jones



Specification of Works to be done and of materials to be employed in the erection of a School Building at

Kimihia

for the Auckland Board of Education.

Size 26. x 18  
Porch 14 x 9  
One tank 600.

Mitchell & Watt,  
Architects, Auckland.

Carpenter

Blocks

The blocks are to be good sound heart of Puriri or Totara, not less than 8" x 5" squared, cut square at both ends, spaced not more than 16" apart, sunk to solid bottom and in no case less than 18" into the ground and well rammed.

Timber

The timbers used in the works are to be of the following qualities and kinds, dry and seasoned, free from worm holes, large, loose, or dead knots, shakes or other defects, full and well cut and of the following dimensions:-

All timbers not otherwise specified to be strictly heart of Kauri.

Schedule of Scantlings

Plates & Steepers	Heart Kauri	4" x 3"
Joists	" "	6" x 2"
Studs at angles	" "	4" x 4"
" " openings	" "	4" x 3"
" Intermediate	Medium "	4" x 2"
Partials to take <sup>boarding</sup> <del>down</del> on walls above <sup>separated (if any)</sup>		4" x 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
Grounds for partition & dado lining	" "	4" x 2"
Principal	Heart "	6" x 4"
Porch rafters	" "	6 x 2

G. H. J.

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	<del>Bottom</del> (2 thickenss)	Heart floor	$1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$
	Purlins	Medium	$1\frac{1}{2} \times 3$
	Ridge		$9 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$
	Close boarding <del>(omitted)</del>	Medium	$9 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$
	Outer covering <del>corrugated iron</del>	Heart full	$9 \times 1$ P.P.S. V
	Angle saddles, boxed & scribed	Heart	$1\frac{1}{2} \times 1$
	Face as covering boards to gables		$1\frac{1}{2}$ thick
	" to eaves		1"
	Braces		$1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$
	Flooring		$6 \times 1$ P.P.S. V
	Lining of Partition <del>boarded</del>	Medium	$9 \times 1$ P.P.S. V
	<del>Dado</del>		$6 \times 1$ P.P.S. V
	Covering battens for outer walls	Heart	" out of $3 \times \frac{1}{8}$
Closet	Closet joists	Heart	$1\frac{1}{2} \times 3$
	" Plates		$3 \times 3$
	Studs & top plates		$3 \times 2$
	Rafters	out of	$9 \times 2$
	Outer covering	Squee as above	
	Flooring		$1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$
	Blocks same as main building -		

**Framing** All the plates and sleepers are to be laid true and level, dovetail scarfed and well nailed.

The studs are to be cut off quite square at both ends and well spiked to the plates joists etc. all to be spaced as shown and to suit the iron.

Openings to be framed with head & sill pieces same as jamb studs tenoned, keyed, and nailed.

Brace the whole of the walls at as great an angle as practicable. Let braces in flush taking half inch out of brace and one inch out of studs etc. and double nail wherever in contact.

Cover the outer walls with  $9 \times 1$  P.P.S. V in single lengths having weather groove at each edge &  $3 \times \frac{1}{8}$  dressed covering battens. Double nail boards & closely nail battens.

~~But in and well nail the gables to take up the~~  
Edges and Surfaces in contact with battens to be well served with thick paint before fitting boards etc. to follow down 2 below bottom plate.

**Joists**

The joists are to be spaced not more than 18" apart, checked down fair & level & well nailed.

C.A.I.

## Roof

Construct the roof as shown. Principals  $6 \times 4$  the  
 toes checked and bolted down to plates with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolts  
 nuts and washers, halved at the ridge bolted with  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolts etc. The king rod  $\frac{3}{4}$ " having  $3 \times \frac{3}{8}$ " plates  
 top and bottom, ~~the bottom one to be turned up  $\frac{3}{4}$ "~~  
~~to embrace the collar ties.~~ <sup>See note 1. two plates at each section to be</sup>  $\frac{3}{8}$ " steel machine cut. bolts  $\frac{3}{4}$ " eyes to  
 Bolt the collar ties with  $\frac{5}{8}$ " bolts. be welded. Ends to have  
 Put similar principal over the transverse nuts

The purlins are to be  $4 \times 3$  checked down  $\frac{1}{2}$ " out of  
<sup>Put on the close boarding  $3 \times 12$  battens.</sup>  
 purlins. spaced to suit ~~the iron~~, grooved to suit  
 and to have the same corrugated strip and all to  
 be well spiked down. Spaced as shown and to suit  
 the railing of the iron -

Track out the eaves with  $3 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ " along top plates &  
 over the studs. Put  $9 \times 1$  faced to take the  
 spouting. Return the faces across gable at back.

Put  $9 \times 1$  soffite to the gables  $4 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  barge and  
 covering boards 330 in the angle  
 - Finials to be as No 310. R. J. C. -

Form boxing for ventilator with  $4 \times 2$  framing  
 and  $6 \times 1$  P. J. & G. strongly put together and  
 correctly placed to suit the stove piping etc.

## Floors

Lay the floors with  $6 \times 1$  P. J. & G. cramped  
 double nailed with  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " boards punched and  
 the joints all planed over. Fill in between the  
 studs with  $4 \times 2$  to exclude vermin as shown.

## Partition Dado

Cover the whole of the Partition and dado  $5' 0"$   
~~high~~ with  $9 \times 1$  P. J. & G. and beaded boards,  
 well cramped and double nailed dressed as for walls  
 and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " both sides.

Put to all angles nail floor all round about. No 191. closely fitted & nailed  
~~the dado is to be all round the outer walls~~  
~~including porch.~~ Finish on top with  $7 \times 1$   
~~boards with 304 thereunder.~~ Put 304  
~~also in angle next floor all round about~~  
~~all to be closely fitted.~~

R. J. C.



## Windows

The sashes are to be the sizes figured 12 light 2" mill made stocks, glazed with the best quality 16 oz. clear glass, double hung in frames having beaded weathered and double rebated sills  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " nosing and cavetto inside and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " pulley styles, housed and wedged to sills and checked to heads; pocket pieces, parting slips,  $6\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$  ~~plain beaded~~ <sup>beaded and rounded</sup> architraves inside and outside. Put 1" scribing pieces outside. Pullies to be 2" patent iron axle, cord no 7 'Silver Lake'.

Furnish upper sashes with eye value  $4\frac{1}{2}$  each.

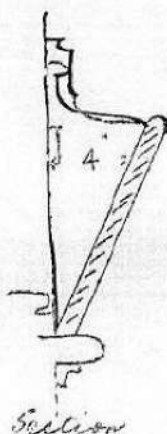
" " fastener "  $1/6$

" for the above rod hook "  $1/9$

Put  $3 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$  chamfered fascia over sills of windows to stop covering battens

Put to all windows at bottom a vent board

$12 \times 1\frac{1}{8}$  tilted and screwed to spandril brackets " <sup>Standard</sup> ~~sketch and pattern~~. value  $2/6$  each Stenderons.



## Doors

The outer door is to be  $7 \times 3$  framed and panelled as shown bead and flush 2" hung with three 4" butt hinges and fastened with lock value 4/- <sup>in every respect</sup>.

Inner door ditto. Cabin hook value 6/- to outer door only.

The frames are to be  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " having  $\frac{3}{4}$ " planted stops and are to be finished both sides with Architraves 2". Same as windows.

Outer door frame to have 3" weathered and rounded sill. ~~Glaze outer door upper panels with rough plate.~~ <sup>Glaze upper panels of door</sup> Inner ditto with 21 oz. clear glass.

On beaded transome put 2" fanlight hinged to fall back fitted with  $9 \times 1$  spandril <sup>full height</sup> brackets,  $2 \times 1$  fillet and small brass bolt value 8/-

Put 1" scribing pieces to all boxed angle stops.

E.H.I.

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## Steps

Construct steps to outer doors with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strings and bearers, housed to take three  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" as treads.  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " apart all well spiked together and resting on Puriri Blocks as for building, standing 3" above the finished surface.

## Scraper

Supply and fix standard pattern wrought iron scrapers value  $3/6$  each complete, fixed with coach screws and supported at the centre on Puriri block. (Worthington).

## Rollers

Supply and fix <sup>2</sup> standard pattern rollers for towel value  $9/-$  each. (Heudersons)

## Hat Hooks

Provide & fix where and as directed. ~~4~~ <sup>4</sup> dozen standard hat & coat hooks value  $3/6$  per dozen (Worthington) -

## Blinds

To all windows put standard pattern blinds value  $11/6$  each. (Heudersons)

## Lavatory

~~Provide 2 wide boards cut to suit the lavatory pedestal and supported at ends on fitters.~~

## Closets

The closet buildings one for Girls and one for Boys are to be built as shown and in terms of the general specification

Floor to have fall to carry off water.

Doors to be  $6' \times 7'$  ledged and sheeted braced beaded 12" shorter than the openings, hung with stout 16" T hinges and fastened with stout button having a long screw.

The seats are to be  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " clamped at ends, hung with stout brass back flap hinges and having rounded holes therein 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter.

Provide and place 1 to each standard pattern soil barrow value  $15/-$  each. Heudersons.

G.H.J.

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- Tank Stand Build the tank stand with blocks as for building 4" x 4" plates and uprights 4" x 7" bracing 9" x 1 1/2" decking. Put 6 x 1 P.S.E. beaved sheeting thereon + form door having stout hinges. Eyes and padlock value 3/6 the lot.

In all work for the painter the nails are to be punched and timber will planed. - All the exposed surfaces of timbers inside are to be well planed.

Where practicable all timbers are to be in single lengths. Put 9 x 1 Trough floor on 3 x 1 1/2 Side fillet & 4 x 2 beams to tank stand.

Reference numbers are from K. J. Co catalogues.  
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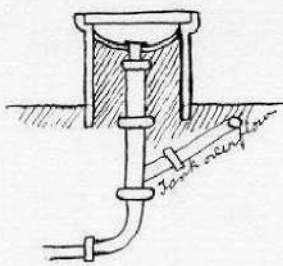


# Lavatory Drains Etc.

Construct the lavatory with an 18" selected glazed ware socket pipe, as shown, set in & filled up with lime concrete, & to 14" finished on top with  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick of cement & clean fine sand  $\frac{1}{2}$ " &  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Put 4" glazed ware waste jointed in cement & bedded in concrete & made to discharge into side connection on cess pit.

Set basin inside the pipe, being Gardner's valves, 8/6 at the works in Auckland, top of basin to be at a level 2" below bottom of flange of 18" pipe & finished over on top with cement  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick as above.



Lay 66'-0" of 4" drain complete glazed socket pipes jointed with cement in trench 18" deep, having efficient falls.

Cess pit to be as Gardner's No 37 set in concrete & having 6' x 3' heart of Totara as kerbing dished with concrete & finished with cement as above.

Fill in & well ram the earth in the trench. Drains are to be passed by Architects or the Chairman of Committee before being filled in.

E.H.C.

## Plumber -

### Roofs

Cover the roofs of the school building and closets with Parker's Southern Cross 26 g galv. corrugated iron. to lap 2 full corrugations at sides and 9" at ends of sheets fixed with ~~2 1/2~~ 3" approved galv. ~~acme roofing nails~~ ~~acme roofing nails~~. "Parker" ~~if it goes to be every~~ second corrugation at ends of sheets and at each side and in the centre of the intermediate nailings.

Burr up the lower wave of iron at ends of sheets under ridging to prevent drift.

### Walls

Similarly cover the walls of the whole of these buildings with Parker's corrugated galv. iron placed horizontally at suitable lengths and similarly lapped nailed etc. Provide for putting where required between the nailings a sufficient number of small bolts and nuts to keep side laps close.

### Ridge

Cover the ridge with 26 g. 26" ridging 3 lb. lead edged 1 1/2" lap carefully dressed and secured with 3" acme nails and lead washer, added.  
Flash over roof with 24 g. galv. iron 3 lb. lead edged 8" over iron and 4" up upon boarding.  
Flash apices with 5 lb. lead on 2" rolls.

### Ventilator

Flash ventilator with 5 lb. lead 9" up under and 8" on iron every way in workmanlike manner. -

5 lb. lead

Flash over doors and windows with ~~26 g~~ galv. ~~iron~~ turned up 6" and forming drip over weathering.

### Memo.

~~The sheets of iron may so come as not to require flashing~~

C.H.T.

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Put to the sills of all windows proper trays of  
26 g. galv. iron.

Spouting

Fix to eaves and across gable at back 6" 26 g.  
C. 1/2 galv. spouting of perfect quality on 1 1/2" x 1/2"  
galv. brackets 2' 6" apart, screwed to joists and  
secured to spouting with galv. nuts and bolts.

All joints to be rivetted 3 to each and to be  
well soldered inside and outside.

Spouting on gable may be connected at the  
ends into back of side spouting with short  
length of 3" pipe.

Tank

Provide and fix standard pattern <sup>600</sup> ~~400~~ gallon  
tank value ~~£4. 4~~ <sup>£3. 3</sup> including interceptor.

Put 4" grooved and soldered 24 g. overflow  
pipe to tank. Connected into junction on side of Loo. waste.

Put 3/4" grooved and soldered 24 g. downpipe  
from the spouting into tank (over the  
interceptor).

Conduct the water in 3/4" galv. iron piping  
to lavatory and standpipe outside. The  
lavatory to have an approved brass tap value  
7/6 each; the stand pipe 3/6 with loose key.  
And to stand say 2' 0" above the cesspit —

E. H. I.

## - Heating and Ventilating -

allow in tender the sum of Twelve pounds.  
twelve - £12.12. for the stove, hearth, herb. ventilator,  
vent. panel, piping, clips etc. complete in Accrington  
and <sup>provide</sup> for fixing same as usual or as may be  
directed. -

## - Painter -

Carefully stop all nail holes, cracks, joints etc.  
with linseed oil putty.

The whole of the external woodwork exposed to  
\* For main building view and usually painted also the spoutings and  
genuine linseed oil ironwork of roof inside (bolts etc.) the inside  
and genuine lead. work, architraves etc. of doors and windows are  
Hubbards or Bunnells. to be painted 3 coats (Thames hematite ground  
all stained to approve. in <sup>for cloaks</sup> approved tints - 1<sup>st</sup> coat to be all raw  
oil. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> coats to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  boiled and  $\frac{1}{2}$  raw;  
all the oil to be genuine linseed <sup>Hubbards or Bunnells</sup> Kempthorne's  
"Union" or as approved. -- No driers --

Sashes to be finished white with lead paint.  
Woodwork of closets is to be included in the  
above, also the tank stand..

Clean the glass and scrub the floors at completion.

Memo. All articles for which values are heretofore  
stated are to be selected and approved by the  
Architects.

Roof Ventilation. Form 4 fresh air panels in the soffits  
of both gables the full length between the Purline and Girdle.  
Cover inside with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " mesh. galv. wire netting fixed with  
brads round about.

Form also in the close boarding of roof 25. Circular  
openings where directed and cover same with standard  
Pattern Panels. Value 10<sup>d</sup> Each. "Kochner"

E.H.L.

## Suggestions for Chairman of Committee

The site and position of the building thereon will be pointed out by the Chairman of the School Committee or the Architects.

1. Minimum height from ground to floor 2' 0"
2. Buildings ought preferably to be placed on high ground so as to favour good drainage.
3. Sufficient space ought to be left all round the building to allow for future possible additions.
4. The front door need not face the Road.
5. The windows ought to have as much sunlight as possible.
6. The outer door should if possible be in a sheltered position. Under some circumstances therefore it may be found very desirable to place the outer door at either end of the porch, instead of in the middle as shown.
7. To simplify or improve the drainage (and possibly to suit the entrance) it may be found desirable to put the tank and lavatory on the opposite side to that shown on Plan.
8. The closets ought if possible to be placed in a secluded position, not less than 1 chain away from the building and not less than 1 chain apart and at the same time so that both the closets can be seen from one of the school windows.

L.H.I.

Mitchell & Watt,  
Architects.



The paddle used by Teacher Maurice Priestley to row from his home in Huntly across Lake Hakanoa on his way to and from Kimihia School.



1897



### CLASS OF 1897 - Maurice Priestley, teacher

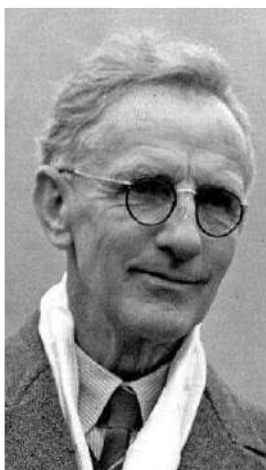
- Rear: William Troughear, Matthew Russell, Henry Johnson, Ted Clinch, Florrie Evans, Annie Taylor, Maggie Shaw, Blanche Troughear, Hannah Dunn, Lily Johnson, Robina Russell.
- Seated: Minnie Trimble, Katie McGlynn, Violet Johnson, Mary Taylor, Hilda Skellern, Pearl Patterson, Ethel Evans, Ada Evans.
- Front: Fred Dunn, Sam Dunn, Archie Campbell Hall, Arthur Skellern, Albert Troughear, Bertie Taylor, Harry Skellern, Ernie Hall.

### ENROLLMENTS 1897 School opened August 23rd 1897

Aug-23 1897 S2 **CLINCH** Edward  
 Sep-06 1897 S3 **CLINCH** Herbert  
 Aug-24 1897 S1 **DUNN** Frederick  
 Nov-15 1897 S5 **DUNN** Hannah  
 Aug-23 1897 P **DUNN** Saul  
 Aug-23 1897 S2 **EVANS** Ada August  
 Aug-23 1897 P **EVANS** Ethel  
 Aug-23 1897 S2 **EVANS** Florence  
 Oct-12 1897 P **EVANS** Willie  
 Aug-31 1897 P **FOOTE** Ernest George  
 Aug-23 1897 S3 **HALL** Archie Campbell  
 Aug-23 1897 P **HALL** Ernest August  
 Oct-12 1897 S5 **JOHNSON** Henry  
 Nov-01 1897 F2 **JOHNSON** Lily  
 Oct-12 1897 F2 **JOHNSON** Violet  
 Aug-23 1897 S1 **MCGLYNN** Katie  
 Aug-23 1897 P **PATERSON** Pearl  
 Oct-12 1897 S4 **RUSSELL** Matthew  
 Oct-18 1897 S1 **RUSSELL** Robina  
 Oct-12 1897 F1 **SKELLERN** Arthur  
 Oct-12 1897 F2 **SKELLERN** Florrie  
 Oct-12 1897 S1 **SKELLERN** Harry  
 Aug-23 1897 P **SKELLERN** Hilda Ruth  
 Aug-23 1897 P **SOPPETT** Madge

With the arrival of the first teacher, Mr Maurice Priestley in August of that year, the school opened with 13 pupils.

To get to the school Mr Priestley daily walked from Huntly to Lake Hakanoa, rowed across the lake in a Māori canoe and then walked on to the school across Patterson's farm. The paddle he used was donated by him to the school at the 1947 reunion, where he was guest of honour. He was also present at the 50th reunion in 1957. The paddle currently hangs in the foyer of the Kimihia school in Tamihana Avenue, Huntly.



Oct-12 1897 S5 **TAYLOR** Annie  
 Aug-23 1897 P **TAYLOR** Bertie  
 Oct-12 1897 S3 **TAYLOR** Mary  
 Oct-12 1897 S3 **TROUGHEAR** Blanche  
 Aug-23 1897 S6 **TROUGHEAR** Georgina  
 Oct-12 1897 S5 **TROUGHEAR** John Thomas  
 Oct-12 1897 F2 **TROUGHEAR** Joseph  
 Oct-12 1897 F2 **TROUGHEAR** William  
 Oct-12 1897 S5 **WELTON** Margaret

# REGISTER OF ADMISSION,

1	2	3	4	5
Register Number.	Former Reg. No. of Pupil Re-admitted	Date of Admission or Re-admission.	Name in full—Christian (first) and Surname.	Name and Address of Parent or Guardian.
1		23/8/97	Katie Mc Glynn.	Andrew Kinnilua
2		23/8/97	Dorance Evans	William "
3		23/8/97	Madge Soppet	Mrs. Will. "
4		23/8/97	Georgia Troughear	Robt. "
5		23/8/97	Edward Clinch	George "
6		23/8/97	Archie Campbell Hall	Archie. "
7		23/8/97	Ellie Ruth Skellern	Elliot "
8		23/8/97	Ada Evans	William "
9		23/8/97	Bertie Taylor.	Alfred "
10		23/8/97	Ernest Hall	Archie. "
11		23/8/97	Saml. Dunn.	Will. "
12		23/8/97	Esther Evans	Will. "
13		23/8/97	Pearl Paterson	Will. "
14		24/8/97	Frederick Dunn	Will. "
15		31/8/97	Ernest George Fook.	Thomas "
16		6/9/97	Robert Clinch	George "
17		12/10/97	Annie Taylor	Alfred "
18		12/10/97	Mary Taylor	Alfred "
19		12/10/97	Joseph Troughear	Robt. "
20		12/10/97	William Evans	Will. S. "
21		12/10/97	Blanche Troughear	Robt. "
22		12/10/97	Horrie Skellern	George "
23		12/10/97	John Thomas Troughear	Robt. "
24		12/10/97	Harry Skellern	George "
25		12/10/97	Arthur Skellern	George "
26		12/10/97	Violet Johnson	James "
27		12/10/97	William Troughear	Robt. "
28		12/10/97	Matthew Russell	James ? Mrs. "
29		12/10/97	Mary Johnson	James "
30		12/10/97	Margaret Wellman	James Will. "
31		18/10/97	Robina Russell	James ? Mrs. "
32		1/11/97	Lily Johnson	James "
33		15/11/97	Dunn Hannah	Will. "
34		7/2/98	Kirkwood Ellen	Matthews "
35		5/2/98	Joseph Alex Mc Glynn	Arthur. "

The 1897-1937 Register of Admission, Progress and Withdrawal  
listing the first pupils to enroll in the new school.



**1898**

*Enrolments*

Jul-10 1898 S1 **FOOTE** Ernest George  
May-11 1898 S1 **GRUNDY** Martha  
Feb-07 1898 S3 **KIRKWOOD** Ellen  
Jun-16 1898 S1 **LANDON** Mabel  
Feb-08 1898 P **McGLYNN** Joseph Alex  
Jul-26 1898 S2 **McINTOSH** Alex  
Jul-26 1898 F1 **McINTOSH** Richard  
Feb-21 1898 S1 **PAICE** Ernest  
May-23 1898 S4 **PEARSE** Jane  
Aug-01 1898 F2 **RAYNES** Alice

Teacher:

Maurice

**1899**

*Enrolments*

Apr-11 1899 S1 **ALLEN** Lawrence  
May-23 1899 P **DUNN** Charles  
May-22 1899 S3 **DUNN** Edward  
Jul-11 1899 P **HOLLAND** Thomas  
Aug-03 1899 S2 **JOHNSON** Ruby  
Apr-13 1899 P **MASSEY** Fanny  
Nov-22 1899 P **McGLYNN** Nellie  
Feb-07 1899 S1 **NEIL** Fanny  
Feb-07 1899 F1 **NEIL** Hazel  
Feb-09 1899 P **PAICE** Martha  
May-23 1899 S1 **RALPH** Lewis  
May-23 1899 S3 **RALPH** Thomas Joseph  
Aug-08 1899 S3 **SOPPETT** Louisa  
Dec-14 1899 S2 **SOPPETT** Madge  
Mar-20 1899 S1 **WIGHT** Maial Dundas

Teacher: Maurice Priestley



**1900**

*Enrolments*

Jun-12 1900 S3 **FLEMING** David  
Jul-09 1900 P **FLEMING** John Aird  
Jun-18 1900 S2 **FLEMING** Robert Smith Aird  
Jun-19 1900 F2 **FLEMING** Sarah Robertson  
Oct-09 1900 S2 **GIFFE** David Franklyn  
Mar-05 1900 F2 **GRIMBLE** Mary Elizabeth Ann  
Dec-03 1900 P **GRUNDY** Hilda  
Apr-30 1900 S2 **JOHNSON** Mark Hubert  
Jul-23 1900 S3 **RUSTON** Bertie  
Jul-23 1900 S3 **RUSTON** David  
Jul-23 1900 S3 **RUSTON** Margaret  
Jul-23 1900 S2 **RUSTON** Walter Edward  
Jul-03 1900 P **SOPPETT** Keith  
Oct-10 1900 S3 **SOPPETT** Madge  
May-14 1900 P **TROUGHEAR** Albert

Teacher: Maurice Priestley



**1899**

**Standing:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, (4) \_\_\_\_\_, (5) \_\_\_\_\_, (6) \_\_\_\_\_,  
(7) \_\_\_\_\_, (8) \_\_\_\_\_, (9) \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Seated:** (10) \_\_\_\_\_, (11) \_\_\_\_\_, (12) \_\_\_\_\_, (13) \_\_\_\_\_, (14) \_\_\_\_\_, (15) \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Front:** (16) \_\_\_\_\_, (17) \_\_\_\_\_, (18) \_\_\_\_\_, (19) \_\_\_\_\_, (20) \_\_\_\_\_.





**1900**

Rear: (1)\_\_\_\_\_, (2)\_\_\_\_\_, (3)\_\_\_\_\_, (4)\_\_\_\_\_, (5)\_\_\_\_\_, (6)\_\_\_\_\_, (7)\_\_\_\_\_.  
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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_, (15)\_\_\_\_\_.

**1901**

*Enrolments*

Nov-04 1901 F2 **AWA** Kupa  
 May-13 1901 S2 **BARRETT** Ethel  
 May-13 1901 S3 **BARRETT** George  
 May-13 1901 S4 **BARRETT** Harold  
 May-14 1901 S2 **BARRETT** Wilson  
 May-06 1901 P **CALEB** Gehi  
 May-06 1901 S2 **CALEB** Wiri  
 Sep-21 1901 P **DUNN** Rosie  
 Sep-21 1901 P **HOLLAND** Virginia  
 Apr-29 1901 F2 **KARENA** Ken  
 Apr-29 1901 P **KOHI** Wati  
 Feb-05 1901 P **MOFFATT** Marjory  
 Feb-18 1901 S2 **PAICE** Dolly (Martha)  
 Feb-18 1901 S4 **PAICE** Ernest  
 Aug-21 1901 P **PATERSON** Alan  
 May-16 1901 S1 **SHEARER** John Ora  
 Jul-30 1901 F2 **VALENTINE** Will George

Teacher: Maurice Priestley

**1902**

*Enrolments*

1902 Apr-07 S3 **McGLYNN** Joseph  
 1902 Dec-02 P **McGLYNN** Margaret  
 1902 Apr-09 S2 **McGLYNN** Nellie  
 1902 Aug-28 S5 **MURPHY** Sydney  
 1902 Aug-25 S1 **MYLES** Frederick  
 1902 Mar-03 S1 **PAICE** Edith  
 1902 Oct-20 P **PAICE** Edith  
 1902 Oct-13 P **PAICE** Elizabeth  
 1902 Aug-25 F2 **PAICE** Ernest  
 1902 Mar-03 F1 **PAICE** Ernest  
 1902 Mar-03 S1 **PAICE** Martha  
 1902 Oct-13 S1 **PAICE** Martha

Teachers: Maurice Priestley & Miss Brown

## 1903

### Enrolments

May-11 1903	S2	<b>DUNN</b> Charles
Oct-13 1903	P	<b>DUNN</b> John Lawrence
Apr-20 1903	S1	<b>GREEN</b> Beatrice
Apr-20 1903	S4	<b>GREEN</b> Elsie
Jul-29 1903	P	<b>HOLLAND</b> Janet
Feb-23 1903	S4	<b>McCAIG</b> Catherine
Feb-03 1903	S4	<b>NEIL</b> Hazel
May-19 1903	P	<b>OUTRAM</b> Jessie
Jul-08 1903	S3	<b>PAICE</b> Ernest
Mar-24 1903	F1	<b>PHILLIPS</b> Marion
Nov-02 1903	S2	<b>RALPH</b> James
Nov-02 1903	F2	<b>RALPH</b> Lewis
Dec-23 1903	P	<b>RALPH</b> Sarah
Nov-02 1903	S3	<b>REDSHAW</b> Amelia
Oct-05 1903	S1	<b>REDSHAW</b> Linda
Oct-19 1903	S2	<b>REDSHAW</b> William
Dec-08 1903	P	<b>STRUDDERS</b> Christina
Dec-08 1903	P	<b>STRUDDERS</b> Mary

Teacher: Miss Brown

## 1904

### Enrolments

Oct-17 1904	P	<b>DUNN</b> Mercy May
May-10 1904	F1	<b>HUGHES</b> Arthur Thompson
May-10 1904	P	<b>HUGHES</b> Ernest
Nov-14 1904	P	<b>JOHNSON</b> James
Apr-14 1904	S1	<b>JOHNSTON</b> John
Apr-14 1904	S1	<b>JOHNSTON</b> Marguerita
Apr-14 1904	P	<b>JOHNSTON</b> William
Mar-18 1904	S1	<b>JOHNSTON</b> John
Mar-18 1904	S1	<b>JOHNSTON</b> Marguerita
Mar-18 1904	P	<b>JOHNSTON</b> William
Oct-18 1904	S2	<b>O'CONNOR</b> Michael
May-02 1904	S1	<b>PAICE</b> Edith
May-04 1904	S1	<b>PAICE</b> Elizabeth
May-02 1904	S3	<b>PAICE</b> Ernest
May-02 1904	S2	<b>PAICE</b> Martha
Feb-02 1904	P	<b>PATERSON</b> May
Feb-22 1904	P	<b>RALPH</b> Sarah
Feb-02 1904	P	<b>REDSHAW</b> Mabel
Apr-25 1904	S2	<b>ROGERS</b> Albert Bishop
Apr-19 1904	S4	<b>TRIMBLE</b> Maud

Teacher: Miss Brown

## 1905

### Enrolments

1905	Jul-24	S3	<b>CHERRIE</b> Caroline
1905	May-29	P	<b>CHERRY</b> Albert
1905	Feb-01	S4	<b>FLEMING</b> John
1905	Feb-01	F2	<b>FLEMING</b> Robert
1905	May-29	P	<b>HOLLAND</b> John
1905	Sep-05	P	<b>McGLYNN</b> Hazel
1905	Dec-03	S4	<b>MYLES</b> Frederick
1905	Aug-21	P	<b>PATERSON</b> James
1905	Aug-28	S1	<b>PERRY</b> Kathleen
1905	Nov-28	P	<b>RALPH</b> Julian
1905	Mar-06	P	<b>REDSHAW</b> Charles J
1905	Feb-01	P	<b>REDSHAW</b> Charles Jack
1905	Apr-01	S3	<b>WILLIAMS</b> Dulcie
1905	Apr-01	S2	<b>WILLIAMS</b> Vera
1905	Feb-27	P	<b>WILSON</b> Ruth

Teacher: Miss Brown

## 1906

### Enrolments

May-09 1906	P	<b>DUNN</b> Willie Neil
Feb-05 1906	P	<b>EVANS</b> Albert Joseph
Nov-26 1906	F2	<b>HUGHES</b> Arthur
Apr-06 1906	P	<b>HUGHES</b> William
Oct-15 1906	P	<b>JOHNSTON</b> Eric Norman
Apr-25 1906	P	<b>JOHNSTON</b> Myra
Sep-01 1906	P	<b>JONES</b> Alfred
Dec-10 1906	S3	<b>KORANA (MAIPI)</b> Kore
Nov-26 1906	S2	<b>MILLS</b> Balfour
Nov-26 1906	F2	<b>MILLS</b> Selina
Apr-06 1906	P	<b>PERRY</b> Henry
Oct-16 1906	F1	<b>RALPH</b> James
Oct-16 1906	P	<b>RALPH</b> Julian
Feb-05 1906	S2	<b>RALPH</b> Sarah
Nov-30 1906	P	<b>RUSSELL</b> Vera
Feb-06 1906	P	<b>RYE</b> Mary
Oct-15 1906	P	<b>TRIMBLE</b> Margaret

Teacher: Miss Brown

## 1907

### Enrolments

Jul-17 1907	S4	<b>DEVINE</b> Annie
Jul-17 1907	S1	<b>DEVINE</b> Margaret
Aug-12 1907	P	<b>DUNN</b> Harold
Nov-18 1907	P	<b>EVANS</b> Albert Joseph
Oct-22 1907	P	<b>HANKEY</b> Edith
Nov-29 1907	P	<b>HANKEY</b> Eileen
Oct-22 1907	P	<b>HANKEY</b> Eileen
Mar-15 1907	S1	<b>HEENAN</b> Eva
Jul-31 1907	P	<b>HOLLAND</b> David
Jul-24 1907	P	<b>HOLTON</b> Edward Robert
Jul-24 1907	P	<b>HOLTON</b> Mary Catherine
Mar-15 1907	P	<b>JOHNSTON</b> Ernest
Oct-31 1907	P	<b>JOHNSTON</b> Merton Joseph Arthur
Mar-15 1907	S3	<b>JONES</b> Annie
Mar-15 1907	P	<b>JONES</b> Fred
Mar-15 1907	P	<b>JONES</b> Harry
Jul-09 1907	S1	<b>LEE</b> Henry
Jul-04 1907	S3	<b>LEE</b> Robert
Jul-19 1907	S4	<b>LEE</b> Ruth
Jul-19 1907	S1	<b>LEE</b> Selina
Nov-11 1907	P	<b>PATERSON</b> Bertram Sidney
Jun-04 1907	P	<b>PERRY</b> Marguerita
Aug-14 1907	P	<b>REDSHAW</b> Rupert
Nov-26 1907	P	<b>RUSSELL</b> Reginald
Dec-02 1907	P	<b>RUSSELL</b> Vera
Oct-11 1907	P	<b>RUSSELL</b> Vera
Feb-26 1907	P	<b>RYE</b> Mary
Jul-29 1907	P	<b>SEDDON</b> James
May-27 1907	P	<b>SEDDON</b> John
Feb-18 1907	F2	<b>TE WETE</b> Wai
Aug-19 1907	P	<b>TRIMBLE</b> Margaret

Teacher: Miss Brown



**Five of the early Head Teachers of Kimihia School**  
**Standing:** Miss Davy, Mrs McIntosh.  
**Seated:** Maurice Priestley, Miss Brown, Maurice O'Brien.

**1908**

*Enrolments*

Nov-03 1908 F1 **ALLEN** Herbert  
 Sep-03 1908 F2 **ALLEN** William  
 Jun-15 1908 S4 **DUNSMUIR** Elizabeth  
 Aug-24 1908 P **DUNSMUIR** Mary Margaret  
 Jun-15 1908 S1 **DUNSMUIR** Robert  
 Feb-05 1908 P **HAYWOOD** Horace  
 Aug-31 1908 S3 **HERON** Alice  
 Sep-01 1908 S3 **HERON** Edward Briton  
 Jul-20 1908 S4 **HIKU** Waha  
 May-05 1908 P **JOHNSTON** Mona Pauline  
 Sep-24 1908 P **JOHNSTON** Mona Pauline  
 Jul-20 1908 P **JONES** John  
 Jul-13 1908 F1 **KORANA (MAIPI)** Kore  
 Oct-12 1908 P **KORANA (MAIPI)** Pahu  
 Dec-09 1908 S1 **KURI** Charles  
 Jun-15 1908 P **KURI** Charles  
 Feb-24 1908 F1 **PERRETT** Edwin  
 Feb-24 1908 S2 **PERRETT** Roy  
 Feb-24 1908 F2 **PERRETT** Ruby  
 Jun-15 1908 P **ROWE** Beatrice May  
 Feb-03 1908 P **RUSSELL** Reginald  
 Oct-21 1908 S2 **RUSSELL** Vera  
 Aug-24 1908 P **RYE** Mary  
 Jul-08 1908 S1 **TICK** Emily  
 Jun-08 1908 F1 **WATI** Henry  
 Jul-06 1908 S3 **WATI** Paki

Teacher: Miss Brown

**1909**

*Enrolments*

Jul-06 1909 S3 **COLE** Norman  
 Jul-19 1909 P **COLE** William Leonard Christopher  
 Mar-01 1909 S1 **CONN** Robert  
 Aug-25 1909 S4 **DUNSMUIR** Elizabeth  
 Aug-25 1909 S1 **DUNSMUIR** Margaret  
 Aug-25 1909 S2 **DUNSMUIR** Robert  
 Feb-01 1909 F2 **FLEMING** John Aird  
 Sep-03 1909 S1 **HANKEY** Edith  
 Sep-03 1909 P **HANKEY** Eileen  
 Sep-08 1909 P **HOLLAND** Arthur  
 Feb-01 1909 S4 **HUGHES** Ernest  
 Feb-01 1909 P **HUGHES** Evelyn  
 Jul-06 1909 P **HUGHES** Minnie  
 Feb-01 1909 S2 **HUGHES** William  
 Jul-19 1909 S1 **JOHNSTON** Mona Pauline  
 Nov-01 1909 S3 **KURI** Charles  
 Jun-06 1909 P **LANCASTER** Henry Ernest James  
 Jul-06 1909 S2 **RALPH** James  
 Jul-06 1909 S3 **RALPH** Julian  
 Mar-10 1909 S3 **REDSHAW** Linda  
 Apr-19 1909 P **ROBB** Caldwell  
 Apr-19 1909 P **ROBB** Hugh  
 Apr-19 1909 S2 **ROBB** William  
 Apr-20 1909 S1 **RUSSELL** Reginald  
 Jun-06 1909 S2 **RUSSELL** Vera  
 Nov-01 1909 S2 **RUSSELL** Vera

Teacher: Miss Brown



# 1910

## Enrolments

Aug-08 1910	S1	<b>FELL</b> Irene Annie
Aug-08 1910	P	<b>FELL</b> Walter Francis
Oct-10 1910	P	<b>HAMILTON</b> Rebecca Florence
Oct-17 1910	P	<b>HAMILTON</b> Robert Leslie
Oct-11 1910	P	<b>JOHNSTON</b> Frederick James
Jun-13 1910	S3	<b>JOHNSTON</b> Mary May
Jul-18 1910	P	<b>JONES</b> Alice
Feb-07 1910	S4	<b>KURI</b> Charles
Oct-10 1910	P	<b>LANCASTER</b> Violet Louie
Feb-02 1910	P	<b>ROWE</b> Edward
Feb-01 1910	S3	<b>TRIMBLE</b> Margaret
Apr-18 1910	F2	<b>WILLIAMS</b> Dulcie
Aug-08 1910	F1	<b>WILSON</b> Sarah

Teacher: Miss Brown

# 1911

## Enrolments

Apr-24 1911	S3	<b>BALL</b> Elsie
Nov-14 1911	P	<b>BALL</b> Lewis
Oct-17 1911	P	<b>CONN</b> Agnes Ellen
Mar-07 1911	S4	<b>CURLEY</b> Eva
Mar-07 1911	F2	<b>CURLEY</b> Nicholas Neal
Dec-11 1911	F1	<b>GRUNDY</b> Leonard
Oct-25 1911	P	<b>GRUNDY</b> Reginald
Apr-24 1911	S3	<b>HARRIS</b> Horace
Apr-24 1911	S2	<b>HARRIS</b> Ivy
Apr-24 1911	S1	<b>HARRIS</b> Vernon
Aug-01 1911	P	<b>HOLLAND</b> Alfred
May-01 1911	P	<b>HUGHES</b> May
May-15 1911	S4	<b>JOHNSTON</b> May
Nov-14 1911	P	<b>JONES</b> Mary
Aug-28 1911	P	<b>MARSHALL</b> Edward Ryan
Jul-17 1911	S4	<b>MARSHALL</b> Elizabeth
Aug-28 1911	F2	<b>MARSHALL</b> Robert Arthur
Feb-18 1911	F1	<b>RALPH</b> Julian
Jun-19 1911	F1	<b>RALPH</b> Julian
Mar-06 1911	P	<b>REA</b> Alexander
Mar-06 1911	S2	<b>REA</b> Mary
Mar-06 1911	P	<b>REA</b> Sarah
May-15 1911	S3	<b>ROWE</b> Beatrice

Teacher: Miss Brown

By 1911 there were three settlements in the district, at Huntly Central & West, Kimihia in the east and Pukemiro. The population stood at 1319 people of whom half worked in the mines.

Mrs Janet Rogers can remember her childhood at this time. Her father J.T. Holland came to Huntly from Lancashire around 1890, when he was only twenty one. He married Janet Neil whose family owned a farm later to be better known as Russell's.

Mrs Rogers, who was born in 1898, can remember her mother carrying milk to cottages in their village. They lived at Kimihia where their father worked in the Holland Mine, an extension of the Taupiri Reserve. Nine children were born to the family. "Dad used to ride into Huntly to get the midwife, Mrs Jakeman" - a woman who could neither read nor write and was later taught by her son - "and she would quickly jump up behind."

When she became a young woman, Janet proved a tireless worker for the St John Ambulance. She rode far and wide around Kimihia on her horse recruiting members. Most of the community joined. Her efforts, along with others, resulted in the establishment of the St Johns Ambulance Hall in Hakanoa Street.

Before the Neil's sold out and moved to Tauwhare Mrs Holland would put the younger children in a trolley and push it with a stick all the way along the railway line, to her parents' place. There the children were free to gather fruit from the orchard. Soon their own fruit trees would grow, as Mr Holland, like most of the other miners, worked in the mine during the winter and planted crops in the spring and summer.

When World War 1 broke out Tom Leather was conscripted, which left his father and sisters to carry on looking after the farm. Mrs O'Brien (his daughter) at 14 learned to hay-make until the early hours of the morning and to drive a team of six horses. At night the girls had to collect turnips and cut them up to feed the cows.

*"I even learned how to thatch the haystacks and of course we had to milk the cows by hand."*



The Perry Cottage, on the lake front, was used for a variety of social events, including this Sunday gathering.

To this scene came early in the century, like so many others a young man named Robert Jenkins. He and his brother-in-law visited New Zealand with all their worldly goods in an old tin trunk. After a brief return to England where he married, Albert returned and came to live in Huntly. At first he and his wife lived at the back of their fruit shop, later to become the premises of the Huntly Press. They later moved to Kimihia. Between 1910 and 1923 five children were born to them.

An old farmhouse was being used in the 1880's -1890's as a store-room and had a large passage with forms. It was used as a Church by the Church of England and was supposed to have seen the first services held in the Huntly district. Later it was used by the occupants as a Sunday School with Mrs Harrison, the occupant, conducting the classes. Mr and Mrs Harrison's son, Charles, later became curate of Huntly.

Mrs Harrison was said to have objected to the toilet facilities at the house and insisted on a trellis and tea-tree as screens. One mission crowd appeared to outstay their welcome so boys started some buck-jumping shows outside the windows. One boy threw a cat through the window and onto the mission lady's back!

After this, when the school was built, Sunday School was held in the new Kimihia School.

The Sunday School teacher who succeeded Mrs Harrison was victimised by the boys who put her horse on one side of the fence and the gig on the other and hitched them up.

## 1912

### Enrolments

Apr-15 1912 S1 **DUNSMUIR** David  
 Apr-15 1912 S4 **DUNSMUIR** Margaret  
 Feb-05 1912 F2 **GRUNDY** Eva  
 Aug-12 1912 S1 **JOHNSON** Ivor Louis  
 Aug-12 1912 P **JOHNSON** Lillian Myrtle  
 Nov-19 1912 P **KERR** Barbara  
 Dec-03 1912 P **LINDSAY** George  
 Feb-05 1912 S2 **LINDSAY** Martha  
 Nov-14 1912 S4 **STURT** Amelia  
 Nov-14 1912 S3 **STURT** Esther  
 Nov-14 1912 P **STURT** William Arthur  
 Jul-16 1912 S4 **THOMPSON** Florence Eugene  
 Jul-16 1912 F1 **THOMPSON** Rachel  
 Jul-16 1912 P **THOMPSON** Samuel Shipton  
 Nov-18 1912 P **WILSON** Harry

Teacher: Miss Brown

## 1913

### Enrolments

Jul-22 1913 S1 **BENTSON** Ida  
 Jul-30 1913 P **BOYD** Margaret  
 Jul-10 1913 P **CONN** Richard  
 Nov-24 1913 S3 **EXLER** Elsie  
 Jun-17 1913 F2 **FLEMING** Raymond  
 Oct-15 1913 P **KILBURN** Charles Frederick  
 Jun-23 1913 F2 **MILNE** Alexander Edward  
 Jun-16 1913 S1 **NASH** James  
 Jun-16 1913 P **NASH** Ruby  
 Jun-16 1913 S2 **NASH** Thomas  
 Feb-10 1913 P **PERRY** Maud  
 Feb-04 1913 F2 **RALPH** Julian

Teacher: Miss Brown

## 1914

### Enrolments

Oct-06 1914 P **CRAW** Robert  
 Feb-03 1914 F2 **HANKE** Eileen  
 Feb-16 1914 P **HILMAN** Doris  
 Feb-02 1914 P **HOLLAND** Elda  
 Nov-02 1914 P **HUGHES** Edward  
 Nov-02 1914 F1 **HUGHES** Evelyn  
 Nov-02 1914 S2 **HUGHES** May  
 Nov-02 1914 S4 **HUGHES** Minnie  
 Aug-21 1914 F2 **HUGHES** William  
 Feb-02 1914 P **INGLIS** Elizabeth Rankin  
 Feb-02 1914 P **INGLIS** Isabella Shanks  
 Feb-02 1914 P **JONES** Maggie  
 Feb-02 1914 P **KERR** William  
 Jun-15 1914 S3 **KILBURN** Cora Gladys  
 Jun-15 1914 F1 **KILBURN** Ivy  
 Oct-05 1914 P **LANCASTER** Ida  
 Aug-31 1914 S4 **McCALLION** George Alfred  
 Jun-15 1914 S1 **NASH** James  
 Jun-15 1914 S2 **NASH** Ruby  
 Jun-15 1914 S3 **NASH** Thomas  
 Feb-16 1914 S1 **SLEE** Clarence  
 Mar-09 1914 P **THOMPSON** Watson  
 May-04 1914 S1 **WILSON** Jessie  
 Apr-27 1914 S4 **WILSON** William  
 Aug-31 1914 P **YATES** Tom

Teacher: Miss Brown

## 1915

### Enrolments

Nov-08 1915 S4 **DUNSMUIR** David  
 Nov-08 1915 S3 **DUNSMUIR** James  
 Jun-07 1915 P **HARGREAVES** Lillian Caroline  
 Sep-09 1915 P **HOLLAND** Ben  
 Apr-28 1915 F2 **HOLLAND** George  
 May-03 1915 P **INGLIS** Agnes Anderson  
 May-25 1915 P **JENKINS** Harold  
 Feb-15 1915 P **JOHNSON** Gilbert  
 Jul-19 1915 P **JOHNSON** Gladys  
 Feb-22 1915 S4 **JOHNSON** Ivor Louis  
 Jun-21 1915 P **KERRY** Vera  
 Mar-15 1915 P **NEIL** Hazel  
 Dec-15 1915 P **PERRY** Richard  
 Jul-16 1915 F2 **THOMPSON** Florence Eugene  
 Feb-01 1915 F2 **THOMPSON** Rachel  
 Jul-16 1915 S3 **THOMPSON** Samuel Shipton  
 Feb-23 1915 P **THOMPSON** Watson  
 Apr-19 1915 P **WILLIAMS** Mary

Teacher: Miss Brown

"In the Primer classes too much time is devoted to Arithmetic and too little to Handiwork. Schemes are not complete. The school is conducted with earnestness but considerable thought must be devoted to raising the general level of the work. In Nature Drawing too little seems to be taken, and a sufficiently high level is not reached.

In Reading something more than fluency must be aimed at; due attention must be given to expression. In Composition, the work is of a somewhat haphazard nature; the pupils should not be expected to write on any subject unless, and until, they have the details clearly before them.

The presence of an Assistant should materially raise the level of the work. Discipline is good as is manners and behaviour. The premises are very clean and neat.”

*Jas W McIlraith, Litt.D. - Inspector  
March 22nd, 1915*

“Class grouping are quite satisfactory. The pupils are making satisfactory progress in the majority of the subjects taught. Reading needs careful teaching to improve the phrasing and expression.”

*Francis H Brown - Acting Inspector  
November 19th 1915*

**1916**

#### Enrolments

Mar-15 1916 S1 **BRATHWAITE** Isabelle  
Sep-06 1916 P **CRAW** Margaret  
Nov-23 1916 P **GLEGHORN** Maryanne  
Feb-01 1916 P **HILLMAN** Beresford  
Mar-07 1916 P **INGLIS** William Carrick  
Feb-07 1916 P **KILBURN** John Oswald  
Feb-01 1916 P **LIDDELL** Louisa  
May-03 1916 P **THOMPSON** Jemima  
Jul-17 1916 P **WRIGHT** Gordon

Teacher: Miss Brown

“Higher standard of work is apparent, drawing improved.”

*James W McIlraith, 25 July 1916*

**1917**

#### Enrolments

Feb-12 1917 P **CHARD** Beatrix  
Sep-04 1917 P **CRAW** Bella  
Feb-12 1917 S2 **CRAW** Robert  
Oct-01 1917 P **DONALD** Duncan  
May-01 1917 P **GLEGHORN** Nellie  
Feb-05 1917 P **HUTCHISON** William  
Sep-18 1917 P **JACKSON** Roma  
Sep-10 1917 S1 **JENKINS** Harold  
Feb-05 1917 P **JOHNSON** Raymond  
Mar-12 1917 P **KERRY** Irene  
Feb-12 1917 P **MITCHELL** Annie  
Sep-03 1917 S1 **ROSSER** Flora Olwyn  
Sep-03 1917 P **ROSSER** Thomas Leonard  
Oct-01 1917 S1 **YATES** Ada  
Feb-06 1917 P **YATES** Elsie  
Oct-01 1917 S3 **YATES** Ethel  
Oct-03 1917 S2 **YATES** Herbert  
Oct-01 1917 S2 **YATES** Lena  
Feb-06 1917 F1 **YATES** Norman  
Feb-06 1917 P **YATES** Ronald  
Feb-06 1917 S3 **YATES** William

Teacher: Miss Brown

“Miss Browne teaches with vigour and succeeds in keeping all at work. The Chairman of the Committee deserves credit for the interest he takes in the school, carrying out minor repairs without troubling the Board.”

*M McLeod, 3 August 1917*

**1918**

#### Enrolments

Oct-15 1918 P **BEADSMORE** Gladys May  
Jul-08 1918 S2 **CURRAN** Heba Clarice  
Jul-08 1918 S3 **CURRAN** Lucy Enid  
Jul-08 1918 S3 **CURRAN** Ruth Helen  
Mar-03 1918 S2 **FEATHERSTONE** Hannah  
Feb-27 1918 P **FEATHERSTONE** John  
Feb-27 1918 S2 **FEATHERSTONE** Maggie  
Feb-12 1918 F2 **GLEGHORN** Mary  
Apr-08 1918 S3 **HAMMENS** Elsie  
Apr-08 1918 S1 **HAMMENS** George  
Feb-17 1918 S1 **HUTCHINSON** William  
Apr-09 1918 P **JACKSON** Roma  
Sep-07 1918 P **JENKINS** Mag'  
Oct-15 1918 P **LIDDLE** Sarah  
Mar-18 1918 S1 **MELROSE** Avis  
Feb-05 1918 S2 **MOLONEY** Ida Agnes  
Feb-05 1918 P **MOLONEY** Mary  
Sep-07 1918 P **PERRY** Grace  
Feb-04 1918 S5 **WRIGHT** Gordon  
Feb-04 1918 S5 **WRIGHT** Harold

Teachers: Miss Brown, then Mr Guest,  
then Miss Phair.

“The quality of work . . . should be improved; for though no subject has been neglected there is none of outstanding merit. Very good order is kept and the children are well behaved.”

*M McLeod, 20 March & 27 August 1918*

#### Rules For Female Teachers

( United States of America, 1915 )

1. You will not marry during the term of your contract.
2. You are not to keep company with men.
3. You must be home between the hours of 8pm and 6am unless attending a school function.
4. You may not loiter downtown in ice cream stores.
5. You may not travel beyond the city limits without the permission of the chairman of the board.
6. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
7. You may not smoke cigarettes.
8. You may not dress in bright colours.
9. You may, under no circumstances, dye your hair.
10. You must wear at least two petticoats.
11. Your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.
12. To keep the school room clean you must:
  - (a) Sweep the floor at least once daily.
  - (b) Scrub the floor with hot soapy water at least once a week.
  - (c) Clean the blackboard at least once a day.
  - (d) Start the fire at 7am so that the room is warm when classes commence.





**1920—Mr Moxsom [Teacher]**

**Rear:** (1) Maud Perry, (2) Sissy Lancaster, (3) Louise Liddle, (4) Ruby Wilson, (5) Olwen Rosser.  
**Row 3:** (6) Grace Perry, (7) Bella Craw, (8) Margaret Craw, (9) Gladys Beadsmore,  
**Row 2:** (10) Dick Perry, (11) Roma Jackson, (12) Ida Lancaster, (13) Sarah Beadle,  
 (14) Bertha Wilson, (15) Vera Kerry, (16) Irene Kerry, (17) Bill Yates.  
**Seated:** (18) Hector Waugh, (19) Esmond Brown, (20) Teddy Kerry, (21) Bob Craw,  
 (22) Sammy Beadsmore, (23) Tom Yates, (24) Len Rosser, (25) Ron Yates.

*In preparing for the photograph the boys collected and arranged the greenery while the girls wove the daisy chains on display against the shelter-shed wall.*

**1919**

*Enrolments*

Mar-03 1919 P2 **JACKSON** Roma  
 Feb-05 1919 P **KERRY** Edward  
 Feb-11 1919 S5 **ROWE** Joseph  
 Sep-17 1919 P1 **WAUGH** Hector  
 May-06 1919 P1 **WAUGH** William Walton

Teacher: Mr W Moxsom

**1920**

*Enrolments*

Jul-03 1920 P **BEADSMORE** Samuel  
 Aug-03 1920 P **BROWN** Esmond  
 Jun-21 1920 P2 **WILSON** Bertha  
 Jun-21 1920 S1 **WILSON** Ruby  
 Jun-21 1920 S4 **WILSON** Walter  
 Feb-01 1920 P **BEADLE** George

Teacher: Mr W Moxsom

“Standards 2 to 6 had made very fair progress, reading, recitation and spelling being good and the other work generally satisfactory. The ‘primer’ classes, however, were backward in reading and number work.”

*M McLeod, 22 June 1920*

**1921**

*Enrolments*

Nov-15 1921 S1 **ALBRIGHTON** Joyce  
 Nov-15 1921 S3 **ALBRIGHTON** Ursula  
 Feb-01 1921 P **GLEGHORN** Maggie  
 Jul-11 1921 S1 **GLEGHORN** Mary  
 Sep-21 1921 P **HARTIS** Grace  
 Mar-25 1921 P **McGLYNN** Eileen  
 Feb-01 1921 P **PERRY** Sidney  
 Feb-13 1921 P **PORTEOUS** Jessie  
 Jul-04 1921 S5 **PORTEOUS** Mary  
 Feb-01 1921 P **ROSSER** Melva  
 Feb-01 1921 P **VALENTINE** May  
 Jul-01 1921 S3 **WESLEY** Emily  
 Jul-11 1921 S1 **WESLEY** Robert

Teacher: Mr W Moxsom

“The pupils display a good working spirit, but the order is too loose.”

*G H Plummer, 17 November, 1921*

# 1922

## Enrolments

Feb-21 1922 P **BEADSMORE** Elsie  
Feb-01 1922 P **BROWN** Raymond  
Feb-01 1922 P **CHISHOLM** Harold  
Feb-01 1922 S2 **GLEGHORN** Nellie  
Oct-24 1922 P **GREEN** Leslie  
Oct-24 1922 P **PERRY** Clarice  
Feb-21 1922 P **PORTEOUS** Daisy  
Oct-24 1922 P **REECE** Evan  
Feb-01 1922 P **ROSSER** Evan  
Oct-24 1922 P **SLEE** Leslie J  
Feb-01 1922 S3 **WRIGHT** Frederick

## 1922 Class Members

Primer	<b>CHISHOLM</b> Harold
Primer	<b>GLEGHORN</b> Maggie
Primer	<b>PERRY</b> Samuel
Primer	<b>ROSSER</b> Evan
Primer 1	<b>BEARDMORE</b> Elsie
Primer 1	<b>BROWN</b> Ray
Primer 1	<b>HARTIS</b> Grace
Primer 1	<b>PERRY</b> Clarice
Primer 1	<b>PORTEOUS</b> Daisy
Primer 1	<b>REECE</b> Evan
Primer 1	<b>SLEE</b> Joseph (Leslie)
Primer 2	<b>ROSSER</b> Melva
Primer 2	<b>VALENTINE</b> May
Primer 3	<b>McGLYNN</b> Eileen
Primer 3	<b>PORTEOUS</b> Jessie
Std 1	<b>ALBRIGHTON</b> Joyce
Std 1	<b>BEARDMORE</b> Sam
Std 2	<b>BEARDMORE</b> Gladys
Std 2	<b>BROWN</b> Esmond
Std 3	<b>PERRY</b> Grace
Std 3	<b>WAUGH</b> Hector
Std 4	<b>CLEGHORN</b> Nellie
Std 4	<b>CRAW</b> Bella
Std 4	<b>CRAW</b> Margaret
Std 4	<b>PERRY</b> Richard
Std 4	<b>ROSSER</b> Len
Std 4	<b>YATES</b> Elsie
Std 4	<b>YATES</b> Ronald
Std 5	<b>ALBRIGHTON</b> Ursula
Std 5	<b>CRAW</b> Robert
Std 5	<b>WRIGHT</b> Fred
Std 5	<b>YATES</b> Thomas
Std 6	<b>LANCASTER</b> Ida
Std 6	<b>ROSSER</b> Allwen

Teacher: Mr W Moxsom

"The general efficiency of the school is very fair. The attendance is very good. The building are in good order and improvements are being effected in the grounds."

*G H Plummer, 11 October 1922*

# 1923

## Enrolments

Feb-01 1923 S1 **CHISHOLM** Harold  
Dec-17 1923 P **CRAW** David  
Feb-14 1923 S4 **CROFT** Olive  
Mar-25 1923 S4 **JONES** Edith  
Feb-15 1923 P **REECE** Isabella  
Feb-15 1923 P **WRIGHT** Kathleen  
Feb-01 1923 P **YATES** Richard

## 1923 Class Members

Primer	<b>REECE</b> Bella
Primer 1	<b>BROWN</b> Ray
Primer 1	<b>CRAW</b> David
Primer 1	<b>PERRY</b> Clarice
Primer 1	<b>PORTEOUS</b> Daisy
Primer 1	<b>REECE</b> Evan
Primer 1	<b>SLEE</b> Leslie
Primer 1	<b>WRIGHT</b> Kathleen
Primer 1	<b>YATES</b> Dicky (Richard)
Primer 2	<b>BEARDMORE</b> Elsie
Primer 2	<b>GLEGHORN</b> Elsie
Primer 2	<b>HARTIS</b> Grace
Primer 2	<b>ROSSER</b> Melva
Primer 3	<b>McGLYNN</b> Eileen
Primer 3	<b>PORTEOUS</b> Jessie
Primer 3	<b>VALENTINE</b> May
Std1	<b>CHISHOLM</b> Harold
Std 2	<b>ALBRIGHTON</b> Joyce
Std 2	<b>BEARDMORE</b> Sam
Std 3	<b>BEARDMORE</b> Gladys
Std 3	<b>BROWN</b> Esmond
Std 3	<b>CROFT</b> Olive
Std 3	<b>PERRY</b> Grace
Std 4	<b>CRAW</b> Bella
Std 4	<b>CRAW</b> Margaret
Std 4	<b>GLEGHORN</b> Nellie
Std 4	<b>JONES</b> Edith
Std 4	<b>YATES</b> Ronald
Std 5	<b>CRAW</b> Robert
Std 5	<b>PERRY</b> Richard
Std 5	<b>ROSSER</b> Len
Std 5	<b>ROSSER</b> Olwen
Std 5	<b>WRIGHT</b> Fred
Std 5	<b>YATES</b> Elsie
Std 6	<b>ALBRIGHTON</b> Ursula
Std 6	<b>YATES</b> Thomas

Teachers: Mr W Moxsom then N R Smith

"Order and tone are good, The accommodation is sufficient. The building and grounds are generally in good order, but there are minor repairs such as the mending of broken windows which need attending to." *E W Beaglehole, 26 Oct. 1923*

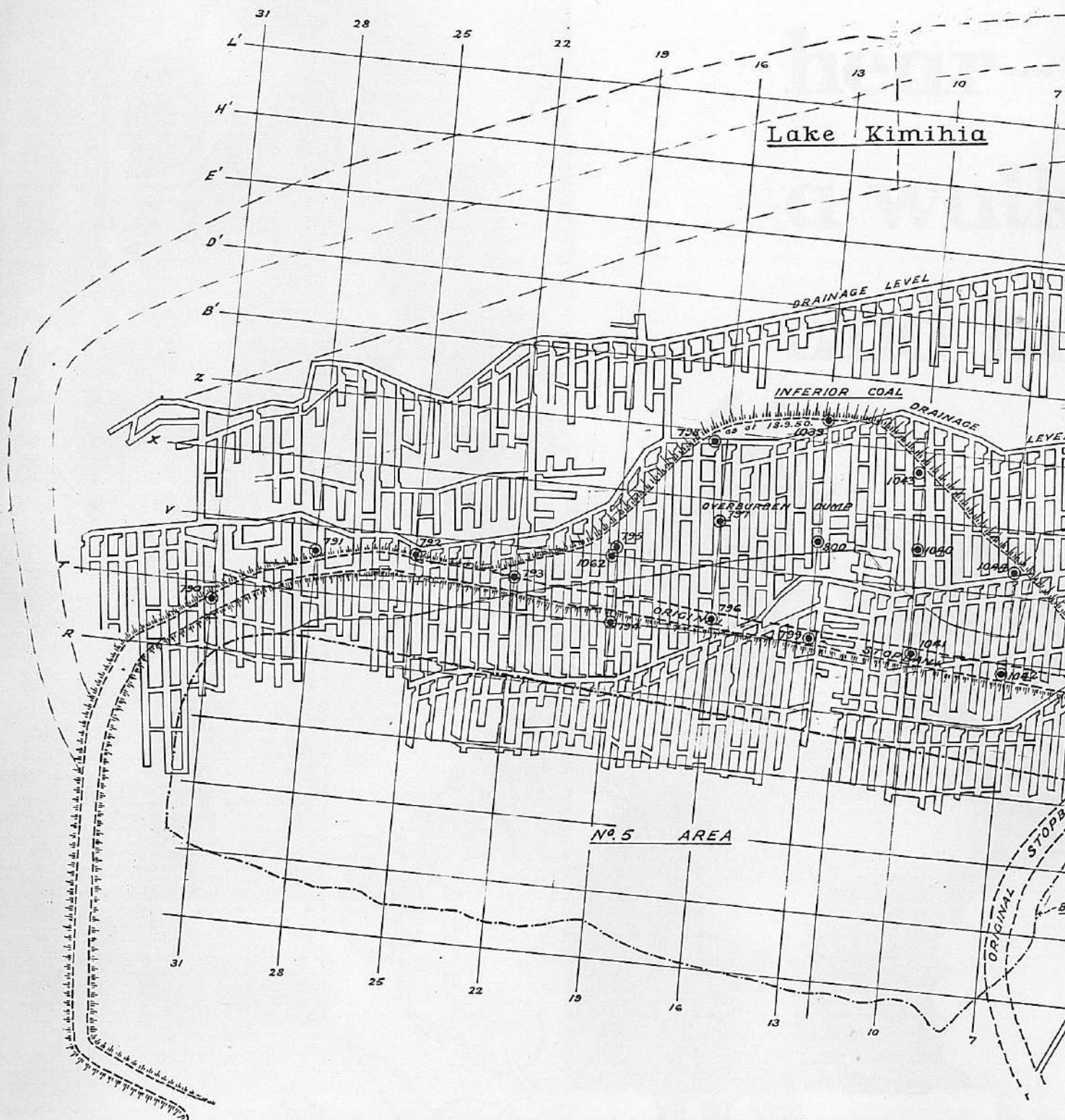
# 1924

## Enrolments

Feb-05 1924 S1 **ARMSTRONG** Greta  
Feb-05 1924 S1 **ARMSTRONG** Thomas  
Feb-04 1924 S4 **GLEGHORN** Mary  
May-27 1924 S1 **GOODSALL** Grace  
May-26 1924 S1 **GOODSALL** Henry  
May-26 1924 S2 **GOODSALL** Leslie  
Oct-28 1924 S3 **JAMISON** Stewart  
Jul-07 1924 S2 **TAYLOR** Elsie  
Feb-05 1924 S4 **TORKINGTON** John



1950 map of mine workings on the shoreline of, and beneath, Lake Kimihia.



PLAN OF TAUPIRI RESERVE COLLIERY,  
SHOWING POSITIONS OF KIMIHIA OPENCASTS.

Scale = 2 chains to an Inch.

School location



Mining and farming attracted families and the need for a school in the area.  
Walking from home to the Huntly Primary across the farmlands took about an hour.





### 1924 Class Members

Primer **GOODSALL** Grace  
 Primer **REECE** Bella  
 Primer **YATES** Richard  
 Primer 2 **PERRY** Clarice  
 Primer 3 **PORTEOUS** Daisy  
 Primer 3 **REECE** Evan  
 Primer 3 **SLEE** Leslie  
 Primer 4 **BROWN** Ray  
 Std 1 **BEARDMORE** Elsie  
 Std 1 **GLEGHORN** Maggie  
 Std 1 **GOODSALL** Leslie  
 Std 1 **McGLYNN** Eileen  
 Std 1 **PERRY** Sydney  
 Std 1 **PORTEOUS** Jessie  
 Std 1 **ROSSER** Evan  
 Std 1 **ROSSER** Melva  
 Std 1 **VALENTINE** May  
 Std 2 **GOODSALL** Henry  
 Std 3 **BEARDMORE** Sam  
 Std 3 **JAMISON** Stewart  
 Std 3 **TAYLOR** Elsie  
 Std 4 **BEARDMORE** Gladys  
 Std 4 **BROWN** Esmond  
 Std 4 **CROFT** Olive  
 Std 4 **GLEGHORN** Mary  
 Std 4 **PERRY** Grace  
 Std 5 **YATES** Elsie  
 Std 5 **YATES** Ronald  
 Std 6 **PERRY** Richard  
 Std 6 **ROSSER** Leonard  
 Std 6 **WRIGHT** Fred

Teachers: Mr N R Smith, then Mr A W Hyde  
(5th Sept.), then Mr Frayling (12th Sept.)

“The school has been carefully managed and organized, and the pupils making very promising progress. Order, discipline and tone were good.”

*N T Lambourne, 27 March 1924*

In February of 1924 a District High School was opened in Huntly as a part of the Huntly Primary School. In the following year there were 427 primary pupils and 35 secondary pupils (which included a number from Kimihia).

Prior to the local secondary school opening (initially in 1918, then closing in 1919) pupils from the Kimihia area, who qualified to attend Secondary School, needed to walk from their home in the east for about an hour to the Huntly Railway Station to catch the 7:15am train to Hamilton (a rail journey reportedly of two hours) arriving at 9:15am. About three hours each way took a large bite out of the pupils' day.

In September 1953 Huntly College opened, which relieved the stress on Huntly Primary. The Kimihia pupils then needed to manage the extra walking/biking distance across the Waikato River railway bridge for their secondary schooling.

## 1925

### Enrolments

Sep-09 1925 S1 **CRAW** David  
 Sep-09 1925 S5 **CRAW** Isabella  
 Oct-28 1925 S5 **GLEGHORN** Nellie  
 Apr-27 1925 S2 **GOODSALL** Grace  
 Jun-15 1925 S2 **GOODSALL** Henry  
 Jun-15 1925 S3 **GOODSALL** Leslie

Aug-11 1925 S4 **HARLEY** James Fredrick  
 Apr-27 1925 S4 **HARTIS** Grace  
 Jul-22 1925 P **HARTIS** Tim  
 Jun-29 1925 P **JOHNSON** Ronald  
 Apr-27 1925 P **MOLONEY** Kate  
 Apr-27 1925 S2 **THOMSON** David  
 Apr-27 1925 S2 **THOMSON** Eric  
 Apr-27 1925 P **THOMSON** Jean  
 Apr-27 1925 S3 **THOMSON** Jemima  
 Apr-27 1925 S1 **THOMSON** Leslie  
 Nov-16 1925 P **VALENTINE** William  
 May-18 1925 S1 **VARLEY** Betty  
 Aug-11 1925 S3 **VARLEY** James Fred

### 1925 Class Members

Primer **HARTIS** Tim  
 Primer **JOHNSON** Ronald  
 Primer **YATES** Richard  
 Primer 1 **MALONEY** Kate  
 Primer 1 **THOMSON** Jean  
 Primer 2 **GOODSALL** Grace  
 Primer 2 **HARLEY** Betty  
 Primer 2 **PERRY** Clarice  
 Primer 2 **REECE** Bella  
 Primer 4 **CRAW** David  
 Std 1 **BROWN** Ray  
 Std 1 **HARLEY** Jim  
 Std 1 **PORTEOUS** Daisy  
 Std 1 **REECE** Evan  
 Std 1 **SLEE** Leslie  
 Std 1 **THOMSON** David  
 Std 1 **THOMSON** Leslie  
 Std 2 **BEARDMORE** Elsie  
 Std 2 **GLEGHORN** Maggie  
 Std 2 **GOODSALL** Leslie  
 Std 2 **HARTIS** Grace  
 Std 2 **McGLYNN** Eileen  
 Std 2 **PERRY** Sydney  
 Std 2 **PORTEOUS** Jessie  
 Std 2 **ROSSER** Evan  
 Std 2 **ROSSER** Melva  
 Std 2 **VALENTINE** May  
 Std 3 **GOODSALL** Henry  
 Std 3 **THOMSON** Eric  
 Std 4 **BEARDMORE** Sam  
 Std 4 **TAYLOR** Elsie  
 Std 5 **BEARDMORE** Gladys  
 Std 5 **BROWN** Esmond  
 Std 5 **PERRY** Grace  
 Std 5 **THOMSON** Jemima  
 Std 6 **CRAW** Isabella  
 Std 6 **GLEGHORN** Nellie  
 Std 6 **YATES** Elsie  
 Std 6 **YATES** Ronald

Teacher: Mrs McIntosh

“The order is satisfactory, but the children do not apply themselves to their work as energetically as desirable. The buildings and fences are in satisfactory order except that the ravages of the borer necessitate minor repairs to one of the outhouses.”

*D E Leslie, 2 July & 5 November 1925*

# 1926

## Enrolments

Jun-17 1926 S4 **BROWN** Fenwick  
Aug-10 1926 P **GOODSALL** John

## 1926 Classes

Primer **GOODSALL** John  
Primer **HARTIS** Tim  
Primer **MALONEY** Katie  
Primer **THOMSON** Jean  
Primer **VALENTINE** Willie

Std 1 **CRAW** David  
Std 1 **GOODSALL** Grace  
Std 1 **HARLEY** Betty  
Std 1 **PERRY** Clarice  
Std 1 **REECE** Bella  
Std 1 **THOMSON** David  
Std 1 **YATES** Richard

Std 2 **BROWN** Ray  
Std 2 **HARLEY** Jim  
Std 2 **PORTEOUS** Daisy  
Std 2 **REECE** Evan  
Std 2 **SLEE** Leslie  
Std 2 **THOMSON** Leslie

Std 3 **BEARDMORE** Elsie  
Std 3 **GLEGHORN** Maggie  
Std 3 **GOODSALL** Leslie  
Std 3 **HARTIS** Grace  
Std 3 **McGLYNN** Eileen  
Std 3 **PERRY** Sydney  
Std 3 **PORTEOUS** Jessie  
Std 3 **ROSSER** Evan  
Std 3 **ROSSER** Melva  
Std 3 **VALENTINE** May

Std 4 **GOODSALL** Henry  
Std 4 **THOMSON** Eric

Std 5 **BEARDMORE** Sam  
Std 5 **BROWN** Fenwick

Std 6 **BEARDMORE** Gladys  
Std 6 **BROWN** Esmond  
Std 6 **PERRY** Grace  
Std 6 **YATES** Elsie  
Std 6 **YATES** Ronald

Teacher: Mrs McIntosh

“Attendance is regular but has been effected by sickness. The general efficiency of the teaching is below fair in the preparatory and junior divisions and very fair in the middle and senior divisions. I recommend that the Board take into consideration the question of closing this school and conveying the pupils to the Huntly school.”

*C R Munro, 5 May & 16 September 1926*



Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor  
(Queen Elizabeth II)  
born 21st April 1926

# 1927

## Enrolments

Jun-31 1927 S1 **BATEMAN** Ellen  
Nov-24 1927 P **HENDERSON** Jessie  
Nov-29 1927 S1 **HENDERSON** Margaret  
Feb-03 1927 S1 **MORISON** Warren  
Aug-10 1927 P **POLLOCK** Agnes  
Aug-08 1927 P **POLLOCK** May

## 1927 Classes

Primer **GOODSALL** John  
Primer **HARTIS** Tim  
Primer **POLLOCK** Agnes  
Primer **POLLOCK** May  
Primer **VALENTINE** Willie

Std 1 **BATEMAN** Ellen  
Std 1 **MALONEY** Katie  
Std 1 **PERRY** Clarice

Std 2 **CRAW** David  
Std 2 **GOODSALL** Grace  
Std 2 **REECE** Bella  
Std 2 **YATES** Richard

Std 3 **BROWN** Ray  
Std 3 **PORTEOUS** Daisy  
Std 3 **REECE** Evan  
Std 3 **SLEE** Leslie  
Std 3 **THOMSON** Leslie

Std 4 **BEARDMORE** Elsie  
Std 4 **GLEGHORN** Maggie  
Std 4 **HARTIS** Grace  
Std 4 **McGLYNN** Eileen  
Std 4 **PERRY** Sydney  
Std 4 **PORTEOUS** Jessie  
Std 4 **ROSSER** Evan  
Std 4 **ROSSER** Melva  
Std 4 **VALENTINE** May

Std 5 **GOODSALL** Henry  
Std 5 **THOMSON** Eric

Std 6 **BEARDMORE** Gladys  
Std 6 **BEARDMORE** Sam  
Std 6 **BROWN** Esmond  
Std 6 **PERRY** Grace

Teacher: Mrs McIntosh

“Pupils are keen and show a good spirit towards their work.”

*10 June & 30 November 1927*

# 1928

## Enrolments

Dec-11 1928 S5 **McINTOSH** James A  
Dec-10 1928 S5 **SPEIRS** Alexander  
Dec-10 1928 S3 **SPEIRS** Richard  
Feb-14 1928 S1 **THOMSON** David

“Composition needs a good deal of black-board work in sentence structure.”

*Thos F Warren, 26 October 1928*

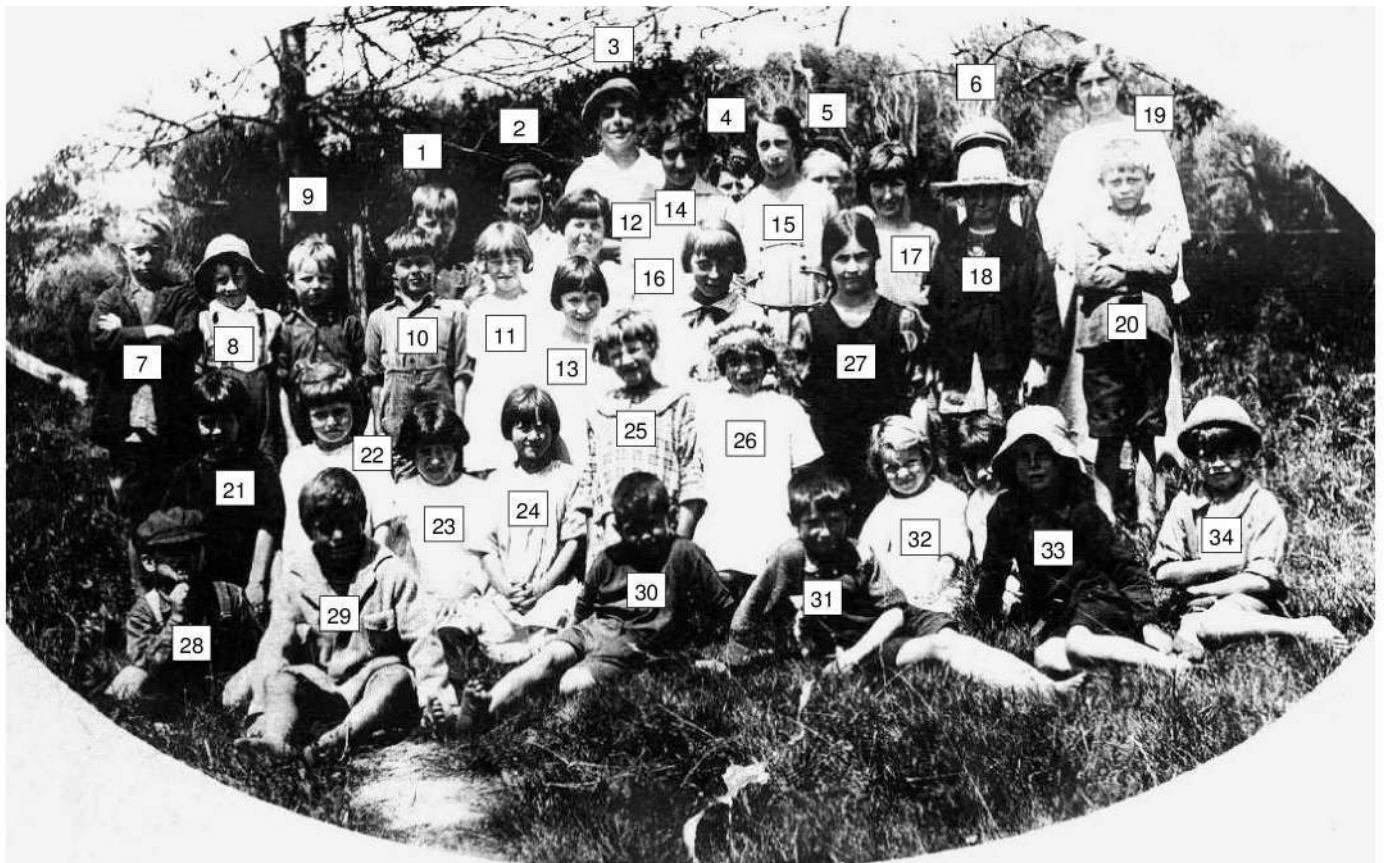




### Mrs McINTOSH'S 1926 CLASS

*(See numbered references on lower photograph)*

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) Esmond Brown, (3) Ron Yates, (4) Harry Goodsall, (5) Sam Beadsmore,  
 (6) Sam Perry, (7) Eric Thomson, (8) \_\_\_\_\_, (9) Davie Thomson, (10) Evan Rosser,  
 (11) Daisy Pourteous, (12) Melva Rosser, (13) Gladys Beadsmore, (14) May Valentine,  
 (15) Elsie Yates, (16) Margaret Gleghorn, (17) Jessie Porteous, (18) Eileen McGlynn,  
 (19) Mrs McIntosh, (20) \_\_\_\_\_, (21) Katie Maloney, (22) Grace Goodsall, (23) Grace Hartis,  
 (24) \_\_\_\_\_, (25) Clarice Perry, (26) Elsie Beadsmore, (27) Grace Perry, (28) Bill Valentine,  
 (29) Len Goodsall, (30) Tim Hartis, (31) Dave Craw, (32) Jean Thomson, (33) Dick Yates, (34) Joe Slee.



### 1928 Classes

Primer **GOODSALL** John  
Primer **HARTIS** Tim  
Primer **HENDERSON** Jessie  
Primer 1 **POLLOCK** Agnes  
Std 1 **POLLOCK** May  
Std 1 **VALENTINE** Willie  
Std 2 **GOODSALL** Grace  
Std 2 **MOLONEY** Kate  
Std 2 **PERRY** Clarice  
Std 2 **REECE** Isabel  
Std 3 **CRAW** David  
Std 3 **SPIERS** Richard  
Std 3 **THOMSON** David  
Std 3 **YATES** Richard  
Std 4 **BROWN** Ray  
Std 4 **PORTEOUS** Daisy  
Std 4 **REECE** Evan  
Std 4 **SLEE** Leslie  
Std 4 **THOMSON** Leslie  
Std 5 **BEARDMORE** Elsie  
Std 5 **GLEGHORN** Maggie  
Std 5 **GOODSALL** Leslie  
Std 5 **HARTIS** Grace  
Std 5 **HENDERSON** Mary  
Std 5 **McGLYNN** Eileen  
Std 5 **McINTOSH** James A  
Std 5 **PERRY** Sydney  
Std 5 **PORTEOUS** Jessie  
Std 5 **ROSSER** Evan  
Std 5 **ROSSER** Melva  
Std 5 **SPIERS** Alexander  
Std 5 **VALENTINE** May  
Std 6 **GOODSALL** Henry

Teacher: Mrs McIntosh

“Composition needs a good deal of blackboard work in sentence structure.” *Thos F Warren, 26 Oct 1928*

When the Kimihia School held its Diamond Jubilee in 1957 Mr Priestly was there to take the roll call of first-day pupils. It must have been a rarity for a school to have its first teacher return after 60 years.

He was remembered as strict but generous. When news came through about the relief of Mafeking and of Ladysmith he gave children money to go to the Kimihia shop to buy sweets so that they could celebrate.

Writing of his first impressions on coming to the new school opened at Kimihia in 1897, Mr Maurice Priestley said

“It was, I think, on August 24th, 1897, that I wended my way over the tea-tree covered track to open a new school at Kimihia. Leaving Te Aroha where I taught previously, I had time during the rail journey, to visualise my new charge, and anticipate a school full of Māori children.

“Accommodation was unprocureable at Kimihia, as houses were small and families large, so I had to live in Huntly and travel to and from on foot. Later I rode a bicycle, carrying it when it did not carry me. The road was more picturesque than smooth.

# 1929

### Enrolments

Feb-04 1929 S4 **EMERSON** Kenneth  
Sep-30 1929 S2 **GOODSALL** Grace  
Feb-04 1929 S1 **HOLLAND** David  
Feb-04 1929 S3 **HOLLAND** Thomas  
Jun-17 1929 S2 **VALLILLEY** Mervyn  
Nov-19 1929 S2 **WELSFORD** Frank

### 1929 Classes

Primer **BUCKLEY** Desmond  
Primer **EVANS** June  
Primer **HOLLAND** David  
Primer **PATERSON** Joyce  
Primer **PURVES** Heather  
Std 1 **BUCKLEY** Duke  
Std 1 **FOSTER** Jack  
Std 1 **HUTCHISON** Albert  
Std 2 **GOODSALL** John  
Std 2 **GOODSALL** Grace  
Std 2 **HOLLAND** Thomas  
Std 2 **HUTCHISON** Janson  
Std 2 **RANDALL** Willie  
Std 2 **VALLILLEY** Mervyn  
Std 2 **WELLSFORD** Frank  
Std 3 **VALENTINE** Willie  
Std 4 **HUNTER** Tim  
Std 4 **EMERSON** Kenneth  
Std 4 **PERRY** Clarice  
Std 5 **CRAW** David  
Std 5 **McINTOSH** Jim  
Std 5 **THOMSON** David  
Std 5 **YATES** Richard  
Std 6 **FOSTER** Owen  
Std 6 **GOODSALL** France  
Std 6 **PORTEOUS** Daisy

Teacher: Mrs McIntosh

“The pupils do not read enough . . . vocabulary range is limited.”

*C A Cumming, 11 October 1929*

“The building had just been completed, and cost - believe it or not—£198. Fifty years later when I visited it there was little sign of decay.

“I was delighted on arrival to find some 16-20 bright little faces - none of them Māori - all eagerly appraising the new teacher. Some looked pleased, some doubtful. I can visualise all the faces, but cannot remember all the names. Some that occur to me are the Troughers (4), all reliable; Evans (4), faithful honest workers; Dunns (6), all brainy and trustworthy; Johnsons (2), bright and vivacious; Russell's (2), quiet retiring and sound; Holland, Tom bubbling over with life; Maggy Wilson, a godsend to any school; Taylors (4), bright alert and dependable; P. Patterson, always to be depended upon; McGlynns (2), cheerful and industrious; Soppets (2), loveable children and clever; and others which the years have dimmed..

“In after years I had the privilege of meeting many of my old pupils in various parts of the province, and I hope they enjoyed meeting me as much as I enjoyed meeting them.

“It is gratifying to think that some outstanding citizens have graduated from the old school,

and still more pleasing to think that not one ex-pupil has let the school down.

"I will ever remember the kindly consideration shown to me by the parents and committee members when, as a young and inexperienced teacher I was feeling my way.

"To my old pupils I can only say that sixty years of experience has taught that unless a teacher can arouse love in his pupils he will get nowhere."

Maurice Priestley, Teacher, 1897-1901

Head Teachers to follow Mr Priestley were

Miss Brown (1902)

Miss Gibbons (relieved for Miss Brown)

Mr Guest (1918)

Miss Phair (25th October 1918)

William A. P. Moxom (1st February 1919)

A W Hyde (5th September 1924)

Mr Frayling (15th September 1924)

Mrs McIntosh (1st February 1925)

Mr M J O'Brien (1st February 1932)

Mrs Robinson (6th July 1944)

Miss H M Rankin (21st May 1945)

Miss I A Gunn (3rd September 1945)

Miss Davis (1945)

Mr W Parsonage (1947)

Mr O Whaley (21st May 1951)

Mr A D Bartlett (30th July 1951)

Mr P T Lawless (1st September 1955)

Mr D Skilton (Relieving—1st February 1960)

Mr J H Walker (8th February 1960)

Mrs Marion Bogie (Acting—June 1962)

Mr D Burney (July 1962)

Mr M Mather (1st February (1965)

Pupils in attendance on that opening day August 24th 1897 were: Katie McGlynn, Florence Evans, Madge Soppet, Georgina Trougher, Edward Clinch, Archie Campbell Hall, Hilda Ruth Skellern, Ada Evans, Bertie Taylor, Ernest Hall, Samuel Dunn, Ethel Evans and Pearl Patterson. Frederick Dunn enrolled the following day, on August 25th.

The daughter of one of these pupils, Ernie Hall, was to act as official hostess to Her Majesty the Queen at the Hamilton Hotel during the Queen's visit in 1953. She was then Mrs Prosser.

Bert Clinch, later to become the All New Zealand .303 Shooting Champion, shot the knob off the school gable at 500 yards. He was Champion in live bird, shotgun and rifle. He could toss up a penny

and shoot it with a pea-rifle. He served in the Boer War and in the 1914-18 World War.

Maud Perry remembers her father Richard being Chairman of the School Committee, and doing the job of the committee alone, doing everything that the non-existent group should be doing for the school, including the regular emptying of the school toilet. Maud swept and scrubbed the school for the fee of six guineas a year.

Up until 1952 the school regularly used the swimming 'hole' at the edge of the lake below the school by some large gum trees. The students shared their swimming lessons with the aquatic life of the lake - ducks, eels, raupo, frogs and tadpoles. The 1952 expansion of the mine caused the area to become dry land and swimming lessons were few and far between at the Huntly swimming baths.

Miss Brown served at the school from 1902 until 1918, a period of 16 years with Mr O'Brien staying for 12. Every year for a short period of time the school picnic was held in Perry's paddock (see photo above).

During the days when the school children used the old track (no road connected to the school for nearly 50 years) and iron gate to the school.

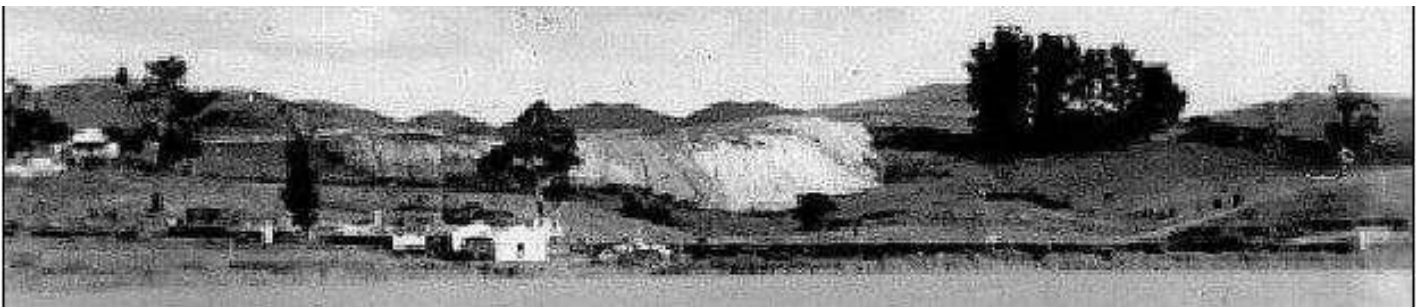
Bill Valentine Snr kept a Holstein bull pegged down by the nose in the paddock that the children crossed. Mrs McIntosh was well remembered for her fear of bulls. One day the bull got loose and jumped the fence right by the children, so young Dick Yates jumped in front of the bull to stop it. Mrs McIntosh reached out with her umbrella and hooked him out of the path of the charging bull.

Curiously Mrs McIntosh seems best remembered for her umbrella which she always carried, and for her skill in finding four-leaf clovers. She also walked every day from Huntly to the school.

Maud Perry recalls that her father Richard was Chairman of the School Committee and, through necessity, was a one-man band, carry out all the duties of the Committee on his own. He 'carried' the school for quite some time.

Maud was called upon to assist in sweeping the school while her father had to empty the toilets for six guineas a year.

She also remembers the parties in the Perry home on the lake frontage that were followed by dances at the school. The copper was kept boiling all day to supply cups of tea while bath-fulls of



Part of the southern shoreline of Lake Kimihia showing hilltop opencast mining in progress. The buildings on the foreshore are the kitchens and dining rooms built for the opencast expansion that had started further eastward. The Kimihia school is just out of shot to the right.



sandwiches were made. This type of communal activity ceased when Mrs Anne Perry moved out of the district. On that occasion she was presented with a clock.

The Perry house was to be used for a number of years as the office of Downer & Company, which had been contracted to work the mine from 1945.

Mrs Rogers recalls her older brother Tom Holland—*"He wasn't even five when he started school. It was such a long way to walk to school that sometimes he didn't get there until lunch-time."*

Thirty years after starting as first teacher at Kimihia School, Mr Priestley became an inspector who was sent to inspect the schools to the west of the Waikato River in Huntly. He persuaded the other inspector to exchange schools for the occasion so he could inspect his own school. Mrs McIntosh was the teacher at the time.

It is reported that he greeted Mrs McIntosh, looked around the room at the pupils, and said *"I know that one. That one is Tom's."*

The child concerned was Tom Holland, son of Tom Holland Snr. Mr Priestley pinned young Tom Holland down for an hour on his visit, asking him about the old residents while the others played. Then he gave them all an extra hour of play-time while he ate his own lunch. Tom was hurt that the other kids got that extra hour! Mr Priestley was to make a further inspectorial

visit in Mr O'Brien's time.

During the early 1930s the school teacher Mike O'Brien rode his motorbike daily from Huntly, sporting a leather helmet and a curly pipe. It is said that his bike had only one speed. He married a Huntly dressmaker.

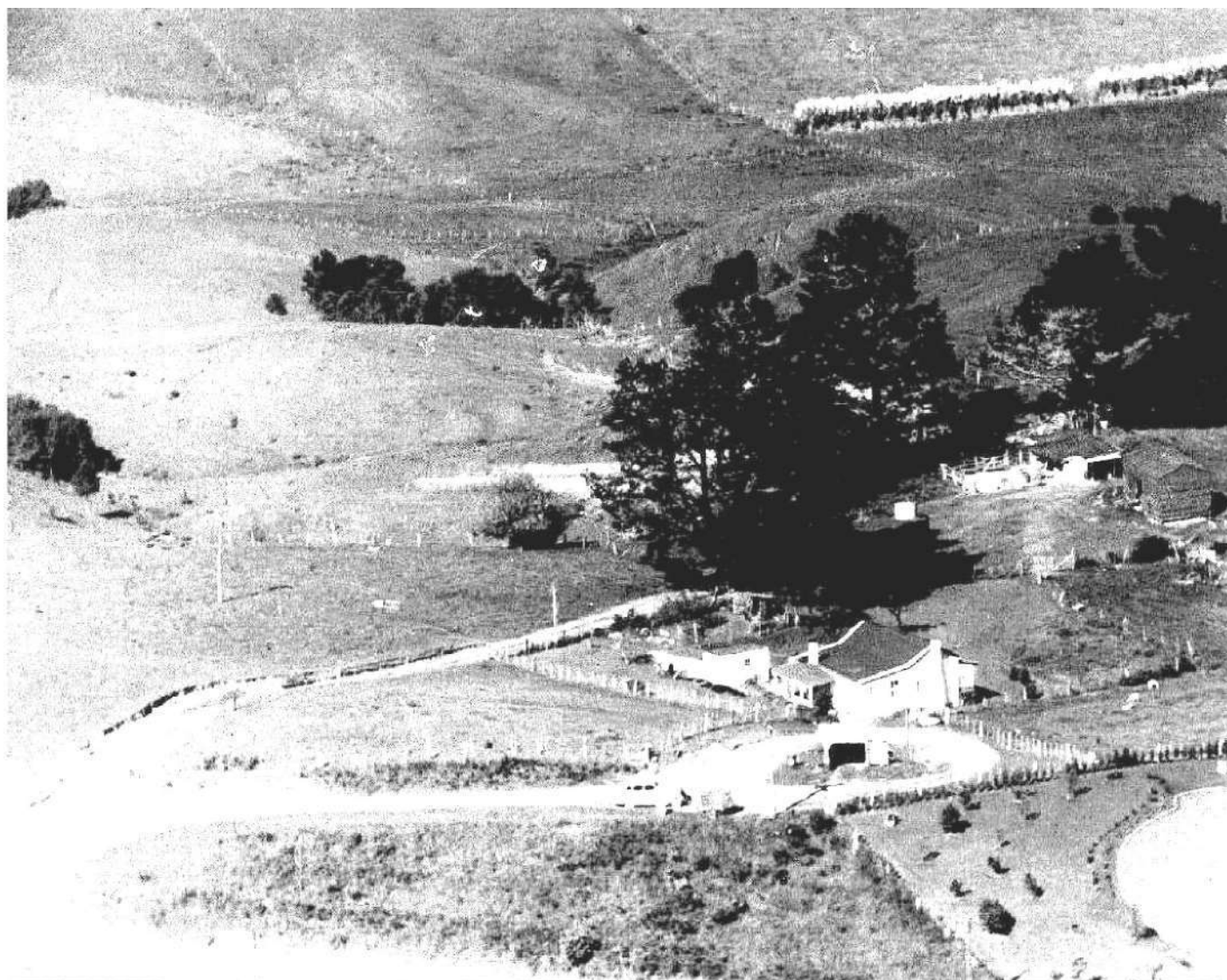
At this time two handwriting entries were sent by the school to the Taranaki Provincial Show to join other entries from Waikato and Taranaki. The two Kimihia entries scored first and second place, with Andrew Kenny coming first and Joe Slee coming second.

At one stage Mr O'Brien arrived at school at 10:45am following the previous night's attendance at the first Catholic Ball, to find the children heading home again. He shepherded them back to school where, it is reported, they had a very easy day!

Because the teacher(s) had to walk front Huntly each morning it was not unusual for the pupils to wait until nine o'clock and then head back home if the teacher was late.

In one such incident the boys took off to meet Dave Holland who was returning from a successful duck-shooting venture. He told the boys he had a live duck in the bag and proved it by poking his head in the sack, gently thrashed about a bit and secretly blew his duck call!

Up until this time, when a Manual training centre was opened at the Huntly school, the children walked to



**The Yates farmstead off Kimihia Road (1941).**

The house, no longer used, served as a craft cottage once newer dwellings were constructed in later years.

*Photograph courtesy of Elsie Yates.*



**Group photograph taken at a Huntly Primary School function.**

From left: Janet Holland (Neil), Hazel King (Neil), Robina Fleming, Florence Russell, Lissie Watson.

Huntly and caught the Taneatua express to Ngaruawahia once a fortnight and caught it back at night. They left the Kimihia school at 10am and were landed back at the Huntly station at 4pm and still had to walk home. One year three girls rode one bike to and from Huntly to catch the train.

Mrs Ivy Farmer (nee Kilburn) recorded in the Huntly Press (16 June 1987) some of her thoughts of the early days of the school:

"I remember Gleghorn's house with the verandah (in Russell Road) where Mr Gleghorn used to sit so contentedly smoking his pipe with a lovely view of the then gem of a lake, Kimihia Lake, with a small island.

"Kimihia folk used to love to go to 'The Point' for picnics and a swim in the lake. There were huge eels and bewhiskered catfish in the lake, and many wild ducks and swans, and beautiful long-legged bitterns - a bird we do not seem to hear of these days. We children loved to walk on the lake edge to Kimihia School to see them in the raupo bushes at the edge of the lake.

"There are more happy memories of my Kimihia school days. We children loved elderly, prim, strict and energetic teacher Miss Brown

and she encouraged any of us who liked gardening to have a wee plot of our own. I look back and think, oh dear, they must have looked like a row of graves along the wire fence line of our playground.

"But Miss Brown could get no one to gather horse manure for the wee gardens. No one would oblige, except me, Ivy Kilburn, because I used to collect it for my Dad's garden. So off I went, armed with

shovel and kerosene tin with handle, got through the wire fence and into the ti-tree bushes where I knew Copestake's draught horses did the biggest heaps! Two shovels full and the tin was full.

"Dear Miss Brown was delighted and used to give me two pence (tuppence) a tin. What a lot of money, two big pennies in a small girl's hand, after being poor in England where farthings and halfpence were used."

Arbor Days at the school were remembered as a highlight of the school year when the Chairman spent the day with the pupils in the local bush. The girls, conducted by the teacher, always returned to school by 1pm, but the boys invariably became lost until 3pm!

An annual event was the cross-country paper chase. This was another great opportunity for the boys to lose themselves in the bush until 3pm. The clearest memory of one of the smallest boys of the time was the statement "*If you say you heard the bell, you'll get a hiding!*".

The depression years presented problems to school-children wishing to make gifts for the teacher. One group overcame this by presenting their teacher with a live rooster, ready plucked. They were "warmly" thanked.

During these early times one of the Waugh brothers, who had incurred the ire of the teacher, was sent outside to get a stick and he returned with one three inches long! Sent for a bigger one he came back with one ten inches long. He was then sent for the biggest one he could find and was gone for an hour. His return was heralded by a bump, bump, bump up the path and through the porch. He arrived with a strainer post!

# 1930

## Enrolments

Oct-01 1930 P **BUCKLEY** Desmond  
Nov-18 1930 S1 **BUCKLEY** Duke  
Mar-31 1930 P **DAVIES** Norma  
Jul-30 1930 P **EVANS** June  
Dec-01 1930 S1 **FOSTER** Jack  
Dec-04 1930 F2 **FOSTER** Owen  
Feb-10 1930 S4 **HUTCHINSON** Albert  
Feb-10 1930 S2 **HUTCHINSON** Jausou  
Oct-06 1930 P **PATERSON** Joyce  
Oct-21 1930 S1 **PURVIS** Heather  
Sep-10 1930 S2 **RANDELL** Willie

## 1930 Classes

Primer **BUCKLEY** Desmond  
Primer **EVANS** June  
Primer **HOLLAND** David  
Primer **PATERSON** Joyce  
Primer **PURVES** Heather

Std 1 **BUCKLEY** Duke  
Std 1 **FOSTER** Jack  
Std 1 **HUTCHISON** Albert  
Std 2 **GOODSALL** John  
Std 2 **HOLLAND** Thomas  
Std 2 **HUTCHISON** Janson  
Std 2 **RANDALL** Willie  
Std 3 **VALENTINE** Willie

Std 4 **HUNTER** Tim  
Std 4 **PERRY** Clarice

Std 5 **CRAW** David  
Std 5 **McINTOSH** Jim  
Std 5 **THOMSON** David  
Std 5 **YATES** Richard

Std 6 **FOSTER** Owen  
Std 6 **GOODSALL** France  
Std 6 **PORTEOUS** Daisy

Teacher: Mrs McIntosh

“Very fair progress has been made generally, though oral reading is not up to standard. It would appear that this is due partly to the absence of an adequate supply of suitable library books for home consumption.

*M Priestley, 29 September 1930*

# 1931

## Enrolments

Feb-02 1931 S1 **BUCKLEY** Olwyn  
Sep-14 1931 S2 **IRVINE** Elizabeth  
Feb-03 1931 S2 **MORLAND** Peggy  
Feb-03 1931 P **MORLAND** Sheila  
Jun-02 1931 P **PATERSON** Joyce  
Oct-20 1931 S1 **ROGERS** John

Teacher: Mrs McIntosh

“The teaching is of a painstaking nature and with a few exceptions progress of a very fair type is evident. A thorough grounding in tables is essential and the supply of books for home reading needs augmenting. I was disappointed with the grounds, which are in a neglected condition and not in keeping with the bright children using them. Tone and behaviour are admirable.”

*M Priestley, 14 August 1931*

## 1931 Classes

Primer **BUCKLEY** Desmond  
Primer **FOSTER** Darren  
Primer **PATERSON** Joyce

Std 1 **BUCKLEY** Duke  
Std 1 **BUCKLEY** Olwyn  
Std 1 **FOSTER** Jack  
Std 1 **HOLLAND** David  
Std 1 **ROGERS** John

Std 2 **HUTCHISON** Albert  
Std 2 **HUTCHISON** Janson  
Std 2 **IRVINE** Elizabeth  
Std 2 **MORLAND** Elizabeth  
Std 2 **MORLAND** Peggy

Std 3 **GOODSALL** John  
Std 3 **HARTIS** Tim  
Std 3 **HOLLAND** Thomas  
Std 4 **VALENTINE** Willie

# 1932

## Enrolments

Feb-23 1932 S1 **CRAW** Janet  
Feb-01 1932 S5 **GOODSALL** Grace  
Mar-08 1932 P **HOLLAND** Arthur  
Nov-15 1932 P **KENNY** Andrew  
Sep-14 1932 P **MILLION** Freda  
Feb-09 1932 S4 **REECE** Isobel  
Jun-21 1932 S4 **ROGERS** Janet  
Oct-17 1932 S5 **SLEE** Leslie  
Jul-04 1932 S3 **TEARS** Horace  
Feb-02 1932 S2 **WATSON** Gordon  
Oct-18 1932 P4 **WILSON** Thomas  
Oct-18 1932 P4 **WILSON** Willie

## 1932 Classes

Primer 1 **CRAW** Janet  
Primer 1 **HOLLAND** Arthur  
Primer 1 **WILSON** William  
Primer 2 **MORLAND** Sheila  
Primer 2 **PATERSON** Joyce  
Primer 3 **MILLION** Freda  
Primer 4 **WILSON** Tom

Std 1 **BUCKLEY** Desmond  
Std 1 **EVANS** June  
Std 1 **KENNY** Andrew  
Std 1 **PURVES** Heather  
Std 1 **ROGERS** John

Std 2 **BUCKLEY** Duke  
Std 2 **HOLLAND** David  
Std 2 **TEARS** Horace

Std 3 **BUCKLEY** Olwyn  
Std 3 **HUTCHISON** Albert

Std 4 **HARTIS** Tim  
Std 4 **HOLLAND** Thomas  
Std 4 **MORLAND** Peggy

Std 5 **PERRY** Clarice  
Std 5 **REECE** Isobel  
Std 5 **ROGERS** Janet  
Std 5 **VALENTINE** William

Std 6 **SLEE** Leslie  
Std 6 **YATES** Richard

Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

“Grounds are being remodelled, many improvements in fences and drains have been effected.”

*A F D East, 5 August 1932*





### 1937 Pupils

Rear: Leslie Turner, Eldin Turner, John Rogers, John Poto, Arthur Holland, Andrew Kenny.  
 Seated: Mary Poto, Emma Poto, Joyce Paterson, Margaret Turner.  
 Front: (1) \_\_\_\_\_, Lorne Johnson.

### 1933

#### Enrolments

May-01 1933 P **KENNY** Andrew  
 Oct-18 1933 P **POTO** John

#### 1933 Classes

Primer	<b>HOLLAND</b> Arthur
Primer	<b>POTO</b> John
Primer 3	<b>CRAW</b> Janet
Std 1	<b>MORLAND</b> Shelia
Std 1	<b>PATERSON</b> Joyce
Std 1	<b>WILSON</b> Tom
Std 2	<b>BUCKLEY</b> Desmond
Std 2	<b>EVANS</b> June
Std 2	<b>KENNY</b> Andrew
Std 2	<b>PURVES</b> Heather
Std 2	<b>ROGERS</b> John
Std 3	<b>BUCKLEY</b> Alwyn
Std 4	<b>BUCKLEY</b> Duke
Std 4	<b>HOLLAND</b> David
Std 4	<b>HUTCHISON</b> Albert
Std 4	<b>TEARS</b> Horace
Std 5	<b>HARTIS</b> Tim
Std 5	<b>HOLLAND</b> Thomas
Std 5	<b>MORLAND</b> Peggy
Std 6	<b>REECE</b> Isobel
Std 6	<b>ROGERS</b> Janet
Std 6	<b>VALENTINE</b> William

Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

"The accommodation is more than adequate for the number in attendance (21)."

*H McChesney, 12 June 1933*

### 1934

#### Enrolments

Feb-05 1934 S2 **PHILLIPS** Jack  
 Feb-05 1934 S1 **PHILLIPS** Laurie  
 Feb-05 1934 S2 **PHILLIPS** Rose  
 Jun-25 1934 S3 **TURNER** Desmond Leslie  
 Jun-25 1934 P2 **TURNER** Eldon  
 Feb-05 1934 P **WOULDES** Noel

#### 1934 Classes

Primer	<b>WOULDES</b> Noel
Primer 2	<b>TURNER</b> Eldon
Primer 3	<b>HOLLAND</b> Arthur
Std 1	<b>PHILLIPS</b> Laurie
Std 1	<b>TURNER</b> Desmond
Std 2	<b>PATERSON</b> Joyce
Std 2	<b>PHILLIPS</b> Jack
Std 2	<b>PHILLIPS</b> Rose
Std 2	<b>WILSON</b> Thomas
Std 3	<b>BUCKLEY</b> Desmond
Std 3	<b>EVANS</b> June
Std 3	<b>KENNY</b> Andrew
Std 3	<b>ROGERS</b> John
Std 4	<b>HUTCHISON</b> Albert
Std 4	<b>TEARS</b> Horace
Std 5	<b>HOLLAND</b> David
Std 6	<b>HARTIS</b> Tim
Std 6	<b>HOLLAND</b> Tomas
Std 7	<b>ROGERS</b> Janet

Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

"There is evidence in this school of earnest teaching and of a good working spirit. The school garden is in good order."

*F C Lopdell, 24 May & 15 November 1934*

# 1935

## Enrolments

Feb ?? 1935 P **KATIPO** Archie  
Sep-09 1935 P **KATIPO** Rangī  
Feb-11 1935 P4 **MAXWELL** James  
Feb-11 1935 S4 **PHILLIPS** Jack  
Feb-11 1935 P4 **PHILLIPS** Laurie  
May-26 1935 P **PHILLIPS** Patrick  
Feb-11 1935 S2 **PHILLIPS** Rose  
Mar-04 1935 P **POTO** Mary  
Sep-09 1935 P **POTO** Mary  
Sep-16 1935 S2 **TAYLOR** Desmond  
Jul-08 1935 P **TURNER** Margaret  
Feb-05 1935 P4 **WOULDES** Noel

## 1935 Classes

Primer **KATIPO** Archie  
Primer **KATIPO** Rangī  
Primer **PHILLIPS** Patrick  
Primer **POTO** Mary  
Primer **TURNER** Margaret

Std 1 **MAXWELL** James  
Std 1 **TURNER** Eldon  
Std 1 **WOULDES** Noel

Std 2 **HOLLAND** Arthur  
Std 2 **PHILLIPS** Laurie  
Std 2 **TURNER** Desmond

Std 3 **PATERSON** Joyce  
Std 3 **PHILLIPS** Rose  
Std 3 **TAYLOR** Desmond  
Std 3 **WILSON** Thomas

Std 4 **EVANS** June  
Std 4 **PHILLIPS** John  
Std 4 **ROGERS** John

Std 5 **HOLLAND** David  
Std 5 **TEARS** Horace

Std 6 **HOLLAND** Thomas

Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

"The grounds immediately surrounding the school are in good order and well cared for. Round the boundaries they could be improved by cutting away blackberry and other growth. Garden and paths are in good order. The buildings are in good order and the outbuildings are clean. There is evidence of considerable attention having been given to the environment both by teacher and committee."

*S M Mills, 9 April & 8 October 1935*

# 1936

## Enrolments

Apr-20 1936 S2 **GIBSON** Pat  
Mar-06 1936 P **HASWELL** Laurence  
Feb-17 1936 S2 **HASWELL** Leslie  
Feb-17 1936 P4 **HASWELL** Neil  
Jul-03 1936 S2 **PITCON** Eileen

## 1936 Classes

Primer **HASWELL** Laurence  
Primer **PHILLIPS** Patrick  
Primer **PITCOM** Eileen  
Primer **TURNER** Margaret  
Primer 4 **HASWELL** Neil

Std 2 **GIBSON** Pat  
Std 2 **HASWELL** Leslie  
Std 2 **MAXWELL** James

Std 2 **PITCON** Eileen  
Std 2 **TURNER** Eldon  
Std 2 **WOULDES** Noel  
Std 3 **HOLLAND** Arthur  
Std 3 **PHILLIPS** Laurie  
Std 3 **TURNER** Desmond  
Std 4 **PATERSON** Joyce  
Std 4 **PHILLIPS** Rose  
Std 4 **WILSON** Thomas  
Std 5 **EVANS** June  
Std 5 **PHILLIPS** Jack  
Std 5 **ROGERS** John  
Std 6 **HOLLAND** David  
Std 6 **TEARS** Horace  
Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

"The school garden is in good order for the spring, and the grounds and buildings well maintained."  
*C E Scott, 10 September 1936*

# 1937

## Enrolments

May-07 1937 P **JOHNSON** Lorne  
Jul-06 1937 S3 **KENNY** Paki  
Mar-08 1937 P **KOHI** Mary  
May-24 1937 S5 **PHILLIPS** Jack  
Mar-01 1937 P **PHILLIPS** Rose  
Nov-22 1937 P3 **PITCON** Eileen  
Jul-05 1937 P **POTO** Emma  
Jul-05 1937 S3 **POTO** John (Bunny)  
Jul-05 1937 S4 **POTO** Mary  
Mar-02 1937 P **TAYLOR** Amy  
Mar-02 1937 P3 **TAYLOR** Cyril William  
Mar-09 1937 P4 **TOKE** Rangī  
Dec-06 1937 S3 **WOULDES** Noel

## 1937 Pupils

Primer **JOHNSON** Lorne  
Primer **KOHI** Mary  
Primer **PHILLIPS** Rose  
Primer **POTO** Emma  
Primer **TAYLOR** Amy  
Primer 3 **PITCON** Eileen  
Primer 3 **TAYLOR** Cyril William  
Primer 4 **TOKE** Rangī

Std 1 **PHILLIPS** Patrick  
Std 1 **TURNER** Margaret  
Std 3 **KENNY** Paki  
Std 3 **MAXWELL** James  
Std 3 **POTO** John (Bunny)  
Std 3 **TURNER** Eldon  
Std 3 **WOULDES** Noel

Std 4 **HOLLAND** Arthur  
Std 4 **PHILLIPS** Laurie  
Std 4 **POTO** Mary  
Std 4 **TURNER** Desmond  
Std 5 **PATERSON** Joyce  
Std 5 **PHILLIPS** Rose  
Std 6 **PHILLIPS** Jack  
Std 6 **ROGERS** John  
Std 6 **TEARS** Horace

Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

"The school is earnestly conducted and in general very fair progress has been made. The pupils work reaches a very fair standard of efficiency. Order and discipline are good."  
*M J O'Connor, 2 December 1937*

## 1937 Headmaster's Report - M J O'Brien

**Arithmetic.** In general, good progress is being made in the subject in all classes. Mechanical work in some instances is very good but not so good in lower classes where plenty of practice is being given and improvement is being made. Primer 4 have experienced difficulty in number competency but are now improving.

**English.** The general English so written and spoken has improved. Speech, both inside and in the playground, has shown improvement.

**Reading.** In general the reading is good. Definite instruction in the use of stops, phrasing has been taken. Phrases for \_\_\_?\_\_\_ marked in journals. Enumeration is more distinct but fast reading tends in some cases to indistinctness. Impediments are noted in cases of Primer 4 children. Generally improving.

**Drawing.** In general good. Both in pastel scene drawing and in pencil.

**Composition.** Many models have been taken from BB (blackboard?). Generally improving though content lacking somewhat due to lack of good reading material to widen scope generally. Paragraphing and sentence structure are greatly improving.

**Writing.** Generally neat, but form is not yet although strong efforts have been made to show improvement.

**Garden and Calf Club Work.** Keen interest and excellent success has marked this section of school activities. The children display keen interest in this work. Hard work has been correlated to some extent with it meeting with marked success.

**Hobbies.** Stamp collecting by various members of club formed. Some good collections have been made.

**General.** An excellent spirit is shown in all activities of the school.

1938

### Enrolments

1938 S6 **PATERSON** Joyce  
1938 S5 **PITCON** Elsie  
1938 S3 **POTO** Mary  
1938 P **PUTERE** Lily  
1938 P **PUTERE** Polly  
1938 P **THORNE** Karen

### 1938 Classes

Primer **JOHNSON** Lorne  
Primer **POTO** Emma  
Primer **PUTERE** Lily  
Primer **PUTERE** Polly  
Primer **THORNE** Karen  
Std 2 **TURNER** Margaret  
Std 3 **POTO** Mary  
Std 4 **MAXWELL** James  
Std 4 **PITCON** Elsie  
Std 4 **POTO** John (Bunny)  
Std 4 **TURNER** Eldon  
Std 4 **WOULDES** Noel  
Std 5 **TURNER** Desmond  
Std 6 **PATERSON** Joyce  
Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

## 1938 Headmaster's Report - M J O'Brien

**Arithmetic.** In general, good progress is being made in all classes in arithmetic. Mechanical work and general setting out has made good improvement in the upper classes. In S1 steady progress has been hampered in all subjects by poor attendance in the classes due to epidemic of measles, colds and sores amongst the Māori children.

**English.** The general English, both spoken and written, is making steady improvement generally. Speech training exercises being given particular attention to endeavour to develop better oral expression.

**Reading.** Generally the reading is showing good improvement. Model in expression has been given to assist in modulation of voice and general expression. Sounds in the upper P. classes have been well mastered. Attention being given to phonograms. An improvement in St 1 girls is noted which appears to be the cause of backward reading in this case.

**Drawing.** Very good progress has been made in both pastel and pencil work.

**Composition.** In general the composition is improving. Plenty of Models have been taken in St1 and the oral comparison is improving generally.

**Writing.** Generally nice but form needs more general care. BB copies taken daily and improvement is being shown.

**Science & S Study.** Very good progress is being made.

**Gardening & Calf Club Work.** Excellent work is being maintained in this branch of school activities. Excellent work being attained in handwork correlated with calf club work. Keen interest throughout the district being shown.

**Hobbies.** Some good collections of stamps have been made.

**General.** An excellent spirit is maintained in all school activities.

1939

### Enrolments

1939 S5 **AHU** David  
1939 S4 **BELCHAMBER** Arthur  
1939 S2 **BELCHAMBER** Jessie  
1939 S6 **BELCHAMBER** Joan  
1939 S5 **GRICE** Terrence  
1939 P **HOLLAND** Ronnie  
1939 S3 **KOHI** Doris  
1939 P **KOHI** Mona  
1939 S4 **KOHI** Nancy  
1939 S5 **TOHE** Rangi

### 1939 Classes

Primer **HOLLAND** Ronald  
Primer **KOHI** Doris  
Primer **KOHI** Mona  
Primer **PUTERE** Polly  
Std 1 **JOHNSON** Lorne  
Std 1 **POTO** Emma  
Std 2 **BELCHAMBER** Jessie  
Std 3 **KOHI** Nancy  
Std 3 **TURNER** Margaret  
Std 4 **BELCHAMBER** Arthur



Std 4 **POTO** Carry  
 Std 5 **AHU** David  
 Std 5 **GRICE** Terrence  
 Std 5 **MAXWELL** James  
 Std 5 **PITCON** Elsie  
 Std 5 **POTO** John  
 Std 5 **TOHE** Rangi  
 Std 5 **TURNER** Eldon  
 Std 5 **WOULDES** Noel  
 Std 6 **BELCHAMBER** Joan  
 Std 6 **TURNER** Desmond

Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

### 1939 Headmaster's Report - M J O'Brien

In general good work is being done throughout the school in all school activities where attendance has been satisfactory. Seasonal illnesses and sore amongst Māori pupils have militated against steady progress of children of the lower sections.

**Arithmetic.** In general the setting out and neatness has improved while mechanical work in lower classes has received due attention and steady improvement is being maintained.

**English.** In general the oral expression and written work has gradually improved. An effort has been made to improve the oral speech through speech training exercises and choral reading of selected poems.

**Reading.** Steady improvement is being made by all classes, the reading is being correlated with Geography and History lessons where children reproduce subject matter orally of subject matter read. In lower classes sounds have been given due attention. Poor communication is noted in some cases, in one instance due to speech impediment.

**Drawing.** Very good progress in pastel and pencil work is being maintained in all classes.

**Composition.** In this section more importance has been given to letter writing, through models, in essay work, have been taken regularly. General improvements being shown.

**Science & Nature Study.** Very good work is being maintained.

**Club Work. Garden & Calf Sections.** Excellent interest is being maintained in this branch of school activities. Excellent hand-work as correlated with this work has been obtained.

**Hobbies.** Encouragement is given in hobbies, the main one being stamp collecting.

**General.** The children are keen in most branches of school life.

“(The pupils) are interested, industrious and happy, and are making sound progress within their varying capacities. Attainment varies from fair to excellent. Stronger aspects are individual singing, club work, garden and oral freedom. Accommodation is adequate but buildings are badly in need of painting and there is no urinal for the boys. Sewing is taken by Mrs Holland.”

*B N T Blake, 17 March & 18 August 1939*

## 1940 Enrolments

1940 P **COX** Mathew  
 Feb 1940 S2 **DUNSMUIR** Lavena  
 Feb 1940 S1 **DUNSMUIR** Neil  
 1940 S2 **PEDEN** Alex  
 1940 P **PEDEN** Ruth

### 1940 Classes

Primer **BELCHAMBER** Peter  
 Primer **COX** Mathew  
 Primer **HOLLAND** Ronald  
 Primer **KOHI** Mona  
 Primer **PEDEN** Ruth  
 Primer **PUTERE** Polly

Std 1 **DUNSMUIR** Neil  
 Std 1 **KOHI** Doris

Std 2 **DUNSMUIR** Lavena  
 Std 2 **JOHNSON** Lorne  
 Std 2 **PEDEN** Alex  
 Std 2 **POTO** Emma

Std 3 **BELCHAMBER** Jessie  
 Std 4 **KOHI** Nancy  
 Std 4 **TURNER** Margaret

Std 5 **BELCHAMBER** Arthur  
 Std 5 **POTO** Mary

Std 6 **AHU** David  
 Std 6 **BELCHAMBER** Joan  
 Std 6 **MAXWELL** James  
 Std 6 **POTO** John  
 Std 6 **TOHE** Rangi  
 Std 6 **TURNER** Eldon  
 Std 6 **WOULDES** Noel

Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

### 1940 Headmaster's Report - M J O'Brien

A very good standard has been reached in most subjects throughout the various divisions of the school. In general attendance has been good with the exception of one Māori pupil who is subject to seasonal skin diseases which mitigates her steady progress.

**Arithmetic.** The setting out and neatness have greatly improved in the upper classes while due attention has been given to mechanical work in the lower classes where improvement is being made.

**English.** General speech has improved throughout all class work. Good work has been done in speech training and Choral Reading. The general written expression is showing improvement, more importance being stressed on formal expression through letter writing.

**Reading.** Steady improvement has been made throughout all classes. Some cases in P. classes showing distinct improvement. One case of a Māori pupil is noted where teacher can obtain no response in oral work but pupil is showing remarkable improvements in written work under the circumstances.

**Drawing.** Throughout the standards in good work in pastel and pencil is being maintained while P. classes do very good work with chalk.

**Composition.** Models have been taken and children give their own expression and accounts of incidents but most stress has been laid on practical letter writing where good results have been attained.



Russell Road



### Kimihia area photo (1941)

Access to the school was achieved via farm tracks and “over the fields” travel until 1946 when the underground coal mine became an open cast venture and the mine was connected to Kimihia Road.

The new access was named Tawa Road, and was primarily used by coal-delivery trucks, mine service vehicles, rural mail delivery and milk delivery vans to the newly constructed mining village. The few village families who had cars were able to take trips to Huntly for supplies.

Note the lack of easy access to the school. The road past the school was constructed in 1946 when opencast work began on the mine and vehicle access was essential.

*(See pages 60 & 61 for a slightly wider-ranged photo)*





**Science & Nature Study.** Excellent work has been done in this section, pupils' work being exhibited with distinction at the Hamilton Show.

**Club Work.** Calf, Lamb & Garden Sections. Excellent work is being done by the pupils in these sections. A very successful July School Day was held and interest is still well maintained by parents. Tone and discipline work very good to excellent.

**General.** The children take a keen interest in all school activities.

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"This school is very well conducted on liberal lines. Good courses of work are being successfully undertaken. Buildings, recently painted, are in very good order. Some holes in the asphalt are in urgent need of attention. They are dangerous and render the area unsuitable for effective drill purposes."

*R W D Maxwell, 26 June 1940*

## 1941

### Enrolments

1941 P **DAVIDSON** Jack  
Feb 1941 P **HOLLAND** Neil James  
1941 P **JOHNSON** Thomas (Sam)  
1941 P **KOHI** Shirley  
1941 P **PEDEN** Brian

### 1941 Classes

Primer	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Jack
Primer	<b>HOLLAND</b> Neil James
Primer	<b>HOLLAND</b> Ronald
Primer	<b>JOHNSON</b> Sam
Primer	<b>PEDEN</b> Brian
Primer 1	<b>KOHI</b> Shirley
Primer 2	<b>KOHI</b> Mona
Primer 2	<b>PEDEN</b> Ruth
Primer 3	<b>PUTERE</b> Polly
Std 2	<b>KOHI</b> Doris
Std 3	<b>JOHNSON</b> Lorne
Std 5	<b>KOHI</b> Nancy
Std 5	<b>TURNER</b> Margaret
Std 6	<b>TURNER</b> Eldon

Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

## 1941 Headmaster's Report - M J O'Brien

The children of this school are all very keen on all school activities. The average attainment averages greatly throughout the various classes but all are working to maximise capacity.

Though various epidemic illnesses have been prevalent throughout the year, attendance has on the whole been satisfactory.

**Arithmetic.** On the whole this subject is satisfactory. The Māori pupils are making marked progress though experiencing difficulty in the mastering of mechanical work. The setting out and general neatness has attained a very fair standard.

**English.** The written English is very good while oral reproduction is gradually strengthening. The oral expressions (need) definite speech training and Choral Reading work is improving the general standard in the lower division.

**Reading.** In most classes a fair standard has been maintained where there has been no impediment. The lower divisions are showing distinct progress in reading and Sound work.

**Drawing.** In general very good progress in this subject is maintained. The lower divisions work particularly well in BB (blackboard) drawing.

**Composition.** This subject has been treated as a practice subject for every day use in the form of Letter Writing. Both in business and personal. letter writing marked improvement has been made.

**Science & Nature Study.** Excellent progress is being maintained in the upper classes in this subject.

**Club Work** - Garden, Calf, Lamb & Handcraft. Excellent interest and marked success have been attained by the pupils in all club activities. Work done by the pupils was excellently rewarded by the winning of the Points Shield for Lower Waikato Schools Competition.

In general the children have carried out a very successful year's work, all working to capacity and displaying a keen interest in the school activities.

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"This school continues to fluctuate considerably from the point of view of numbers (11). The teaching is well directed, patient and sympathetic. The drill and assembly area has been extended and top-dressed and is now in good order. It now should permanently be marked out for drill purposes."

*R W D Maxwell, 12 August 1941*

## 1942

### Enrolments

1942 P **CLARK** Marjorie  
1942 P **DAVIDSON** Valerie  
1942 P **HOLLAND** Leslie  
1942 P **JONES** John Ronald  
1942 P **MAXWELL** Helen  
1942 P **THISTLETHWAITE** Dorcas  
1942 S1 **TOHE** Queenie

### 1942 Classes

Primer	<b>CLARK</b> Marjorie
Primer	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Valerie
Primer	<b>HOLLAND</b> Leslie
Primer	<b>JOHNSON</b> Thomas
Primer	<b>JONES</b> John
Primer	<b>KOHI</b> Shirley
Primer	<b>MAXWELL</b> Helen
Primer	<b>THISTLETHWAITE</b> Doress
Std 1	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Jack
Std 1	<b>HOLLAND</b> Ronald
Std 1	<b>KOHI</b> Mona
Std 1	<b>TOHI</b> Queenie
Std 2	<b>PUTERE</b> Polly
Std 3	<b>KOHI</b> Doris
Std 4	<b>JOHNSON</b> Lorne
Std 6	<b>KOHI</b> Nancy
Std 6	<b>TURNER</b> Margaret

Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

## 1942 Headmaster's Report - M J O'Brien

Many factors have tended, throughout the year, to impede steady progress of the pupils. For a period of seven weeks the school was closed one day each week while the teacher reported for medical treatment ordered by the Army. The school was closed during July-August for a period of four weeks while teacher was in the Military Camp.

During the last term all pupils with the exemption of four were absent for a period of two weeks with measles. Other seasonal sicknesses affected the general attendance.

**Arithmetic.** Satisfactory progress is being made in this subject with the exception that Māori children are still experiencing difficulty with mechanical work. The setting out and general neatness has attained a very fair standard.

**English.** Throughout the written English is good. The oral work is gradually improving though some pupils are not as distinct speakers. Impediments are noticed in some cases. Daily speech training and Choral Reading training are having a beneficial effect on speech.

**Reading.** In most classes a very fair standard has been maintained. The lower division have made good progress in reading, sounds and word recognition.

**Drawing.** In general very good progress is being made. The lower division also very good on BB (blackboard).

**Composition.** The subject has been treated as a practical subject in the form of Letter writing. Back in Business and Personal letter writing very good results have been attained.

**Club Work**—Garden, Calf, Lamb & Handcraft sections. Excellent interest has been maintained throughout all club activities.

**General:** The children have worked to full capacity and display a keen interest in all school activities.

1943

NO ENROLMENTS LIST FOUND

NO CLASS LISTS AVAILABLE

*These two 1943 documents were removed from the school during WW2 by the Education Department and have not since been located.*

Teacher: Mr M J O'Brien

## 1943 Headmaster's Report - M J O'Brien

The children of this school are keen and display a deep interest in all school activities. They show a good disposition towards school life and always appear to be happy and contented, conducting themselves in a pleasing manner.

Owing to the mixed nature of the school the general attainment is not of a very high standard, in the case of the Māori children. But all pupils have worked to maximum capability. Attendance in some cases has mitigated against steady progress.

**Arithmetic.** Throughout the standard classes setting out and general neatness is good. Mechanical work has recurred due attention and is improving, the Māori children experiencing most difficulty. In the upper primers very good progress has been made.

**English.** The written English is very good and a distinct improvement in grammar is noted, while the oral work is gradually improving through speech training and the enacting of suitable easy plays in the lower Standards and Primers.

**Reading.** The reading throughout varies from very good in some instances to some cases in which great difficulty in mastery is evident. In Primers some are excellent while others display difficulty in word recognition though having a good grounding in sound work. To combat this consistent sound and word matching work has been taken.

**Drawing.** In Standards the work in pastel is very good. In Primers the standard is very good in BB drawing and picture illustration.

**Composition.** Picture stories and expressions are fairly good. Most time in upper classes has been devoted to practical work in past school life in the matter of correct letter forming.

**Garden Club.** Keen interest is still maintained in club activities but it is regretted that a Field Day could not be held this year. The gardens are well cared for and produced a good display of vegetables in connection with the District(?) Daffodil Competition.

**Handwork.** Excellent work produced by the children for funds for the Junior Red Cross of which most are members.

**General:** A good year's work has been accomplished.

1944

Enrolments

Feb 1944 P4 BRYANT Joan

Mar 1944 P DAVIDSON Valerie

Teachers: Mr M J O'Brien & Mrs Robinson (6 July)

*No Class Lists found*

## 1944 Headteacher's Report - Mrs Robinson

Although the examination results of the annual exams are on a whole lower than those of the mid-year the work has improved considerably.

A change of teachers was made from the 3rd of July and this had naturally affected the children's work. During the latter half of the year the children have worked to the utmost capacity, many doing homework in their eagerness to make progress.

The work of this school is yet only very fair, but with as much progress next year the standard should attain good at last.

This year the roll number has increased from 18 to 32 pupils. During the second term whooping cough affected nearly all attendances but this last term's attendance has been excellent.

**Arithmetic.** The subject needs much improvement yet as the majority of the pupils are far below the standard for the class in which they are placed. For this reason most are placed on trial ready for 1945.

Mental work is very low and children appear to have had no experience in individual thinking until recently. Work in Primer and Std 1 is of a good standard while that of the others Standards has shown an improvement within the last few months.



Aerial photo of Kimihia Lake taken on April 18th, 1941



"The Point"

Lake Hakanoa

Russell Road

Kimihia Road





Kimihia School



**English.** Formal English is very good in most classes except Std 3. Speech work is improving steadily with plenty of practice. Children are noticed to correct speech deficits in other pupils. Dramatic work has played an important part and children are now in preparation for a concert.

**Reading.** In upper classes reading is on a whole weak. In the Primers and lower Standards there has been a definite improvement with sound drills daily, and next year the whole school should attain a very good standard.

**Drawing.** Very pleasing work is done by all the pupils. Primers in their illustrative ink display excellent imagination.

**Composition.** Much oral work is being done to improve this subject. Punctuation has been weak but with constant attention this difficulty should be soon overcome. Letter writing has improved from fair to very fair.

**Club Work.** Children displayed a keen interest in Calf Club this year, which was well attended by parents and local residents. Unfortunately there were no gardens for judging purposes as they had been destroyed by cattle forcing their way through the fence. Flower gardens were started and next year we hope the school environment will be improved considerably.

**Handwork.** Children have made good progress with work for Red Cross purposes. Bead brooches and various novelties have been made for sale. Knitted garments have been forwarded for Refugee purposes.

**General.** Children display a good school spirit and have worked steadily. Parents interests have been stimulated by choral work of pupils and many display as much eagerness as the children, and making their school careers a success.

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“This school is being conducted on sound lines by a capable young teacher whose enthusiasm for her work deserves to meet with success. The newly stained floor improves the neat appearance of the main room but certain repair and maintenance work require attention. I suggest that an effort be made to clear some of the blackberry, to make the fence cattle-proof and to mend the broken windows. The children would benefit greatly if the school had a good library and all-weather paths to the outhouses.”

*G W Slane, 4 October 1944*

**1945**

*Enrolments/Classes*

*Majority re-enrolled at the end of WW2*

May-21 1945	Primer	ARANUI Tui
May-21 1945	Primer	ARANUI Whare
Jun-19 1945	Primer	BIRCH John
Jun-19 1945	Primer	DAVIDSON Joyce
May-21 1945	Primer	FINDLATER Pam
May-21 1945	Primer	JOHNSON Thomas Mathew
May-21 1945	Primer	JONES Murray
May-21 1945	Primer	JONES John Ronald
May-21 1945	Primer	JONES Myra Jean
May-21 1945	Std 1	AMPHLETT Ngaire
May-21 1945	Std 1	BRYANT Joan

May-21 1945	Std 1	DAVIDSON Valerie
May-21 1945	Std 1	HALFORD Iris
May-21 1945	Std 1	SIMMONS Shirley Frances
May-21 1945	Std 2	AHU Jimmie
May-21 1945	Std 2	AMPHLETT Bruce
Jun-19 1945	Std 2	BIRCH Roger
Oct-02 1945	Std 2	CUNNINGHAM Valda M
May-21 1945	Std 2	DAVIDSON Jack
May-21 1945	Std 2	DAVIDSON William
May-21 1945	Std 2	HALFORD George
May-21 1945	Std 2	HOLLAND Leslie William
May-21 1945	Std 2	KOHI Shirley
May-21 1945	Std 2	PURU Hehe
May-21 1945	Std 2	SAUNDERS Ian
May-21 1945	Std 2	SIMMONS Ronald Alfred
May-21 1945	Std 3	ARANUI Margaret
May-21 1945	Std 3	HALFORD Ruby
May-21 1945	Std 3	KOHI Mona
May-21 1945	Std 3	KOHI Mona
May-21 1945	Std 3	LAWTON Ron
May-21 1945	Std 3	PUTERE Polly
Aug-24 1945	Std 4	CUNNINGHAM Frederick J
May-21 1945	Std 4	HOLLAND Ron
Jul-24 1945	Std 4	IWIHORA Sally
Oct-10 1945	Std 4	IWIHORA Sally
Oct-02 1945	Std 5	CUNNINGHAM Janet M
May-21 1945	Std 5	HALFORD Loloma
May-21 1945	Std 5	KOHI Dorrie
May-21 1945	Std 5	PORANGI Nora
May-21 1945	Std 6	HALFORD June

Teachers: Mrs Robinson, Miss H M Rankin (21 May),  
Miss I A Gunn (3 Sept), Miss Davis

## 1945 Headteacher's Report - Miss I A Gunn

The standard of work is very weak. Written work is below standard. Graphic expression and handwork are almost rudimentary.

**Reading.** FII—Std 1. Oral work poor, lip-laziness being the worst fault. Comprehension varies from Very Good to Weak.

**English.** Formal work is Good to Very Weak. Oral words are spoilt by speech and grammatical defects.

**Spelling.** F1-2 V.Good. S4-S1 Very Poor. Much Word Building has been given.

**Composition.** S1-3 Written work has improved. S4-FII still have no idea of paragraphing. Except in one case Sentence Structure has improved.

**Social Studies.** The children display great interest, but are definitely handicapped by the lack of books of reference.

**Club Work.** Nine calves and three lambs were displayed on Club Day which was attended by many parents. The animals showed that care and attention had been given them. The calf-judging competition gave good results.

**Drawing.** Poor standard throughout, but now that paint, pastels and paper are available the work should improve.

**Handwork.** Very poor—detail scampey. Lack of materials and instruments a factor.

**Arithmetic.** F2 girl is bright but her mechanical work is weak and some aspects of the work set for the year are

only just now being completed. F1 is very weak with only one promotion being made. S4 very fair. S3 only one promotion has been made, two girls being kept back for at least a term in order to complete assignment of work. S2 setting out and figuring poor. S1 three promotions have been made - figuring poor. Primers - three promotions have been made.

**General.** Although the children are mentally lazy, the standard of work should improve as more material becomes available for their use. Improvement in the setting out of all written work must be the first consideration for 1946.

Oral work should improve and much time must be given

## 1946

### Enrolments

Feb-04 1946 P **BIRCH** Mervyn  
 Feb-04 1946 P **GARVAN** Noeline  
 Feb-04 1946 P **LATCHFORD** Elizabeth  
 Nov-08 1946 P **MacDONALD** Stancy  
 Feb-04 1946 F2 **PURU** Hihi  
 Dec-09 1946 P **SAUNDERS** Kerrin Alexander  
 Feb-04 1946 P **WILSON** Robert

### 1946 Classes

Primer	<b>ARANUI</b> Alec
Primer	<b>BIRCH</b> Mervyn
Primer	<b>GARVAN</b> Noeline
Primer	<b>JOHNSON</b> Mary
Primer	<b>LATCHFORD</b> Elizabeth
Primer	<b>MacDONALD</b> Stancy
Primer	<b>PURU</b> Daisy
Primer	<b>SAUNDERS</b> Kerry
Primer	<b>WILSON</b> Robert
Primer	<b>WILSON</b> Tangiwai
Primer 3	<b>ARANUI</b> Tui
Primer 3	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Joyce
Std 1	<b>AHU</b> James
Std 1	<b>ARANUI</b> Whare
Std 1	<b>BIRCH</b> John
Std 1	<b>DAVIDSON</b> William
Std 1	<b>JONES</b> Myra
Std 1	<b>SAUNDERS</b> Ian
Std 1	<b>TOHE</b> Queenie
Std 1	<b>TOHE</b> Sarah
Std 1	<b>WILSON</b> William
Std 2	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Valerie
Std 2	<b>HOLLAND</b> Leslie
Std 2	<b>SIMMONS</b> Ronald
Std 3	<b>BIRCH</b> Roger
Std 3	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Jack
Std 3	<b>SIMMONS</b> Shirley
Std 4	<b>ARANUI</b> Margaret
Std 4	<b>JOHNSON</b> Thomas
Std 4	<b>JONES</b> John
Std 4	<b>PURU</b> Hihi
Std 4	<b>PUTERE</b> Polly
Std 6	<b>HOLLAND</b> Ronald
Std 6	<b>PRIEST</b> Desmond

Teacher: Miss Davis

## 1946 Headteacher's Report - Miss A E Davis

**Arithmetic** is weak and slow. I have given plenty of mechanical work to try and improve it, but they find it difficult to apply it to problems.

**Reading.** Comprehension very fair but oral work and speech are weak. Also formal work very weak. Have introduced "Country Library".

**English.** Work good to fair; formal work very weak. Composition only fair at sentences work but very weak at paragraphing.

**Spelling.** Is very weak and trying to improve it with Schonell spelling lists and instructions, Schonell in sentences - individual from memory.

**Drawing.** This subject, on the whole, is very fair to good.

**General.** Children are lazy, have got into bad habits and (are) indifferent; but with continual attention should improve. General orders or "good enough" air in school district.

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"The attendance on the day of inspection was seriously affected by sickness among the pupils (16 of 31 present). The teacher is doing her best under very disheartening teaching conditions. The building is unlined, poorly equipped with teaching aids and the grounds provide no facilities for outdoor activities. The impression gained is one of lack of interest on the part of all concerned. It is pleasing to note that reasonable access by road is now an accomplished fact."

*K.I. Robertson, 3 May 1946*



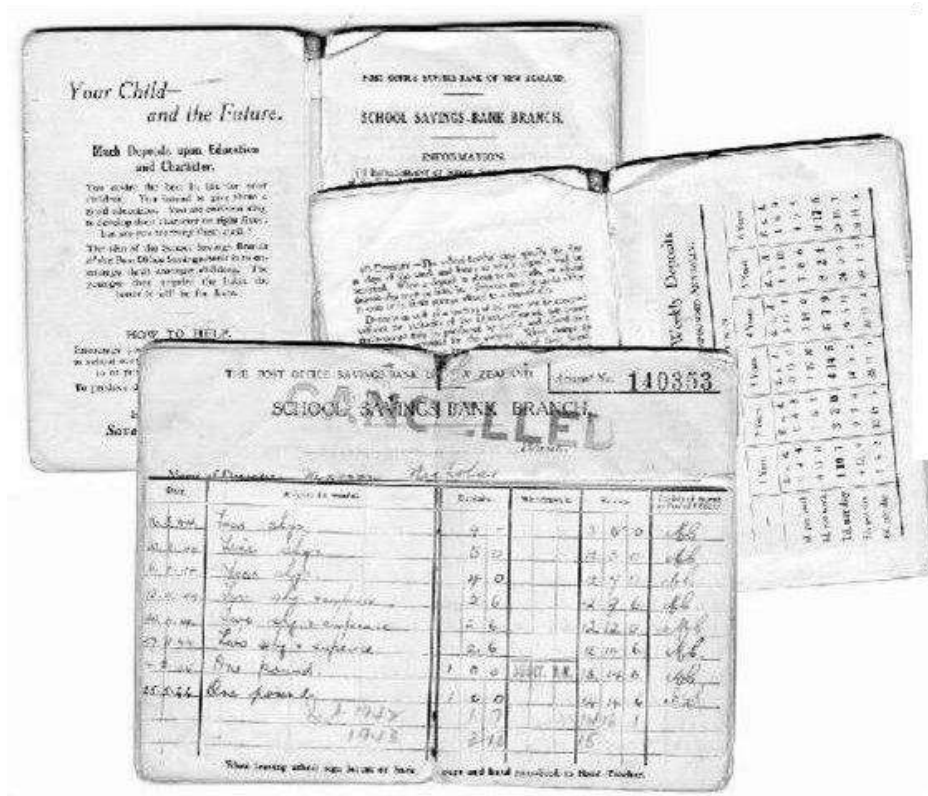
A 1941 aerial photograph of the Perry farmstead on the southern shores of Lake Kimihia. The house and the fields around were used as a social gathering place for the community. The building later was converted to become the mining headquarters for Downer & Company as they accessed the coal beneath the lake. The railway line swings past the house on its way to the pitheads further to the west.



The following note was appended to the margin of the 1945 Register of Admission & Withdrawal:

*"Note: No's 695-727 are numbers of complete school re-admitted. Previous Admissions Register removed from school during May 1945. All other records of admission, i.e. rolls and progress records from 1943 also removed. Mrs Robinson, Head Teacher, 21st May 1945."*

The record referred to was that of 1938-1945. Up to this time it has not been found amongst the NZ Archives.



All pupils were encouraged to bank regularly, and provisions were made by the Post Office Savings Bank for the students to do this on a weekly basis.

Money and slips were collected, placed with the pass-book into envelopes provided and 'posted' in the POSB box in the schoolroom. It was later taken to the Post Office Savings Bank and deposited.



**1947***Enrolments*

Apr-01 1947 P **BIRCH** Alys  
 Oct-06 1947 P **BRAND** Richard  
 May-29 1947 S3 **DAVID** Elsie Gloria  
 Feb-03 1947 P **JOHNSON** Mary Naomi  
 Jun-23 1947 P **LITTLE** David Francis  
 Jun-23 1947 S1 **LITTLE** Jeanette Elizabeth  
 Jun-23 1947 S2 **LITTLE** Marjorie Grace  
 Feb-03 1947 F1 **PRIEST** Desmond  
 Feb-04 1947 P **PURU** Daisy  
 Feb-03 1947 S4 **PURU** Hihi  
 Nov-10 1947 P **PUTERE** Leo  
 Jul-01 1947 P **RONGO** Ann  
 Jul-01 1947 P **RONGO** Thomas  
 Jul-07 1947 S2 **STIMPSON** Glenda Elizabeth  
 Jul-07 1947 S2 **STIMPSON** William John  
 Feb-03 1947 S1 **TOHE** Queenie  
 Feb-03 1947 P4 **TOHE** Sarah  
 Feb-03 1947 P **WILSON** Tangiwai  
 Feb-03 1947 S2 **WILSON** William

*1947 Classes*

Primer **ARANUI** Alec  
 Primer **ARANUI** Tui  
 Primer **BIRCH** Alys  
 Primer **BIRCH** Mervyn  
 Primer **BRAND** Richard  
 Primer **DAVIDSON** Jancy  
 Primer **JOHNSON** Mary  
 Primer **LITTLE** David  
 Primer **MacDONALD** Stancy  
 Primer **PURU** Daisy  
 Primer **RONGO** Anna  
 Primer **RONGO** Thomas  
 Primer **SAUNDERS** Kerrin  
 Primer **WILSON** Tangiwai

Std 1 **AHU** James  
 Std 1 **ARANUI** Whare  
 Std 1 **BIRCH** John  
 Std 1 **DAVIDSON** William  
 Std 1 **JONES** Myra  
 Std 1 **LITTLE** Jeanette  
 Std 1 **SAUNDERS** Ian  
 Std 1 **TOHE** Queenie  
 Std 1 **TOHE** Sarah

Std 2 **DAVIDSON** Valerie  
 Std 2 **HOLLAND** Leslie  
 Std 2 **LITTLE** Marjorie  
 Std 2 **SIMMONS** Ronald  
 Std 2 **STIMPSON** Glenda  
 Std 2 **STIMPSON** William  
 Std 2 **WILSON** William

Std 3 **BIRCH** Roger  
 Std 3 **DAVID** Elsie  
 Std 3 **SIMMONS** Shirley  
 Std 4 **ARANUI** Margaret  
 Std 4 **DAVIDSON** Jack  
 Std 4 **JONES** John  
 Std 4 **PURU** Hihi  
 Std 4 **PUTERE** Polly

Std 5 **JOHNSON** Thomas  
 Std 6 **HOLLAND** Ronald  
 Std 6 **PRIEST** Desmond

Teacher: Mr W Parsonage

**GOLDEN JUBILEE****KIMIHIA SCHOOL****CELEBRATIONS****FUNCTIONS LAST SATURDAY**

The 50th jubilee celebrations of the Kimihia School were held last Saturday and proved very successful and enjoyable. There was a large gathering of old pupils from various parts of the Dominion, and nearly half of the first-year pupils answered the roll call.

Among the gathering were four past teachers of the school, Mr M. Priestley, of Auckland, the first teacher, now a member of the Auckland Education Board, Miss I. M. Brown, of Onehunga, Auckland (retired), a teacher at the school for 16 years several years ago, Mrs Alec McIntosh, of Huntly (retired), who taught there for several years, and Mr M. J. O'Brien, of Auckland, a recent teacher of the school. The present teacher of the school, Miss A. E. Davies, was also present.

Apologies for absence were received from several old pupils, and one was received from Mr A. S. Sutherland, M.P. for Hauraki. Eight members of the Dunn family, all old pupils, were present at the celebrations.

Mr Alf Holland, of Kimihia, an old pupil, acted as chairman for the celebrations in the absence of his brother Mr John Holland, also an old pupil, who had to enter hospital just prior to the celebrations. He is now out of hospital.

The celebrations opened at 1:30 p.m. with a reunion, when those present were afforded a great opportunity of renewing old acquaintances. Mr Holland welcomed the visitors.

The honour of ringing the school bell was given to Mr Samuel Dunn, of Pukemiro, the oldest pupil present, after which the roll was called by Mr Priestley, who then addressed the gathering. Mr J. McGlynn replied on behalf of the old pupils. The Mayor of Huntly, Mr G. Smith, who had resided at Kimihia many years ago, spoke of the early days of the district.

Mrs Florence Cole (nee Evans), of Auckland, the oldest ex-pupil among the women present, was presented with a shoulder spray by the youngest pupil at the school, Alys Birch, of Kimihia. Mrs Priestley, the Mayoress, Mrs G. Smith, and Mrs J. T. Holland, the oldest resident of the district, were presented with shoulder sprays by Mrs R. Wilson, of Huntly West, an old pupil. On behalf of the old pupils, Mrs F. Cole presented Mr Priestley with a white silk scarf.

The old pupils were then assembled to be photographed, after which the gathering adjourned to a large marquee in the school grounds, where a delightful afternoon tea was provided, and the large number of children present were also supplied with soft drinks, ice cream and apples. The long tables were beautifully decorated with gold flowers.

Mr Holland called upon the Mayor, Mr G. Smith, to propose the first toast, "The King." Mr Charles Dunn, of Wellington, an old pupil, replied to the toast, "Past Teachers."

During the afternoon, Miss L. M. Brown presented a handsome barometer to the school, and addressed the gathering. Several of the old pupils contributed £7 towards a clock for the school. Mr Holland suitably returned thanks.

Owing to rain a programme of children's races had to be abandoned.

In the evening a largely attended dance was held, when a very happy time was spent. Music was supplied by Mrs J. Luke, an old pupil, and Mr Joe Fulton. Numerous extras were contributed. Songs were given by Mrs R. Perry, of Huntly, Mr J. Phillips, of Taupiri; card tricks by Mr W. C. Davies, of Huntly; a recitation by Mrs E. W. Ruston, of Te Aroha, a former well-known Huntly resident, who had lived for several years at Kimihia; guitar items, Mr J. Phillips, junr., of Taupiri; mouth organ and piano-accordion duets, Messrs W. Davidson and W. Valentine. Mr Mat Russell, an old pupil, acted as M.C. during the evening. A delicious savoury supper was served in the marquee during the evening.

All were agreed that the golden jubilee celebrations had been a memorable one.

In the 50 years, 759 pupils have passed through the school. Among the old pupils present were:—

Mesdames F. Cole, B. Sullivan, H. Windsor, B. Fleming, H. Ward, F. Kay, R. Wilson, W. Valentine, M. Club, B. Ruston, W. C. Davies, Rodgers, King, J. Dooley, Dooley, J. Rogers, J. Luke, A. Pretty, Boswell, Miss N. Perry, Messrs T. Holland, F. Dunn, J. Dunn, T. Dunn, C. Dunn, W. Ruston, M. Russell, H. Jones, J. Johnson, H. Perry, J. Ralph, T. Ralph, W. Coby, J. McGlynn, A. Paterson, Seddon.

- *Huntly Press*



**Class of 1947**

Rear: Willy Wilson, Johnnie Jones, Ron Holland, Jack Davidson, Sonny Wilson, Leslie Holland, Tom Johnson, (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, William Davidson, (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

Middle: (4) \_\_\_\_\_, (5) \_\_\_\_\_, (6) \_\_\_\_\_, Polly Putere, Queenie Tohe, Valerie Davidson, (7) \_\_\_\_\_, (8) \_\_\_\_\_, (9) \_\_\_\_\_.

Seated: (10) \_\_\_\_\_, (11) \_\_\_\_\_, Maki Tohe, (12) \_\_\_\_\_, Mary Johnson, Stancy MacDonald (?), Joyce Davidson, Myra Jones, (14) \_\_\_\_\_, (15) \_\_\_\_\_.





### Reunion Group 1

- Rear: (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, Mat Russell, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, (4) \_\_\_\_\_, Wati Kohi, (5) \_\_\_\_\_, Joe McGlynn, (6) \_\_\_\_\_, (7) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Middle: Annie Valentine [Jones], Maggie Club [McGlynn], (8) \_\_\_\_\_, Elda Housley [Holland], Maggie Davies [Ruston], Walter Ruston, May Rogers [Patterson], (9) \_\_\_\_\_, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (behind Miss Brown), Miss Brown, teacher, Hazel King [Neil], Rosie Dooley [Dunn], Janet Rogers [Holland], Mercy Dooley [Dunn], Vera Luke [Russell], (11) \_\_\_\_\_, (12) \_\_\_\_\_, (13) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Front: Tom Holland, (14) \_\_\_\_\_, Pearl Wilson [Patterson], (15) \_\_\_\_\_, Maurice Priestley, (16) \_\_\_\_\_, Robina Russell, (17) \_\_\_\_\_, Violet Kay [Johnson], Harry Perry.



### Reunion Group 2

- Rear: Harry Goodsall, Fred Jones, Harry Jones, Harry Perry, Alan Patterson, Fred Dunn, Tom Holland, Lou Ralph, Len Rosser, Dick Perry.
- 3rd Row: (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, Pearl Patterson, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, Elda Holland, (4) \_\_\_\_\_, (5) \_\_\_\_\_, Annie Jones Valentine, Janet Holland, (6) \_\_\_\_\_, Bella Craw, (7) \_\_\_\_\_, Dave Holland, Margaret Craw, Hazel King [Neil], Clarrie Slee, Vera Russell, Ben Holland.
- Seated: (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (child), Maggie McGlynn, Maud Perry, (9) \_\_\_\_\_, Miss Browne [teacher], Pearl Wilson [Patterson], (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Patterson, Beeny Fleming.
- Crouched: Jim Ralph, Bill Yates, Ray Fleming, Jim Patterson, Joe McGlynn, Dave Dunsmuir.

1947 Reunion gathering.











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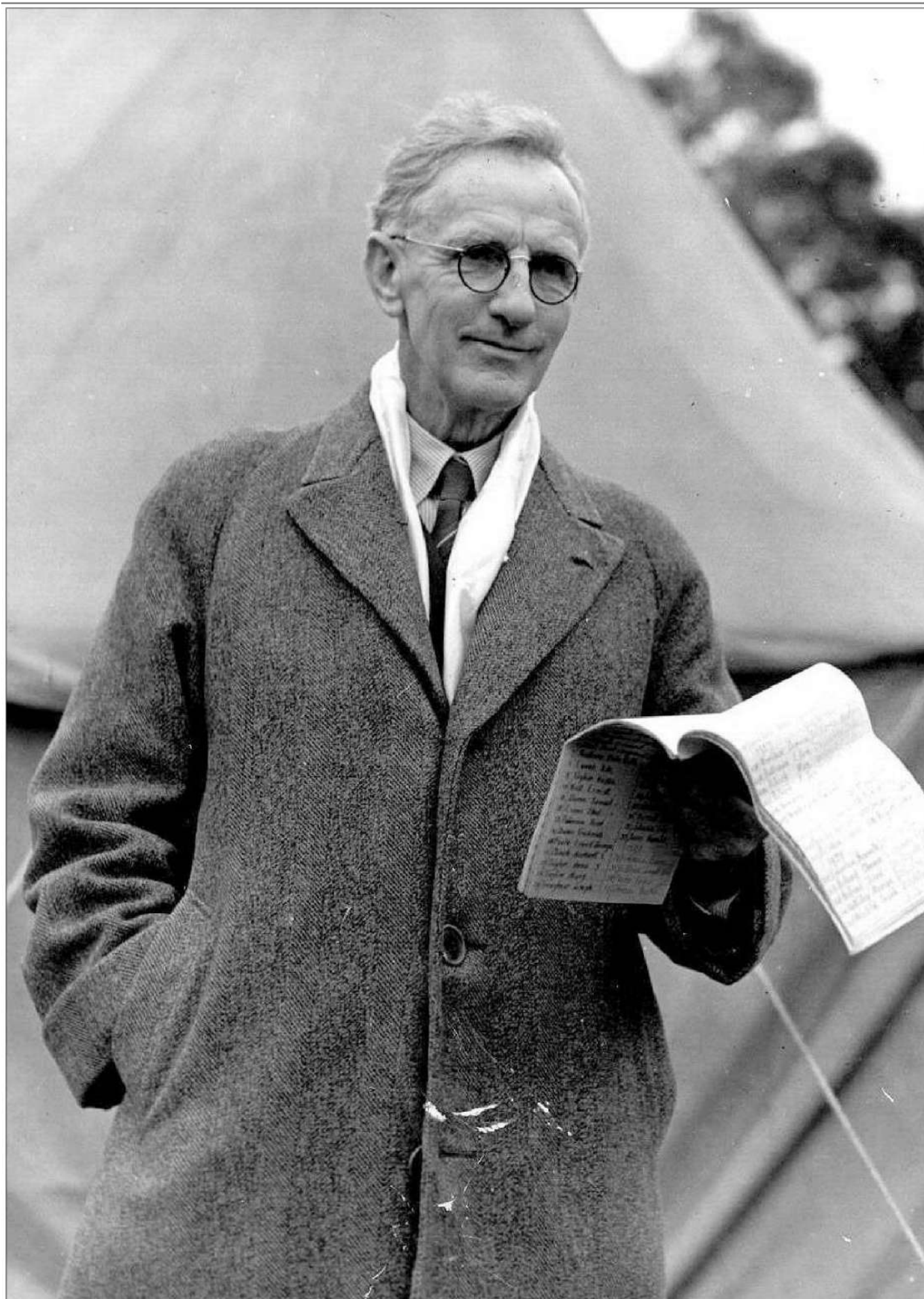


Presentation of sprays to the VIP women, (with Mrs Pearl Patterson on the right).



Above: Mrs Janet Holland  
and Mrs Pearl Wilson (Patterson).





**Maurice Priestley**

Headmaster from 1897 to 1901, speaking at the 1947 reunion.



Shirley Kohi, Willy Wilson, Myra Jones and Jacky Davidson.



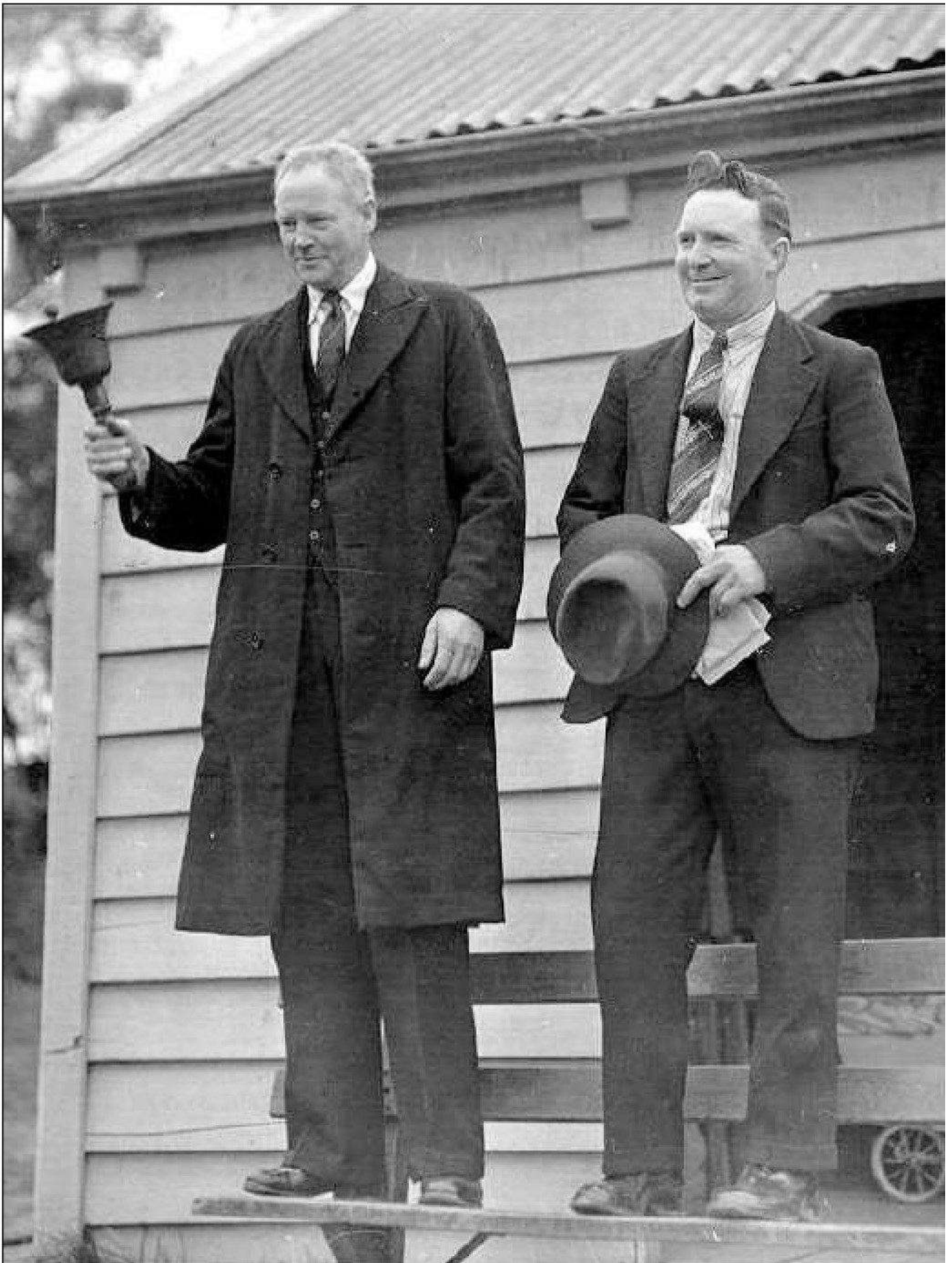
Previous Head Teachers.





Maurice Priestley speaking to the guests at the 1947 Reunion.





Ring of the bell by the oldest ex-pupil Edward Clinch,  
with Mr Holland, Chairman of the School Committee.

1948

*Enrolments*

Nov-22 1948 P **KENNY** Andrew  
Nov-29 1948 P **LITTLE** Robert  
Apr-19 1948 P **MARTIN** Yvonne  
Sep-27 1948 P **SIMMONS** William Leslie Joseph  
Feb-22 1948 P **BRAND** Arnold

*1948 Classes*

Primer	<b>BRAND</b> Arnold
Primer	<b>BRAND</b> Richard
Primer	<b>KENNY</b> Andrew
Primer	<b>LITTLE</b> Robert
Primer	<b>MacDONALD</b> Stancy
Primer	<b>PUTERE</b> Leo
Primer	<b>SIMMONS</b> William
Primer	<b>WILSON</b> Tangiwai
Primer 3	<b>ARANUI</b> Alec
Primer 3	<b>JOHNSON</b> Mary
Primer 3	<b>MARTIN</b> Yvonne
Std 1	<b>ARANUI</b> Tui
Std 1	<b>ARANUI</b> Whare
Std 1	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Joyce
Std 1	<b>LITTLE</b> David
Std 1	<b>TOHE</b> Queenie
Std 1	<b>TOHE</b> Sarah
Std 2	<b>AHU</b> James
Std 2	<b>DAVIDSON</b> William
Std 2	<b>JONES</b> Myra
Std 2	<b>LITTLE</b> Jeanette
Std 3	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Valerie
Std 3	<b>HOLLAND</b> Leslie
Std 3	<b>LITTLE</b> Marjorie
Std 3	<b>SIMMONS</b> Ronald
Std 3	<b>WILSON</b> William
Std 4	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Jack
Std 4	<b>SIMMONS</b> Shirley
Std 5	<b>JONES</b> John
Std 5	<b>PURU</b> Hihi
Std 5	<b>PUTERE</b> Polly
Std 6	<b>JOHNSON</b> Thomas

Teacher: Mr W Parsonage

### 1948 Headteacher's Report - Miss A E Davis Interim Report

**F.II** Work very fair. English only fair - not dull but very slow in grasping and action. I think he will make S.C. by end of year. Behaviour very good.

**F.I** Work Polly and John weak: Hihi is fair. I think he will make the standard by the end of the year. Behaviour: Polly and Hihi good; John fair, lazy and bad tempered resenting correction. Not very obedient.

**S.4** Work generally weak all through. Shirley interested in nature study is a good worker and well behaved. Jack very lazy and indifferent to everything: too lazy to be naughty.

**S.3** Work fair to good. Leslie weak in English. Ronald and William generally weak. Valerie very fair and Marjorie good. Marjorie needs tactful treatment, very shy and nervous, a good worker and though a bit slow at picking up, is solid once she gets it. Behaviour good except Ronald, who is a troublesome child lacking concentration.

**S.2** Work good. Jimmy very good in English but finding it hard to grip Number. Jeanette and William good all round. Myra only fair. Behaviour exceptional. Myra is very good.

**S.1** Work: Sarah, Whare, Tui are good. Joyce and David Fair. Behaviour good.

**Primers** Not a very bright lot, Mary and Stancy are slow, cannot hear words from phonic sounds. Alec is fair but lazy. Les is very intelligent. Richard is rather a problem.

**General** Work of school generally is only fair. Children are eager; but eagerness is, in most cases, damped by indifference in the home.

Mr Little takes a keen interest in his children and does all he can to help, which is a big help to the teacher. He takes a keen interest in the school. Mr J.Holland also takes a keen interest in anything for the children (calf-club, etc).

When I took over, Sept. 1946 work was very weak. I worked and worked the children hardly during 1947. The roll went from 32 to 38 and back again. The long spell at Christmas 1947 put them back again, though I took each family for half a day each week. Queenie and the Aranuis did no work. Hihi, Simmons, Polly, Jimmy and Jones did very little work. Littles did very well and got through all their work.

The appearance of the grounds will give an idea of the Committee's interest. 1946-48 Committee showed very little interest in school. 1948 Committee has made a better show of interest since they have been in office. They have dug two loads of sand into the garden; have provided two new mats, a new broom, oil, turps, etc.

### 1948 Headteacher's Report W Parsonage - Final Report

#### **F.2**

Work very fair. Attitude very good. Primary School Certificate granted.

**Arithmetic:** Considerable improvement made.

**Formal Language:** Very fair. Most taught work well grasped.

**Written Expression:** Approximately very fair. Sentence structure good but seems to lack imagination.

**Spelling:** Fair. Words well known daily but not remembered.

**Social Studies:** Very little taken until 3rd term. Keen interest shown.

**Reading:** Very Fair—good. Silent Reader with good comprehension of matter read.

**Writing:** Greatly improved.

#### **F.1**

John - very fair. Polly - generally weak.

**Arithmetic:** John fair but improving. Polly has little idea of even the fundamental tables.

**English:** John very fair approaching good in written expression. Polly weak.

**Reading:** John very fair to good. Polly fair to very fair.

**Spelling:** Approximately very fair. Considerable improvement was shown

**Writing:** This was weak but progress has been made and the standard of writing and general setting out has been



raised.

**Social Studies:** As in F2 very little had been taken until 3rd Term. John very keen. Polly keen but will improve as subject matter is explained.

#### S1-S4

The work in most cases was only fair. Writing and setting out was untidy and careless. Oral response was weak. Towards the end of the year the children were trying hard with the result that in all cases a large measure of improvement was shown, particularly with regard to writing and oral response. The children are now able to conduct their own debates and oral response is good. Writing and setting out is very fair to good.

**Reading:** Oral Reading is fair. Silent Reading is good. For the most part the children are interested in reading, and class readers and Country Library books are in great demand. Comprehension very fair.

**English:** Varies from Very Good to Weak. General estimate Fair. Spoken English is Weak.

**Spelling:** Apart from three who are weak Spelling is generally Very Fair.

**Written Expression:** Although a great deal of attention has been given to this subject it still remains weak throughout the school. Plenty of sentence structure will be continued.

**Social Studies:** Very little taken until 3rd Term. The work taken was appreciated and good results were obtained.

**Writing:** Greatly improved without exception.

**Arithmetic:** Varies considerably from V Good to Weak. Std 2, with one exception, is good and Std 3, 4 and 5 are making progress.

**Speech Work:** *(No comment recorded)*

**General:** The children are keen worker and are making progress. Main consideration for 1949 must be [a] Plenty of sentence structure, [b] Further attention to writing and setting out, and [c] Plenty of tables drill, particularly in the lower classes.

Six calves were reared and displayed at the Group Show in Huntly. It is hoped to resume the local Calf Club activities in

“There are some weaknesses which will require strong determined teaching to eradicate - writing (which is untidy) and oral response (which is diffident). The school building, itself large and in good condition, stands forlorn in unattractive surroundings. Seen on a wet day the grounds are almost a quagmire with muddy water streaming down from the upper playground, across the asphalt assembly area to the school doorway.”

*J C Hall,*

*30 May & 28 October 1947 & 28 June 1948*

**1949**

#### Enrolments

Feb-02 1949	F1	<b>DAVID</b> Elsie Gloria
Jul-04 1949	P	<b>MORRIS</b> Ian
Feb-01 1949	S2	<b>MORRIS</b> Neil Alexander
Feb-01 1949	P	<b>MORRIS</b> Wayne
Apr-26 1949	F2	<b>PURU</b> Hihi
Jun-07 1949	F2	<b>SMITH</b> Roy
Apr-11 1949	S2	<b>WAUGH</b> Jessie
Apr-11 1949	S4	<b>WAUGH</b> Joy
Apr-11 1949	F1	<b>WAUGH</b> Robert
Dec-17 1949	S1	<b>WHIUNUI</b> Graham
Feb-08 1949	S3	<b>WHIUNUI</b> Paraire (Sonny)
Feb-21 1949	P	<b>WHIUNUI</b> Tai
Sep-27 1949	P	<b>WILLIAMS</b> Richard Roy Arthur

#### 1949 Classes

Primer	<b>BRAND</b> Arnold
Primer	<b>BRAND</b> Richard
Primer	<b>KENNY</b> Andrew
Primer	<b>LITTLE</b> Robert
Primer	<b>MORRIS</b> Ian
Primer	<b>MORRIS</b> Wayne
Primer	<b>PUTERE</b> Leo
Primer	<b>SIMMONS</b> William
Primer	<b>WHIUNUI</b> Tai
Primer	<b>WILLIAMS</b> Richard Roy Arthur
Primer 3	<b>ARANUI</b> Alec
Primer 3	<b>WILSON</b> Tangiwai
Std 1	<b>JOHNSON</b> Mary
Std 1	<b>MacDONALD</b> Stancy
Std 1	<b>MORRIS</b> Neil
Std 1	<b>WHIUNUI</b> Graham
Std 2	<b>ARANUI</b> Tui
Std 2	<b>ARANUI</b> Whare
Std 2	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Joyce
Std 2	<b>LITTLE</b> David
Std 2	<b>TOHE</b> Sarah
Std 2	<b>WAUGH</b> Jessie
Std 3	<b>AHU</b> James
Std 3	<b>DAVIDSON</b> William
Std 3	<b>JONES</b> Myra
Std 3	<b>LITTLE</b> Jeanette
Std 3	<b>TOHE</b> Queenie
Std 3	<b>WHIUNUI</b> Sonny
Std 4	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Valerie
Std 4	<b>HOLLAND</b> Leslie
Std 4	<b>LITTLE</b> Marjorie
Std 4	<b>SIMMONS</b> Ronald
Std 4	<b>WAUGH</b> Joy
Std 4	<b>WILSON</b> William
Std 5	<b>DAVID</b> Elsie
Std 5	<b>DAVIDSON</b> Jack
Std 5	<b>SIMMONS</b> Shirley
Std 5	<b>WAUGH</b> Robert
Std 6	<b>JONES</b> John
Std 6	<b>PUTERE</b> Polly
Std 6	<b>RURU</b> Hihi
Std 6	<b>SMITH</b> Roy

Teacher: Mr W Parsonage

## Headteacher's July Report 1949

### Wm Parsonage 14.7.49

**Written Expression** The general weakness noted in this subject in the final survey of 1948 has not been overcome in spite of my efforts. In most cases there has been some improvement but further determined teaching is needed. F2 Fair to Good. Mihi and John improved.

F1 Very Fair+ Both have shown improvements.

S4 Fair to Very Fair. Much work needed here

S3 Fair to Very Fair. Myra good. Others need concentrated teaching.

S1&2 Very Fair to Good. S1 showing improvement. S2 fairly sound.

**Formal Language** As in Written Expression there is a decided weakness here, particularly among the Maori children, most of whom have very little idea of even the rudiments of grammar.

F2 apart from Polly, good.

F1 approximately Very Fair.

S4 Fair to Very Fair. This class is weak on this subject and concentrated teaching is needed to reach a pass standard.

S3 Very Fair to Good. Queenie Fair. Remainder appear to make good progress.

S1&2 Very Fair. Determined teaching is required in Std.1

**Social Studies** S3-F2 Good. Very pleasing progress has been made. Children have displayed a great deal of interest.

**Reading** F1-F2 approaching Good. Most of the children are keen readers and have a good grasp of matter read.

Polly - Fair.

S3-S4 Very Fair. S3 better than S4 who are not keen readers. Oral reading has shown improvement but there is still a tendency to read too quickly.

S1-S2 Very pleasing progress made with these classes.

Mary has not progressed as rapidly as the others and her comprehension is not up to the Standard.

**Spelling** In most cases survey results were something of a disappointment. Children are not yet 'spelling conscious' - introduce dictionaries for mistakes and a graph for daily number of errors in an endeavour to stimulate "spelling Conscience".

**Writing** Here very pleasing progress has been made and what was last year a decided weakness in all classes has become a pleasing feature of the work in the school. General estimate G-VG.

**Arithmetic** F2 Half-year survey results most disappointing due mainly to careless mistakes and not to ignorance of methods. However, progress has been slow and hard work in this subject must be a feature of the second half of the year.

S3-F1 Mainly good with such exceptions as Jimmie and William Wilson who have no idea of number. Progress has been good.

S2 Good to Very Good. A successful half-year's work.

S1 Good progress made - approaching Very Good.

**Speech Work** No formal work taken. Verse speaking

and discussions, and all oral work have been used. To advantage in attaining correct speech.

**Infants** Lack of interest at home is biggest bugbear. Books always being lost. Reading seldom preferred. Reading is Fair. Number work Very Fair. Oral work is Weak. Some children are unwilling to speak. This must be concentrated on during the second half of the year.

**Verse Speaking** Children keen. Popular type of songs has greater appeal and these have been given a preference to school songs.

**Handwork** Very little has been taken due to a shortage of materials. Boys do papier-mache work - girls sewing with Mrs Parsonage.

**Art** New scheme of art work has proved most popular and good results have been obtained.

**General** The children are keen on their work and in all good progress has been made with the exceptions mentioned. The children are friendly and appear to be happy. New sports gear has been obtained and though the playground is against sports activities some results have been achieved.

A new tank and handbasin have been fitted, the hedges have been cut, but the grounds are in a bad state. I have improvements in mind but the Committee is unable to find labour. Floor stain and timber for shelves have been ordered. A fair supply of library and reference books is in hand, but I am reluctant to release them until shelves are procured for them.

### Consideration for Remainder of Year

1. Determined teaching in all English subjects including Written Expression in all classes.
2. Development of a "spelling conscience".
3. Speeding up for F2 Arithmetic.
4. Further concentration on oral work in all classes, particularly infants.
5. Plenty of Table Drill and Mechanical Arithmetic in Std 3 and all classes.

"The environment of the school leaves much to be desired but it is understood that plans are underway for long-overdue ground improvements. The buildings too are badly in need of painting. The new boys lavatory is a great improvement. The interest of the school committee is evident . . . in its efforts to obtain electric power for the school."

*K H O'Halloran, 8 August 1949*

## Headteacher's Final Report 1949

### Wm Parsonage 14.12.49

#### Form 2

**Written Expression** Hihi and John showed improvement and reached a good standard. Roy remained Good. Polly Weak-Very Fair. Has little idea of grammatical construction.

**Formal Language** Apart from Polly, who was Fair, the standard was Good.

**Social Studies** Good progress made here. Polly - Fair. Remainder Good to Very Good.

**Reading** Sight reading Very fair to Good.

Comprehension Very Fair. Silent Reading Good. Most of the class were keen readers and library books were much in demand.

**Spelling** Polly and John Weak. Remainder Good to Very Good.

**Writing** Work is generally neatly and tidily set out and a good style was reached.

**Arithmetic** Roy and John made outstanding progress but Hihi and Polly remained weak. Ray Very Good. John Good.

In general I was very pleased with the progress made in F2 except in Polly's case. Conduct and general attitude were excellent in all cases.

### Form 1

**Written Expression** Elsie V.G. Jack V.F. Both worked hard and made good progress in second half year.

**Formal Language** Elsie G. Jack V.F. Here too good progress was made, particularly in Elsie's case.

**Social Studies** V.G. Outstanding progress made in this subject.

**Reading** Sight Reading G-G+. Comprehension V.F+-V.G. General reading very good. Both are keen readers with a good grasp of matter read.

**Spelling** Jack F. Elsie Ex. Both worked hard but Jack doesn't retain the words.

**Writing** Both reached a good standard of style and fluency.

**Arithmetic** Outstanding and very pleasing progress made. Both G+ - V.G.

In general a very pleasing standard was reached by the pupils and good progress was made in most subjects.

### Std 4

**Written Expression** In spite of my efforts the standard remained V.F. A pass standard was reached but required greater improvement..

**Formal Language** Leslie and William F.-W. Valerie G.

**Social Studies** V.F.+ - V.G. Good progress made.

**Reading** Sight Reading V.F. Comprehension V.F.-V.G. Les' and William not good silent readers. Not a keen reading class.

**Spelling** Les and William W. Valerie V.F. All these pupils have difficulty in retaining word forms.

**Writing** Apart from William, who is F., Standard is G.

**Arithmetic** F. to Ex. Valerie and Les' reached a very high standard and William made progress to reach F.

In general good progress made, apart from English subjects.

### Std 3

**Written Expression** V.F.-G. Some progress made and general improvement shown.

**Formal Language** V.F.-G. Considerably improved.

**Social Studies** V.F.-V.G. A good grasp of material in most cases.

**Reading** Sight Reading V.F.-G. Comprehension V.F.-

G. Apart from Myra children are not keen readers.

**Spelling** F.-V.G. Good improvement shown in all cases.

**Writing** G.-V.G. A very pleasing standard achieved.

**Arithmetic** Varied between V.F. to Ex. Outstanding progress made by Jimmie in particular, and others.

Work in this class showed decided improvement in all subjects. A good working class, well behave with a pleasing attitude towards their work.

### Std 2

**Written Expression** V.F. to G. Showed improvement.

**Formal Language** G. Seems to have grasped the fundamentals.

**Reading** Sight Reading G. Comprehension V.G. A keen reader.

**Spelling** V.F. Inclined to make careless mistakes. Confuses "b" and "d".

**Writing** Half text successfully mastered. Standard G.

**Arithmetic** G+. A good grasp of mechanical method. Tables drill needed.

Joyce needs to be kept up to her work, and is inclined to resent correction, but her work is of a good standard.

### Std 1

**Written Expression** G. Neil inclined to be slow.

Sentence structure improved.

**Formal Language** G. Rudiments seem to have been mastered.

**Reading** Sight reading Ned and Stancy G. Mary F.

Comprehension - Neil and Stancy V.G. Mary V.F. Neil and Stancy are keen readers with a good vocabulary.

Mary needs plenty of oral reading.

**Spelling** F. to V.F. Words not well retained. Neil is good but others are only Fair.

**Writing** Mary made rapid progress but Stancy and Neil are slower. However a good general standard was reached.

**Arithmetic** G.-V.G. Good progress made.

Very pleasing work in general.

**Primers** Tangiwai promoted to Std 1.

**Primer 2** Leo, Wayne, Dick Brand - Satisfactory progress made. Dick inclined to be slower than the others. Leo has missed considerable time through illness.

**Primer 1** Arnold, Tai, Ian. Ian has made good progress. Arnold is slow and difficult to handle. Tai, who is deaf and could not speak when he started school, is speaking much better now and is able to read.

### General

**Speech Work** Little formal work taken. Common errors have been dealt with and good progress made.

**Verse Speaking** Children keen - speech training assisted.

**Singing** Far from satisfactory.

**Handwork** Good progress made and satisfactory results achieved in the second half of the year.

**Art** Satisfactory progress made.

### General

The year's work was most satisfactory, particularly in the latter half of the year, and the results on the final



survey bore out this progress. The children have a pleasant attitude to their work and control and discipline offer little trouble. Further playground improvements are planned. Calf and Sweet Pea Club are not so popular as they might have been but hope to remedy.

**1950**

### *Enrolments*

May-08 1950 S2 **AHU** Johnnie  
 Aug-08 1950 P **AHU** Matthew  
 Mar-27 1950 P **CLARKE** Kevin Coleb  
 Feb-01 1950 P **KENNY** Andrew  
 Jul-10 1950 P **MacDONALD** Alexander (Sandy)  
 Nov-13 1950 P **MORRIS** Elizabeth  
 Mar-14 1950 S2 **WHIUNUI** Graham  
 Apr-03 1950 P **WILKINSON** Glenys  
 Jun-18 1950 S1 **ARMSTRONG** Charlie

### *1950 Classes*

Primer **AHU** Matthew  
 Primer **BRAND** Arnold  
 Primer **BRAND** Richard  
 Primer **CLARKE** Kevin  
 Primer **KENNY** Andrew  
 Primer **MacDONALD** Sandy (Alex)  
 Primer **MORRIS** Elizabeth  
 Primer **MORRIS** Ian  
 Primer **MORRIS** Wayne  
 Primer **PUTERE** Leo  
 Primer **WHIUNUI** Tai  
 Primer **WILKINSON** Glenys

Std 1 **ARMSTRONG** Charlie  
 Std 1 **WILSON** Tangiwai

Std 2 **AHU** Johnnie  
 Std 2 **JOHNSON** Mary  
 Std 2 **MacDONALD** Stancy  
 Std 2 **MORRIS** Neil  
 Std 2 **WHIUNUI** Graham

Std 3 **DAVIDSON** Joyce  
 Std 4 **WILSON** William  
 Std 4 **AHU** James  
 Std 4 **DAVIDSON** William  
 Std 4 **JONES** Myra  
 Std 4 **WHIUNUI** Sonny

Std 5 **DAVIDSON** Valerie  
 Std 5 **HOLLAND** Leslie  
 Std 5 **WILSON** William

Std 6 **DAVIDSON** Jack  
 Std 6 **PUTERE** Polly

Teacher: Mr W Parsonage

## **Headteacher's Half-Year Report for 1950** **Wm Parsonage**

### Form 2

**English** (Including Written Expression) Jack Good, Polly Fair. Polly has not the fundamentals of grammar.

**Social Studies** Jack Good, Polly Fair. Jack interested. Polly interested but doesn't retain knowledge.

**Reading** Jack is a good all-round reader. Library reading, comprehension and \_\_\_\_\_ all good. Reads copiously and thoroughly. Polly reads well from sight but

doesn't comprehend matter read. More interested in comics than books.

**Spelling** Polly very good. Jack very fair, greatly improved. Polly can spell words but is unable to use them. Jack has a good spoken vocabulary, but word forms trouble him reading. However he is showing improvement.

**Writing** Both are very fair to good. Fluent but no style.

**Arithmetic** Jack is Very Fair. Polly is Very Fair—Fair. Jack grasps work after much demonstration and appears to hold it. Polly is weaker than exam results indicate. Fundamentals forgotten easily.

**Nature Study** V.F. to V.G.. Both keen, but Jack retains his knowledge.

### Form 1

**English** (including Written Expression) Very Fair to Weak. Not a strong class in English subjects. Les and William have little idea. Les is improving. Valerie is improving considerably.

**Social Studies** F. to V.F+. Disappointing result in survey, particularly Les. Good progress made.

**Reading** F. to V.F. Not a good reading class. Leo and William read very little. Valerie reads slowly but thoroughly. Have tried to encourage Library Reading with the class but have not made with much success.

**Spelling** Weak. Possibly this class will never be able to spell well. Valerie is improving but Les and William cannot spell even the simplest of words. Do not retain word forms.

**Writing** Fair to Good. Valerie a fluent writer with good style. William only fair but improving. Les Very Fair.

**Arithmetic** Weak to Excellent. Les and Valerie both sound in fundamentals and have carried on well. William has no number sense at all.

**Nature Study** Very Fair to Good. All three find this subject interesting and appear able to return the knowledge gained from observations.

### Std 4

**English** (including Written Expression) Weak to Very Good. Median Very Fair. A big range in this group in all subjects. William and Myra, while very good at Formal Language, share the common fault in this school of a weakness in written expression. However progress is being made. Sonny and Jimmy have not a good grasp of English although expression work is improving.

**Social Studies** Fair to Very Good. Median Very Fair. Keen and interested in Social Studies. Myra retains her knowledge well. Good progress has been made and interest aroused.

**Reading** Very Fair to Good. Median VF+. A good reading class. Silent Reading and Comprehension good. Use Reference Library freely for Social Studies and **Nature Study**. Sight Reading good although inclined to be too fast.

**Spelling** Good to Very Good. A good spelling class with words well grasped. Jimmie and Sonny cannot use words as well as Myra and William but are improving. **Arithmetic** Weak to Very Good+. Median Very Fair. Jimmie and Sonny need much more practice in

fundamentals. Myra and William are sound. Good progress has been made during the year.  
**Nature Study** V.F to V.G. Medium G. Work tackled keenly and interest shown.

### Std 3

**English** (including Written Expression) V.F. Has shown a marked improvement during the year and will probably reach good before Final.

**Reading** V.F+. Oral reading improving. A good silent reader.

**Spelling** V.F. Showing considerable improvement.

**Writing** G. General work tidy and making improvement. Transition to ink successful.

**Arithmetic** G. Improving. A good half-year's work.

**Social Studies** F. Doesn't display a great deal of interest, but improving.

Nature Study V.F. Interested and keen.

### Std 2

**English & Written Expression** Formal Language showed a marked improvement but written expression remained V.F. Greater emphasis needed on sentence structure.

**Arithmetic** G. A good number class. Need Tables practice. V.G. to Ex.

**Reading** V.F. Improving. Should reach Good by Final.

**Spelling** V.F. to V.G. Apart from Mary the spelling is very good. Mary tries hard and will improve by the end of the year.

**Writing** V.F. to V.G. Showing improvement.

### Std 1

An age promotion to Std 1. Tangi is weak. Fortunately English subjects and Writing. Art work very Fair. Spelling V.F.

**Reading** F. Written Expression and Formal Language Weak.

**General** The standard of work is showing a gradual improvement in most cases and the children's application to their work is pleasant. Speech work though not taken formally is improving with correction. Spoken Language is not good and the coal(?) response could still be replaced.

### Consideration for remainder of the year

- \* Further emphasis on sentence structure and written expression.
- \* Concentrating on oral response through class discussions and project work too.
- \* Tidiness of written work.

I have made efforts to have the school painted and the playground levelled but have met with no communication written from the Board or the Committee. The building is in a bad state through lack of paint and the grounds speak for themselves. I shall make further attempts to have those jobs done during the second half of the year.

22.07.49

## **Headteacher's Final Report for 1950**

**Wm Parsonage 19th Dec.**

**Written Expression** Still remains a weakness, but in most cases has shown improvement. Most common faults are poor sentence structure and the setting out of ideas on a logical sequence. Varied from F. to G.

**Formal Language** Good progress made in most cases, particularly in the lower classes, but still only fair in the senior classes who lack the fundamentals. However 1951 should see improvement. F. to V.F.

**Social Studies** Considerable individual variations according to interest. The work on the whole proved interesting and the children were keen. Project work in F1 and F2 was most successful but interest was not maintained in Stds 3 & 4 showing results V.F. to G.

**Reading** Oral Reading has shown a decided improvement by dint of continual practice of phonics and speech but there is still much to be done. The children are keen readers and Library Reading was good. Silent reading for content varied from W. to V.G.

**Spelling** Apart from F1 where there is a decided weakness the spelling was generally good. Std 2 an \_\_\_\_\_ showed great improvement, apart from F.1. which is G. to V.G.. F1 Weak.

**Writing** In this subject the greatest improvement was shown. In the last two years writing, written work and general setting out have improved beyond all measure. It is pleasing to notice such progress. V.F to V.G.

**Arithmetic** A good standard achieved in all classes. Tables work was concentrated on and although some improvement was shown, further emphasis on Tables still need to be required in 1951. The Model Arithmetic Book has methodical setting out of each new type of sum encountered proved most successful. V,F. to G.

**Nature Study** Although the gardens were not successful, the children showed a great interest in Nature Study. An attempt was made to make the work as interesting as possible by farming live specimens in class, rearing insects, and so on, and these methods proved their value.

**Club Work** There has been a falling off of interest in Calf Club activities due mainly to the fact that only half of the children come from farms. The parents of most of the children are mere ex-players. Only three calves were reared and these were exhibited in the Group Field Day, earning two seconds. Sweet Peas are more popular with 15 children growing them. May attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ garden projects in 1951.

**Speech Training** Little formal work taken. Common faults lip laziness and lack of expression were pointed out and corrected by Verse Speaking.

**Primers** Wayne promoted to Std 1. Dick not making much progress due to low attendance.

**General** A good year's work in most cases. Primary School Certificate awarded to Jack Davidson. The new Committee displayed a little more interest than in the past and after five years of discussion I have at last succeeded in having the playground levelled off by a bulldozer, a high-banking hedge replaced by a new fence and the promise of a new planting of grass for March 1951. I have not yet succeeded in having the school given a badly-needed coat of paint, both inside and out.

1951

*Enrolments*

Jun-21 1951 P **BRAND** Tui  
Nov-26 1951 F2 **CLEWS** Brian  
Nov-26 1951 S2 **CLEWS** Gavin  
Nov-26 1951 S1 **CLEWS** Robin (Rodney)  
Aug-14 1951 P **NEPE** Jean  
Mar-07 1951 S3 **PAYNE** Brian  
Mar-07 1951 S1 **PAYNE** Robin  
Mar-07 1951 F1 **PAYNE** Tony  
Aug-14 1951 P **PURU** Betty  
Aug-14 1951 P3 **PURU** Daniel  
Oct-02 1951 S2 **PURU** Ronald  
Aug-14 1951 S2 **PURU** Vina

*1951 Classes*

Primer **BRAND** Arnold  
Primer **BRAND** Richard  
Primer **BRAND** Tui  
Primer **KENNY** Andrew  
Primer **MacDONALD** Sandy (Alex)  
Primer **MORRIS** Ian  
Primer **NEPE** Jean  
Primer **PURU** Daniel  
Primer **PUTERE** Leo  
Primer **WHIUNUI** Tai

Std 1 **ARMSTRONG** Charles  
Std 1 **CLEWS** Robin (Rodney)  
Std 1 **MORRIS** Wayne  
Std 1 **PAYNE** Robin

Std 2 **CLEWS** Gavin  
Std 2 **PURU** Ronald  
Std 2 **PURU** Betty  
Std 2 **PURU** Ronald  
Std 2 **PURU** Vina  
Std 2 **WILSON** Tangiwai

Std 3 **MORRIS** Neil  
Std 3 **PAYNE** Brian

Std 5 **AHU** James  
Std 5 **DAVIDSON** William  
Std 5 **PAYNE** Tony  
Std 5 **WHIUNUI** Sonny  
Std 5 **WILSON** William  
Std 6 **HOLLAND** Leslie

Teachers: Mr W Parsonage & Mr O Whaley (21 July)

**Final School Survey 1951**  
**A D Bartlett 19/12/51**

**Written Expression** This subject throughout all classes remains a weakness. The Maori children suffer from a language handicap which is very hard to overcome. Even the remaining children suffer from (a) a low literary and cultural standard at home, (b) lack of opportunity for out-of-school experiences, [c] spare-time reading at home..

The children in 1952 will be given a foundation in formal language using errors in written work as a basis. The three points listed above to be remedied where possible by (a) encouraging children to read, and rear wisely, (b) visits to another school (Ohinewai).

The Māori children in Std 3 (1952) to be given plenty of sentence work using cards.

**Formal Language** Fundamentals unknown. A modified programme to be used at the beginning of the year to revise those \_\_\_\_\_, give the children more confidence. Work of an oral nature where possible. Integrate closely with work in Written Expression.

**Reading** Oral reading shows a fairly wide standard varying from F. to G.. Comprehension is, on the whole, weak. To remedy this a carefully graded scheme of work shall be applied next year. For \_\_\_\_\_ and scheme. In the past Primer Reading (foundation work) seems to be a weakness and therefore in the reading programme a very large portion of my time should be devoted to the Primers. As apparatus is made ready to hand the work in this department shall be made easier.

**Spelling** The standard attained is satisfactory and with combined work along the same lines should reach a high standard. A weakness not shown by exam is the ability of some of the children to spell a word but not be able to use it in sentences. Exercises using spelling words to be developed next year.

**Writing** The standard varies greatly from V.G. to W. A much higher standard of bookwork to be demanded and maintained next year. When the children are trying a definite improvement is shown.

**Arithmetic** Mechanical work is good but application to problems is poor. Problem work to be correlated with reading. Setting out of work is only fair. Std 3 will need work in tables and in the 4 rules. Frequent absences retards their work.

**Social Studies** Lack of continuity in work due to having a different teacher each term had a detrimental effect. Children are interested and work well on their charts. A higher standard shall be easily obtained next year.

**Nature Study** Three calves entered on Calf Club Day. A programme of soil improvement to be carried out next year as the soil is 'sick'. Garden plots (home) to be encouraged next year and an outside supervisor (Mr R Withers) has agreed to demonstrate and supervise the work. The addition of an N.S. (Nature Study) table and aquarium will prove valuable.

**Speech Training** Children are "lips lazy" but programme of work (scheme) should make improvement.

**Primers** The children have been attending very irregularly due to sickness. This has made the work in this department very disappointing. This creates a problem, viz: promotion. Some of the children being promoted to Std 1 will have to have a P.4 course of work for several months to consolidate their infant work. Unless promoted they become "old men and women" throughout the school, which leads to high leaving ages and, in some cases, "no need" to go to H.S.

**General**

With pleasure I noticed an improvement in the school grounds. The Committee regressed half the grounds. An area of asphalt was tar-sealed. I succeeded in getting them to meet and they have agreed to put the remaining area in grass in March and also to have a lawn area made at the entrance to the school.

When the school is painted (on priority) a wonderful difference to the school grounds shall be apparent. A hedge is to be planted down the road boundary. The Committee are still endeavoring to get electricity in the school and then a radio will be obtained.

With the continued interest and backing of their parents progress is assured, giving the children a pride in their school, their environment and in their work.

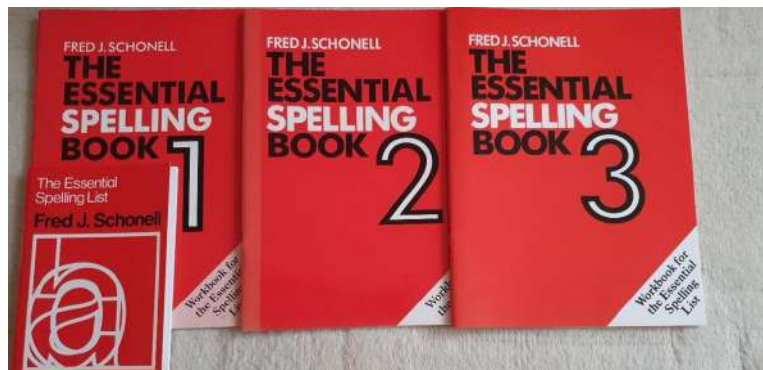


# 1952

## Enrolments

Feb-04 1952 P **MacDONALD** Christine  
Mar-10 1952 P **NEPE** Charlie  
Sep-15 1952 P4 **PURU** Daniel  
Mar-10 1952 P **TOHE** Joe  
Jun-17 1952 P4 **WHALWASSER** George Billy  
Feb-04 1952 P **YATES** Glenys

Teachers: Mr O Whaley & Mr A D Bartlett (30 July)



## 1952 Classes

Primer **BRAND** Tui  
Primer **MacDONALD** Christine  
Primer **NEPE** Charlie  
Primer **NEPE** Jean  
Primer **PURU** Betty  
Primer **PURU** Daniel  
Primer **TOHE** Joe  
Primer **YATES** Glenys  
Primer 4 **BRAND** Arnold  
Primer 4 **WHALWASSER** Bill  
Std 1 **BRAND** Richard  
Std 1 **MacDONALD** Sandy  
Std 1 **PUTERE** Leo  
Std 1 **WILKINSON** Glenys  
Std 3 **PURU** Ronald  
Std 3 **PURU** Vina  
Std 4 **JOHNSON** Mary  
Std 4 **MacDONALD** Stancy  
Std 5 **AHU** Jimmie  
Std 5 **DAVIDSON** Joyce  
Std 6 **DAVIDSON** William  
Std 6 **JONES** Myra

## Looking Back a Year or Two

The schoolroom was unlined in any way but very secure against the weather and the wind. Displays were fixed to the walls by drawing pins, until sellotape became available.

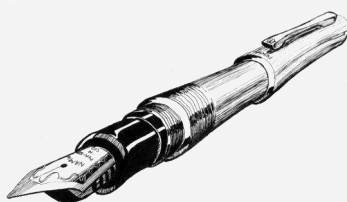
The Education Department supplied funds to the school for cleaning purposes, so, instead of employing a daily cleaner, students were rostered to sweep and clean after school each day. The money 'saved' went to buying end-of-year gifts for departing students and other school necessities.

A regular activity for some of the senior students at the end of the school year was the scraping of the desks. Broken shards of window glass were recovered from underneath the school and used to scrape off the top layer of varnish from the desks so that a fresh coat could be applied. Surprisingly few cuts were experienced.

Before the days of fountain pens and ball-points, ink monitors were appointed every term. It was their job to top up the inkwells in the senior desks each day from a large supply bottle that had a thin neck and a pronounced lip like a squeezed milk jug. The dip pens had to be used carefully.

The morning fingernail parade was only looked forward to by those who had not played outside before school began each morning. On instructions from the teacher all pupils would place their hands on the desk, palm down, so that the cleanliness of the fingernails could be inspected. A telling off and a quick trip to the sink with a small pair of scissors was the result of any dirt being discovered.

Boys who incurred the ire of the teacher were strapped in the porch area while the rest of the school listened in silence, if such strapping occurred during class. There was one occasion where *all* the senior boys were lined up for strapping for failing to hear the bell and were late arriving to class from playing in their grass hut 100yards away at the edge of the playing field!



Walking to school across the playground in the morning ran the risk of having one's legs covered in the sticky paspalum seed-heads when the grass hadn't been mown. Those with hairy legs suffered the ordeal of pulling off the tenacious attachments before they dried and made the job too painful.

Until it was discontinued a daily ration of half-pint milk was compulsorily available each morning interval. The milk was delivered in glass bottles and the crate left in the milk shelter just inside the school gate. Straws were supplied and the milk taken (under supervision). In winter the milk was delightfully cold, and often converted to hot cocoa. In summer the milk was tepid and most unappetising.

Senior boys had the job each day in winter of firing up and tending the pot-belly stove that stood in the room. Coal was supplied by the mine and there were often competitions to see which pair of "duty boiler-makers" could send the cherry-red glow of the fired-up stove the highest up the bare chimney. The milk for the cocoa was heated on the stove in a large billy.

Times tables and the alphabet were learned by chanting under direction of the teacher or senior pupil.

The juniors had a part-time activity as shelter-shed climbers during intervals where they wedged themselves into the corners of the shelter-shed and stepped their way up the lapped boards until they could touch the roof. The distance down to the earth floor seemed to get less every year!

A number of improvements were made to the school by the School Committee between 1947 and 1957: School grounds levelled - Asphalt playing area combined with tennis court - Grassing of grounds (previously blackberry & ti-tree) - Electricity connected to the school - School lined and ceiling installed - Cupboards built, school painted - Town water supply connected & septic tank installed.

## School Survey A D Bartlett 28/7/52

**Written Expression** This subject still remains a weakness. Points [b] and [c] Final Survey 1951 have been followed up by [a] visiting Ohinewai School, [b] Inter-School sports and [c] searching for information of Local Survey. Much of the written work for the year has been based on this survey. The Māori children in S.3 have difficulty in recognizing a sentence. They need plenty of practice in writing of simple sentences. This shall be given.

**Formal Language** Slow but sure progress is being made. Much oral work is being taken. The errors in written expression to be noted for future correction. Schonell's schedule of common errors in Oral Composition p.428-9 will be used. Punctuation - following method  
[1] Read through the passage with exaggerated inflexion.  
[2] Children put in punctuation marks.  
[3] Read another passage in natural voice.  
[4] Children to write passage in own words.  
[5] Children to read orally revisit punctuation marks.  
This may form the habit of re-reading compositions, thereby discovering other omissions.

**Reading** Still a wide standard. Most of the senior pupils, with one exception, are reading and utilizing the Country Library Service books to the fullest extent. The S.1 children are progressing favourably considering that they had not finished J. & J. on promotion. Frequent absence by some Primer children has made continuity impossible. Those regular attenders have made good progress, are keen and a pleasure to teach. More apparatus still needed for variety of occupations.

**Spelling** A very good standard in all classes and continued progress is answered. Further attention to meanings and usage to be continued. Oral and written sentences. Schonell's Basic List finished with F.2 so work shall take the form of revision and extension.

**Arithmetic** Results were disappointing but with further work a big improvement should be shown. Mechanical work is no difficulty to most. To improve setting out a model of each new type of sum to be given. The Tables in S.1 will need attention to improve speed. Daily work in Tables to be given. Problems still a difficulty with some children.

**Social Studies** The work as planned for the year was interrupted by a "Local Survey". This was correlated with Written Expression. The survey has been posted on and we are now receiving surveys from other schools. Individual projects shall be given to each child now that they have some idea how to tackle a problem.

**Nature Study** Calf Club has ended due to few children in a position to enter calves. Am fostering Home Garden Project to take its place. More flower beds to improve surroundings and a model plot to be next from now on. Propagation of seeds and plants to be carried out during the remainder of the year.

**Primers** Some children have made excellent progress. Betty is attending more regularly and is gaining confidence. Jean's and Christine's reading is very good. Glenis is retarded by sickness but has made good progress. Tui had a long absence from school and with frequent minor absences has meant the loss of months of work. The two youngest Maori boys are just developing a "Reading Readiness" and should soon be on their reading books.

**General** The grounds continue to show an improvement. The remaining area was grassed, a lawn area was rotary-hoed, a new shed built, power installed, a new fence is in

the process of installation, blackberry was cleared and sprayed, a radio has been donated by a parent, hedge trees are on order.

In the coming half-year I would like to obtain a film-strip machine, a set of encyclopaedias, trestle tables for book displays, handwork, etc. The tenders for painting the school were considered too high. Fresh tenders to be called.

## Annual Survey A D Bartlett 15/12/52

**Written Expression** This subject shows an improvement although it is still a weakness amongst the Māori children. Picture English, a series by Glover, to be used next year to develop the ability in these children to write simple sentences clearly and concisely.

**Formal Language** Fundamentals are not an unknown factor now and progress has been slower over the year. Here again a wide range from W. to V.G. is shown to be integrated closely with written expression in the new year.

**Reading** Encouraging progress made. Children are using the Country Library Service to the fullest extent. All children throughout the school with the exception of one senior boy have developed a good attitude towards and an interest in reading.

Irregular attendance at times in the P. classes retards their progress. A good supplementary library is being built up for the lower division and Reference Books for the senior division.

Promotions into S.1 will have to continue with advanced P.4 work.

**Spelling** Satisfactory. No difficulty is anticipated with this subject in the coming year. Whitcombes Spelling List to be used. Children continue to use a mistake list for reference to difficulties.

**Writing** A still higher standard to be expected. Standard varies from W. to V.G.

**Arithmetic** S.3 have a poor standard. S.4 are good. F.1 and F.2 are V.F. to G. Problems causing trouble. S.1 still need Tables to develop speed accuracy. Models of all types of sums for reference will be tried out in the new year.

**Social Studies** A wide standard is shown here also. Projects on an individual basis were a limited success. These will be continued next year and with the addition of new reference books everyone's task should be easier. The new film-strip machine will aid their visual memory and give added interest in the coming year.

**Nature Study** Disappointing. Home gardens were commenced but continued bad weather delayed everything. Outside supervisor (Mr Withers) left the district and we have no-one at the moment to replace him. Calf Club is in recess and there is the possibility it may be revived in the coming year.

**Primers** Most children are showing steady progress. The children in P.4 are so old that promotions are inevitable. Smaller children in P.1 & 2 are doing well. Further apparatus is being made and coming to hand. Parents are interested and children keen.

**General** Everything planned (see last report) has been fulfilled with the exception of getting the school painted. There I have had no success but I

am hoping that it will be painted early in the new year. The lawn area will be completed in the autumn. The parents have shown a greater interest in the school and have been very helpful in raising funds. Two socials held in the school to raise funds have brought them together and now they are prepared to continue to raise funds for the supply of more operation equipment.

**1953**

#### *Enrolments*

Sep-17 1953 P **BARTLETT** Gail Lynette  
 Feb-03 1953 P4 **KENNY** Andrew  
 Feb-03 1953 S4 **WHIUNUI** Tai  
 Sep-14 1953 P **WILSON** Winnie  
 Sep-07 1953 P **YATES** Kelvin Richard

#### *1953 Classes*

Primer **BARTLETT** Gail Lynette  
 Primer **BRAND** Tui  
 Primer **MacDONALD** Christine  
 Primer **NEPE** Charlie  
 Primer **NEPE** Jean  
 Primer **PURU** Betty  
 Primer **TOHE** Joe  
 Primer **WILSON** Winnie  
 Primer **YATES** Glenys  
 Primer **YATES** Kelvin Richard  
 Primer 4 **KENNY** Andrew  
 Std 1 **BRAND** Arnold  
 Std 1 **PURU** Daniel

Std 1 **WHALWASSER** William (Bill)

Std 1 **WHIUNUI** Tai

Std 2 **BRAND** Richard

Std 2 **MacDONALD** Sandy (Alex)

Std 2 **PUTERE** Leo

Std 2 **WILKINSON** Glenys

Std 4 **PURU** Vina

Std 5 **JOHNSON** Mary

Std 5 **MacDONALD** Stancy

Std 6 **DAVIDSON** Joyce

Teacher: Mr A D Bartlett

### **Half Yearly Survey 1953** **A D Bartlett 28/7/53**

**Written Expression** The standard is really only Fair and no great improvement can be expected quickly. The Māori children in S.2 have improved and a slight improvement noted among S.1. Further work based on the sentence as a complete thought. Much of the work to be taken orally and on B.B.. S,4 to F.2 to continue from Bradbury.

**Formal Language** A satisfactory standard should be rendered by the end of the year. Punctuation and connections good. Naming of clauses and phrases has been forgotten but shall be revised. Frequent revision is necessary and shall be given.

**Reading** F.—V.G. A wide range of supplimentaries has been built up in which children are interested. Many in F.1 will need more language study in close consultation with Formal Language and Spelling. The Primers are showing a satisfactory standard. S.1 remains the weak group. A

## **The Banda Machine**

The machine consisted of several parts: a drum/roller to which the master-copy could be fixed; a handle to turn this drum; an absorbent pad to be soaked with special solvent; an in-tray for blank paper; and an out-tray for the copies.

The school Banda was kept in a corner of the staff room and neither were costs a problem.

Two different types of paper were needed to make a master. The top sheet was the master onto which you would type, write or draw. Below this was the dark coloured sheet, which faced upward and was coated with a layer of wax impregnated with colourant. The pressure of writing, typing or drawing on the top sheet transferred the coloured wax from the lower sheet to the shiny underside of the master, producing a mirror image of what was to be duplicated.

Several colours of waxed sheets were available, but purple/mauve was most commonly used, producing a good dark copy. Red, blue and green were useful, but black



produced a less strong copy, while brown and yellow were often disappointing. You would use several different colours for any map or diagram. It made an interesting challenge to choose a good balance of colours.



greater % of time to be given to this group. Word building and word attack to be revised. Two are retarded due to deafness. Boyce's & Gate's Series to be used for remedial work with this group.

**Spelling** Seniors show a very good standard. Inclined to misspell small words e.g. "realy". Make up own "demon" lists. S.1 with one exception is weak. New method to be tried to improve their work:

Std 1 —

Monday: [1] Read in context.

[2] Children to re-read.

[3] Note difficulties.

[4] Words written in best handwriting.

Tuesday: [a] Fill in blank spaces.

[b] Word Building.

[c] Find words with similar endings or beginnings.

[d] Completions.

[e] Opposites.

[f] Alphabetical order.

[g] Family groups.

Choose a selection from these exercises.

Wednesday As for Monday.

Thursday Test and attack own mistakes.

Friday Context as Dictation - mistakes in list.

Std 2 to F.2 —

Monday: [a] Discussional. Word meanings.

Tuesday: [b] Combine into story or sentences.

[c] Exercises [a-g] of S.1+

[i] Syllables

[j] Singular to plural

[k] Nouns to adjectives, etc

[l] Jumbled words

Wednesday: 1st test.

Thursday: Individual errors and further exercises.

Friday: Test. Errors in Mistake Lists.

**Writing** Seniors writing speed is poor. Rhythmical writing to correct same. Most likely bad habits shall be retained.

Extensive rhythmical and other exercises with lower classes as a satisfactory writing and legibility speed is attained. The standard is variable V.G. to F.

**Arithmetic** Problems a weakness. Teach children to:

[a] Read each Sum carefully.

[b] To select relevant data.

[c] To decide what arithmetical operation is needed.

[d] To check their answer to see if it is reasonable.

S.1 and S.2 are a week class and a thorough revision of work is to be taken to eliminate weaknesses. Graded examples and practical work where possible. Concrete examples and demonstrations.

**Social Studies** A satisfactory standard has been attained.

**Nature Study** The children are interested and keen. Having only girls in the senior classes has led to the abandonment of Home Gardens temporarily. These to be revived next year.

**Primers** Are progressing satisfactorily. Attendance is spasmodic with some of the Maori children.

**General** Excellent progress is regard to environment. School painted, cupboards built, lawn mown, fence rebuilt, culvert at gates put in. A grant for further sealing and re-sealing passed and contractors arrival awaited. The proportion of seniors to juniors and Maoris to Whites creates problems which make it more difficult to raise levels of attainment to a high standard.

## Annual Survey 1953

**Written Expression** Improvement in sentence construction shown. Scheme to be modified to following:

A. Functional English.

B. Skill of Writing.

C. Opportunity to write.

[a] Write for Newspapers. Stories, news (local and general), verse, riddles, vital statistics, lost and found.

[b] Story Books. Illustrated and bound. Long and short stories.

[c] Social Studies work and Nature Study.

[d] Real letters.

**Formal Language** Good improvement shown in all classes.

**Reading** F. to V.G. Continued progress is assured as children are using reading as a pursuit. Remedial work with Bill to be continued.

**Spelling** A good standard except in S.1 and two pupils in S.2. Method as in Half Year Survey to be continued.

**Writing** A wide standard shown - more attention to bookwork to be insisted upon. Standard of writing in Writing Book to be kept in other books.

**Arithmetic** Work to be maintained on a practical basis. Setting out of work needs more attention, particularly in problems. Continue with games as a means of revising and learning Tables. Standard of work W. to V.G.

**Social Studies** Some very good work has been achieved this year. Children are interested and take good care of books. Excursions to places of interest where possible to be planned for next year, e.g. Brickworks.

**Nature Study** Children are interested. Some interesting studies made (of) school gardens have been successful.

**General** The standard of work is still showing a rising tendency. The children are working satisfactorily and generally as well as they are capable. Parents continue to show their interest and support of the school. An additional area is awaiting sealing. Whenever possible the children will be taken out of the school for visits to (a) other schools and (b) places of interest and educational value.



A 1950 view across the Huntly area. Lakes Waikere (top) Kimihia and Hakanoa sit to the East of the Waikato River as it flows North. The combined road/rail bridge was Huntly West's only link to State Highway #1. Ngaruawahia's Waipa Bridge (far to the South) and the Rangiriri Bridge (far to the North) were the nearest road access. The future site of Huntly College is seen immediately to the West of the bridge.



Approximate site  
of Kimihia School.

The light area on the southern shore of Lake Kimihia is the result of the start of opencast mining. This approach, over the ensuing years, eventually destroyed the lake. The farm areas to the south of Kimihia Lake and to the East of Hakanoa Lake were once Auckland University land and deemed of little value to the University. The Huntly township straddles State Highway #1 on the East of the Waikato River.



# 1954

## Enrolments

Feb-02 1954 P1 **BAGGARLEY** Richard  
Feb-02 1954 S3 **BARTLETT** Carol Ann  
Jun-28 1954 S3 **BARTLETT** Carol Ann  
Feb-01 1954 S2 **BRAND** Arnold  
Feb-01 1954 S4 **BRAND** Richard  
Feb-01 1954 S1 **BRAND** Tui  
Sep-13 1954 S1 **GALBRAITH** Sheryll Fay  
Oct-18 1954 NE **GILES** Carol  
Sep-30 1954 P2 **GILES** Wayne  
Nov-08 1954 P3 **HENRY** Joe  
Feb-01 1954 P2 **HUGHES** John  
Sep-06 1954 NE **HUGHES** Murray  
Sep-20 1954 S2 **KANAWA** Dawn  
Jul-08 1954 P **LEWIS** Charles  
Nov-09 1954 P **TOHE** Charlie  
Sep-06 1954 NE **VALENTINE** William John

## 1954 Classes

Primer **BAGGARLEY** Richard  
Primer **BARTLETT** Gael  
Primer **GILES** Carol  
Primer **HUGHES** Murray  
Primer **LEWIS** Charles  
Primer **NEPE** Charlie  
Primer **TOHE** Charlie  
Primer **TOHE** Joe  
Primer **VALENTINE** William John  
Primer **WILSON** Winnie  
Primer 2 **GILES** Wayne  
Primer 2 **HUGHES** John  
Primer 3 **HENRY** Joe  
Primer 3 **YATES** Kelvin

Std 1 **BRAND** Tui  
Std 1 **GALBRAITH** Sheryll Fay  
Std 1 **MacDONALD** Christine  
Std 1 **NEPE** Jean  
Std 1 **PURU** Betty  
Std 1 **YATES** Glenis

Std 2 **BRAND** Arnold  
Std 2 **KANAWA** Dawn  
Std 2 **WHALWASSER** Bill  
Std 2 **WHIUNUI** Tai

Std 3 **BARTLETT** Carol  
Std 3 **MacDONALD** Sandy (Alex)  
Std 3 **PURU** Daniel  
Std 3 **PUTERE** Leo  
Std 3 **WILKINSON** Glenys

Std 4 **BRAND** Richard  
Std 5 **PURU** Vina

Std 6 **JOHNSON** Mary  
Std 6 **MacDONALD** Stancy

Teachers: Mr A D Bartlett & Mr P T Lawless (1 Sept)

## 1954 Half Yearly Survey

**Written Expression** The standard of work is only very fair. The opportunity to write was given during the last term in [a] Social Studies, [b] Real Letters [c] Class Newspapers. For the remainder of the term a scholl story book to be written in conjunction with other work. Continual practice in the use of a sentence, that a story needs logical

development and must be finished. Maori children have a tendency to ramble on and on tacking the pieces together with "and" etc. The B.B. is to be used to show the building up of stories.

**Formal Language** Form 2 has a good standard but Vina in F.1 needs attention to fundamentals. Take extra time work with Vina as in Written Expression she mixes tenses continually.

**Reading** The infants are making steady progress and all classes with one or two exceptions are making good progress. There is a healthy interest in reading for its own sake and ample use is made of the Library. With encouragement the slower and weaker pupils should make progress.

**Spelling** A good standard except in S.2 where there is definite intellectual difficulty. Encourage better pronunciation with the weaker pupils in S.1 & S.2. Continue exercises based on words.

**Writing** In trying to change pupils over from finger to arm movement a lowering of the standard has been evident. I think that the eventual improvement in speed and legibility will offset this temporary loss. Letter formations for S.1 to be as recommended. Other children to have choice.

**Arithmetic** Although results are disappointing the difficulties shown will be remedied and an improvement is expected. Basic Tables to be given more attention together with problems. Bill Whalwasser to start at fundamentals work separately to Arnold.

**Social Studies** Trips have been made to the Open Cast Mine, an Underground Mine, the Brickworks. They are also contemplating for the third term in trips to Taupiri and Horotiu. Children are keen and interested in their work.

**Singing** Children enjoy their singing. Radio lessons to be continued.

**General** We are having difficulty with the tar-sealing insofar as the contractor would not carry out his promises due to work at the Huntly College. This means that the sealing will have to wait until the fine weather comes again. Parents are still interested in the school (and) are continuing to raise funds for the purchase of additional equipment. The Maori children are still inclined to be casual in their attendance.

A D Bartlett 28/6/54

## 1954 Annual Survey

**Written Expression** A good standard has been achieved in the upper classes, the work displaying creative and imaginative effort. In S.1&2 the standard is fairly poor and further attention must be paid to continuity and logical sequence of events. Motivation is urgently needed and an attempt to provide this will be made by using [a] outside visits, [b] real news work and [c] children's reading interests.

**Formal Language** A good foundation for secondary work has been laid for Form 2 pupils. Vina in Form 1 needs much attention to her basic grammar. This can best be given through correction of stories, in the writing of which she has real interest and talent.

**Reading** In all classes the standard of reading has improved considerably and this has been brought about by the use of Audience Reading. Oral and Written Comprehension is good except in S.1 and more attention will be given to building up better

comprehension through simple exercises. Infant reading has shown steady progress except in cases of poor attendance. The Library is being fully used. **Spelling** Formal spelling, except in S.2, is good but spelling in other areas is very, very careless. An increased use of dictionaries and dictionary notebooks is needed. The children must become spelling conscious in all their work. Poor pronunciation is a root cause of this fault and attention will be given to this in the coming year.

**Writing** The standard has had a slight falling tendency due mainly to [a] change from fingers to whole arm movement, [b] change of teaching method. This tendency has now been checked and the writing is showing a gradual improvement.

**Arithmetic** Forms 1 & 2, Std 3. The standard is only Fair and the root cause is the lack of training in basic Tables. These children seem to have been working too much on their own and have not the eager drive which must characterize this subject. Basic Tables will be thoroughly mastered next year. Std 1 & 2. Tables in this group are better and the children are now ready to go ahead on more advanced work. A good working spirit is evident.

**Social Studies** This is, I think, the best subject throughout the standards. The children are keen and eager and the standard of work is high. The following lines will be pursued next year: [a] Visits to places of interest, [b] Survey of District, [c] Exchange Surveys with other schools.

**General** The school grounds are being improved rapidly and, during the coming year, should make good progress. The parents display a keen social interest in the school, although this does not extend to the practical aspects except in the case of the Committee and one or two there. The Committee is excellent to work with and the members are prepared to work for the school at all times. An intense Pakeha and Māori feeling in the district had spread, to some extent, to the school children, but this has been eradicated. The children work well and are cheerful and keen. A number of big retarded Māori boys present some disciplinary problems, but next year some form of useful occupational work will be introduced, which should answer this problem.

P Lawless 26/11/54

## 1955

### Enrolments

Sep-12 1955 P1 **AHU** Terence  
 Jun-07 1955 S6 **FAULKNER** Rachel Sarah  
 May-30 1955 P4 **GRUT** Brian John  
 May-30 1955 S3 **GRUT** Lois Ann  
 Oct-03 1955 P4 **HENRY** Joe  
 Sep-05 1955 NE **HOETA** Desmond  
 Feb-02 1955 S4 **HOETA** Effie  
 Feb-02 1955 P3 **HOETA** Michael  
 Feb-02 1955 F1 **HOETA** Noeline  
 Feb-02 1955 P4 **HOETA** Whainoa  
 Jul-12 1955 NE **LEWIS** David John  
 Oct-11 1955 S1 **MOANA** Howard  
 Sep-05 1955 NE **NEPE** Michael  
 Feb-01 1955 S3 **STEER** Lex Arthur Frank  
 Feb-01 1955 F1 **STEER** Nancy Ada  
 Mar-11 1955 F2 **TWEEDIE** Elizabeth  
 Mar-11 1955 P3 **TWEEDIE** Martin Lindsay  
 Apr-19 1955 P4 **WATENE** John  
 Sep-26 1955 NE **WATENE** Myrtle  
 Apr-19 1955 S2 **WATENE** Sarah

Teacher: Mr P T Lawless



### 1955 Classes

Primer **WATENE** Myrtle  
 Primer **WILSON** Winnie  
 Primer 1 **AHU** Terrence  
 Primer 1 **HENRY** Joe  
 Primer 1 **HOETA** Desmond  
 Primer 1 **LEWIS** David  
 Primer 1 **NEPE** Michael  
 Primer 2 **LEWIS** Charles  
 Primer 2 **TOHE** Charlie  
 Primer 2 **VALENTINE** Billy  
 Primer 3 **TWEEDIE** Martin  
 Primer 4 **GRUT** Brian  
 Primer 4 **HOETA** Michael  
 Primer 4 **HOETA** Whainoa  
 Primer 4 **YATES** Kelvin  
 Std 1 **MOANA** Howard  
 Std 1 **NEPE** Charlie  
 Std 1 **TOHE** Joe  
 Std 1 **WATENE** John  
 Std 2 **BRAND** Tui  
 Std 2 **MacDONALD** Christine  
 Std 2 **NEPE** Jean  
 Std 2 **YATES** Glenis  
 Std 3 **BRAND** Arnold  
 Std 3 **GRUT** Lois  
 Std 3 **PURU** Betty  
 Std 3 **WATENE** Sarah  
 Std 3 **WHALWASSER** Bill  
 Std 4 **BRAND** Richard  
 Std 4 **HOETA** Effie  
 Std 4 **KANAWA** Dawn  
 Std 4 **MacDONALD** Sandy (Alex)  
 Std 4 **PURU** Daniel  
 Std 4 **PUTERE** Leo  
 Std 4 **WILKINSON** Glenys  
 Std 5 **FAULKNER** Rachel  
 Std 5 **HOETA** Noeline



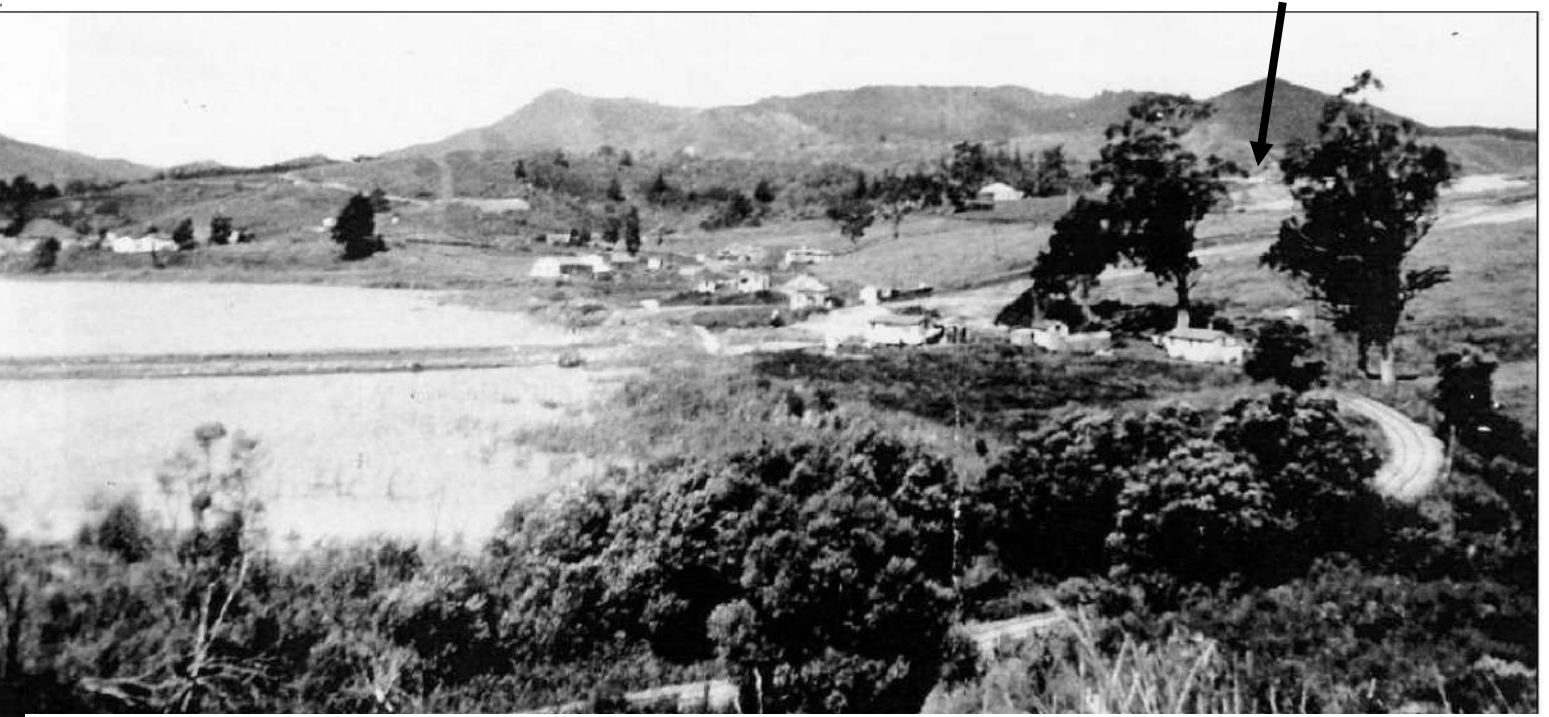


With the construction of this coffer dam by Downer & Co, Kimihia School and the community was about to lose its swimming hole. The popular site is just off picture to the left where "The Point" was situated. Both the Point and the Island were focal points for bathers and picnickers on summer days. The beach and other areas along the shoreline were covered with coal slack that had worked its way around the lake from the original underground mine situated in the right background. The dam allowed for the removal of overburden via dredging so that the 10 meter thick coal seam could be mined.



**Watercolour painting of Lake Kimihia  
by Neil Holland in March 1942**





The school was situated on the rise at the right (arrowed), the location blocked by the two large trees. The line angling up behind the trees indicates the road to the mine. Coal was trucked out as well as by train. The noise of the trucks as they strained up the hill and past the school often drowned out any teaching. In winter the truck wheels spun off any metal on the hill road and exposed the slick clay beneath, making the hill unclimbable. A gentler curved approach to the hill was constructed but the noise of the trucks continued until an easier access that paralleled the railway line was constructed.







Sketch of Kimihia homes as they were between 1930 and 1945. By Arthur Neil Holland, March 1997.



# KIMIHIA

BETWEEN 1930-1945

From memory

ARTHUR NEIL HOLLAND

MARCH 1997







This 1957 mid-winter photograph of the school is viewed from a point on a rise near the girls' toilet. In the distance to the right (arrow) can be seen part of the remnants of Lake Kimihia as the opencast mining excavations gradually filled it with soil from the coal pit excavations.



The headmaster's residence sat across the road from the school (viewed left) and a telephone was installed there in June 1957. Also a radio for the schoolroom was ordered at a cost of nineteen pounds so that the Radio to Schools broadcast could be received.



# 1956

## Enrolments

Jun-26 1956 F2 **BRAND** Arnold  
 Jun-26 1956 S4 **BRAND** Tui  
 Oct-01 1956 P3 **HOLLAND** Michael  
 Feb-28 1956 P2 **MOANA** Taahi  
 Oct-16 1956 P3 **TAHAKURA** Cameron Edward

## 1956 Classes

Primer 1 **HOETA** Desmond  
 Primer 1 **NEPE** Michael  
 Primer 1 **WATENE** Myrtle  
 Primer 2 **LEWIS** David  
 Primer 2 **MOANA** Taahi  
 Primer 2 **TOHE** Charlie  
 Primer 3 **HOLLAND** Michael  
 Primer 3 **LEWIS** Charles  
 Primer 3 **TAHAKURA** Cameron Edward  
 Primer 3 **TWEEDIE** Martin  
 Primer 3 **VALENTINE** Billy

Std 1 **GRUT** Brian  
 Std 1 **GRUT** Brian  
 Std 1 **HENRY** Joe

Std 1 **HOETA** Michael  
 Std 1 **HOETA** Whainoa  
 Std 1 **WILSON** Winnie  
 Std 1 **YATES** Kelvin

Std 2 **NEPE** Charlie  
 Std 2 **TOHE** Joe  
 Std 2 **WATENE** John

Std 3 **BRAND** Tui  
 Std 3 **NEPE** Jean  
 Std 3 **YATES** Glenis

Std 4 **BRAND** Arnold  
 Std 4 **BRAND** Tui  
 Std 4 **GRUT** Lois  
 Std 4 **PURU** Betty  
 Std 4 **WATENE** Sarah  
 Std 4 **WHALWASSER** Bill

Std 5 **HOETA** Effie  
 Std 5 **PURU** Daniel  
 Std 5 **PUTERE** Leo  
 Std 5 **WILKINSON** Glenys  
 Std 6 **HOETA** Noeline  
 Std 6 **TWEEDIE** Elizabeth

Teacher: Mr P T Lawless

## Kimihia Railway Station - 1877 to 1939

**Kimihia Railway Station** was on the North Island Main Trunk line, north of Huntly. The station was in 1886 measured as 19 miles 33 chain (31.2 km) south of Mercer, near the junction of Fisher Road with SH1, about 1.4 km (0.87 mi) north of the junction with the Kimihia branch. That junction was 101.06 km (62.80 mi) south of Auckland and 576.54 km (358.25 miles) from Wellington.

One source said it was much nearer Huntly, where Kimihia Rd crossed the railway. Kimihia Rd level crossing was closed to traffic in 1945.

The station opened when the Main Trunk was extended from Mercer to Ngāruawāhia, on 13 August 1877, built on part of Robert Reilly Ralph's (later owner of Ralph's coalmine) 1,000 acres (400 ha) farm.

Kimihia was usually not shown in timetables and was often one of the minor stations not served by passenger trains.

A 1894 petition asked for Kimihia siding be converted into a flag station. In 1895 (just two years before the Kimihia School opened) trains called at Kimihia Siding for school children and it became a flag station from 7 February 1896. By the end of that year it had a shelter shed, passenger platform and a passing loop for 37 wagons.



Kimihia Station location.

Lake Kimihia drainage creek into the Waikato River (far left).



State Highway 1

Fisher Road (now called Sutherlands Lane).



## The Kimihia Community in the '50s



This farm cottage, at the junction of Kimihia and James Roads, was used for a period of time as the Headmaster's residence prior to a purpose-built house being established opposite the school. The house was 10-12 minutes walk away from the school and was used by the senior girls for their sewing under the direction of Mrs Lawless, wife of the sole teacher Pat Lawless.



Blackberry picking was a popular activity but the mothers that sent their children out to pick for jam-making purposes never got back in their billys the volume they had hoped for. The incriminating evidence was often seen around the mouths of their children who often arrived home with tales of low harvests!



The village houses were clad with creosoted boards. Later, when the porch areas were built over to add a third bedroom, they were repainted in a cream enamel paint with white trim and red sills. The youngsters from the mining and farming communities got on well and generated their own entertainments. It took the best part of an hour to walk into Huntly on such adventures as Saturday morning movies or Friday evening shopping. A taxi service was available, as was rural delivery of mail, groceries, bread, fish and milk.

Stancy MacDonald and friend.



Jimmy Clark (driving) giving neighbours Christine and Sandy MacDonald a ride in his motorised car, built by his father. Jimmy's dad worked as an engineer at the mine. The No.1 on the front of the car was placed on backwards. At the back on the rise is the water tank that supplied the seven houses in the village. The sections for each house was quite large, allowing a very large garden area and a spacious lawn.

All of the houses (built in 1947) were on nightsoil systems and required the contents of the toilet to be emptied at regular intervals into holes dug in the gardens. Needless to say the produce of these gardens was quite prolific! In the mid-50s flush toilets and septic tanks were installed.

An annual allowance of coal was deposited by the mine authorities at the front gate of each dwelling for firing up the cooking stoves, lounge fires and for heating the water cylinders.



A view of Russell Road looking south. Just behind the trees in the centre is what was to become the junction of McVie Road. Kimihia Lake is far off to the left and was easily viewed from the front doors of these homes along Russell Road.





There were 7 houses in the village, built for the married men who were contracted by Downer & Company to convert the abandoned underground mine into an open-cast venture. Single workers had their own huts. Shower and kitchen facilities were situated across from the houses.

Shown here are five of the homes. There was a fire hose stationed on the fence-line at each second house and was used for much more than potential firefighting. Here a hose is shown drying on a fence-line.

At the far end of the row can be seen the tennis court, built as a recreational area. Not very

much use was made of the facility and the associated building (inset below) was used as an additional house.

Just over the rise in the distance was the Kimihia school, about 10 lazy minutes walk by road or by paddock.



A view north along Russell Road from what is now the McVie Road intersection.



One of the original Russell Road homesteads (no longer standing).





An awkward dip and curve in Kimihia Road, 400 yards east of the Russell Road intersection, being straightened out with heavy machinery from Downer & Company, who also had the contract for running Kimihia opencast mine. The road correction was to facilitate easier travel by the trucks carrying coal from the mine, eliminating a particularly nasty small hill.



The Kimihia Road correction with the earth movement nearly completed and awaiting metal. The Yates farm is at the top right of the photo. At some time in the future a concrete water supply reservoir was placed on the hill in the distance to supply the increase in residential buildings. The road was originally constructed to service the underground mine in the early 1900s and later the farms that were developed by some of the miners.



A 2022 photo of Kimihia Road as shown on the previous page.

## Most Popular Music each year from 1897 to 1938

1897 <a href="#"><u>A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight</u></a>	1918 <a href="#"><u>Tiger Rag</u></a>
1898 <a href="#"><u>The Laughing Song</u></a>	1919 <a href="#"><u>After You've Gone</u></a>
1899 <a href="#"><u>Absent</u></a>	1920 <a href="#"><u>Swanee</u></a>
1900 <a href="#"><u>My Wild Irish Rose</u></a>	1921 <a href="#"><u>I Ain't Got Nobody</u></a>
1901 <a href="#"><u>Ain't Dat a Shame</u></a>	1922 <a href="#"><u>April Showers</u></a>
1902 <a href="#"><u>Bill Bailey Won't You Please Come Home</u></a>	1923 <a href="#"><u>Yes! We Have No Bananas</u></a>
1903 <a href="#"><u>Down at the Old Bull and Bush</u></a>	1924 <a href="#"><u>Rhapsody in Blue</u></a>
1904 <a href="#"><u>Meet Me in St Louis, Louis</u></a>	1925 <a href="#"><u>Sweet Georgia Brown</u></a>
1905 <a href="#"><u>Give my Regards to Broadway</u></a>	1926 <a href="#"><u>Bye Bye Blackbird</u></a>
1906 <a href="#"><u>In the Good Old Summer Time</u></a>	1927 <a href="#"><u>Stardust</u></a>
1907 <a href="#"><u>Auld Lang Syne</u></a>	1928 <a href="#"><u>I Wanna be Loved by You</u></a>
1908 <a href="#"><u>Take Me Out to the Ball Game</u></a>	1929 <a href="#"><u>Makin' Whoopee</u></a>
1909 <a href="#"><u>I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now</u></a>	1930 <a href="#"><u>Happy Days Are Here Again</u></a>
1910 <a href="#"><u>Let Me Call You Sweetheart</u></a>	1931 <a href="#"><u>Mood Indigo</u></a>
1911 <a href="#"><u>I'm Shy Mary Ellen, I'm Shy</u></a>	1932 <a href="#"><u>Night &amp; Day</u></a>
1912 <a href="#"><u>Moonlight Bay</u></a>	1933 <a href="#"><u>Stormy Weather</u></a>
1913 <a href="#"><u>When Irish Eyes Are Smiling</u></a>	1934 <a href="#"><u>Moon Glow</u></a>
1914 <a href="#"><u>By The Beautiful Sea</u></a>	1935 <a href="#"><u>Cheek to Cheek</u></a>
1915 <a href="#"><u>It's a Long Way to Tipperary</u></a>	1936 <a href="#"><u>Pennies From Heaven</u></a>
1916 <a href="#"><u>Somewhere a Voice is Calling</u></a>	1937 <a href="#"><u>Sing, Sing, Sing</u></a>
1917 <a href="#"><u>Over There</u></a>	1938 <a href="#"><u>Begin The Beguine</u></a>



Looking east along Kimihia Road from the Yates farm gate. Behind the trees and off in the middle distance is Huntly and the Waikato River



A 2022 photo taken from the same viewpoint as the 1950s one above.





Above shows Russell Road cutting across below the Rosser homestead (was 12 Russell Road but changed to 21 Russell Road when residences increased).



The Rosser home of the 1950s (21 Russell Road) is arrowed.



Every year there was a Christmas party put on in the community with Ben Holland playing the part of Santa Claus. The children of the district were all involved.



Posing with a bearded Ben Holland are Joe Slee, Dave Holland & Harry MacDonald.

# 1957

## Enrolments

Sep-09 1957	P1	<b>COPE</b> David McDonald
Sep-09 1957	S1	<b>COPE</b> John Raymond
Nov-25 1957	NE	<b>COPE</b> Lorraine Audrey
Sep-09 1957	F1	<b>COPE</b> Ronald Keith
Jul-02 1957	NE	<b>DRAYTON</b> Terrence
Feb-04 1957	NE	<b>GOURINSKY</b> Wayne
Feb-04 1957	NE	<b>HOLLAND</b> Cheryl Jean
Jun-10 1957	NE	<b>LAWLESS</b> James Vincent
Feb-04 1957	F1	<b>MacDONALD</b> Alexander (Sandy)
Feb-04 1957	S3	<b>MacDONALD</b> Christine
Feb-11 1957	NE	<b>NEPE</b> George
Feb-25 1957	NE	<b>VALENTINE</b> Ann
Jul-22 1957	S3	<b>WATENE</b> George
Feb-04 1957	NE	<b>WATENE</b> Lawrence
Jul-22 1957	S1	<b>WATENE</b> Phillip

## 1957 Classes

Primer	<b>DRAYTON</b> Terry
Primer 1	<b>COPE</b> David
Primer 1	<b>COPE</b> Lorraine
Primer 1	<b>GORINSKI</b> Wayne
Primer 1	<b>HOETA</b> Desmond
Primer 1	<b>HOLLAND</b> Cheryl
Primer 1	<b>NEPE</b> George
Primer 1	<b>NEPE</b> Michael
Primer 1	<b>VALENTINE</b> Ann
Primer 1	<b>WATENE</b> Lawrence
Primer 2	<b>WATENE</b> Myrtle
Primer 3	<b>LEWIS</b> David
Primer 3	<b>TOHE</b> Charlie
Primer 3	<b>TWEEDIE</b> Martin

Std 1	<b>COPE</b> John
Std 1	<b>HOLLAND</b> Michael
Std 1	<b>LAWLESS</b> James
Std 1	<b>LEWIS</b> Charles
Std 1	<b>VALENTINE</b> Billy
Std 1	<b>WATENE</b> Phillip

Std 2	<b>GRUT</b> Brian
Std 2	<b>HOETA</b> Michael
Std 2	<b>HOETA</b> Whainoa
Std 2	<b>WILSON</b> Winnie
Std 2	<b>YATES</b> Kelvin

Std 3	<b>NEPE</b> Charlie
Std 3	<b>TOHE</b> Joe
Std 3	<b>WATENE</b> George
Std 3	<b>WATENE</b> John
Std 3	<b>WATENE</b> George

Std 4	<b>BRAND</b> Tui
Std 4	<b>MacDONALD</b> Christine
Std 4	<b>NEPE</b> Jean
Std 4	<b>YATES</b> Glenis

Std 5	<b>BRAND</b> Arnold
Std 5	<b>COPE</b> Ronald
Std 5	<b>GRUT</b> Lois
Std 5	<b>WATENE</b> Sarah

Std 6	<b>HOETA</b> Effie
Std 6	<b>MacDONALD</b> Sandy (Alex)
Std 6	<b>WILKINSON</b> Glenys

Teacher: Mr P T Lawless

During 1957 the South Auckland Education Board sent an instruction to all schools to commence a record of events at the school - a Log Book. The direction stated that.....

*"Entries, which should be dated, should cover such matters as are of importance to the school, mainly from the point of view of an historical record of events of interest in the life of the school. Entries could well be made to cover items of interest such as additions and alterations to school buildings, staff appointments and terminations, school committee election results, educational visits, special gala days, and so on."*

## April 1957

- ★ The shelter shed floor was concreted.
- On the 10th 26 parents were in attendance for election of a Committee for the 1957 to 1959 term. Nominated were: R.Yates, C.Lewis, J.Von Grut, G.Drayton, H.Gorinski, G.Nepe, Mrs D.Wilkinson and Mrs P.Valentine. The successful nominees were Ron Yates (Chairman), Dulcie Wilkinson (Secretary), Clive Lewis, J.Von Grut and Gib Drayton.

## June 1957

- Mr Pat Lawless, teacher, had the phone installed in the school house.
- A radio for the school was ordered at a cost of nineteen pounds.

## August 1957

- Working-bee held to erect a shelter for the jubilee.
- The committee met to discuss the acquisition of an additional schoolroom. It was suggested that the school make use of the opencast hall. Other than that Mrs Lawless would take classes in her home. It was unanimously decided to let Mrs Lawless take the Primers in her home.
- The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations were held at the school. Mr. T. Holland was Chairman of the organising committee. The programme consisted of a function at the school (Welcoming speech, addresses by various official guests, cutting of cake, afternoon tea and class photographs). Mr Crouch represented the Waikato County, Mr. H. Black the Education Department and Inspectorate. A social studies display of district history etc. was presented by the present pupils. A social function in the Huntly RSA hall that evening completed the celebration.
- The presence of Mr. M. Priestley, the first teacher at the school in 1897, was a notable feature of the occasion.

## October

- The committee resolved to hold a fancy dress party at the end of the year instead of the normal concert.

## December

- The committee met to discuss the acquisition of an additional schoolroom. It was suggested that the school make use of the opencast hall. Other than that Mrs Lawless would take classes in her home. It was unanimously decided to let Mrs Lawless take the Primers in her home.





### Pupils of 1897-1909

**Rear:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, (4) \_\_\_\_\_, John Holland - 1905.

**3rd Row:** (5) \_\_\_\_\_, (6) \_\_\_\_\_, (7) \_\_\_\_\_, (8) \_\_\_\_\_, (9) \_\_\_\_\_, (10) \_\_\_\_\_, Jim Paterson - 1905.

**2nd Row:** Hazel King [Neil] - 1899, Janet Rogers [Holland] - 1903, Maggie Clubb [McGlynn] - 1902, May Rogers [Patterson] - 1904, Mrs Dooley [Dunn] - 190\_, Aggie Whyte [Russell] - 1906, Virginia Holland - 1901, (11) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Seated:** Tom Holland - 1899, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Dunn, Pearl Wilson [Patterson] - 1897, (13) \_\_\_\_\_, (14) \_\_\_\_\_, Maurice Priestley - 1897, Maggie Davies [Ruston] - 1900, (15) \_\_\_\_\_, Wati Kohe - 1901.



### Pupils from 1907 to 1919.

**Rear:** Ben Holland - 1915, Dave Holland - 1907, (1) \_\_\_\_\_, Dave Dunsmuir - 1915, Harry Perry - 1906.

**3rd Row:** Len Rosser - 1917, Harry Jones - 1907, Alf Holland - 1911, Tom Yates - 1914, Harold Jenkins - 1917, Fred Jones - 1907, Horace Haywood - 1908, Fred Dunn - 1897.

**2nd Row:** Ray Fleming - 1913, May Valentine - 1921, Gladys Beadsmore - 1918, Winnie Jenkins - 1918, Elsie Yates - 1917, Bella Crow - 1917, Margaret Crow - 1916, Ivy Kilburn - 1914, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, Ron Yates - 1917.

**Seated:** Vera Russell - 1906, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, Jemina Thomson - 1925, Doris Hillman - 1916, (4) \_\_\_\_\_, Annie Valentine, (5) \_\_\_\_\_, Elda Holland - 1914.





#### Past Pupils 1920 to 1929.

- Rear:** Bill Valentine -1925, Ted Kerry -1919, Les Thomson -1925, Sam Beadsmore -1920, Harry Goodsall -1924.
- Middle:** Joe Slee -1922, (1) \_\_\_\_\_, Dick Yates -1923, Margaret Henderson -1927, Jean Thomson -1925, Jemina Thomson -1925.
- Seated:** Melva Rosser -1921, Eileen McGlynn -1921, Mrs McIntosh - Teacher 1925-1931, Clarice Perry -1922, May Valentine -1921.

*Waikato Times, August 1957*

### PADDLED OWN CANOE

Kimihia Teacher  
of 60 Years Ago  
*Staff Reporter Hamilton*

More than 300 past pupils, teachers and visitors attended the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Kimihia School, near Huntly, on Saturday.

The roll was called by Mr Maurice Priestley, the teacher who opened the school in 1897. Using a Māori canoe, he used to paddle across Hakanoa Lake from Huntly every day and then walk some distance to the school. Eleven of the 33 first-day pupils answered the roll call.

Some families of three living generations were present. Mr T. Holland presided at the function and a group photograph taken of the members of the Holland family members present included 34 people of four generations. They ranged in age from 75 years to four weeks.

The jubilee programme included the formal assembly, a thanksgiving service and a ball held in the R.S.A. Hall, Huntly.

*Right:* Richard Brand and Sandy MacDonald after a successful punga-gathering trip in the Hakarimata Ranges, south of Huntly, with teacher Pat Lawless (shadow).







#### Past Pupils from 1920 to 1939.

- Rear:** Les Thomson - 1925, Arthur Holland - 1932, Tom Holland - 1929.  
**3rd Row:** (1)\_\_\_\_\_, Joe Slee - 1922, Dave Holland - 1929, Harry Goodsall - 1924,  
 Dick Yates - 1923, Bill Valentine - 1925.  
**2nd Row:** (2)\_\_\_\_\_, Horace Tears - 1932, Johnny Rogers - 1931, Mike O'Brien - 1932-44,  
 (3)\_\_\_\_\_, Clarice Perry - 1922, Ron Yates - 1917.  
**Seated:** (4)\_\_\_\_\_, (5)\_\_\_\_\_, (6)\_\_\_\_\_, (7)\_\_\_\_\_, (8)\_\_\_\_\_, (9)\_\_\_\_\_, (10)\_\_\_\_\_.

*Huntly Press, 21st August 1957*

## DIAMOND JUBILEE KIMIHIA SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION

The 60th Jubilee celebrations of the Kimihia School were held on Saturday afternoon, August 17, in mild spring sunshine, and proved very successful and enjoyable. More than 300 past pupils, teachers and visitors attended, and 11 of the 33 first-day pupils answered the roll call.

Of the 16 former teachers of the school, six were present, Mr Maurice Priestley, of Auckland (the first teacher), Mr Alec. McIntosh, of Huntly, Mr M. J. O'Brien, of Orakei, Miss A. E. Davies, of Auckland, Mr W. Parsonage, of Kawerau No. 2 School, and Mr A. Bartlett, of Papatoetoe.

Some families of three living generations were present. Mr Tom Holland Jnr, was chairman for the celebrations, and a group photograph taken of the members of the Holland family present included 34 people of four generations.

The proceedings began with the National Anthem, the singing being led by the present pupils and their teacher, Mr P. T. Lawless.

A short thanksgiving service followed,

conducted by the Rev. A. A. Wright, vicar of Huntly.

Addresses were given by Mr Tom Holland (chairman), Mr R. Yates (chairman of the Kimihia School Committee), Mr Black, Inspector of Schools (on behalf of the Education Board), and Mr E. J. Crouch, chairman of the Waikato County Council.

The honour of ringing the school bell was given to Mr Edwin Clinch, of Kaitaia, one of the oldest pupils present.

Before the roll was called by the original teacher, Mr Maurice Priestley, now aged about 82, who opened the school in August, 1897, and taught there until December, 1901, he was presented with an autograph book by the chairman, Mr Holland, which contained the names of 90 pupils who attended the school while he was teacher. Fifteen pupils who answered the roll call and later signed the autograph book were as follows: Mrs R. Wilson (Huntly), Mr Charles Dunn (Auckland), Mr Thomas Holland, Senr. (Kimihia), Mr Edwin Clinch (Kaitaia), Mr John Fleming (Pukemiro), Mr Fred Dunn (Renown), Mrs R. Dooley (Ngaruawahia), Mrs F. Kay (Huntly), Mrs M. J. Shaw (Huntly), Mrs N. Boswell (Hikurangi), Mrs G. Crowder (Auckland), Mr W. A. Paterson (Karaka), Mr W. Kohi (Huntly), Mr Ernest Hall (Huntly), Mrs Hazel Neil (Buckland).



In his address, Mr Priestley recalled that he used to paddle across Hakanoa Lake from Huntly in a Māori canoe every day and then walk some distance to the school. He presented back to the school the paddle which he had used.

The official host and hostess were Mr John Holland and Mrs R. Wilson.

Mesdames R. Wilson, G. Crowder (as oldest pupil), A. McIntosh, M. J. Shaw, F. Kay and Miss A. E. Davies were presented with shoulder sprays by pupils of the school. Mrs R. Yates, wife of the chairman of the Kimihia School Committee, and Mrs T. Holland Jnr, wife of the chairman of the Jubilee Committee, also received shoulder prays.

The old pupils were then assembled to be photographed. There was a surprisingly large number of people for a group photograph of those who had attended the school in the decade, 1897-1906.

Later a specially baked cake was cut jointly by Mrs Georgina Crowder (nee Troughear), the oldest ex-pupil present, and by the youngest pupil now attending the school, Terry Drayton, of Russell's Road, Huntly.

A delightful afternoon tea was then served, and later many were afforded a great opportunity of renewing old acquaintances.

During the afternoon those present were given the opportunity of inspecting a display by the school children of social study work, which was greatly appreciated.

In the evening about 200 attended a most enjoyable dance in the Huntly R.S.A. Hall, music being supplied by Mr J. Tweedie's orchestra. Appreciated items were given by Messrs R. Yates and R. Jones. Mr V. Shaw acted as M.C.

A delicious supper was served during the evening.



#### Past pupils from 1940 to 1949.

**Rear:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_, Les Holland -1941, Jacky Davidson -1942, Ron Holland -1939, Billy Davidson -1944.

**Centre:** Tom Johnson -1941, Johnny Jones -1942, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, Neil Holland, Brian Peden.

**Seated:** Lavina Dunsmuir, (4) \_\_\_\_\_, Stancy MacDonald -1946, Mary Johnson -1947, Miss Davis - 1945-46 [Teacher], Joyce Davidson -1945, Myra Jones -1945, Valerie Davidson -1944, (5) \_\_\_\_\_.





### Enrolled Pupils 1957

*Dressed for their parts in the 60th Reunion.*

- Rear:** Sandy MacDonald -1950, Arnold Brand -1949, Billy Whalwasser -1952, Richard Brand -1947, Tai Whiunui -1949, Leo Kenny -1948, Effie Hoeta -1955, Noeline Hoeta -1955.
- 3rd Row:** Sarah Watene -1955, Teacher Pat Lawless - 1955-59, Michael Hoeta -1955, Charlie Nepe -1952, Joe Tohe -1952, Joe Henry -1954, Charles Lewis -1954, John Watene -1955, Wainoa Hoeta -1955, Desmond Hoeta (holding Effie's arm) -1955, Immediate Past Teacher Alan Bartlett - 1951-55, Tui Brand -1951.
- 2nd Row:** Kelvin Yates (*looking skywards*) -1953, Lois Grut -1955, Christine MacDonald -1952, Jean Nepe -1951, Winnie Wilson -1953, Brian Grut -1955, Charlie Tohe -1954.
- Seated:** Glenys Yates -1952, Myrtle Watene -1955, Cheryl Holland -1957, Ann Valentine -1957, Terry Drayton -1957, David Lewis -1955, Terry Ahu -1955, Michael Holland -1956, Billy Valentine -1954, Glenys Wilkinson -1950.
- Front:** Jim Lawless -1957, Wayne Gorinski -1957, George Nepe -1957, Michael Nepe -1955.



End-of-year concert - Nativity play, December 1957





**Families with three generations each of Kimihia schooling 1957**

**Adults:** Maggie Clubb [McGlynn] - 1902, Eileen Grut [McGlynn] - 1921, Tom Holland - 1899, Tom Holland - 1929, Annie Valentine [Jones] - 1907, Bill Valentine - 1925.

**Children:** Lois Grut - 1955, Michael Holland - 1956, Billy Valentine - 1954.



End-of-year concert - Fancy Dress activity, December 1957





**Rear:** Harry Goodsall (1924), Ron Yates (1917),  
Fred Jones (1907), Sam Beadsmore (1920).  
**Front:** Jessie Porteous [Jones] (1921),  
Elsie Yates (1917), Gladys Beadsmore (1918),



#### **Holland Family**

**Rear:** Dave Holland (1907), Ben Holland (1915).  
**Centre:** Alf Holland (1911), Tom Holland (1899),  
John Holland (1905).  
**Seated:** Janet Holland (1903), Elda Holland (1914),  
Virginia Holland (1901).



#### **Edward Clinch**

Oldest ex-pupil present and first-day enrolee.  
Edward also rang the bell at the 1947 reunion.



Tom Holland presenting Maurice Priestley with an  
autograph book containing the signatures of the 90  
pupils who attended while he was teaching at  
Kimihi School.





Speeches outside the shelter shed.



**The Lewis Family**  
Irene and Clyde with sons Paul, Charles and David.





All those in attendance gather for the official speeches that were being conducted in front of the shelter shed. One of the Form 2 pupils (Sandy MacDonald) was instructed by the teacher (Pat Lawless) to remain in the main school building to act as a 'security guard' over the displays as the others enjoyed the outside activities.

In the far corner of the ground (above the parked cars) was the area where the grass huts were constructed each time the field was mown and the children had to rake up the clippings. The fields were often mown by one of the local farmers with a tractor. At infrequent intervals the senior boys were allowed to mow the whole field with the 'new' 12 inch motor-mower.





The 'bush' in the background was a fairly narrow strip of school property that provided a buffer zone between the school and the farmland beyond. The bush was all secondary growth with many wattles, blackberries and assorted ground cover. It was used only occasionally as a nature study resource.

The high netting fence was erected to prevent tennis balls from vanishing into the mysteries of the scrub. It was in this area that the senior boys sometimes carried out the Friday duties of digging the toilet waste holes ready for Saturday emptying.





The reunion crowd gathering for the speeches in front of the shelter shed. Note the almost vanished pathway up to the toilets, now superseded by a brand new concrete footpath. This photograph was taken standing on top of the girl's toilet.

The school headmaster's dwelling can be seen above the temporary shelter that was constructed against inclement weather. The temporary shelter was built from loaned materials and assembled by the local farmers and mine workers.



The day was very hot, and the morning sun shone strongly through the two open windows and melted the plasticine models that had been constructed by some of the pupils. The displays inside were made up of historical writings by the children, art work, craft constructions and other student-produced work. Pupils were required to talk about their work to any who stopped to admire the displays.





**Rear:** Sarah, Phillip and John Watene.  
**Front:** George, Myrtle and Lawrence Watene.



Wayne Gorinski.



**Rear:** Charlie and Jean Nepe.  
**Front:** Joe and Michael Nepe.



A school outing at the Auckland Zoological Gardens



### A School Gestetner Duplicator

The drums were revolved by hand and ink, spread evenly across the surface of the screen by a pair of cloth-covered rollers, was forced through the cuts made in the stencil and transferred onto a sheet of paper which was fed through the duplicator and pressed by pressure rollers against the lower drum.



Terry Drayton (youngest pupil) cuts the Jubilee cake with Georgina Crowder (nee Trougher), the oldest ex-pupil present. Watching is John Holland (Jubilee Committee Chairman) and Tom Holland (School Committee Chairman).



Joe & Charlie Tohe



Billy & Anne Valentine



Glenys Wilkinson





Jim and Peter Lawless



Winnie Wilson



Sandy and Christine MacDonald



David and Charles Lewis



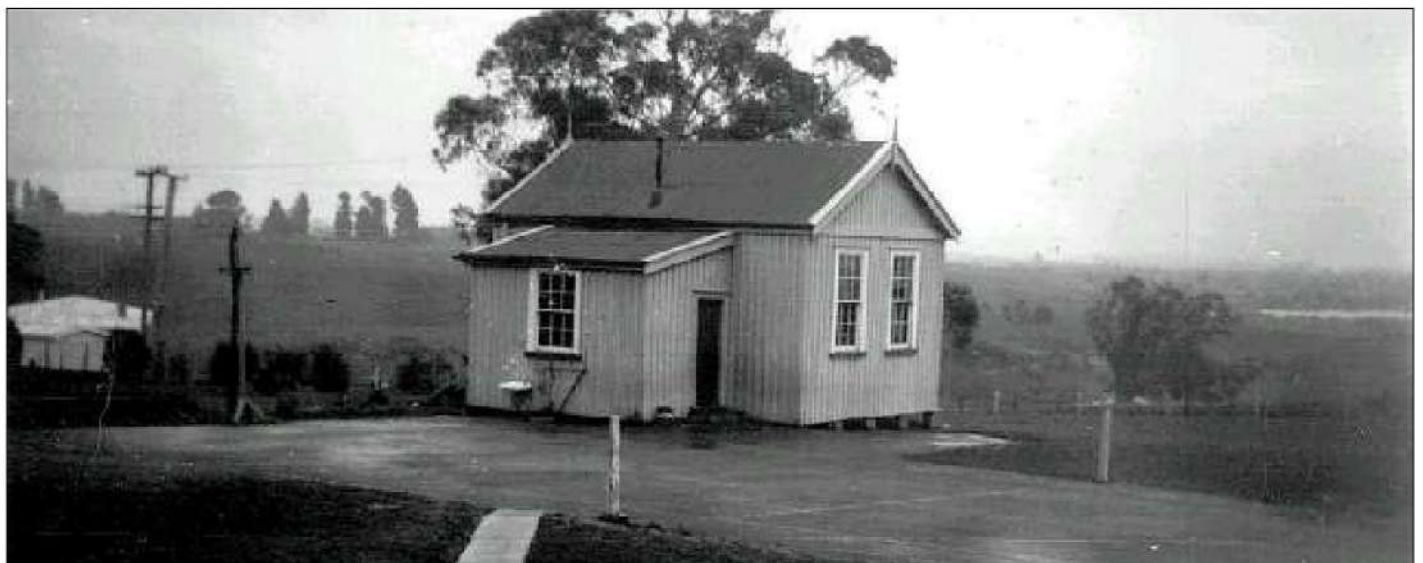
Mary-Sue, Ruth & Barbara Hills



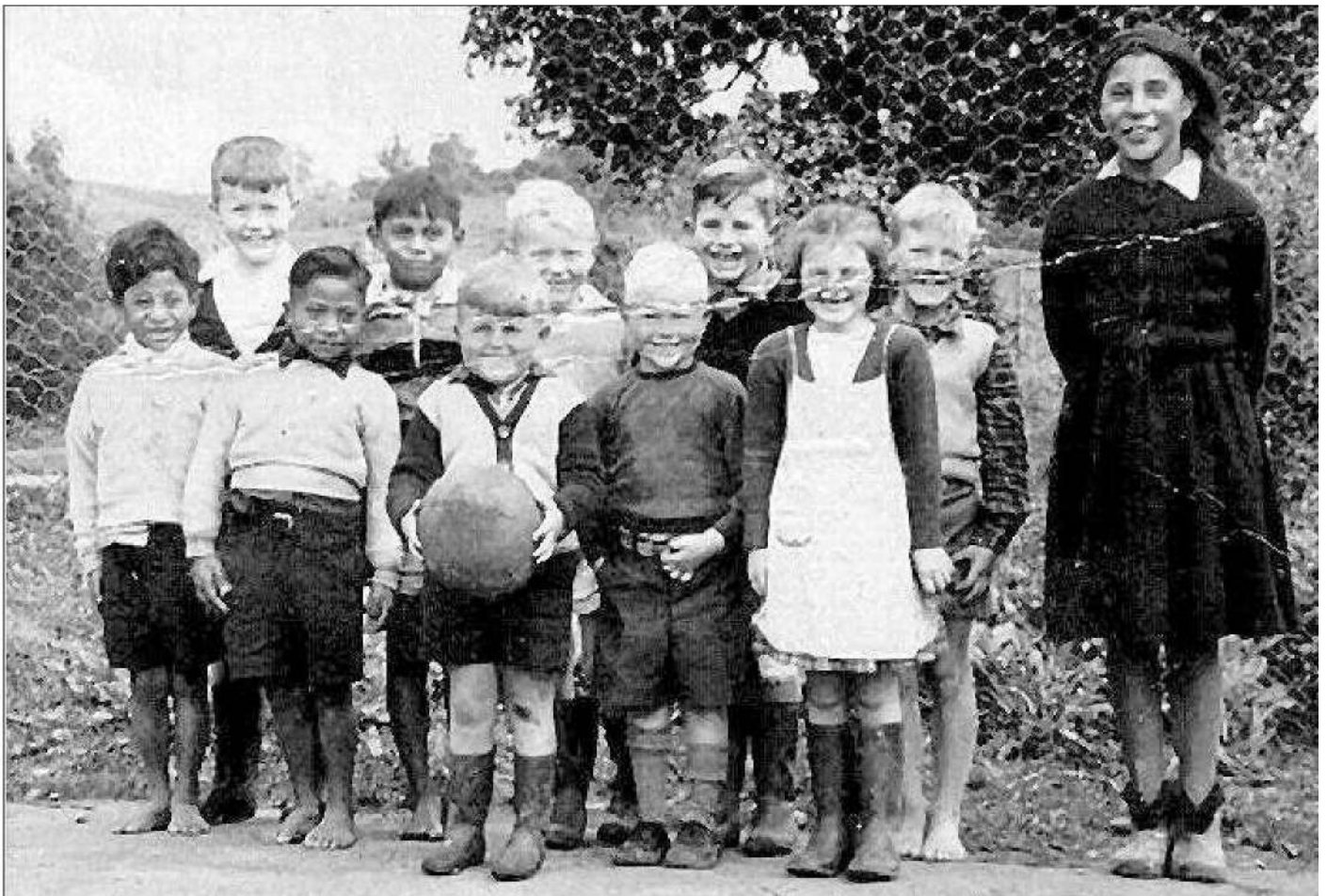
Glenis, Jimmy & Kelvin Yates



The Hollands



A dismal winters-day view of the school taken from near the girls' toilet.  
A vestige of the once-glorious Kimihia Lake can be seen as a think strip in the right background.  
The outside hand basin was added in the '60s.



Rear: Charles Lewis, Terry Ahu, David Lewis (1)\_\_\_\_\_, (2)\_\_\_\_\_, Tui Brand.  
 Front: Michael Nepe, Charlie Tohe, Wayne Gorinski, Terry Drayton, Cheryl Holland.



Rear: Tom Holland, Tom Holland.  
 Front: Michael Holland.



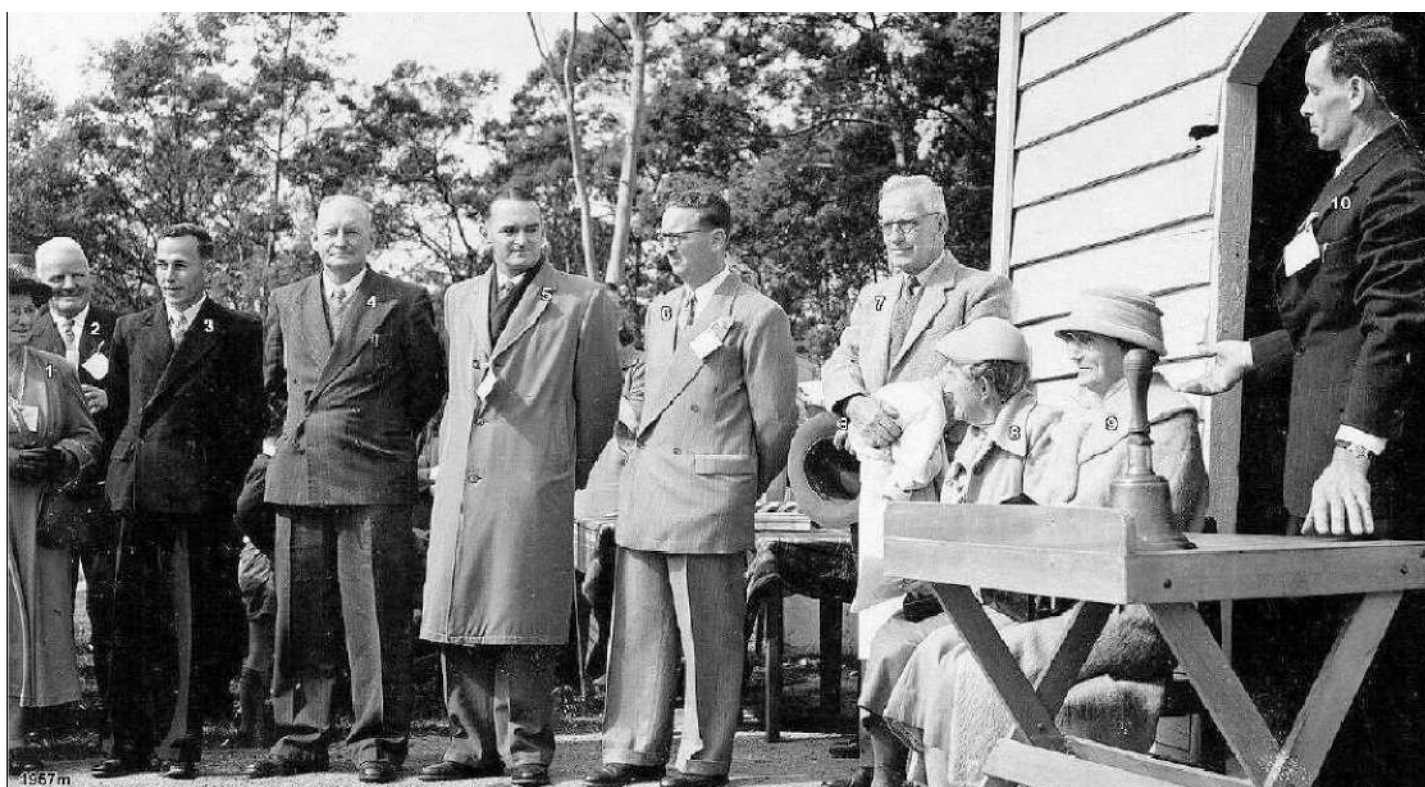
Rear: Maggie Clubb [McGlynn, Eileen Grut.  
 Front: Cheryl Grut.





### Holland Family & Descendants at the 60th Jubilee

- Rear:** Arthur Holland, Ron Holland, Neil Holland, Les Holland, Ben Holland, Dave Holland.  
**3rd Row:** Johnnie Rogers, John Holland, Alf Holland, Tom Holland, Davie Holland, Joe Slee, Tom Holland Snr.  
**2nd Row:** Judith Slee, Janet Slee, Judy Holland, Lois Holland, Barbara Holland, Agnes Holland, Bernice Holland, Neil Holland.  
**Front:** Michael Holland, Rosie Holland, Janet Holland, Joan Holland, Elda Holland, Faye Holland, Doreen Holland, Virginia Holland (nursing Susanne Holland).  
**Kneeling:** Nola Slee, Brian Holland, Sheryl Holland, Janet Holland.



### Past Teachers at the Reunion

**From left:** (Female unknown), (Male unknown), Alan Bartlett (1951-1954), Mick O'Brien (1932-1943), Bill Parsonage (1947-1951), Pat Lawless (1955-1958), Maurice Priestley (1897- 1901), Mrs McIntosh (1925-1937), Miss A E Davis (1945-1946), Tom Holland (School Committee).



William (Bill) Valentine and Anne Valentine (Jones)  
with Billy Valentine in front.



# Programme. Kimbria School Jubilee.

- 1 p.m. — Opening of Proceedings by Chairman  
— God Save The Queen Read By Pupils  
— Blessing a Prayer By Rev. A. A. Wright  
— ~~Presentation of Book~~  
— ~~Present Hostess & Host~~  
— Present Teachers followed by Presentation  
to Mr. H. Priestly  
— Ringing of The Bell By —  
— Roll Call by Mr. Priestly and the  
— Signing of Autograph Book by Old Pupils  
— Presentation of Bouquets to Senior  
Lady & Teachers & 3 Old Pupils.  
— Cutting of Cake by Youngest Pupil  
— Oldest Woman Old Pupil  
— Chairmans Speech of Welcome & Introduction  
of Host & Hostess  
— Call on Chairman of School Committee to reply  
— Mr. McWonnell to say a few words Mr. Black  
— Mr. Hally Kaylor Johnson in Present.  
— Chairman of W. B. C.  
— Old Pupil Representative.  
— Blessing of Food by Rev. A. A. Wright. at  
afternoon tea at 2 o'clock.

Appoliques all with the best of Wishes  
 for an enjoyable function. gathering

Mr. P. J. Algie Minister of Education  
 Mr. J. J. Archer Senior Inspector.  
 Mr. H. B. O'Boyle Secretary - Orange Education Department  
 Mr. Fred Cunningham  
 Mrs. M. J. O'Boyle (Ada Evans)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Watson (M. June Evans)  
 Mr. Robert Holland Taylor  
 Mrs. E. E. Winkham  
 Mrs. J. Allan nee (Hart)  
 Mrs. E. B. Sullivan (Ethel Evans)  
 Mr. R. Emmerson  
 Mr. David Coar  
 Mrs. Dick Perry  
 Mrs. Amelia Robinson nee Redshaw  
 Mr. H. D. Cleland Ward member.  
 Mrs. Isabelle Clark (Mrs. Reece)  
 Mr. Fred Kilburn

1897-1957

60th JUBILEE

Kimihia School

THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THE PLEASURE  
 OF THE COMPANY OF

at the CHILDRENS AFTERNOON and RE-UNION  
 OF OLD PUPILS and PARENTS

at the Kimihia School at 1 p.m. to be followed by  
 a Dance in the R.S.A. Hall, at 8 p.m. on

Saturday, August 17, 1957

This invitation must be  
 presented at the Door.

Donation Accepted.

R.S.V.P.  
 SECRETARY  
 31 BAILEY ST.  
 HUNTLY



Georgina Troughes.	4/6/81.	B.
Blanche Troughes.	10/10/84.	
Florence Skellern.	10/11/86.	
Margaret Wilson	10/3/84.	B.
Lilly Johnson.	1/1/82.	
Viola Johnson.	2/11/86.	B.
Pearl Paterson	14/12/91.	Hostess.
Florence Evans.	6/7/86.	
Katie McGlynn.	7/8/88.	
Ada Evans.	26/11/88.	
Ethel Evans.	10/3/91.	
Mary Taylor.	10/5/87.	
Jane Pearse.	12/9/86.	
Alice Raynes.	31/12/88.	
Edward Blinch	4/7/85.	Rings Bell.
Ernest Hall.	7/4/91.	
Frederick Dwyer.	2/12/90.	
Joseph Troughes.	10/1/82.	
John Thomas Troughes.	8/12/87.	

Wm. J. Holland  
 of Es. Yates.

of Priestly Roll.

23/8/97. — 4/11/01.

Katie M<sup>c</sup> Glynn.

Florence Evans

Madge Soppett.

Georgina Troughton.

Edward Blinch

Archie Campbell, Hall.

Hilda Ruth Skelton.

Ada Evans.

Bertie Taylor

Ernest Hall.

Samuel Dunn.

Ethel Evans

Pearl Paterson

Frederick Dunn.

Ernest George Foote

Herbert Blinch

Annie Taylor.

Mary Taylor.

Joseph Troughton.

Willie Evans

Blanche Troughton.

Florence Skelton

John Thomas Troughton.

Harry Skelton.

Arthur Skelton

Violet Johnson.

William Troughton.

Margaret Russell



Henry Johnson \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Wilson  
Robina Russell \_\_\_\_\_  
Lily Johnson \_\_\_\_\_  
Hannah Wynn \_\_\_\_\_  
Ellen Kirkwood.  
Joseph Alex cr<sup>e</sup> Glynne \_\_\_\_\_  
Ernest Paice  
Martha Gundy  
Jane Pearce \_\_\_\_\_  
Mabel Landon.  
Richard cr<sup>e</sup> Intosh \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex cr<sup>e</sup> Intosh  
Alice Raynes  
Hazel Bell  
Fanny Bell \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Paice \_\_\_\_\_  
Maial Dundas Wight-  
Lawrence Allen  
Fanny Cassey  
Edward Dunn \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Joseph Ralph  
Lewis Ralph \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Dunn  
Thomas Holland  
Ruby Johnson  
Louisa Soppett  
Ellie cr<sup>e</sup> Glynne  
Madgie Soppett \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Eliz. Anne Trimble  
Mark Hubert- Johnson  
Albert- Troughal.  
David Fleming  
Robert- Smith Fleming  
Sarah Robertson Fleming  
Keith Loppett. ✓  
John Aird Fleming  
Margaret- Ruston ✓  
Walter Ed. Ruston  
Bertie Ruston  
David Ruston  
David Franklin Fyfe.  
Hilda Gundy.  
Marjory Moffat.  
Dolly Paice  
John Skatena  
Wati Skoti.  
Wiri Caleb.  
Teki Caleb.  
Ethel Barrett  
Harold Barrett  
George Barrett  
Wilson Barrett.  
John Ota Shearer.  
William George Valentine  
Allan Paterson  
Virginia Holland.  
Rodie Dunn— Kupa Awa



Mr. Priestly's Roll. 23/8/97 - 14/11/01

Florence Evans  
Georgina Tronckat.  
Edwina Clinch  
Milda Ruth Skelton  
Ada Evans  
Bertie Taylor.  
Ernest Hall  
Ethel Evans  
Mabel Paterson  
Ernestick Lunn  
Ernest Geo. Fole  
Mary Taylor  
Joseph Tronckat  
Blanche Tronckat  
Lottie Skelton.  
Harry Skelton  
Annie Skelton  
Viola Johnson  
Margaret Wilson  
Ellen Kirkwood.  
Ernest - Price  
Martha Gundry  
Mabel Landon  
Alex Mr. Intosh  
Alice Rayner  
Hazel Cecil  
Margaret Landon right.

Lawrence Allen  
Fanny <sup>or</sup> Massey  
Thomas Joseph & Ralph  
Charles Wynn  
Thomas Stollard.  
Ruby Johnson  
Louisa Soppett.  
Finn <sup>or</sup> Finn.  
Mary Eliz. Ann Trimble  
Mark Herbert-Johnson.  
Albert Tronkka.  
David Fleming  
Robert-Smith Fleming  
Kirk Soppett.  
John Gisle Fleming  
Margaret Ruston  
Walter Ed. Ruston  
Berrie Ruston  
David Ruston  
David Franklin Frye.  
Hilda Gundy.  
Mary ~~Backson~~ <sup>or</sup> Offat.  
Walt Kobi.  
Wirt Kaleb.  
Tehi Kaleb.  
Ethel Barrett.  
Harold Barrett.  
George Barrett.  
Wilson Barrett.  
John <sup>or</sup> S. Heaser.  
Allan Patterson  
Virginia Stollard.  
Rosa Wynn.

J. J. Lowe Huntly  
 Atkinson, Hamilton.  
 Mrs L. Hambleton 158 Hakanoa St Huntly Ex  
 Mr R. Woods 174 Hakanoa St Huntly Ex  
 Mr A. A. Tuttle Dec 1925-1932  
 Mrs Farmer. 4th Road. Hiri. Manurewa Ex.  
 Neil Dunn Reservoir  
 Mr Goodsall. 11. Oran Rd.  
 Pammye Auckland. Ex. (Ex)  
 A. N. Holland. 92. Domet St KAWERAU.  
 B. D. Holland. 9 Bailey St Huntly.  
 C. Holland 9 Bailey St Huntly  
 E. Hunt Ngaurua  
 R. Dooley Ngaurua  
 A. W. Hyle Huntly.  
 M. W. Dooley 4 Garuapua  
 Gemma Clark. Whakatane  
 L. Thomson Mr Donald St RD  
 Jean Honey Huntly  
 Wright Lauriya.  
 E. Harte Rotowaro  
 W. H. Hughes Wellington  
 Arthur J. Hughes Wellington  
 Albert Sprague Auckland.  
 William Valentine Kimihia  
 Mrs. W. Jones Huntly  
 R. Yates (son) 91 Hakanoa St Huntly  
 E. E. Linch Kaitoro  
 A. Jones 10 Russell Rd Huntly.  
 W. Parnage 31 Hall St. Kaitoro.  
 J. R. Jones 13 Russell Rd. Kimihia  
 J. M. Johnson Kimihia  
 E. J. Holland. Huntly.  
 E. L. Sharp Tokoroa St Orakei  
 A. B. Smith 7 Alexander Ave. Papakura  
 M. O'rook. 199. White Swan Rd  
 M. Roskill

E. Webb. Ellen Webb Kukuwood X.P.  
 M. Brown. Mrs Margaret Seddon. X.P.  
 M. Henderson Mr J. N. Williams X.P.  
 J. Henderson. Mrs J. J. Arton. ex P.  
 M. Crow 22 Russell Rd  
 J. Rogers 149 Hakanoa St Huntly.  
 J. E. Lee. 149 Hakanoa St Huntly.  
 L. Lee 149 Hakanoa St Huntly.  
 A. KATIPU REMUWA MINERS HOSTEL  
 M. Rogers No 7 Fraser St Huntly  
 J. Aldred Waikanae  
 A. S. Jenkins Huntly West  
 J. S. Sanders Kimihia  
 J. H. Brand Kimihia  
 M. Blubb No 1 R. D. Huntly  
 Virginia Lane Raglan  
 Hazel King. Auckland.  
 E. L. Stansley. Hamilton.  
 J. Dunn Raglan  
 Catherine Dunn Raglan  
 Richard Yates Jun  
 Chas Dunn MT AIBERT  
 A. E. Johnson Mt Eden.  
 A. J. Jones (son) Nison St Grey Lynn.  
 W. Sloper Weir  
 R. Slater Ruby Nash.  
 H. Jenkins  
 Violet E. Kay re V. Johnson  
 Violet L. Butler Violet Lancaster  
 E. Kay Bella Brown.  
 J. Fleming  
 M. J. Dunsmuir  
 D. Dunsmuir  
 Margaret Isham.  
 Georgina Crawshaw.



Nellie Boswell. (m. Glynn)  
 Len Rosser  
 Melva Rosser  
 W a Paterson  
 R. Hall  
 J. V. Phillips No 9. R.D. Te Puke.  
 R. L. Phillips Paungaroa P.O.  
 I. E. Smith - M. Mangamua  
 C  
 M. Pascoe. 31 Hall St. Kaitiaki  
 Jack Davidson  
 Les Holland  
 Harry Perry  
 Joyce Davidson.  
 Thomas Holland Jnr.  
 Kimihia (Chairman 17/4/57)  
 May White. Kimihia  
 Ron Yates Auckland  
 W Davidson Kimihia  
 M. J. Shaw.  
 R. Holland Kimihia  
 J. M. Holland.  
 Ernest. Hall.  
 Annie Valentine  
 Jack. Rowe  
 Eileen Grant  
 David H. Holland.  
 New Les. Kimihia Huntly R.D.  
 M. & Reece 14 Russell's Rd Huntly  
 J. Reece 11 Russell's Rd Huntly  
 William Koki No 3 R.D. Otorohanga  
 Pegre Wilson (Paterson) 94 Harris St Huntly  
 C. Peden Huntly

Ben. Holland.  
 Ray Fleming  
 Ed. M. Scott (nee Jones)  
 Laurena Reynolds. (nee Dunsmin.)  
 M. Saunders  
 G. Leahy (nee Beardmore)  
 E. Yates (nee Yates)  
 J. B. Rogers  
 J. B. Holland. B. V. Holland. Huntly  
 Agnes. Holland Huntly  
 Doreen Holland Kimihia  
 J. B. Rogers  
 W. C. Fleming  
 John Holland Kimihia Huntly.  
 Mrs A. Jenkins Huntly  
 E. Stirling Glen Afton  
 P. J. Bond. Huntly West  
 J. Waugh Huntly West  
 Vera J. Luke  
 E. E. Hayward  
 M. Hayward 111 + Melrose Rd Three Kings.  
 J. Rogers. 52 William St. Hly.  
 Nola Sicee  
 L. Smith 34 William St Hly  
 Joyce Bartlett 7 Alexander Ave. Paparotia  
 R. Valentine No 1 R.D. Huntly  
 B. G. Gorinaki No 1 R.D. Huntly  
 Cheryl Holland Kimihia.  
 Jay Holland. 92 Bonnell St. Kaitiaki  
 Elizabeth Tweedie H. Tweedie  
 Robyn Jones. R. J. Smith.  
 A. L. Dunsmin  
 M. Peden  
 M. Williams.  
 J. Williams



112 Westbury Geo.  
Plymouth.  
11. 9. 57.

Dear Tom Holland.

I must  
thank you for sending  
me the Autograph Book  
together with its most  
interesting enclosures.  
I very much appreciate  
your inclusion of the  
names of those on the roll  
during my term.

The excellent photo of  
the first ten year paper  
+ the clipping from the  
local paper are deeply  
valued.

Betty Smith.  
Betty Roberts.  
Betty Roberts.  
Betty Roberts.

Jim Dwyer

Sybilelling

Libby Graham

Elsie McHewen

Connie Ashcroft

Beryl Fisher

John King

L. J. Evans

2 M. Yates Kimble Rd Hurley

Many thanks for your  
expressed wish to meet  
me at some future  
time. but as the

75th Anniversary will  
not occur until 1972  
I'm afraid I will not  
be as presentable then  
as I was on Aug. 18. 1957.

To all good friends  
who showed me such  
kindness I send my  
very best wishes - including  
you dear dad.

Sincerely  
Maurice Priestley

P.S. I wrote to Mr Lawless  
asking him to send  
the Autograph book and  
I received it from you  
the same day that I  
wrote to him.

M.P.

A letter to Tom Holland from Maurice Priestley  
following the 60th Reunion.



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Waikato Times 19/8/57

## PADDLED OWN CANOE

### Kimihia Teacher Of 60 Years Ago

Staff Reporter Hamilton  
More than 300 past pupils, teachers and visitors attended the diamond jubilee celebrations of the Kimihia School, near Huntly, on Saturday.

The roll was called by Mr Maurice Priestley, the teacher who opened the school in 1897. Using a Maori canoe, he used to paddle across Hakanoa lake from Huntly every day and then walk some distance to the school. Eleven of the 33 first-day pupils answered the roll call.

Some families of three living generations were present. Mr T. Holland presided at the function and a group photograph taken of the members of the Holland family present included 34 people of four generations. They ranged in age from 75 years to four weeks.

The jubilee programme included the formal assembly, a thanksgiving service and a ball held in the R.S.A. Hall, Huntly.

## EX-PUPILS GATHERED FOR KIMIHIA SCHOOL DIAMOND JUBILEE

The weather was kind to the Kimihia Diamond Jubilee Committee on Saturday afternoon when some 300 ex-pupils, past teachers and visitors assembled in mild spring sunshine at the 60-year-old school, two miles from Huntly. The chairman of the committee, Mr Tom Holland, Jr., presided and proceedings began with the National Anthem, the singing being led by the present pupils and their teacher, Mr P. T. Lawless.

A short thanksgiving service followed, and then the first roll was called by the original teacher, now an octogenarian of Auckland, Mr Maurice Priestley, who opened the school in August, 1897. Of the 33 on the roll, eleven, all of them over 65 years of age, answered their names. Of the 16 former teachers, five were present. A specially baked cake was cut jointly by the oldest ex-pupil present and the youngest pupil now attending the school. Afternoon tea was then served.

There was a surprisingly large number of people for a group photograph of those who had attended at the school in the decade 1897-1906. Three families were able to muster three generations each of past and present pupils. These were the Hollands, the Valentines and the McGlynns. No fewer than 34 members of the Holland family were present, covering four generations, and ranging in ages from a man in his 70's to an infant four weeks old.

### Ingenious Model

A feature of the celebrations was a display of four models, the work of the present pupils. One of these represented the original Maori pa on the shore of Kimihia Lake. Another showed the present school and its surroundings. The third was a model of the Kimihia village in its early days.

The fourth showed the Kimihia opencast mine as it is at present, and was ingeniously constructed of actual clay and coal taken from the spot, with models of the belt conveyor, the hoppers, and even models of bulldozers and other forms of earth-moving machinery.

It was recalled that the first teacher, Mr Maurice Priestley, lived in Huntly, and every schoolday paddled across Hakanoa Lake and then tramped over the clay track to the school. During the afternoon Mr Priestley said that the canoe he used was no longer in existence but he had kept the paddle as a souvenir. Producing the paddle, still in a good state of preservation, he presented it to the school. It was accepted by the chairman, and will be mounted on an inside wall of the school.

The reunion concluded with a ball on Saturday evening.

### Long-Term Student

A teen-age Maori boy seemed rather nonplussed at the Kimihia School's diamond jubilee celebrations on Saturday. The organisers were having the ex-pupils photographed in ten-year groups from 1897 to 1957. After the youth had joined four different groups extending over 40 years, a bystander remarked, "That young fellow must have been at this school for quite a long time."

### After 60 Years

Original teacher at the Kimihia School Mr Maurice Priestley, who is over 80, called the first roll at the school's diamond jubilee celebrations on Saturday. When he called "Ernie Hall," a septuagenarian proudly raised his hand, clicked his heels and answered, "Present, Sir." Pausing, and looking over his spectacles in the best pedagogical manner, Mr Priestley asked, "And have you learned your spelling this morning, Ernie?"



# 1958

## Enrolments

Jun-18 1958 NE **CLARK** Susan  
 Jun-18 1958 NE **FISHER** Kevin Lawrence  
 Jun-18 1958 NE **GRAF** Steven David  
 Jun-26 1958 P **HARRIS** Brian Robert  
 Jun-26 1958 S4 **HARRIS** Ian Frank  
 May-26 1958 S3 **HENRY** Joe  
 Oct-16 1958 S3 **HENRY** Joe  
 Apr-09 1958 NE **HIKI** Peter Tapahia Kani  
 Feb-03 1958 S2 **HILLS** Mary Susanne  
 Feb-03 1958 P1 **HILLS** Ruth Elizabeth  
 Jul-07 1958 F1 **METCALF** Kerry  
 Feb-10 1958 NE **RONGOKEA** Lindsay  
 Feb-19 1958 P2 **STEELE** Stephen Robert  
 Aug-11 1958 P1 **TAHAKURA** Howe  
 Feb-04 1958 P1 **TAHAKURA** Johnnie  
 Feb-04 1958 F1 **TAHAKURA** Marie  
 Feb-04 1958 S1 **TAHAKURA** Timothy  
 Feb-04 1958 S3 **TAHAKURA** Wanita  
 Nov-03 1958 P1 **TUPAKI** Glen Andrew  
 Oct-29 1958 S4 **TUPAKI** Peter  
 Oct-29 1958 F2 **TUPAKI** Robert  
 Oct-29 1958 S1 **WATENE** Michael  
 Feb-03 1958 NE **WATENE** Natalie  
 Nov-03 1958 P1 **WATENE** Wayne  
 Mar-06 1958 P **WHITE** Brian Edward  
 Sep-15 1958 NE **WHITE** Stuart Wilson  
 Nov-03 1958 S4 **WILSON** Mary

## February

- Mrs Margaret Lawless took up a position of uncertificated teacher for P1 - P4. Roll 41. The infants are being taught in the lounge of the school residence as a temporary means.

## March

- Mrs Margaret Lawless terminated her appointment and Mr N. Watene commenced as relieving assistant. Construction of prefab. has commenced but infants are still being taught in the school residence. The prefab' was completed, and Mr N Watene is now conducting class for Primer 1 to Standard 1 therein.

## April

- Mr Grut volunteered to strip down the blackboards for repainting.
- Enquiries were made as to whether power could be supplied to the new school building.
- Two new pans ordered for the girls' toilets and a concrete path was laid to the new prefab.
- New chimney for the school stove.

## May

- Seven-a-side rugby teams and a full basketball team played against Rakaumangamanga Māori School. This is the first time since its inception that this school has been able to field sports teams.

## June

- A tape-recorder, purchased as a memorial gift of the 60th Anniversary, was delivered today and a plaque would be attached reading "Presented by old Pupils & Friends. Diamond Jubilee, August 1957".
- Mr. N. Watene resigned from the position of relieving teacher. Mrs. M. Lawless is teaching the infants until another teacher arrives.
- Miss F. Thomas commenced as uncertificated relieving assistant.

## 1958 Classes

Primer 1 **CLARK** Susan  
 Primer 1 **COPE** Lorraine  
 Primer 1 **FISHER** Kevin  
 Primer 1 **GRAF** Steven  
 Primer 1 **HARRIS** Bryan  
 Primer 1 **RONGOKEA** Lindsey  
 Primer 1 **STEELE** Stephen  
 Primer 1 **TAHAKURA** Howe  
 Primer 1 **TAHAKURA** Johnnie  
 Primer 1 **TUPUHI** Glen  
 Primer 1 **WATENE** Natalie  
 Primer 1 **WATENE** Wayne  
 Primer 1 **WHITE** Stewart

Primer 2 **DRAYTON** Terrence  
 Primer 2 **GORINSKI** Wayne  
 Primer 2 **HIKI** Peter  
 Primer 2 **NEPE** George  
 Primer 2 **WATENE** Lawrence  
 Primer 2 **WHITE** Brian

Primer 3 **COPE** David  
 Primer 3 **HILLS** Ruth  
 Primer 3 **HOLLAND** Cheryll  
 Primer 3 **HOLLAND** Cheryll  
 Primer 3 **NEPE** Michael  
 Primer 3 **VALENTINE** Ann  
 Primer 3 **VALENTINE** Ann

Std 1 **LEWIS** David  
 Std 1 **TAHAKURA** Timothy  
 Std 1 **TOHE** Charlie  
 Std 1 **WATENE** Michael

Std 2 **COPE** John  
 Std 2 **HILLS** Mary-Sue  
 Std 2 **HOLLAND** Michael  
 Std 2 **LAWLESS** James  
 Std 2 **LEWIS** Charles  
 Std 2 **TUPUHI** peter  
 Std 2 **TWEEDIE** Martin  
 Std 2 **VALENTINE** Billy  
 Std 2 **WATENE** Myrtle  
 Std 2 **WATENE** Phillip  
 Std 2 **WILSON** Mary

Std 3 **GRUT** Brian  
 Std 3 **HARRIS** Ian  
 Std 3 **HENRY** Joe  
 Std 3 **TAHAKURA** Wanita  
 Std 3 **WILSON** Winnie  
 Std 3 **YATES** Kelvin

Std 4 **NEPE** Charlie  
 Std 4 **TOHE** Joe  
 Std 4 **WATENE** George  
 Std 4 **WATENE** John

Std 5 **BRAND** Tui  
 Std 5 **MacDONALD** Christine  
 Std 5 **METCALFE** Kerry  
 Std 5 **NEPE** Jean  
 Std 5 **TUPAHI** Robert  
 Std 5 **YATES** Glenis

Std 6 **COPE** Ronald  
 Std 6 **GRUT** Lois  
 Std 6 **TAHAKURA** Maria  
 Std 6 **WATENE** Sarah

Teacher: Mr P T Lawless

- ✱ There was discussion on the practicality of school baths being built.
- ✱ Cocoa and sugar used at the school to be paid for by Committee

### **July**

- ✱ A PTA was formed for the first time at the school. The following were elected to the committee: Mr. F Harris (chairman), Mrs. C Lewis (secretary/treasurer), Mr. G Drayton (representing the School Committee), Mr. H D Hills, Mr. G Tahakura, Mr. P Lawless, Mr. J Fisher, Mrs. H MacDonald, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. M Putere, Mrs. D Cope.
- ✱ Miss F. Thomas resigned. Miss M. Johnson commenced as uncertificated relieving assistant.
- ✱ PTA to take over the financing of the sugar and cocoa from the School Committee.
- ✱ An approach was made to the milk vendor, Mr Cope, requesting a later deliver of the school milk supply so that it did not sit out in the sun for so long before being collected by the children. An arrangement to be made with Mr Lawless.

### **August**

- ✱ A Calf Club was started with a start of 10 claves. Club day scheduled for October.

### **September**

- ✱ Discussion with Mr Frank Harris of the school PTA concerning the transport of primary and post primary children who have to travel over three miles to school each day. It was resolved to complete a list of names of children together with a map of the district and forward it to the transport officer of the South Auckland Education Board.

### **October**

- ✱ A bonfire to be held in Valentines paddock for Guy Fawkes night, the fire to be built by Committee
- ✱ A Calf Club & Pets Day was held at the school. Mrs. H. Hills acted as adult supervisor and organiser. Calves were entered by the following children: Ron Cope (senior), Kelvin Yates (senior), Mary Sue Hills (junior), Ruth Hills (junior) and Barbara Hills (junior). Mr. Moore of Taupiri was the judge. The results were as follows:

*Leading (senior) -*

1st Kelvin Yates,

2nd Ron Cope.

*Leading (junior) -*

1st Mary Sue Hills,

2nd Barbara Hills,

3rd Ruth Hills.

*Leading Champion -*

Kelvin Yates.

*Rearing (senior) -*

1st Kelvin Yates,

2nd Ron Cope.

*Rearing (junior) -*

1st Ruth Hills,

2nd Mary Sue Hills,

3rd Barbara Hills.

*Rearing Champion -*Ruth Hills.

*Type (light) -*

1st Kelvin Yates,

2nd Ruth Hills,

3rd= Ron Cope & Barbara Hills.

*Type (heavy) -*Merit Award to Mary Sue Hills.

- ✱ In the afternoon a steeplechase was held over Mr. Cronin's and Mr. Valentine's properties. The winners were: Sarah Watene (senior) 9 minutes 12 seconds and Myrtle Watene (junior) 7 minutes 10 seconds.

- ✱ Prizes for Pets (Animals) - Lois Grut (cat) and Jimmy Yates (lamb).

- ✱ Prizes for Pets (Birds) - Ron Cope (pigeons) and Mary Sue Hills (canary).

- ✱ Miss M. Johnson's employment was terminated on this date as a permanent assistant has been appointed. During her term, Miss Johnson showed herself to be a capable and conscientious worker, whose teaching qualities and techniques would have done credit to a certified teacher.

### **November**

- ✱ Mrs. L. Wilson commenced as permanent assistant.
- ✱ Sarah Watene, Form II, has been granted a four -year scholarship to Queen Victoria Māori College. This is the first scholarship gained from this school.

- ✱ A successful evening was organised in the school by the PTA. Mr. Lawless and Mrs. Wilson gave an outline of the day's work in the school. Mr. R. Cates, Phys Ed Officer, showed films on the teaching of swimming and artificial respiration, and a Bring & Buy, which raised the sum of £5/3/- was held.

- ✱ A working bee was held to put in a tile drain along the southern edge of the tennis court. Workers were Messrs Grut, Yates, Watene, Johnson and Lawless.

- ✱ A working bee was held to construct a sandpit. Workers were Messrs Harris, Watene, Tahakura, Fisher, Steele, Lewis and Lawless.

- ✱ Messrs Lewis and Lawless completed the sandpit and poured some patching concrete at the tarseal.

### **December**

- ✱ School Picnic held at Hamilton Lake.

- ✱ Teacher, children and PTA members from Pukekapia school came today for an afternoon. The visitors were shown the school and two games of softball were played. Afternoon tea was provided by ladies of the Kimihia PTA. There was a good attendance of parents to join in the afternoon's activities.

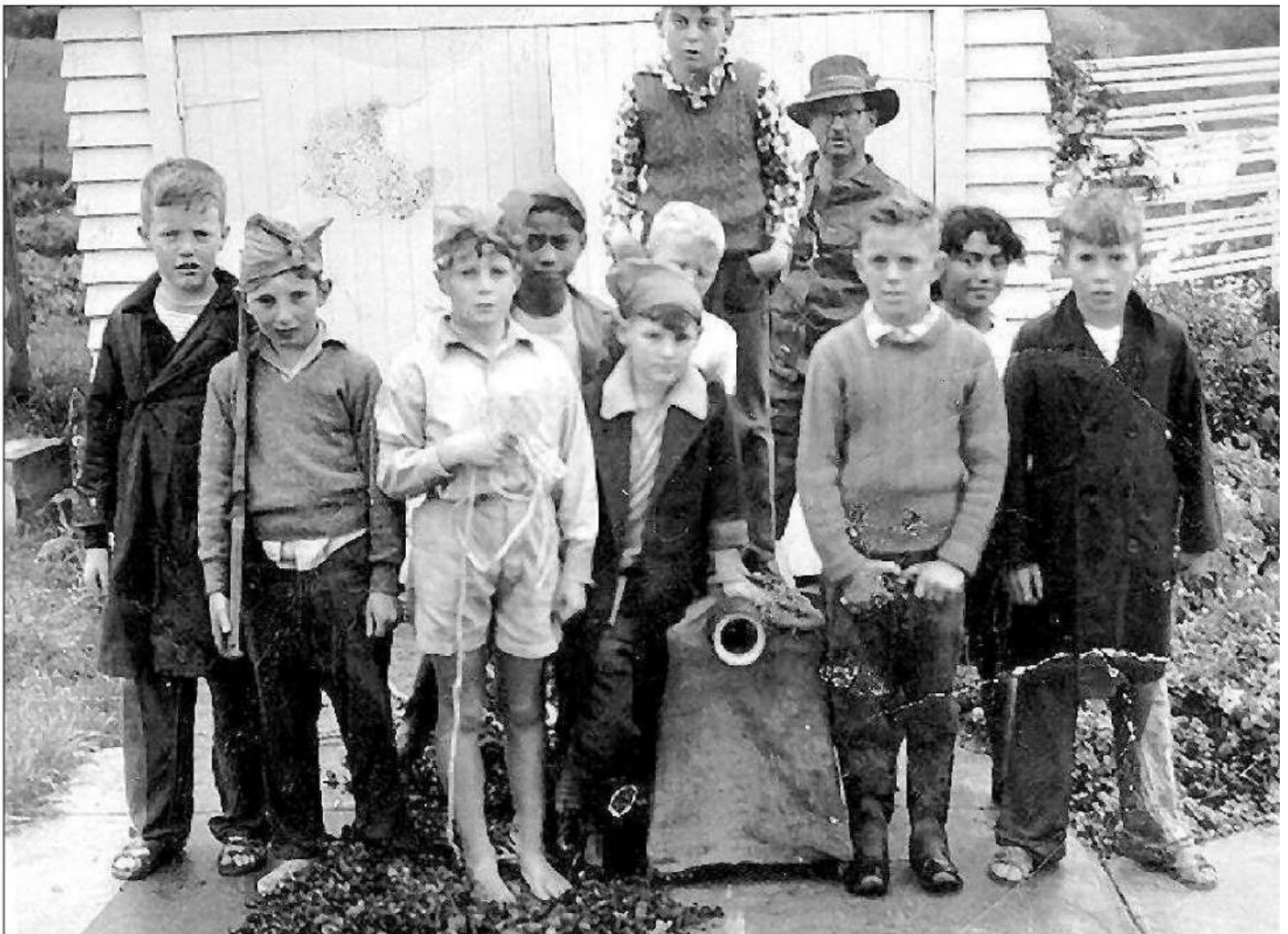
Results: A team - Pukekapia 29, Kimihia

22. B team - Pukekapia 30, Kimihia 22.

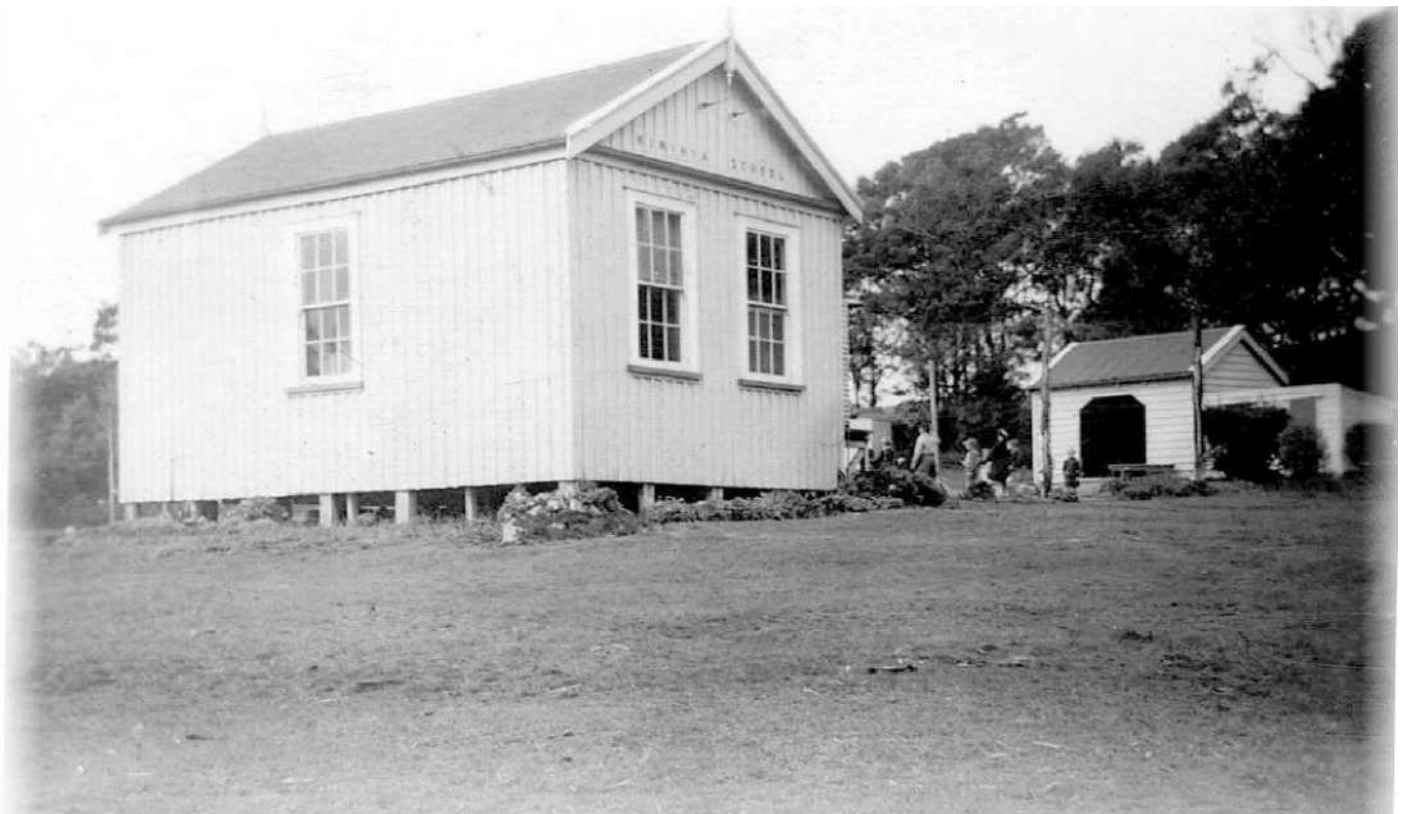
- ✱ An end of year Christmas Party was held in the school and was combined with an end of term concert. Items of interest were: Play 'The Raft' by F II - S4 pupils. Play 'One Red Cherry' by S1, S2, S3 pupils written and produced by pupil Sarah Watene. This play was unique in that Sarah had written each part to suit the individual talents and abilities of each cast member. Hula Hoop item performers were Ian Harris (S3), David Lewis (S1), Ann Valentine (P4) and Marie Gorinski (P1). The Skiffle Group incorporated most of the FII - S4 pupils.







A number of pupils attending Jimmy Lawless' birthday party at the school Principal's dwelling.  
 Jimmy is the 'pirate' leaning on the cannon.  
 Each arriving guest was welcomed aboard with a firecracker fired up in the cannon.



The school building viewed from beneath the large gum tree which seasonally shed its bark and made a mess of the grassed area in its vicinity. The trunk was too thick and the lower branches too high off the ground to permit climbing, although one branch swung tantalisingly near the ground which only the taller pupils could reach.

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A clash of heads in a rugby game involving Brian Grut and Ian Harris resulted in teacher Pat Lawless taking the two boys into Huntly to Dr Willoughby for scalp repairs.

After dropping Jimmy off at home, and on the way to do the same to Brian, Pat Lawless came across Myrtle and Phillip Watene who had come off the bike on

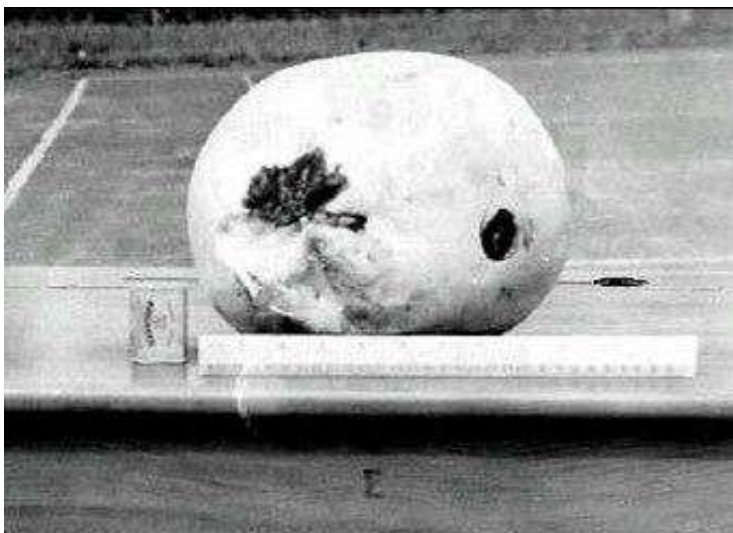
the way home down the hill at the back of the school and were badly abraded. This saw another trip into the Doctor for treatment.

After the last visit the doctor commented *"This is the fourth child from Kimihia school I have treated today. The discipline out there must be good!"*

Pupils living over a specified distance from school could be taxed in at the Ministry's expense. The Watene's and Grut's mileage from gate to gate was just under that specified, so Dick Yates and Pat Lawless re-measured from farmhouse door to schoolroom door and found the extra required mileage to authorise a taxi service for those pupils!



Preparing for the fancy dress parade.



A puffball found by one of the pupils in a field below the school.



Dick Yates and Mary Johnson at the school's fancy dress party.





Fancy Dress parade led by Terry Drayton.



**Adults at the school fancy dress evening.**

**Rear:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_, May Valentine, Dave Hall, Jean Jones, Patti Green, Edna Yates, (2) \_\_\_\_\_,  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Middle:** Marilyn Giles, Myra Jones, Johnny Jones, Valerie Davidson, Reg Crampton.  
**Front:** (4) \_\_\_\_\_, (5) \_\_\_\_\_.





Dick Yates, Rosie Holland and Tom Holland.



Ian Harris, May Ah Chu, Jimmy Yates.



Classroom furniture for Calf Club Day spectators.



#### Calf Club 1958

Kelvin Yates, Ian Harris, Winnie Wilson, John Watene, Charlie Tohe, Mary Johnson, May Ah Chu and Glenis Yates.





Music Chairs in the Junior Classroom.



**School Christmas party festivities.**  
Bon Grut holding the sticky buns cord while Kelvin Yates gets a mouthful.  
Jimmy Yates and Velma MacDonald look on.





Ann Valentine, Jimmy Yates and Glenys Yates



May Ah Chu with her award at the Calf Club Day of 1958. Rear is Frank Harris, Dick Yates and May Ah Chu.

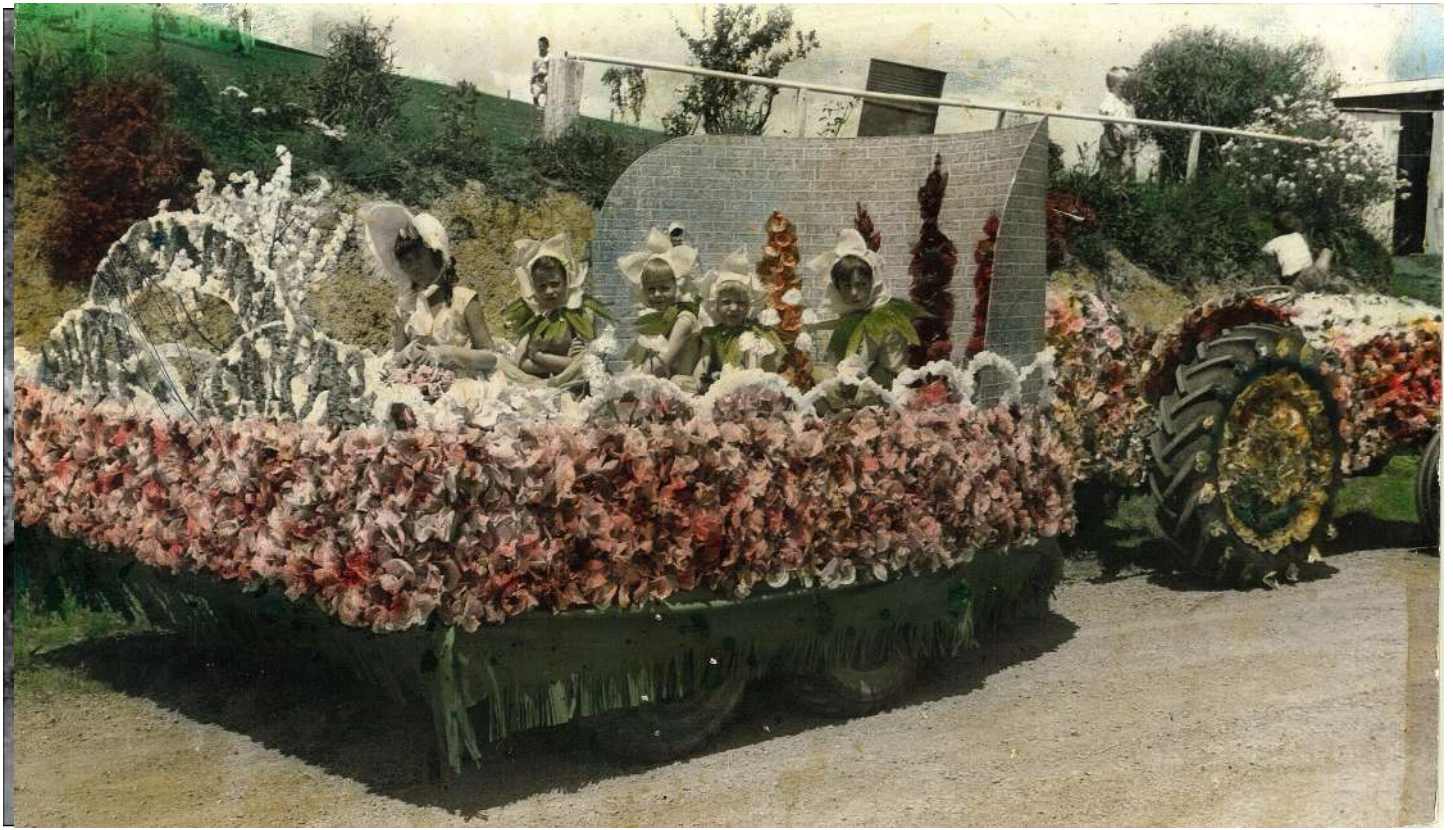


Left: The sandpit constructed for the Juniors.



Below: Lunchtime in front of the Junior Prefab.





The Kimihia School float ready to enter the 1959 Tainui Bridge opening parade in Huntly.



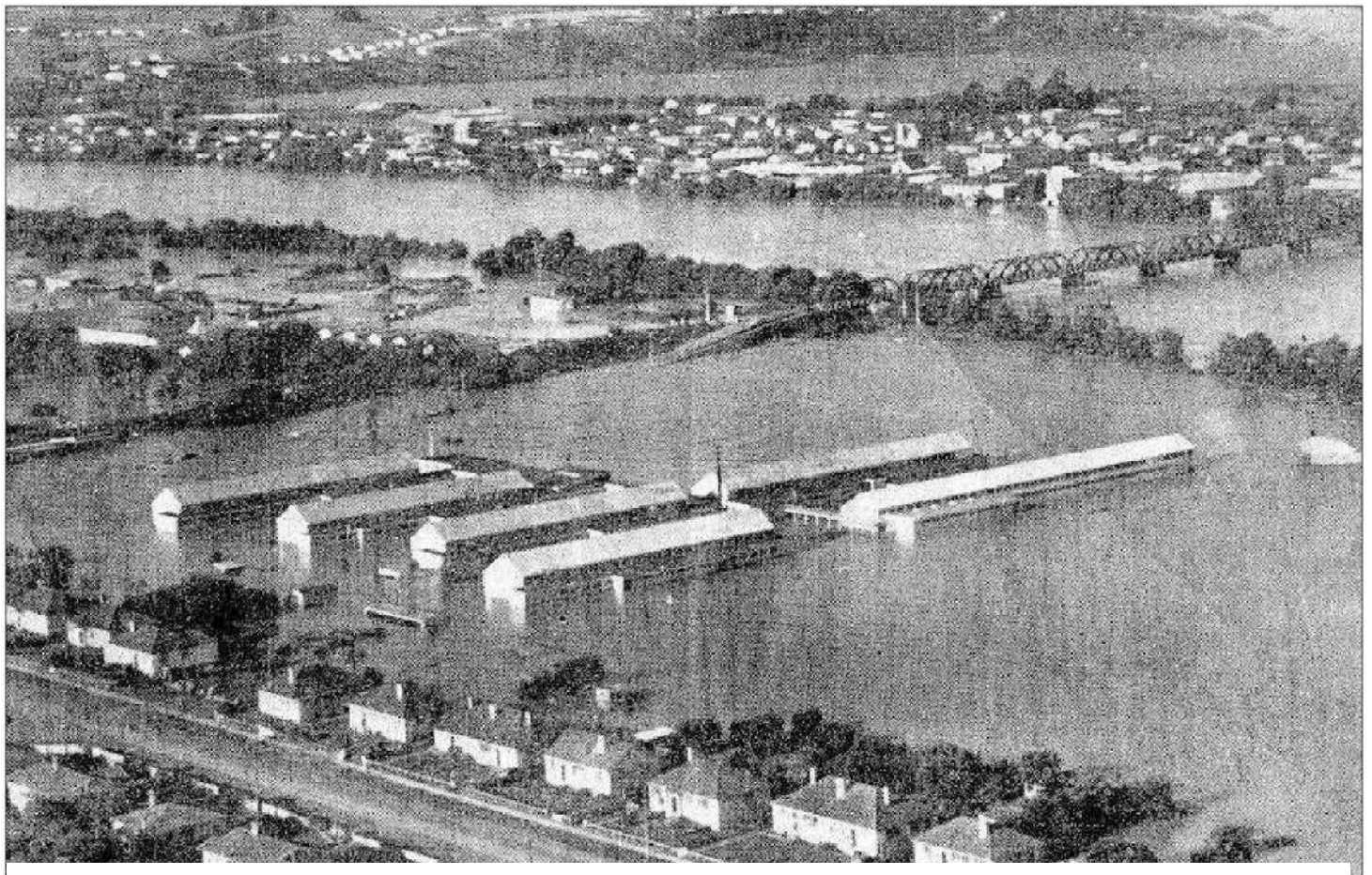
**"Float Flowers"**

From left: Natalie Watene, Lorraine Cope, Sheryl Grut, Marie Gorinski and Susan Clarke.



Driver Bon Grut and the Kimihia floral float ready for the 1959 Tainui Bridge opening parade.





Despite a raised stop-bank on the river boundary, Huntly College was semi-submerged in the 1958 flood.



Above & Below: Locals establish a playground in Russell Road. The Kimihia School can be seen above in the far distance (white arrow).



# 1959

## Enrolments

Apr-22 1959 F1 **AH CHU** May  
Jul-27 1959 S1 **CLARKE** Gary William  
Jul-27 1959 S1 **CLARKE** Wayne Charles  
Mar-16 1959 P3 **EPERE** Patricia  
Feb-02 1959 NE **GORINSKI** Marie  
Oct-27 1959 NE **GRAF** Lorraine  
Nov-30 1959 NE **GRUT** Cheryl Louise  
Apr-04 1959 NE **HILLS** Barbara  
Mar-03 1959 S4 **JACOBS** Thomas  
Jul-28 1959 P **JOHNSON** Georgina  
Jul-28 1959 F2 **JOHNSON** Mary  
Jul-28 1959 S1 **JOHNSON** Pauline  
Jul-28 1959 S3 **JOHNSON** Richard  
Jun-15 1959 NE **LEWIS** Paul Clyde  
Nov-30 1959 P4 **MOLTZEN** Gary  
Nov-30 1959 S2 **MOLTZEN** Lloyd  
Mar-04 1959 S3 **MOLTZEN** Lynnette  
Nov-09 1959 NE **RANGI** Graeme Dennis  
Jun-16 1959 NE **TINNEY** Kevin  
Nov-16 1959 P **TUPUHI** Glen Andrew  
Nov-16 1959 S3 **TUPUHI** Peter  
Aug-03 1959 NE **TWEEDIE** Clifford George  
Feb-09 1959 P1 **WILSON** Cynthia  
Feb-02 1959 P **YATES** James Allan

## 1959 Classes

Primer **GRAF** Lorraine  
Primer **GRUT** Cheryl Louise  
Primer **GORINSKI** Marie  
Primer **HILLS** Barbara  
Primer **JOHNSON** Georgina  
Primer **LEWIS** Paul Clyde  
Primer **RANGI** Graeme Dennis  
Primer **TINNEY** Kevin  
Primer **TUPUHI** Glen Andrew  
Primer **TWEEDIE** Clifford George  
Primer **WILSON** Cynthia  
Primer **YATES** James Allan  
Primer 3 **EPERE** Patricia  
Primer 4 **MOLTZEN** Gary

Std 1 **CLARKE** Gary William  
Std 1 **CLARKE** Wayne Charles  
Std 1 **COPE** David  
Std 1 **DRAYTON** Terrence  
Std 1 **GORINSKI** Wayne  
Std 1 **JOHNSON** Pauline  
Std 1 **VALENTINE** Anne  
Std 1 **WATENE** Lawrence

## 1959 Classes (cont.)

Std 2 **LEWIS** David  
Std 2 **MOLTZEN** Lloyd  
Std 2 **TOHE** Charlie  
Std 3 **COPE** John  
Std 3 **JOHNSON** Richard  
Std 3 **LAWLESS** James  
Std 3 **LEWIS** Charles  
Std 3 **MOLTZEN** Lynnette  
Std 3 **TUPUHI** Peter  
Std 3 **TWEEDIE** Martin  
Std 3 **VALENTINE** Billy  
Std 3 **WATENE** Myrtle  
Std 3 **WILSON** Mary  
Std 4 **GRUT** Brian  
Std 4 **HARRIS** Ian  
Std 4 **JACOBS** Thomas  
Std 4 **WILSON** Winnie  
Std 4 **YATES** Kelvin  
Std 5 **AH CHU** May  
Std 5 **TOHE** Joe  
Std 5 **WATENE** John  
Std 6 **JOHNSON** Mary  
Std 6 **MacDONALD** Christine  
Std 6 **YATES** Glenis

Teachers: Mr P T Lawless, Mrs Skilton.

## February

- During the Christmas holidays the following work was done at the school: Toilets extended to two pans each; new incinerator installed; concrete paths built around the Prefab' classroom; new blackboards erected in main classroom; toilets painted.
- The first official school stamp was purchased. The stamp incorporates the school motto, chosen at the Jubilee celebrations 1957, "Go and Seek", which is a free translation of the Maori word Kimihia.

## March

- School Committee for the 1959-60 term were: .Mr K Fisher, G Drayton, J Von Grut, R Yates and A Vercoe.
- Insurance arranged for school as no cover has been made to this date.
- Standard 2 to Form 2 were taken to the Mountley Stud Piggeries, on an educational visit. Transport was provided by the PTA. Cars used belonged to F. Harris, R. Yates, D. Tweedie and J. Fisher.
- New books, Social Studies, Nature Study and General Reading were purchased to the value of £19/8/-.



Primers on the climbing frames, commonly called the "jungle gym" .



✱ A Sports Day, combining athletics, etc. was held at the school. Races were run on a straight 50 yard track and a 200 yard circular track. A jumping pit was dug behind the tennis court. All classes participated from P1 - FII.

### Results:

25 yards Tiny Tots: 1st Steven Graf,  
2nd Stuart White,  
3rd Jimmy Yates

25 yards Primers - 1st Kevin Fisher,  
2nd Wayne Watene,  
3rd Natalie Watene

25 yards Std 1 - 1st David Cope,  
2nd Brian Harris

50 yards Tiny Tots - 1st Steven Graf,  
2nd Stuart White,  
3rd Jimmy Yates

50 yards Primers - 1st Kevin Fisher,  
2nd Natalie Watene,  
3rd Wayne Watene

50 yards Std 1 - 1st David Cope,  
2nd Ann Valentine

50 yards 8-9 years - 1st= Charlie Tohe &  
Myrtle Watene,  
3rd Billy Valentine

50 yards 10-11 years - 1st Brian Grut,  
2nd Kelvin Yates,  
3rd Phillip Watene

50 yards 11-12 years girls -  
1st Christine MacDonald,  
2nd Glenis Yates

5 yards 12 year boys -  
1st John Watene,  
2nd George Watene,  
3rd Joe Tohe

100 yards Std 1 - 1st Brian Harris,  
2nd David Cope

100 yards 8-9 years - 1st Martin Tweedie,  
2nd=Myrtle Watene &  
Billy Valentine

100 yards 10-11 years—1st Kelvin Yates,  
2nd Brian Grut,  
3rd Phillip Watene

100yards 11-12 years girls -  
1st Glenis Yates,  
2nd Christine MacDonald

100 yards 12 year boys - 1st John Watene,  
2nd George Watene,  
3rd Joe Tohe

20 yards 8-9 years - 1st Martin Tweedie,  
2nd Charlie Tohe,  
3rd Billy Valentine

220 yards 10-11 years -1st Brian Grut,  
2nd Kelvin Yates,  
3rd Phillip Watene

220 yards 11-12 years girls -  
1st Christine MacDonald,  
2nd Glenis Yates

220 yards 12 year boys -1st John Watene,  
2nd George Watene,  
3rd Joe Tohe

440 yards 8-9 years - 1st Charlie Tohe,  
2nd Billy Valentine,  
3rd Martin Tweedie

440 yards 10-11 years -1st Brian Grut,  
2nd Kelvin Yates

440 yards 11-12 years girls - 1st Glenis Yates,  
2nd Christine MacDonald

440 yards 12 year boys -1st John Watene,  
2nd George Watene,  
3rd Joe Tohe

Mile Open Handicap - 1st Billy Valentine,  
2nd Charlie Tohe,  
3rd John Watene

High Jump Std 1 - 1st David Cope (2'4")

High Jump 8-9 years - 1st Charlie Tohe (2'10"),  
2nd Billy Valentine,  
3rd Jim Lawless

High Jump 10-11 years - 1st Brian Grut  
(3'1"),  
2nd Kelvin Yates,  
3rd Ian Harris

High Jump 11-12 years girls -  
1st= Christine MacDonald  
& Glenis Yates  
(3'0"),  
3rd Winnie Wilson

High Jump 12 year boys - 1st Tom Jacobs  
(3'5"),  
2nd John Watene,  
3rd George Watene

Standing Broad Jump Tiny Tots -  
1st Stuart White,  
2nd Steven Graf,  
3rd Natalie Watene

Standing Broad Jump Primers -  
1st Wayne Watene,  
2nd Kevin Fisher,  
3rd Natalie Watene

Standing Broad Jump S1 - 1st Ann  
Valentine,  
2nd Brian Harris,  
3rd Lawrence Watene

Standing Broad Jump 8-9 years -  
1st Charlie Tohe,  
2nd Myrtle Watene,  
3rd Jim Lawless

Standing Broad Jump 10-11 years -  
1st Brian Grut,  
2nd Ian Harris,  
3rd Kelvin Yates

Standing Broad Jump 11-12 years girls -  
1st Glenis Yates,  
2nd Christine MacDonald

Standing Broad Jump 12 year boys -  
1st John Watene,  
2nd Joe Tohe,  
3rd George Watene

Long Jump Tiny Tots -  
1st Steven Graf,  
2nd Jimmy Yates,  
3rd Marie Gorinski

### Long Jump Primers -

1st Wayne Watene,  
2nd Kevin Fisher,  
3rd Natalie Watene

### Long Jump Std 1 -

1st Brian Harris,  
2nd David Cope,  
3rd Lawrence Watene

### Long Jump 8-9 years -

1st Charlie Tohe,  
2nd Peter Tupuhi,  
3rd Billy Valentine

### Long Jump 10-11 years -

1st Phillip Watene,  
2nd Brian Grut,  
3rd Ian Harris

### Long Jump 11-12 years girls -

1st Glenis Yates,  
2nd Christine MacDonald,  
3rd Winnie Wilson

### Long Jump 12 year boys -

1st John Watene,  
2nd Joe Fisher,  
3rd George Watene

### Throwing Cricket Ball Tiny Tots -

Jimmy Yates

### Throwing Cricket Ball Primers -

Kevin Fisher

### Throwing Cricket Ball Std 1 -

Brian Harris

### Throwing Cricket Ball 8-9 years -

Charlie Tohe

### Throwing Cricket Ball 10-11 years -

Kelvin Yates

### Throwing Cricket Ball 11-12 years girls -

Glenis Yates

### Throwing Cricket Ball 12 year boys -

Joe Tohe

### Throwing Softball 8-9 years -

Charlie Tohe

### Throwing Softball 10-11 years -

Brian Grut

### Throwing Softball 11-12 years girls -

Glenis Yates

### Throwing Softball 12 year boys -

Joe Tohe

### Relays, Primers Baton -

1st Kiwi,  
2nd Pigeon,  
3rd Moa

### Relays, Primers Large Ball -

1st Pigeon,  
2nd Moa,  
3rd Kiwi

### Relays, Primers Small Ball -

1st Kiwi,  
2nd Moa,  
3rd Pigeon House

### Relays (All Classes) No.1 -

1st Moa,  
2nd Pigeon,  
3rd Kiwi

### House Relays (All Classes) No.2 -

1st Moa,  
2nd= Pigeon & Kiwi

### Obstacle Relay -

1st Kiwi,  
2nd Moa,  
3rd Pigeon

### Total House Points for the day were -Moa

230,  
Kiwi 209,  
Pigeon 172

### *April*

- ★ The Committee elected K.J.Fisher as Chairman and A.G.Vercoe as Secretary.
- ★ The senior pupils travelled to Pukekapia to play softball. Transport provided by PTA. Cars - Steele, Lewis, Tweedie. Results of games: Junior - Pukekapia 35 + 1 innings, Kimihia 17. Senior - Pukekapia 13, Kimihia 37.
- ★ Glenis Yates and Christine MacDonald varnished the canoe paddle presented by Mr Priestley.
- ★ The PTA organised a waste paper and bottle drive. Results were good with the amount raised being £10/12/6.
- ★ During Religious Instruction, Mrs Cope brought Mrs Ogilvie, a missionary nurse from Thailand, to talk to the children and show film slides.

### *July*

- ★ The Kimihia School Card Club planned to raise 100 pounds towards a swimming pool.

### *August*

- ★ A school trip arranged to Hamilton. Each child levied 2/6d with the balance coming from the Committee.

### *September*

- ★ All classes were taken on an educational visit to the Hamilton Post Office and Telephone Exchange and to Karapiro Hydro. Transport by Wilkins Bus, driver Mr T. Wilson.

### *October*

- ★ Softball v Pukekapia was played at the school in the afternoon. Juniors: Pukekapia 13, Kimihia 14. Seniors: Pukekapia 24, Kimihia 21.
- ★ Concern over a bull wandering around the roads in the district and the owner to be approached.
- ★ Calf Club, combined with a Bring & Buy stall, baby competition and cross country steeplechase was held.
- ★ Calf Club: 14 calves were entered. Senior competitors were Kelvin Yates, Glenis Yates, Joe Tohe, May Ah Chu, Winnie Wilson, Mary Johnson, John Watene and Ian Harris. Junior competitors were Ann Valentine, Jim Yates, Myrtle Watene, Natalie Watene, Brian Harris and



Lawrence Watene.

### Results:

#### Senior Leading -

- 1st Joe Tohe,
- 2nd Kelvin Yates,
- 3rd May Ahchu

#### Junior Leading -

- 1st Brian Harris,
- 2nd Myrtle Watene,
- 3rd Jim Yates

#### Leading Champion—Jim Yates

#### Senior Rearing -

- 1st Glenis Yates,
- 2nd Kelvin Yates,
- 3rd Joe Tohe

#### Junior Rearing -

- 1st Ann Valentine,
- 2nd Jim Yates,
- 3rd Natalie Watene

#### Rearing Champion -Glenis Yates

#### Dairy Type - July

- 1st May Ahchu,
- 2nd Ann Valentine,
- 3rd Glenis Yates

#### Dairy Type - August -

- 1st Jim Yates,
- 2nd Winnie Wilson,
- 3rd Natalie Watene

#### Dairy Type Champion (Awarded Calf Club Cup) - May Ah Chu

✱ Mr Moore of Taupiri judged the competition. Mr F. Harris was adult supervisor and the club was organised by a PTA sub-committee consisting of Messrs F Harris, J Fisher, R Yates, B Grut and P Lawless. The cup was presented by Mr John Holland.

✱ Children and parents had a picnic lunch at the school after which the Bring & Buy stall was run, this resulting in a net profit of £17/2/2. Of this amount £6 was taken at a stall run by the standards girls, organised by Mrs Wilson.

✱ The baby competition was judged by Mrs Willoughby.

Birth to 12 months: David Lawless

12 months to 2 years: Carol White

✱ Glenis Yates presented a bouquet to Mrs Willoughby.

✱ The results of the cross country run were:

Senior - 1st Billy  
Valentine,  
2nd John Watene,  
3rd Kelvin Yates

Junior - 1st David Lewis,  
2nd Martin  
Tweedie,  
3rd Charles Lewis

✱ The pet show was won by Mary Wilson.

### November

✱ Six children took calves to Group Day at Ohinewai; Glenis Yates, Kelvin Yates, Charlie Tohe, Ann Valentine, May Ah Chu and Jimmy Yates.

#### Results:

Jimmy Yates - 1st Junior Leading  
(August), 2nd Junior  
Rearing (August), 4th Type  
(August).

Kelvin Yates -4th Senior  
Leading (July) Ann Valentine -3rd  
Type (July)

Ann, Glenis & May -

3rd School Group of Three

School total points - 11.

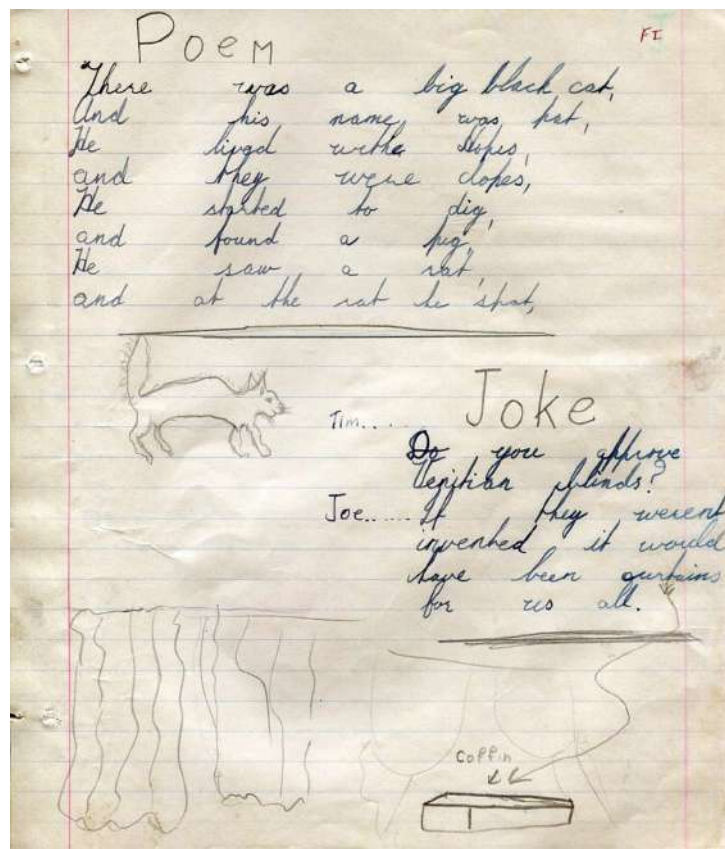
✱ Committee advised of the appointment of Mr Peter Bull as the new headmaster for 1960.

✱ Twenty pounds set as the limit to the spending on the children's Christmas Party. The Farmer's Trading Company was approached to provide the gifts for the party. Local storekeeper Mr Drayton provided the ice-cream at wholesale rates.

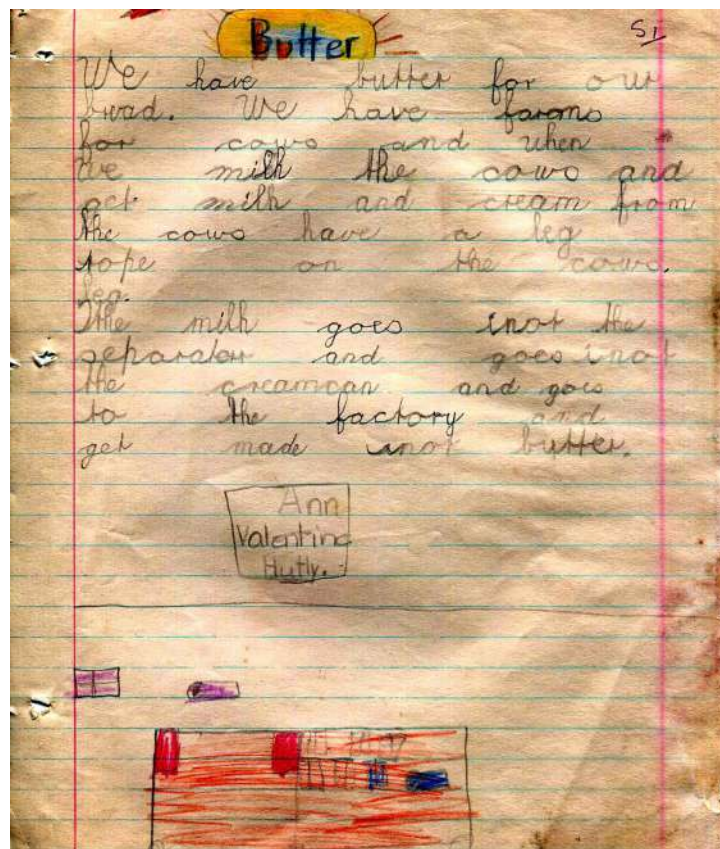


Christine MacDonald and Terry Drayton dressed for the school's Fancy Dress Party. In the background are mothers Velma MacDonald and Miriam Drayton.

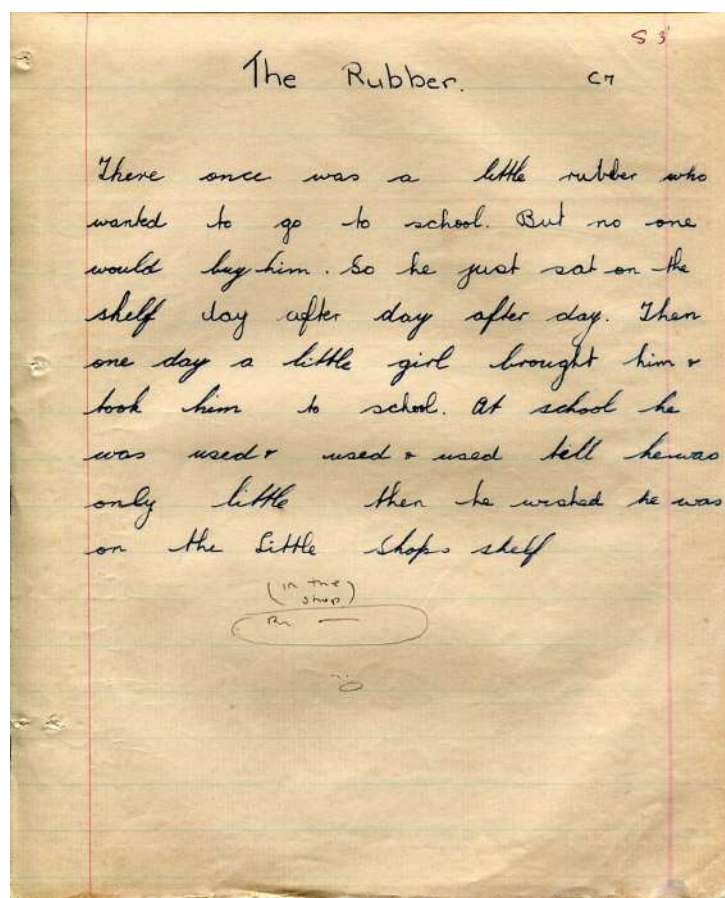




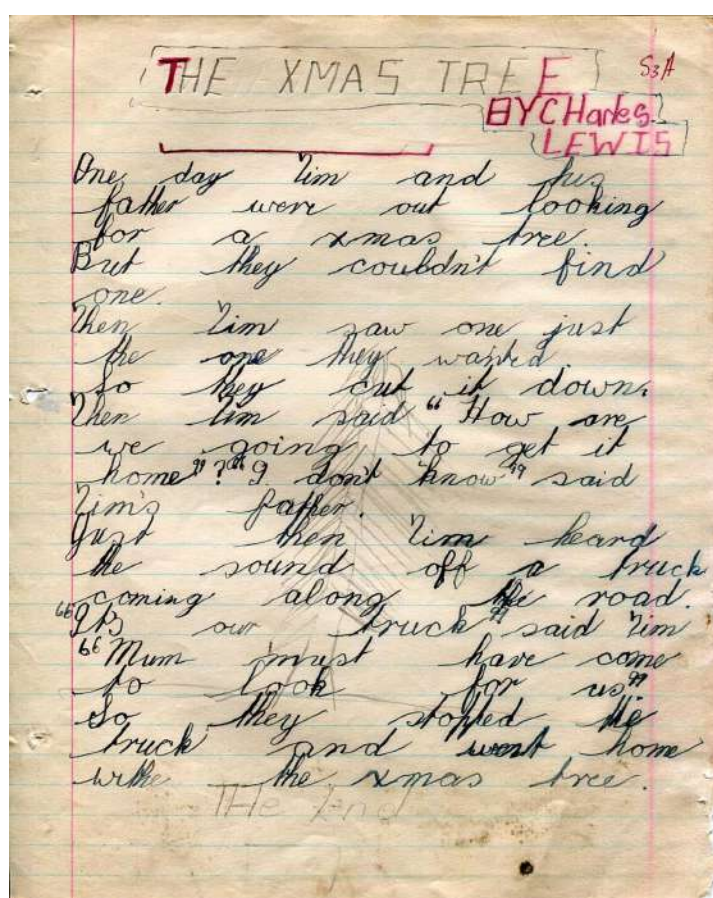
May Ah Chu—Form 1 - 1959



Anne Valentine—Std 1 - 1959



Christine MacDonald—Form 2 - 1959



Charles Lewis - Standard 3 - 1959



S2

ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT,  
By Charles

Joe woke up.  
It was still dark and  
he could hear the wind  
howling out side.  
Suddenly Joe heard the  
crack of a rifle.  
He jumped out of bed  
and ran into the living  
room.  
He looked around the  
room when he had turn-  
ed the light on.  
He could not see  
anything with the glare  
of the light.  
Then he saw his father  
lying on the floor  
with blood pouring out  
of his mouth.  
It looked like he had  
been shot through the  
mouth.  
Joe quickly looked through  
the window and saw

Charles Lewis - Standard 3 - 1959

a car parked down the  
drive.  
He picked up his slug  
gun, that he had got  
for Xmas.  
And then waited.  
Then he noticed that their  
Christmas tree had been  
put out side but he  
had no time to worry  
about that because he  
heard a car starting up.  
He quickly picked up his  
gun and took aim  
at the cars back, by.  
Bang! Bang! The tyre  
exploded into little  
pieces and burst into  
flames.  
Two men jumped out of  
the car and ran into  
the garage.  
Joe ran to the doors  
of the garage and  
shut them.  
By this time the

Charles Lewis - Standard 3 - 1959

S2

MR. SUN. CHARLIE  
TOHI.

One day Mr Sun was  
playing in the sky  
above me and I asked  
Mr Sun if I could  
go to the sea for  
night the sea I saw  
a boy in the sea.

THE END.

Charlie Tohe - Standard 2 - 1959

S2

CHARLIE  
XMAS

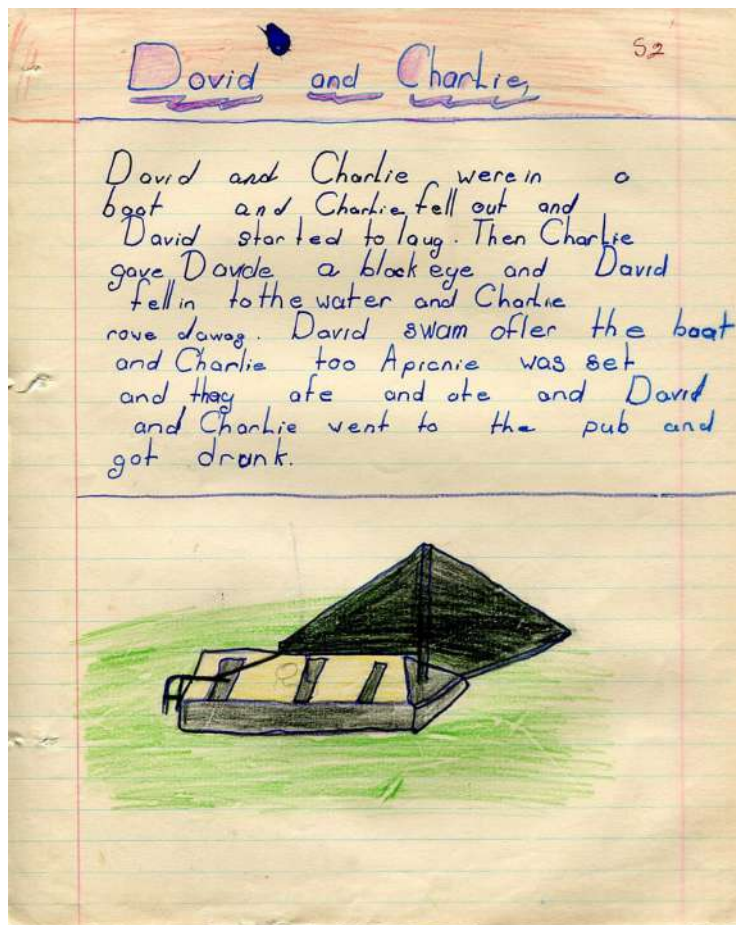
At Xmas we play  
in the water and in  
the car and we have  
a Big play.

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get a boat down the  
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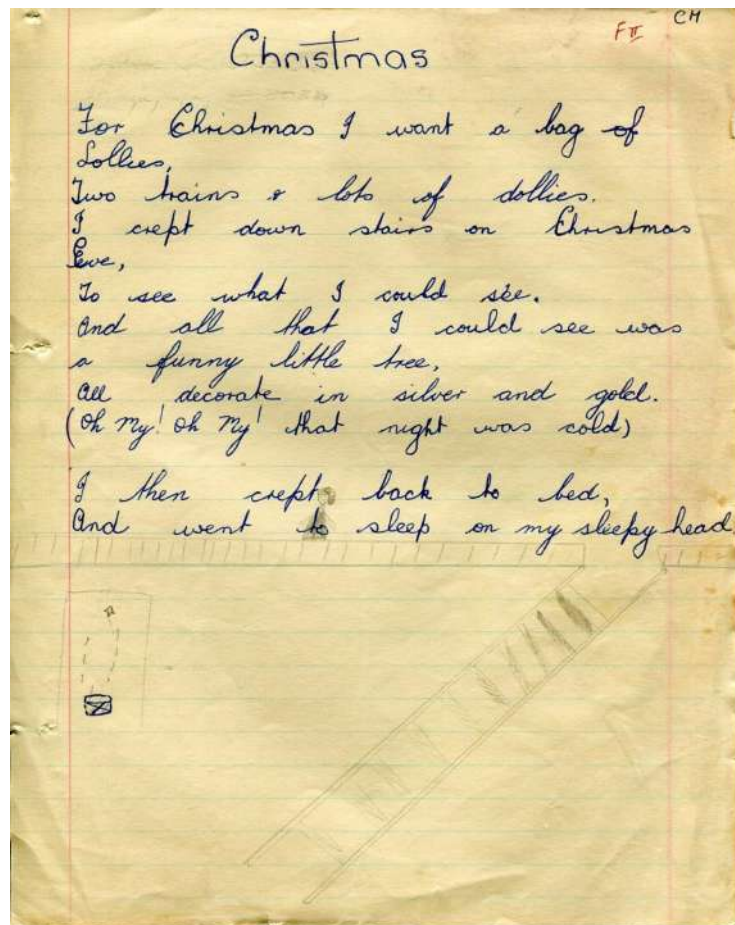
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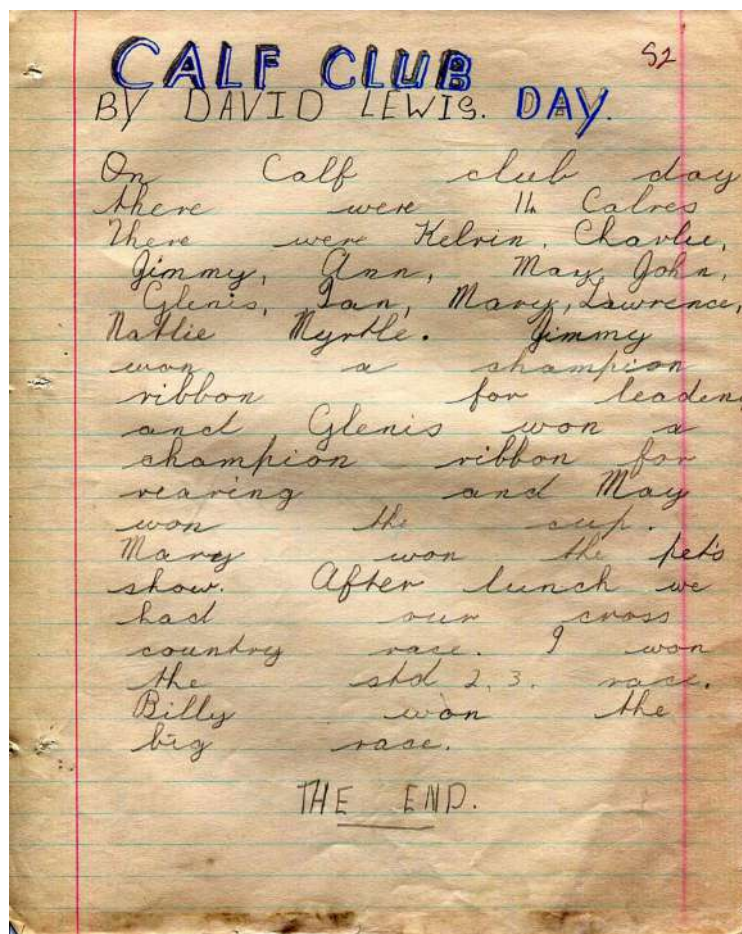




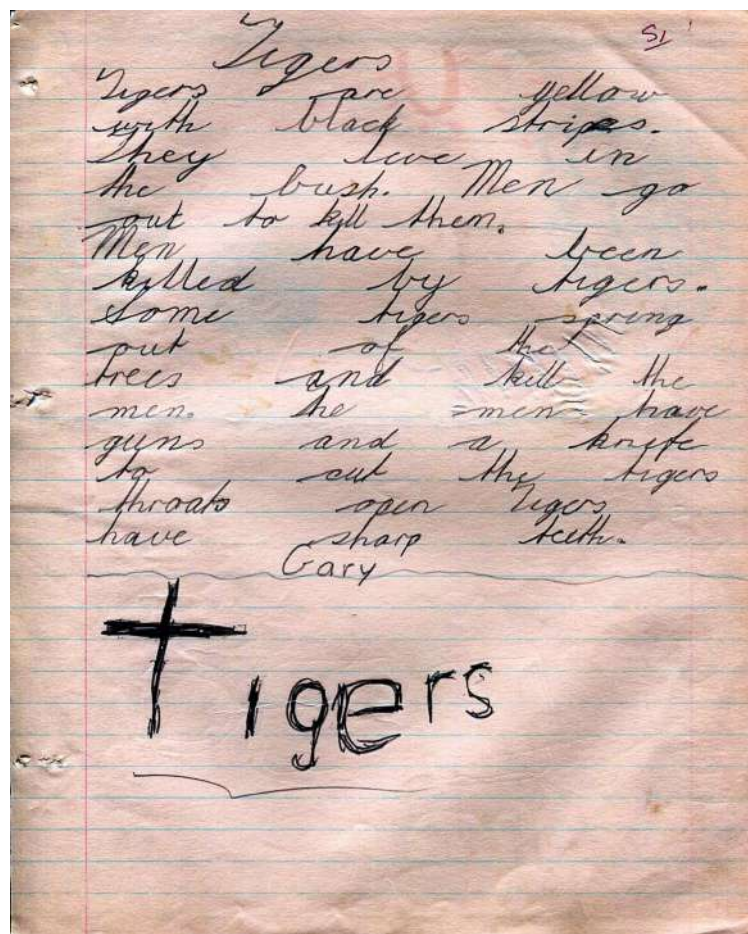
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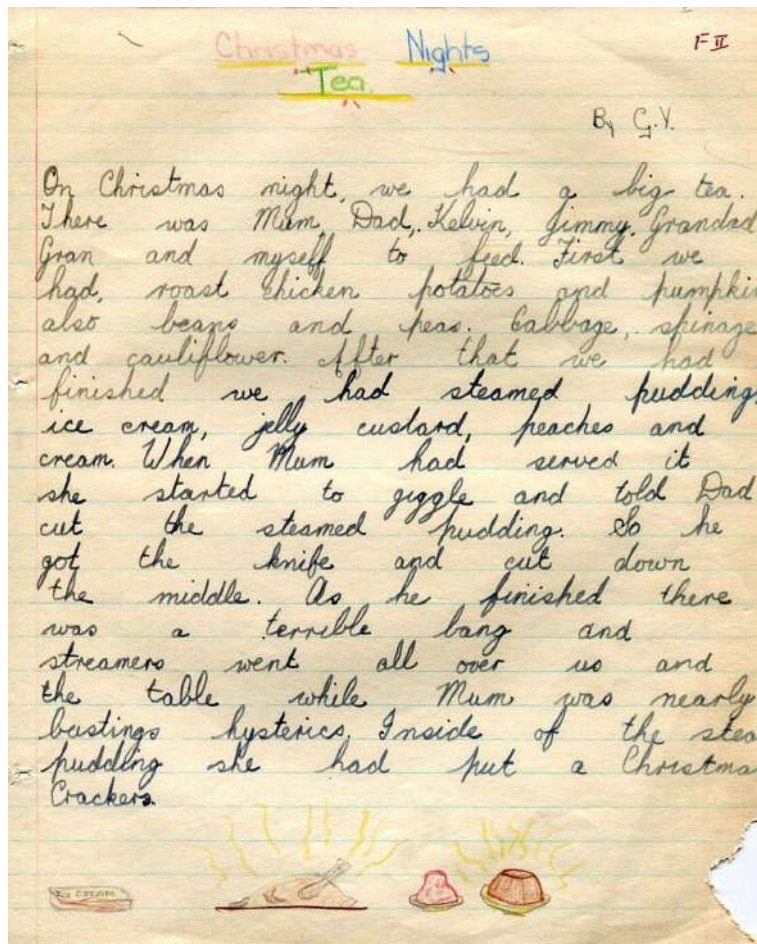


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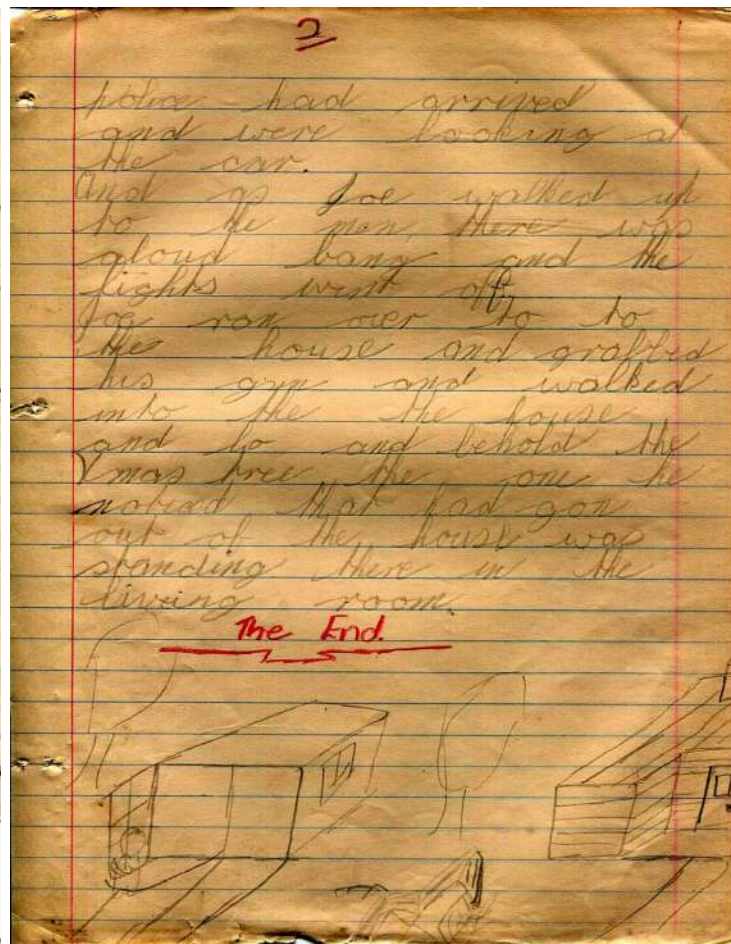


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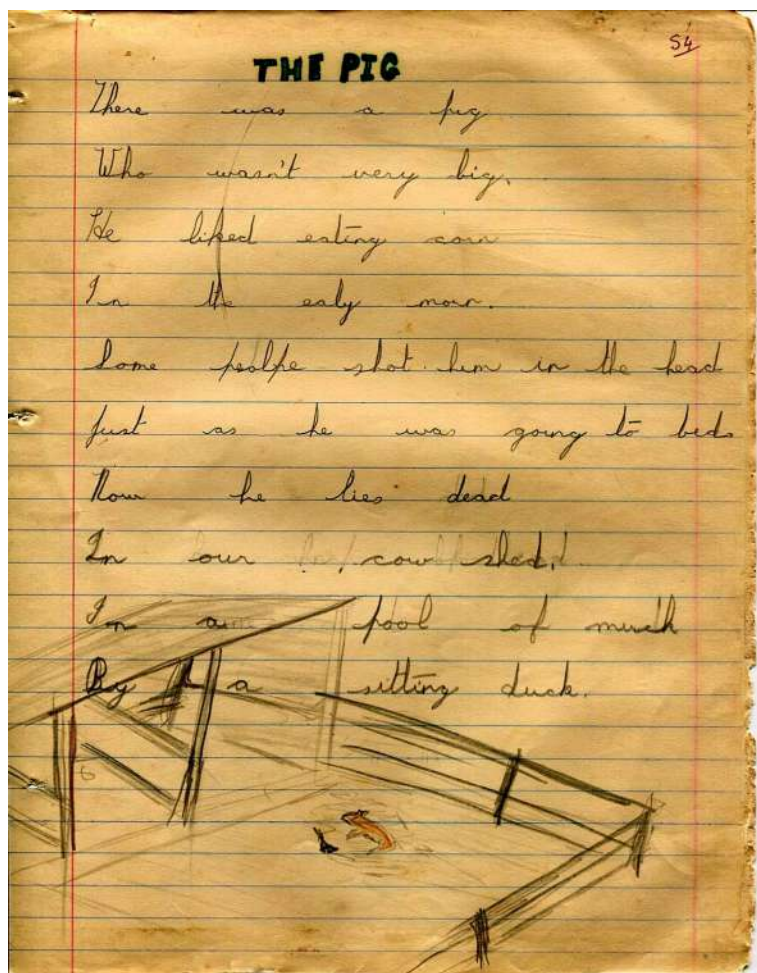




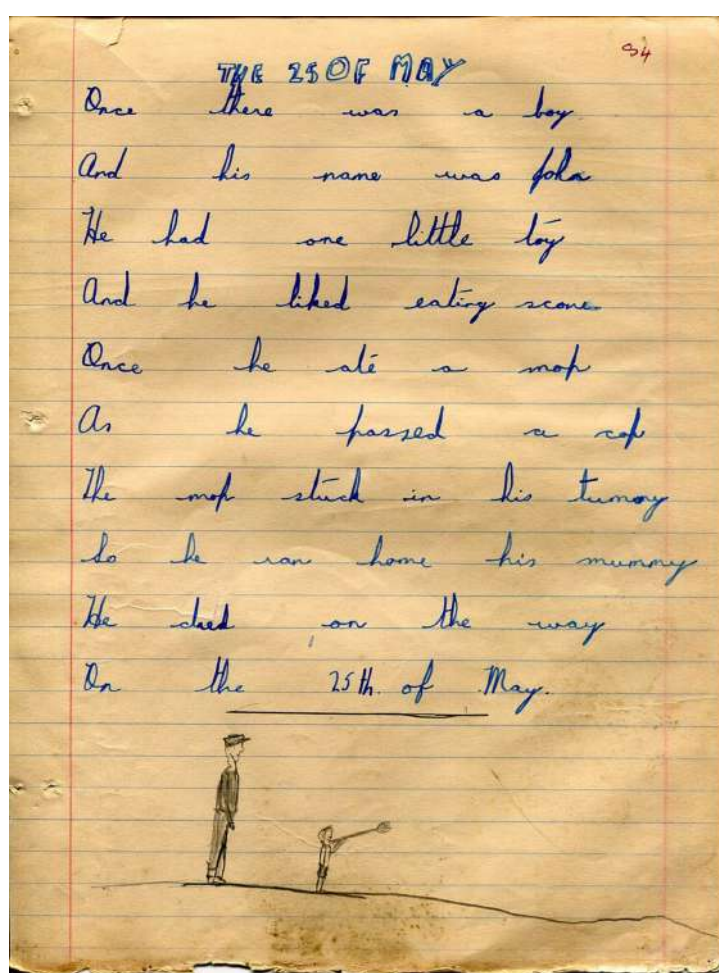
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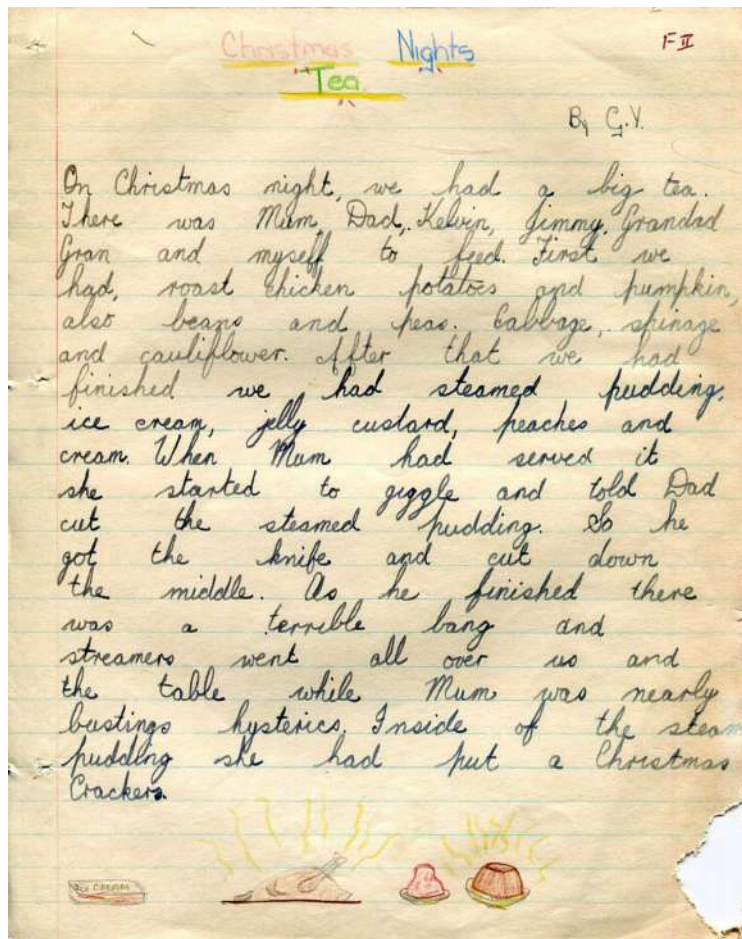


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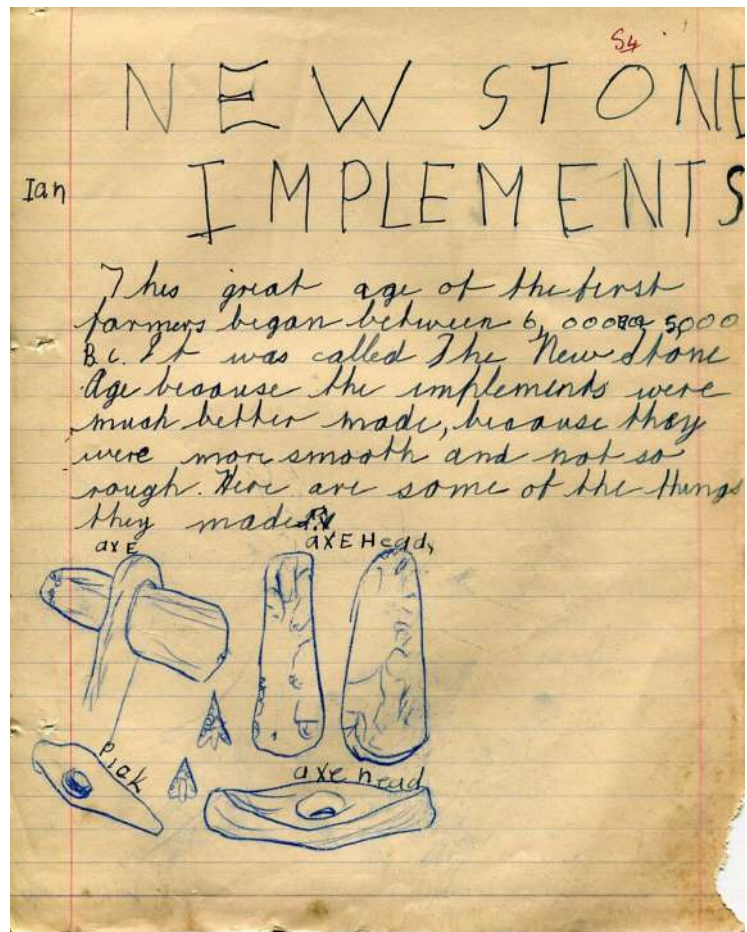


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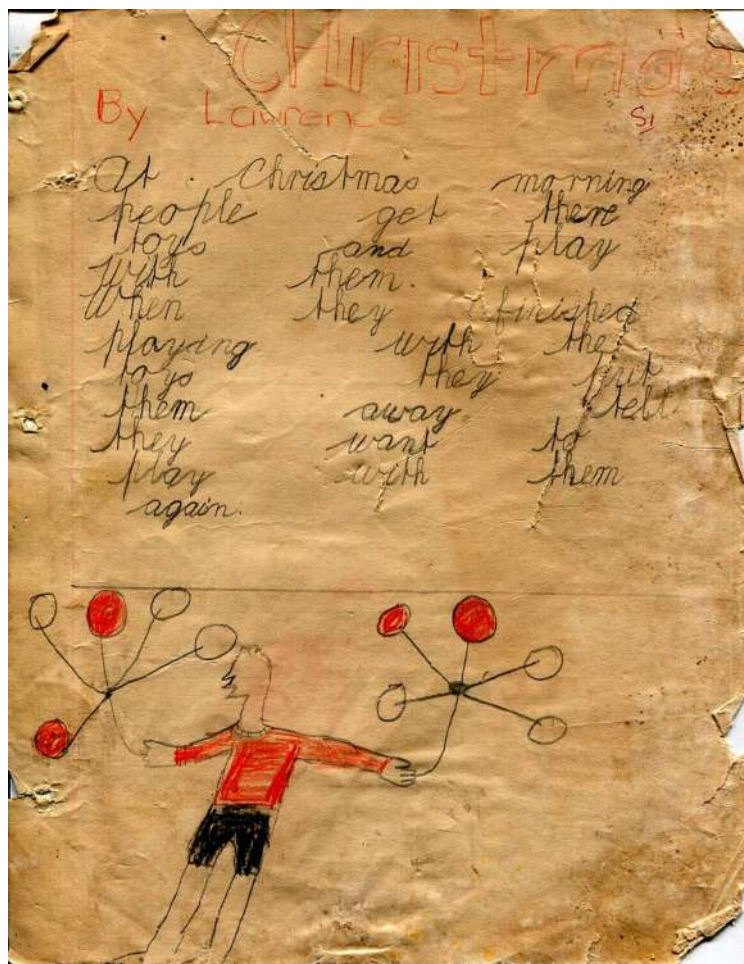




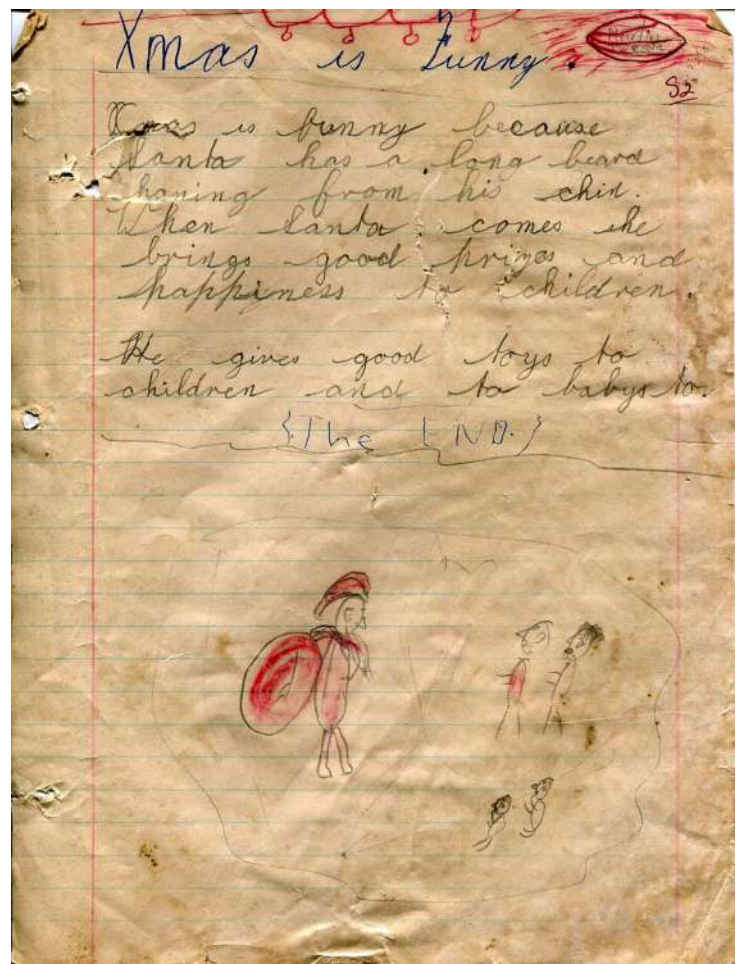
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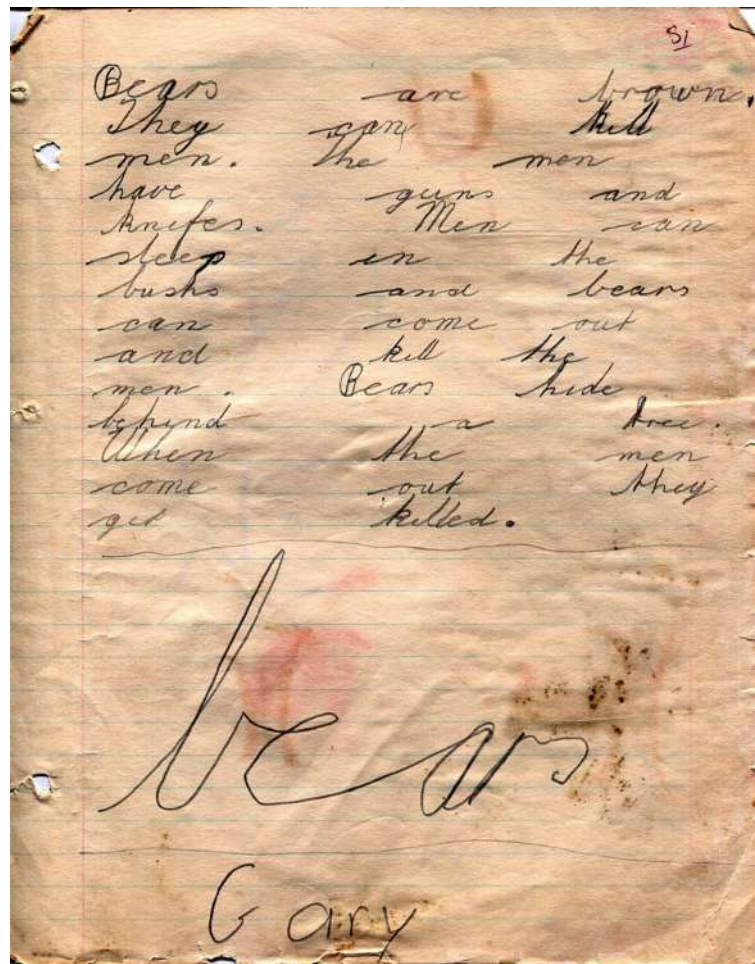


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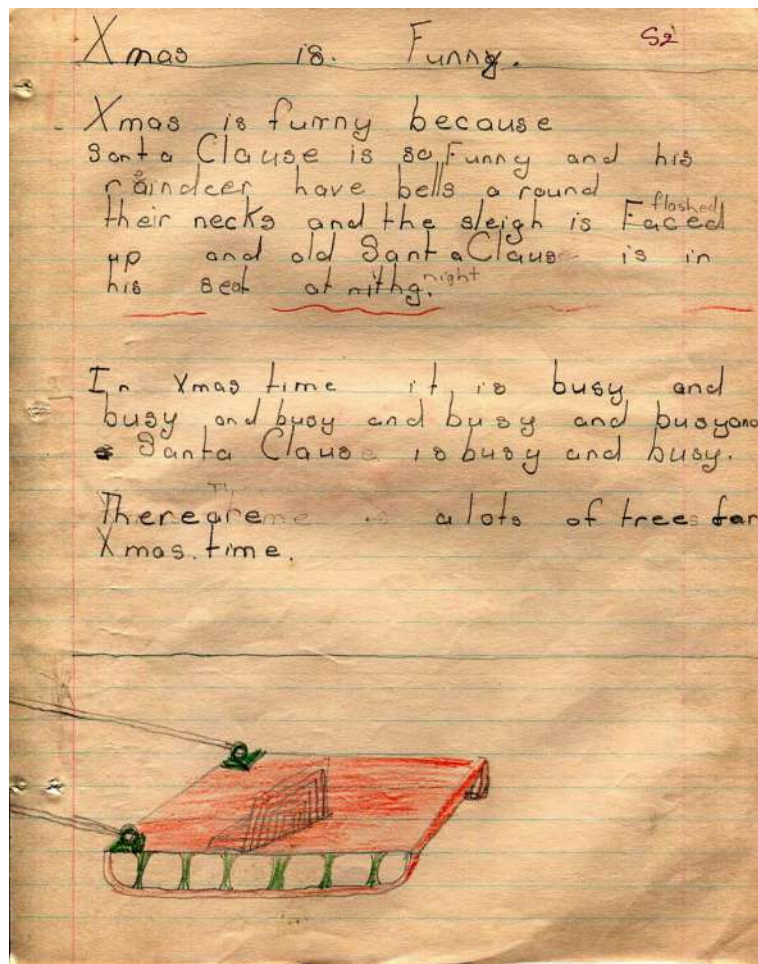


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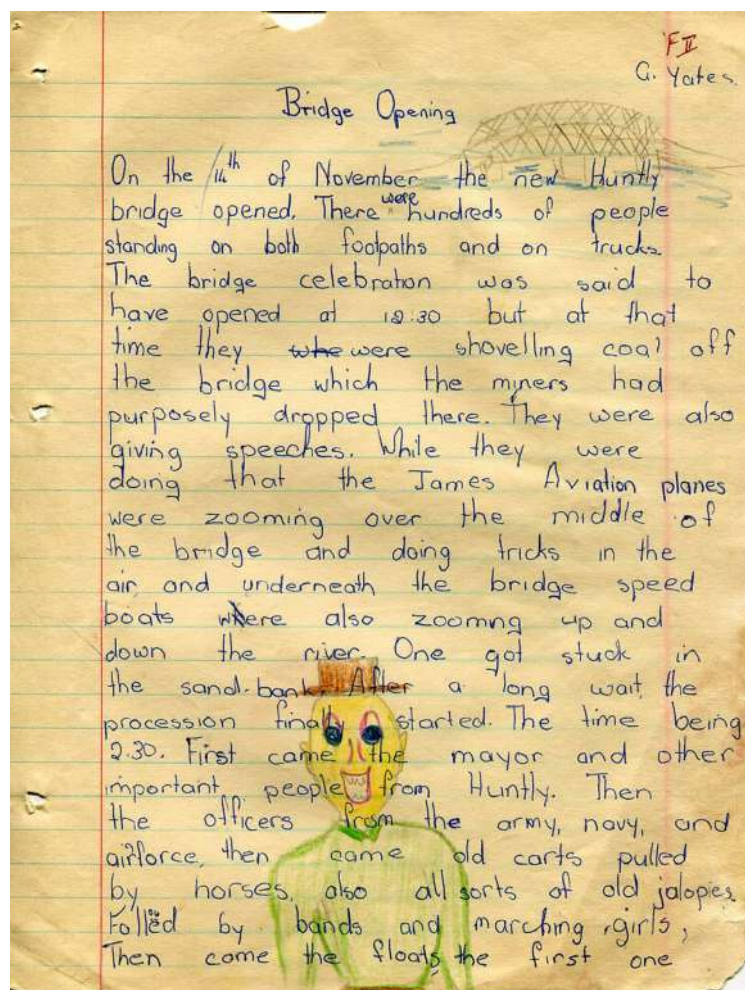




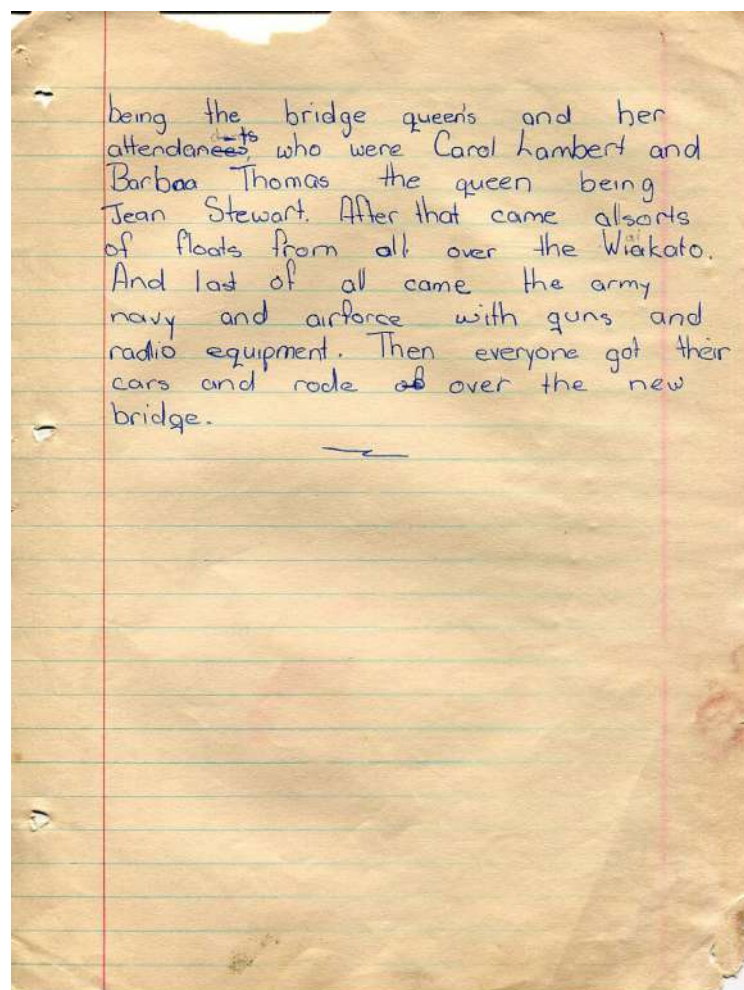
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Glenis Yates - Form 2 - 1959



Glenis Yates - Form 2 - 1959



FII

After more tea and some luncheon  
they started work again. They  
bought it up to the site  
and had to turn it around.  
After some hard work they got  
it around and in doing so  
they trailer made ruts in  
the lawn about 8 inches deep.  
Then about 5 o'clock they went home.



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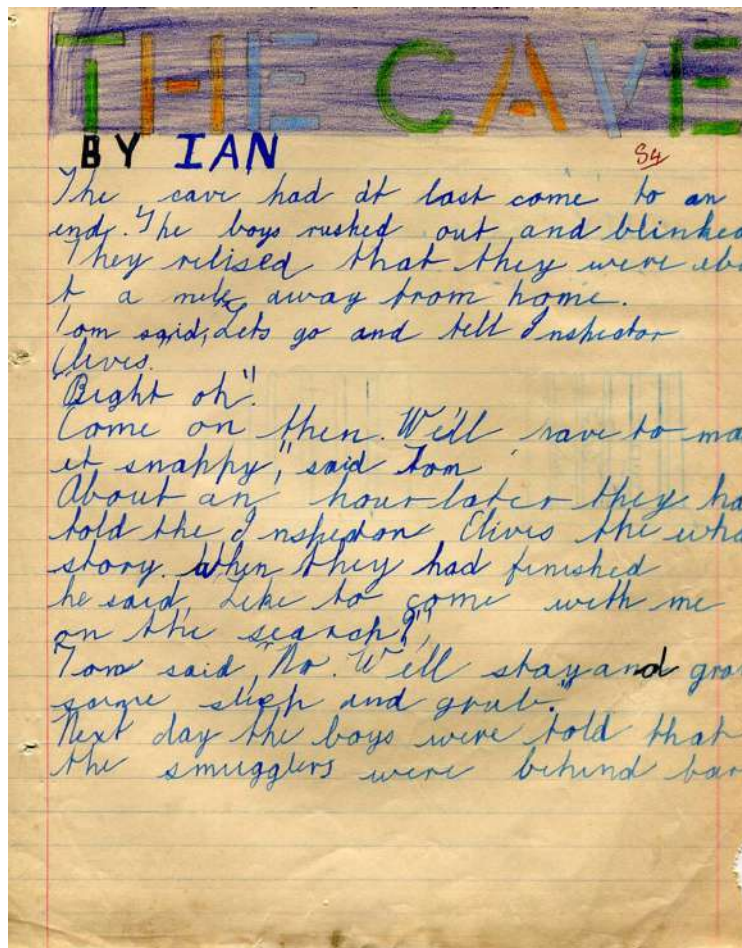
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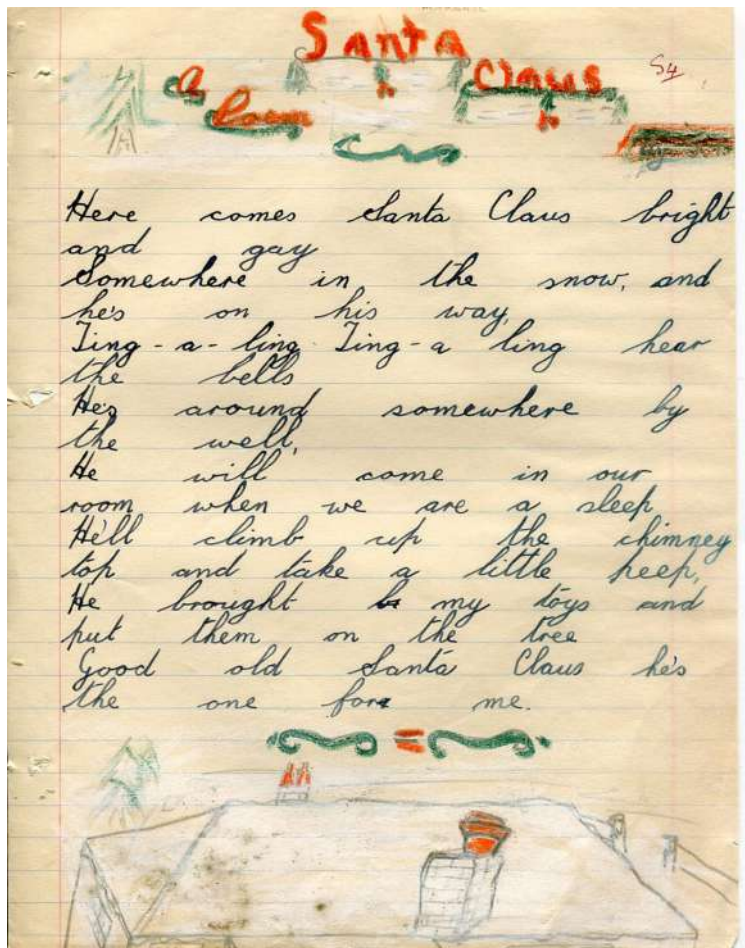
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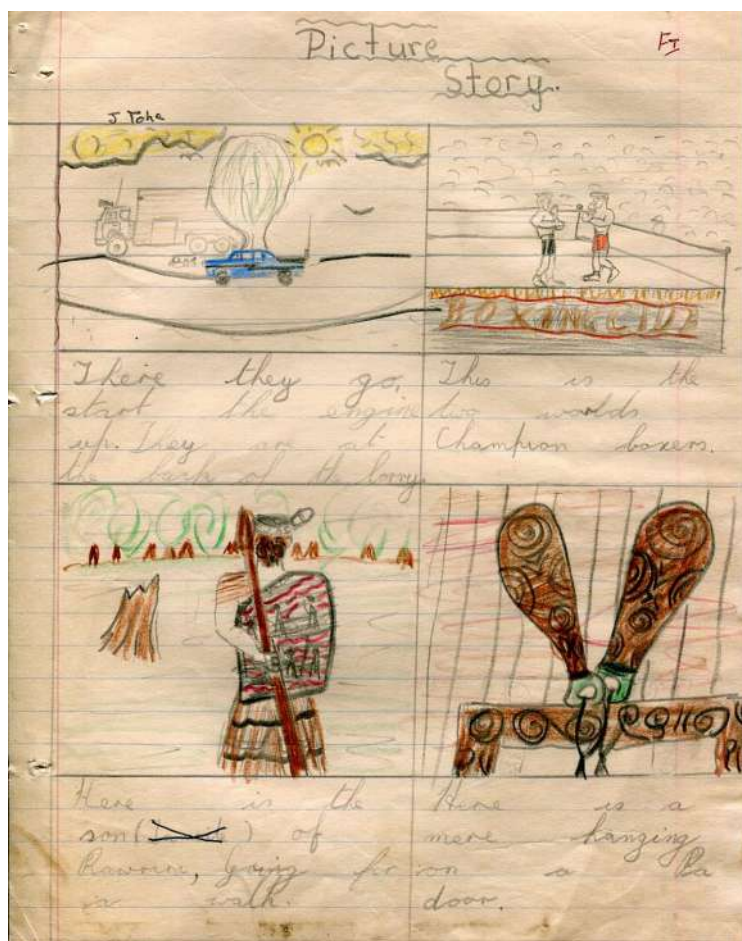




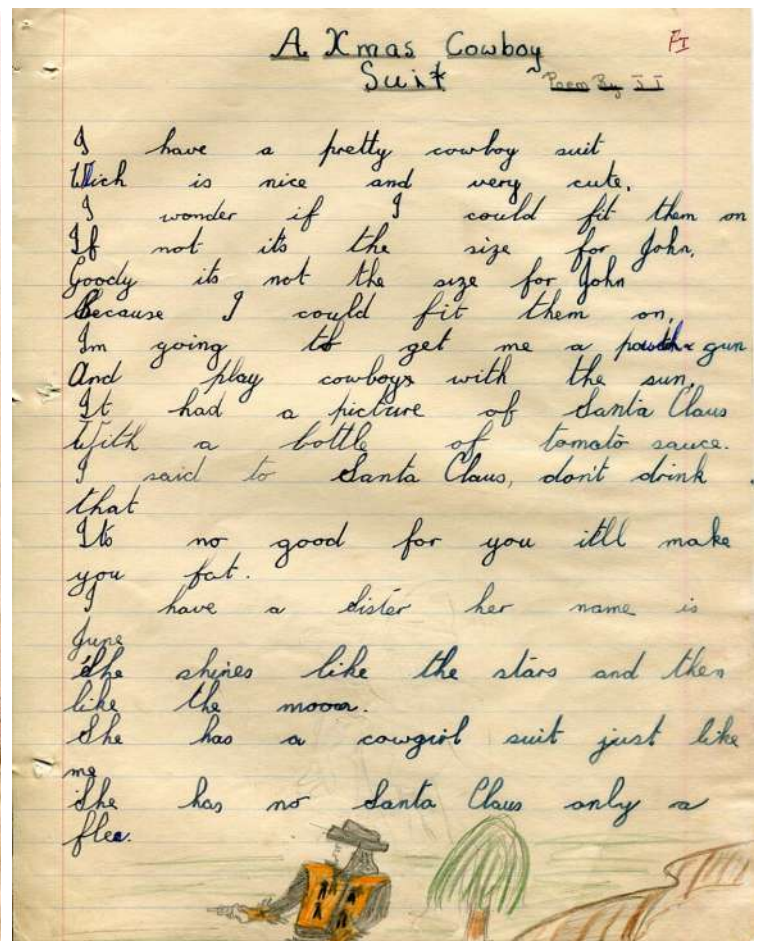
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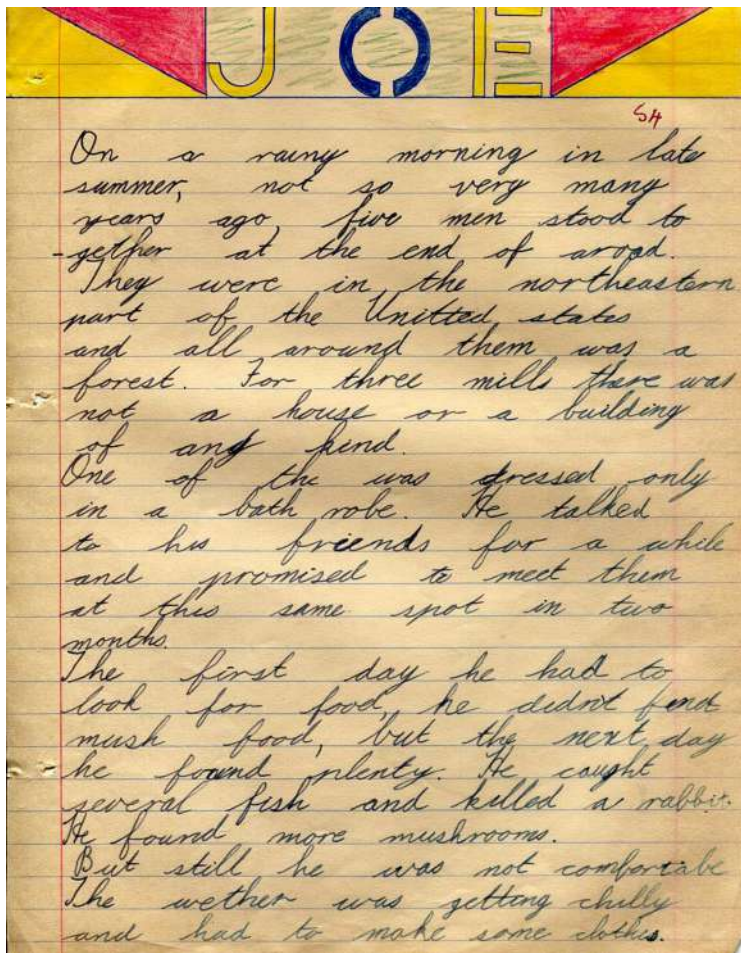


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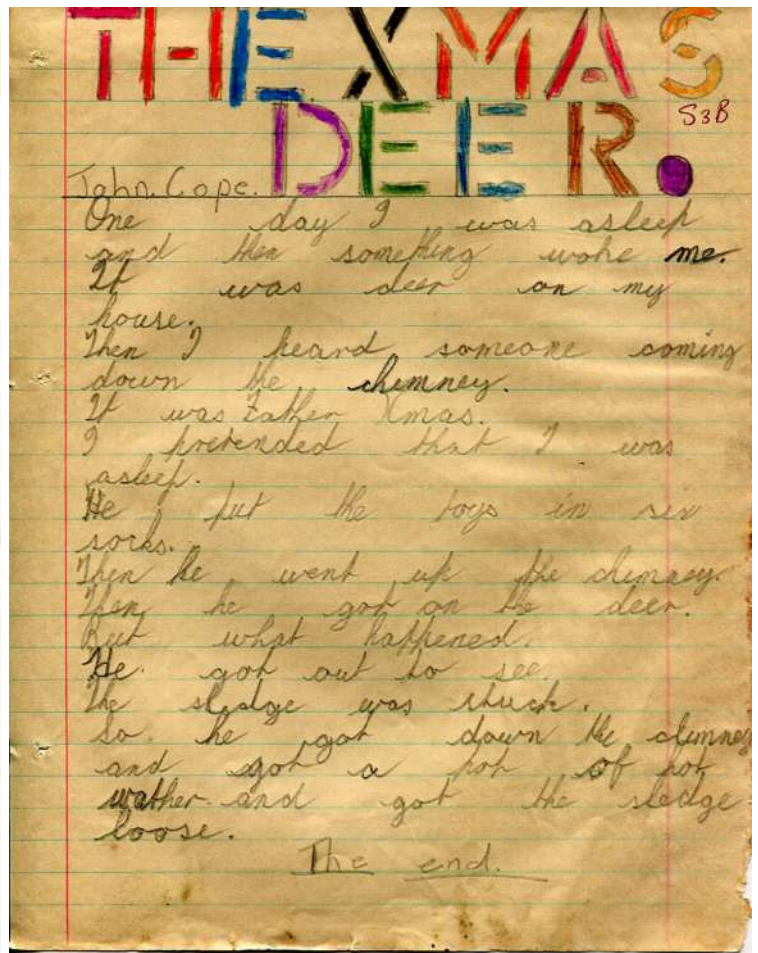


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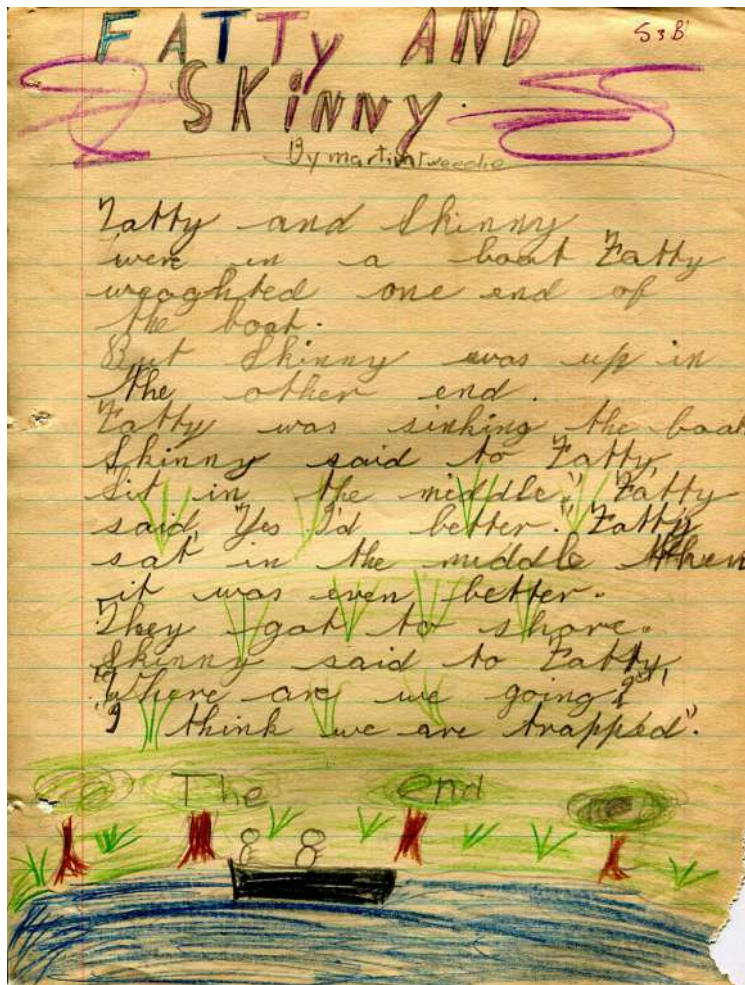




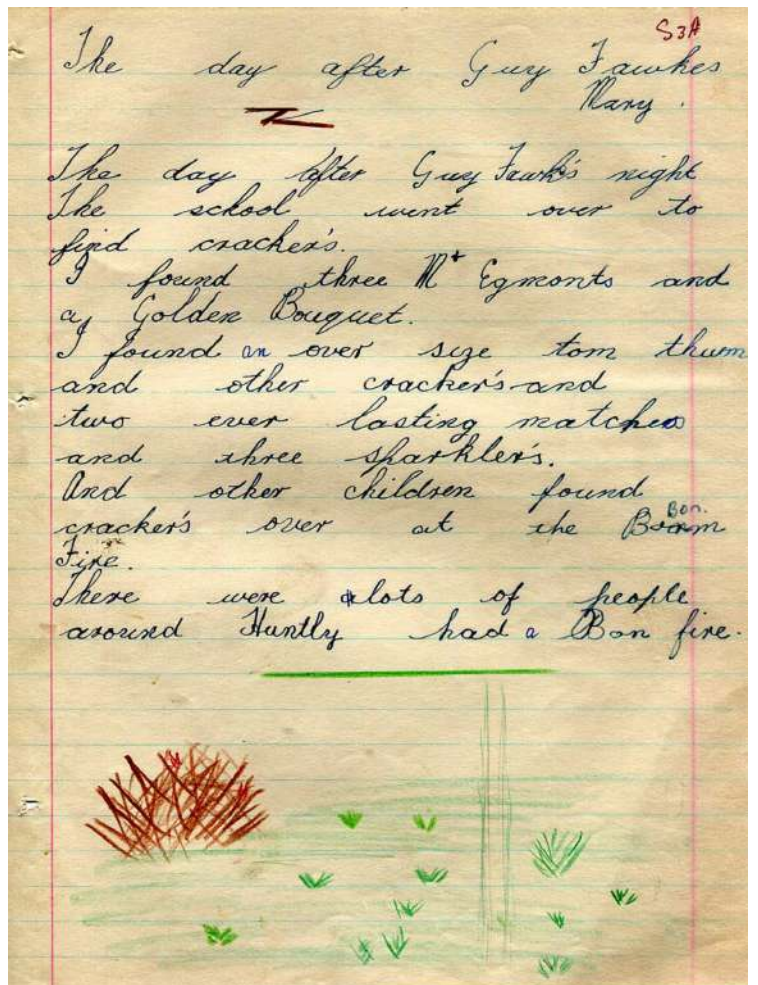
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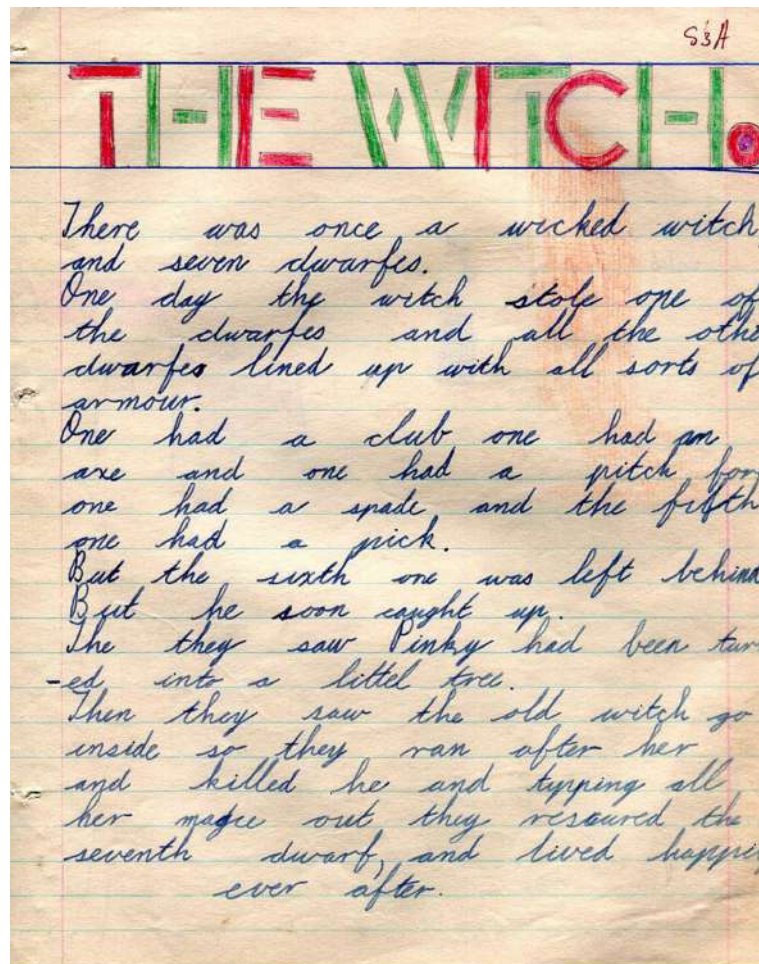


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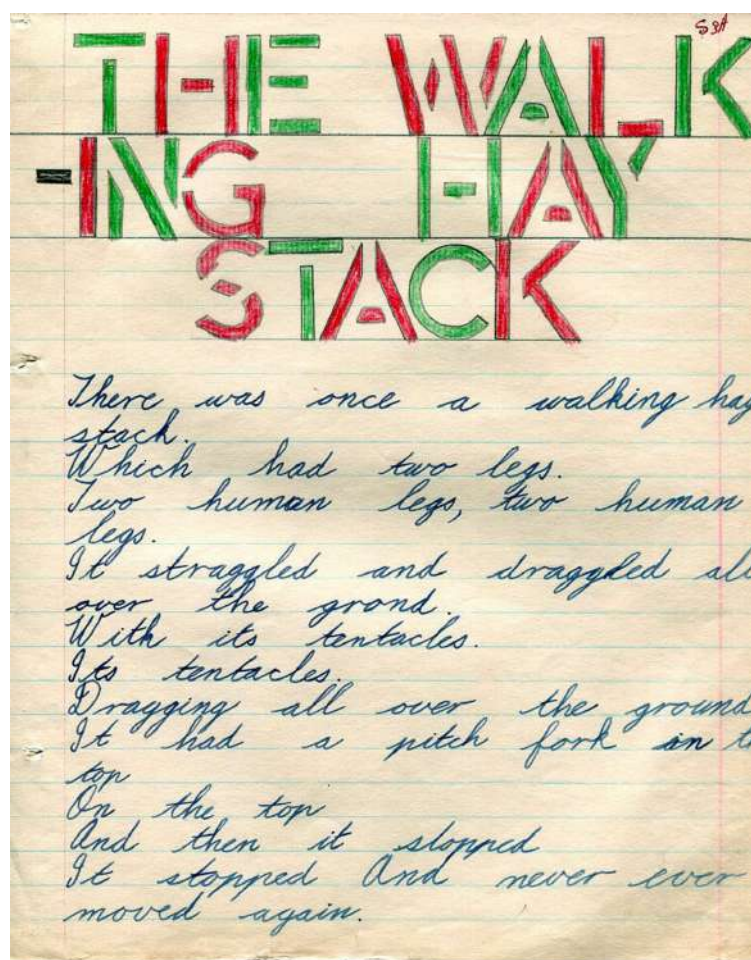


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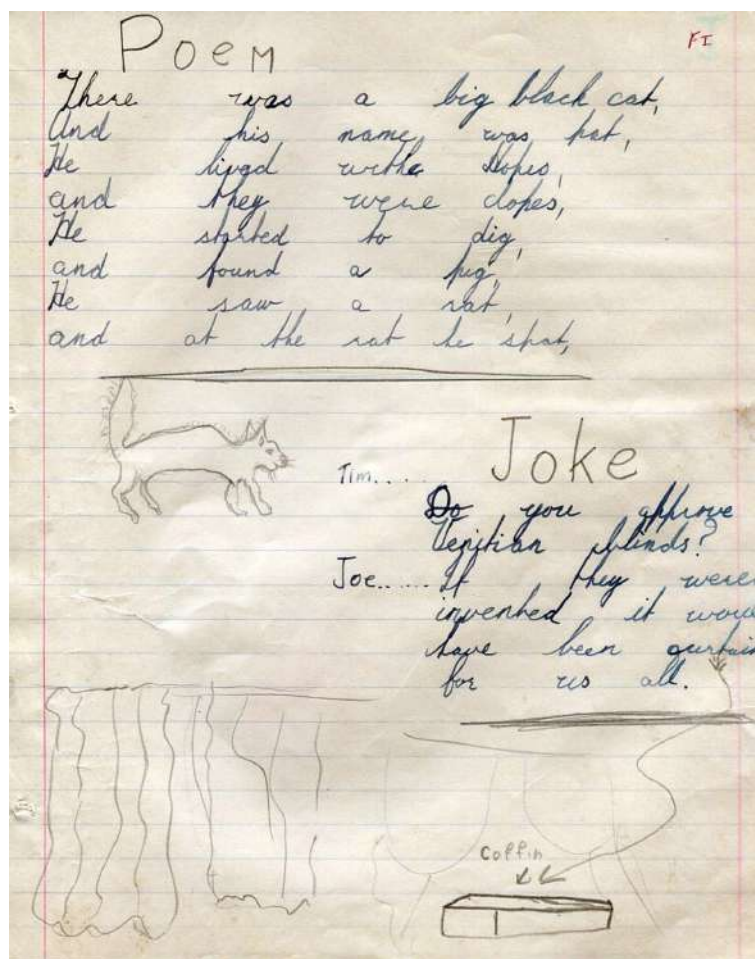




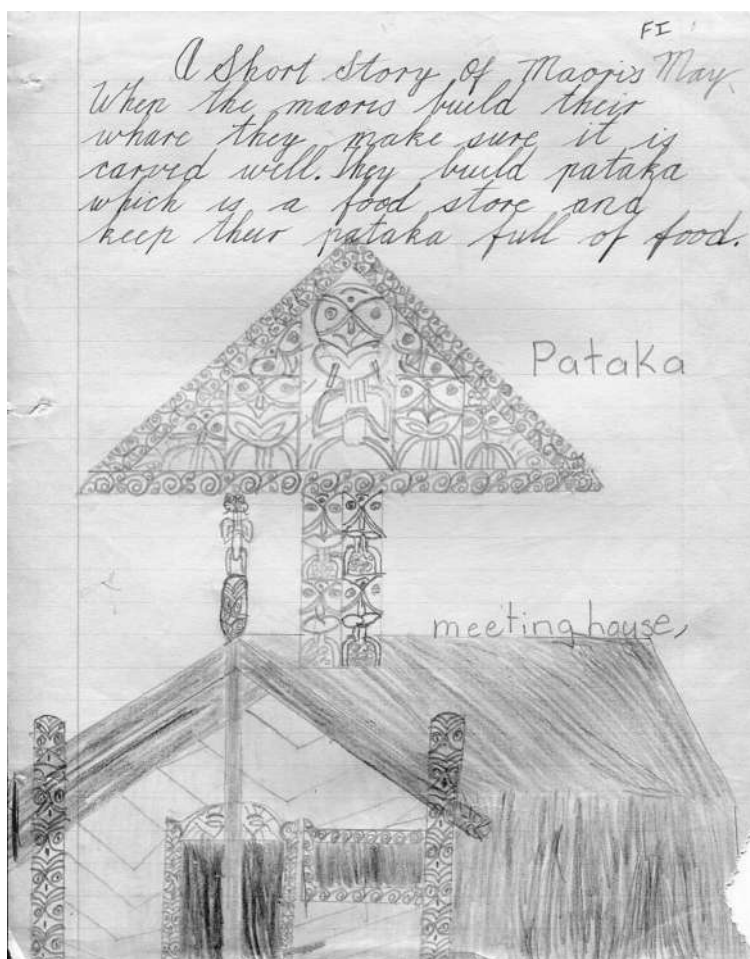
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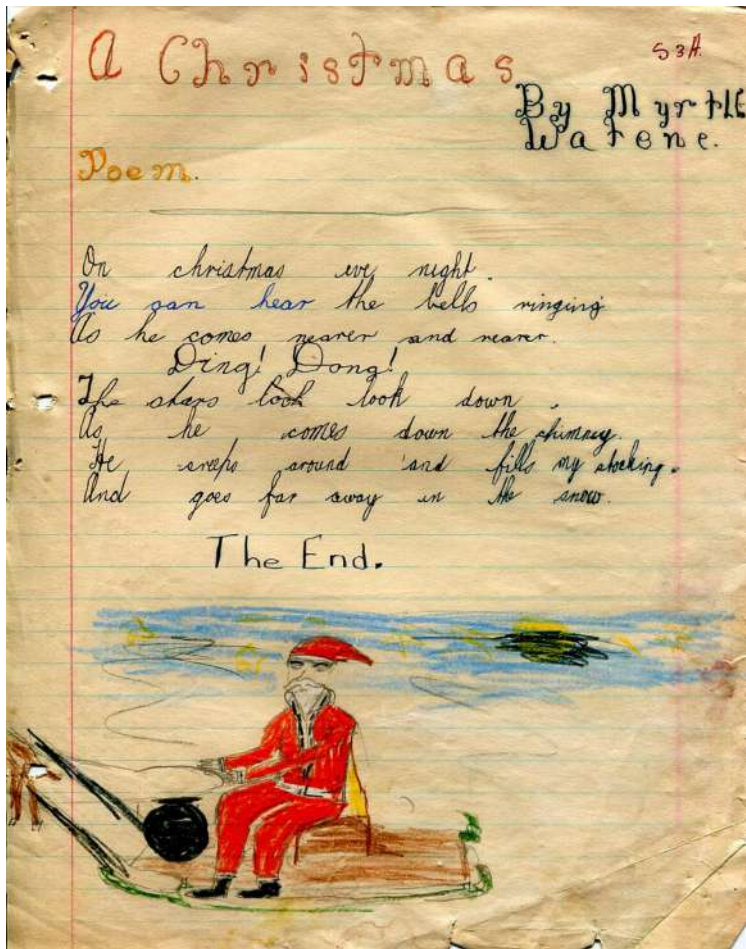


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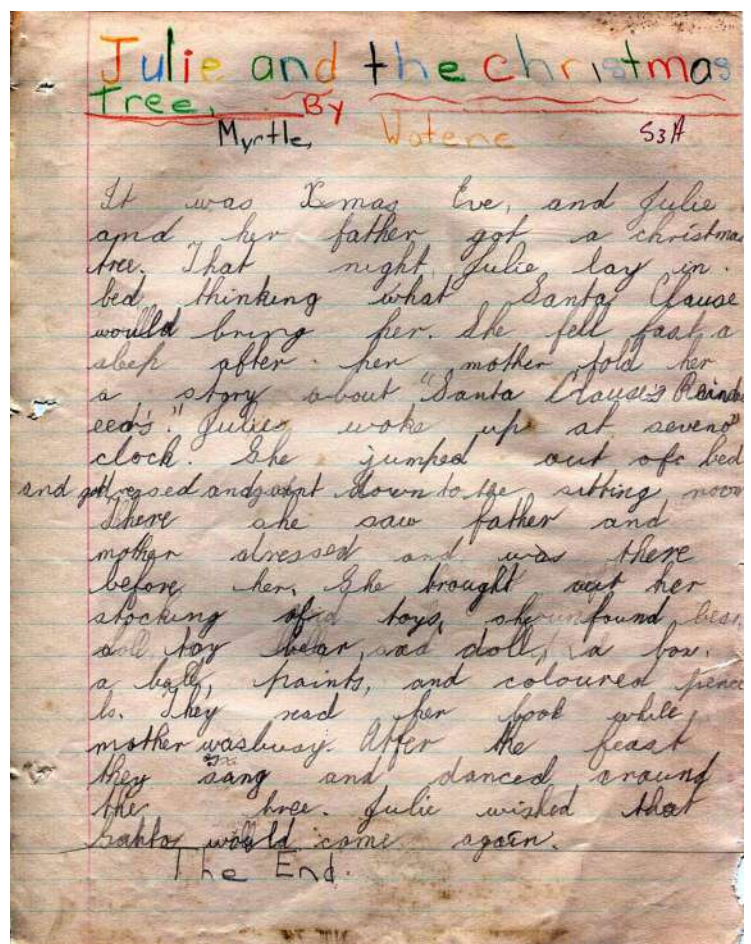


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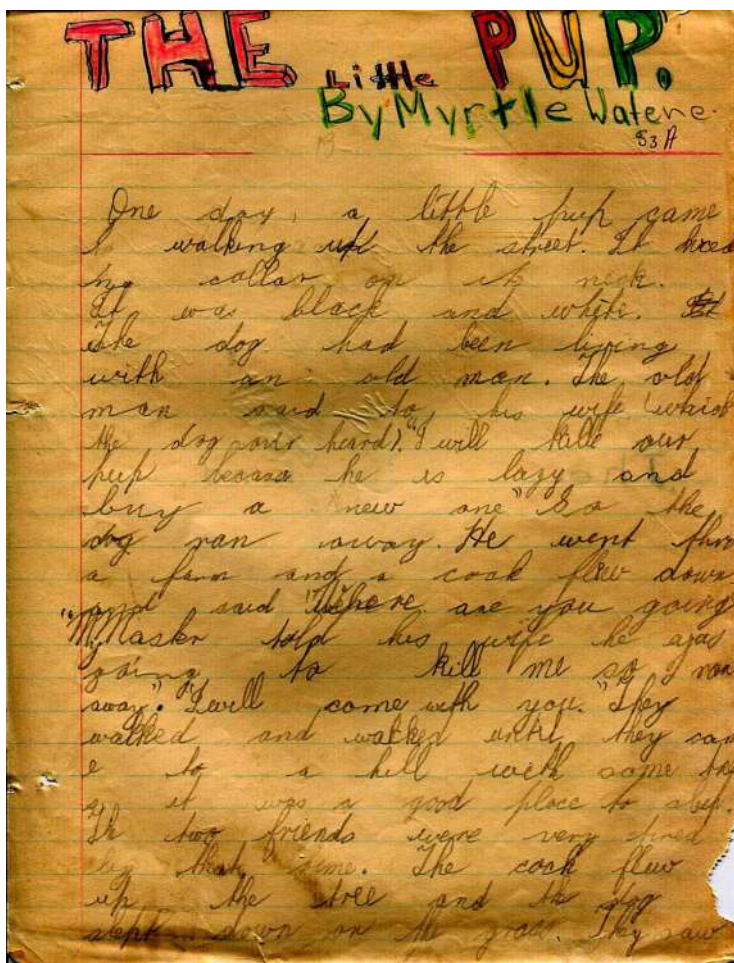




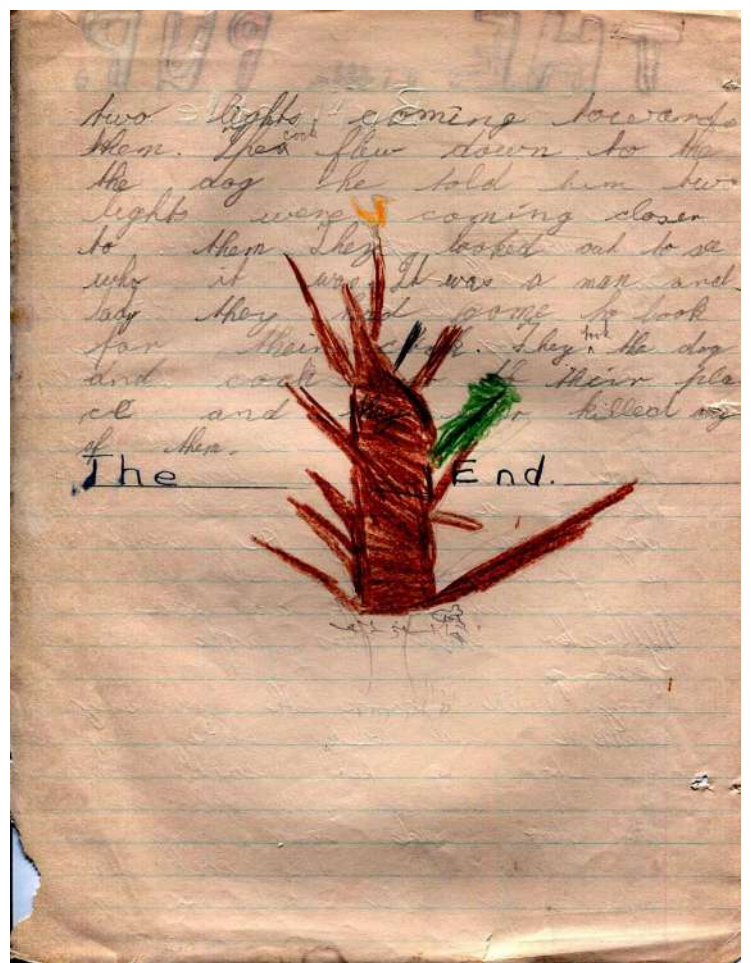
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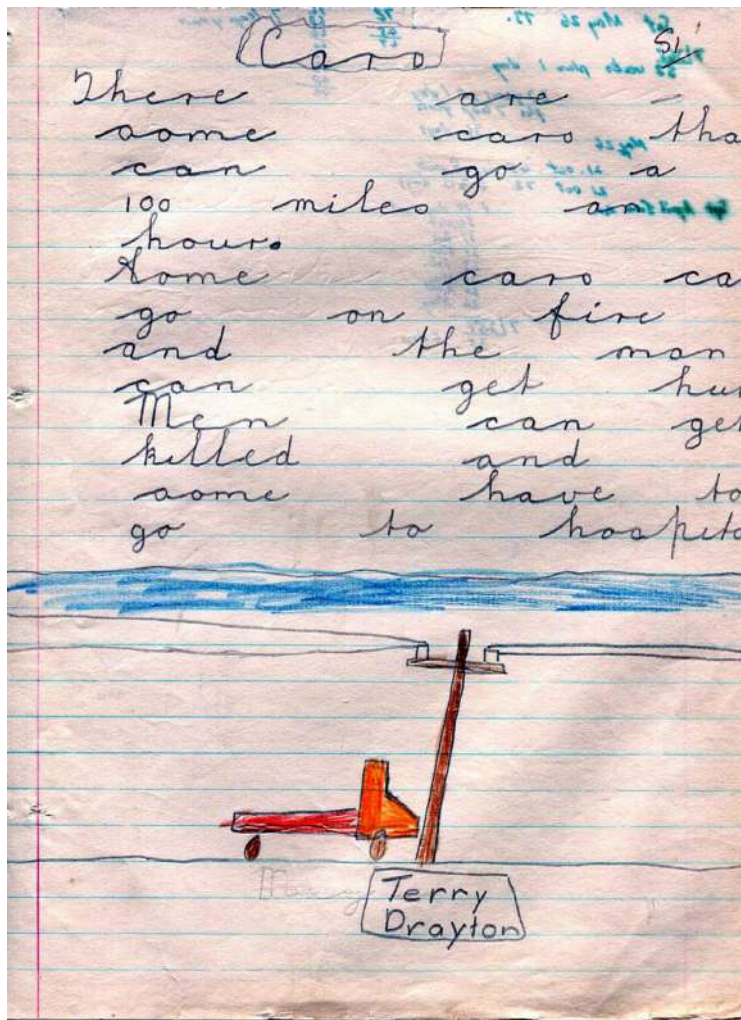


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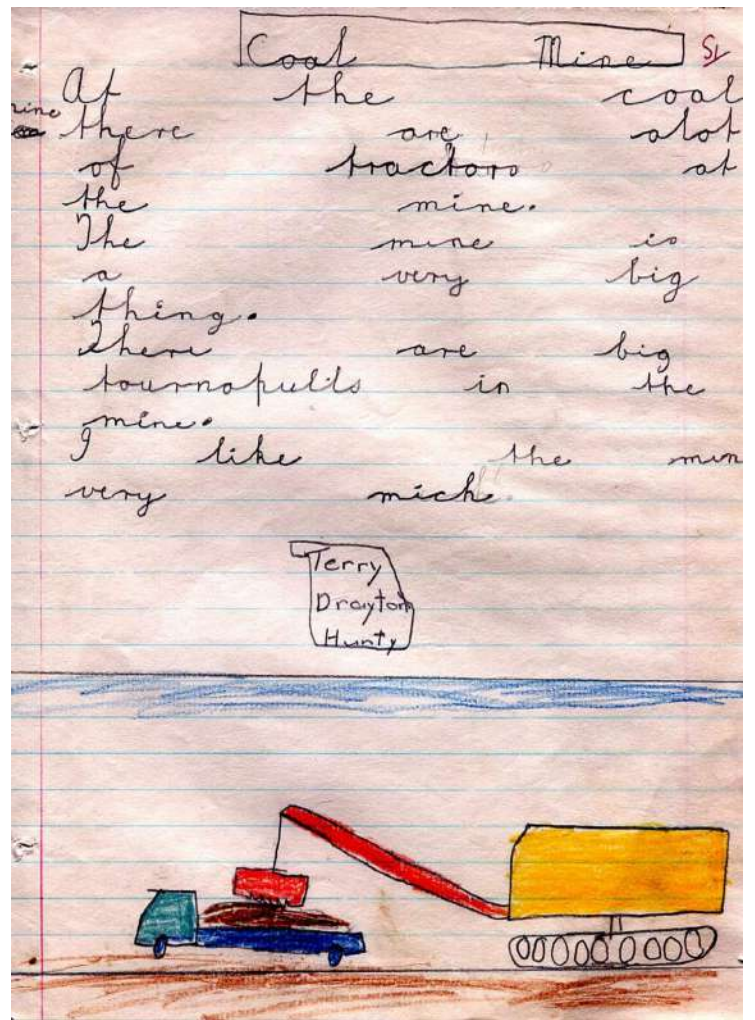


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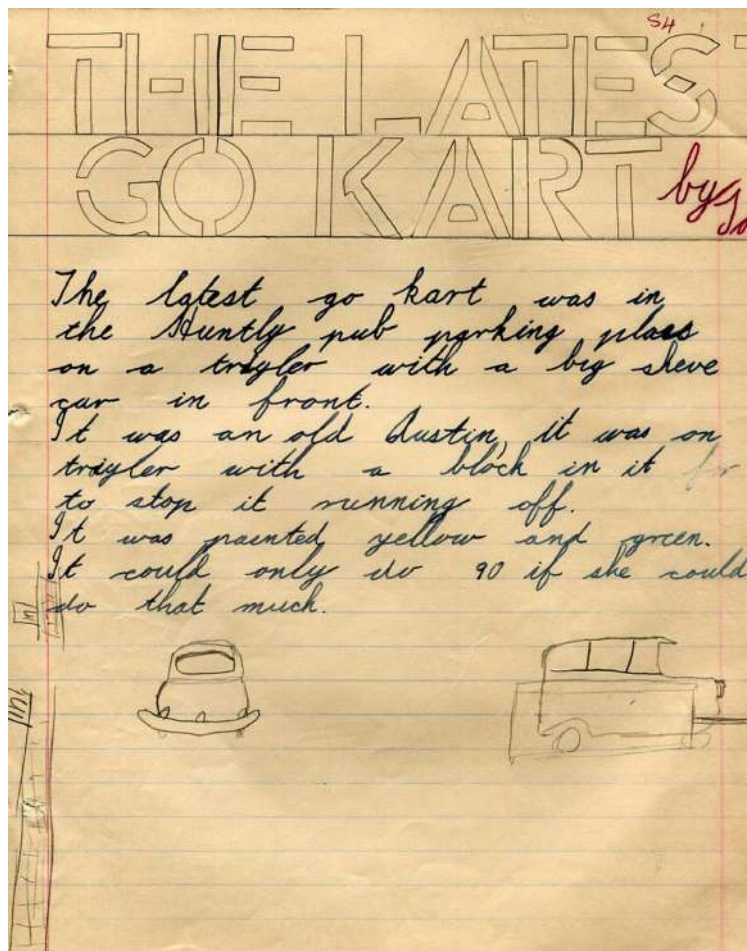




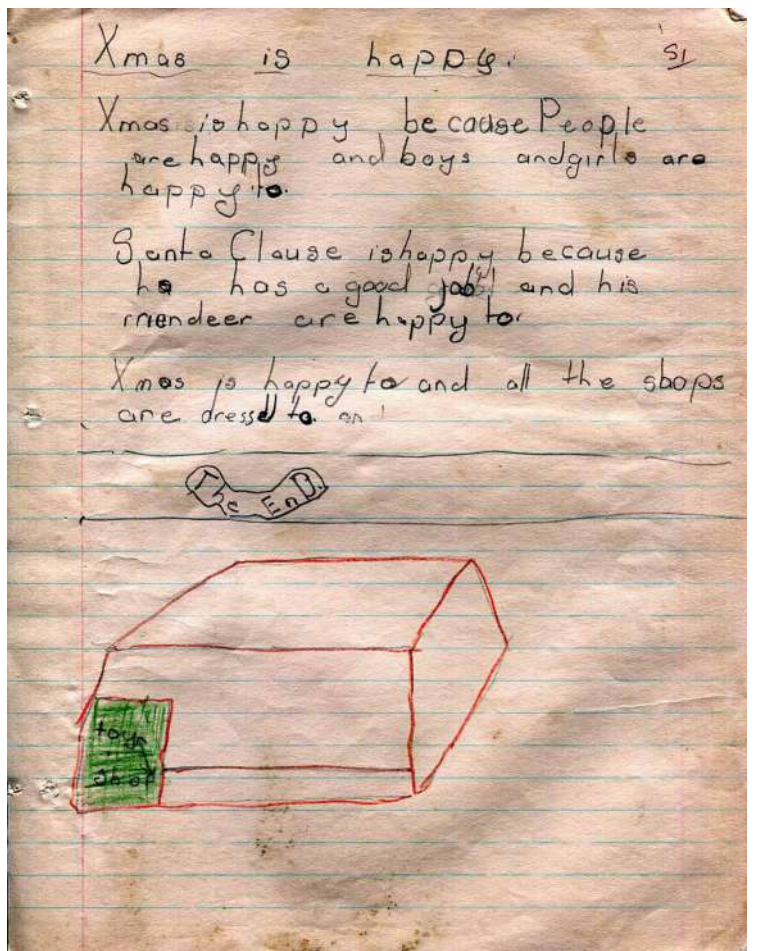
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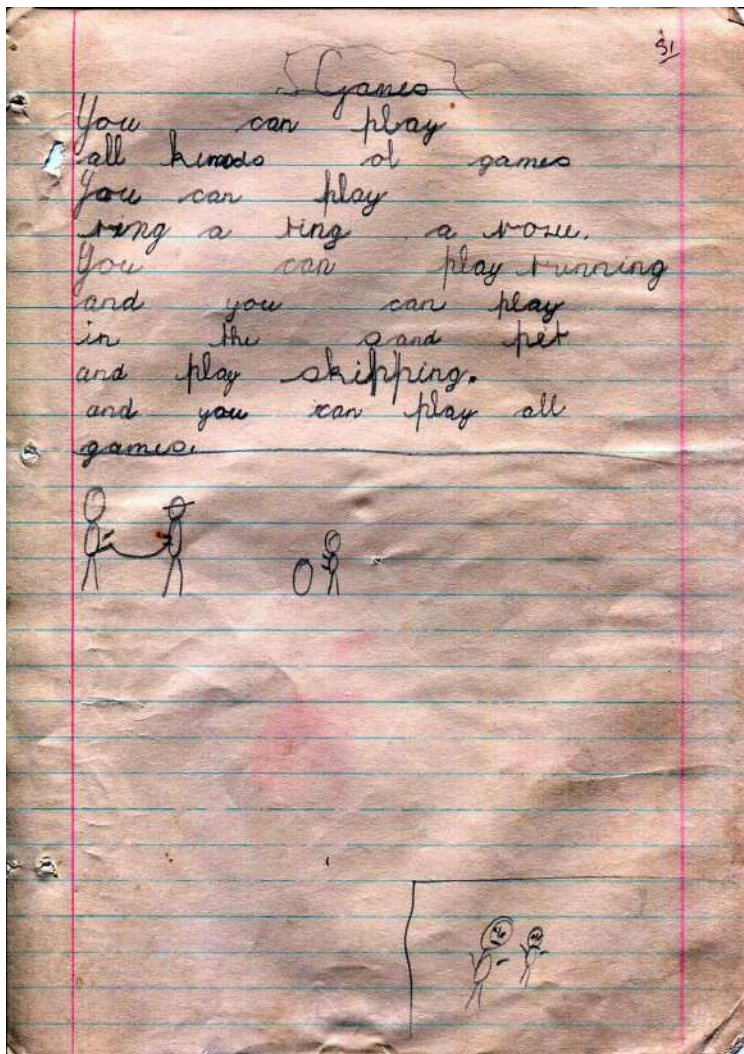


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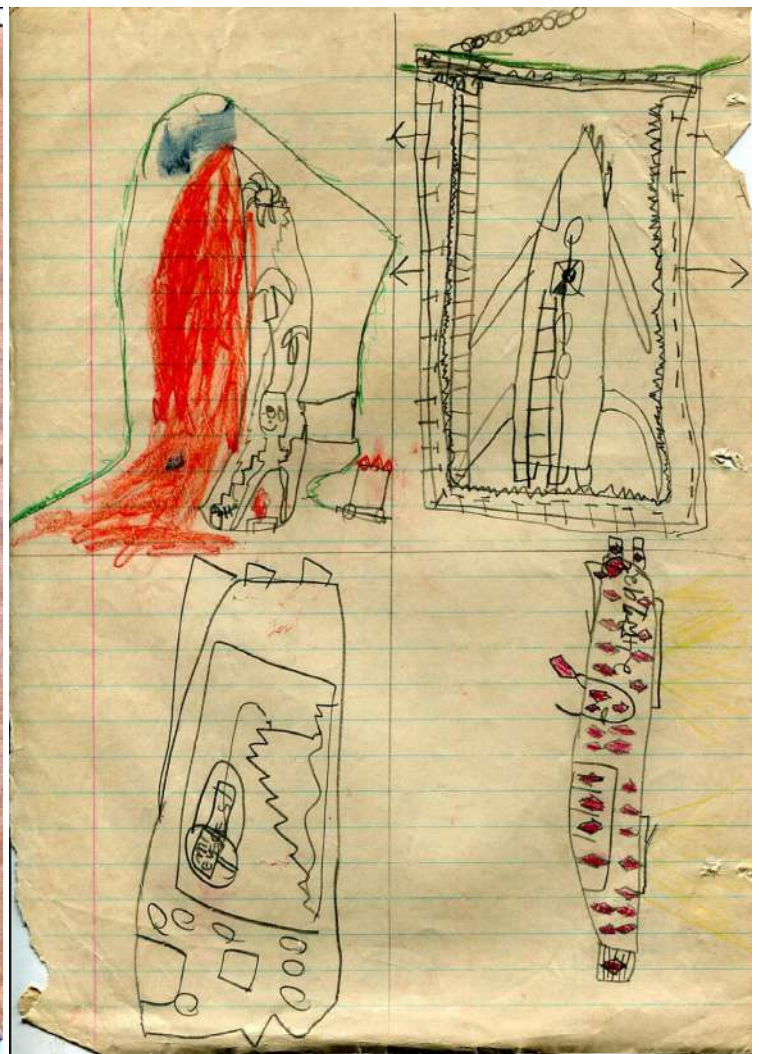


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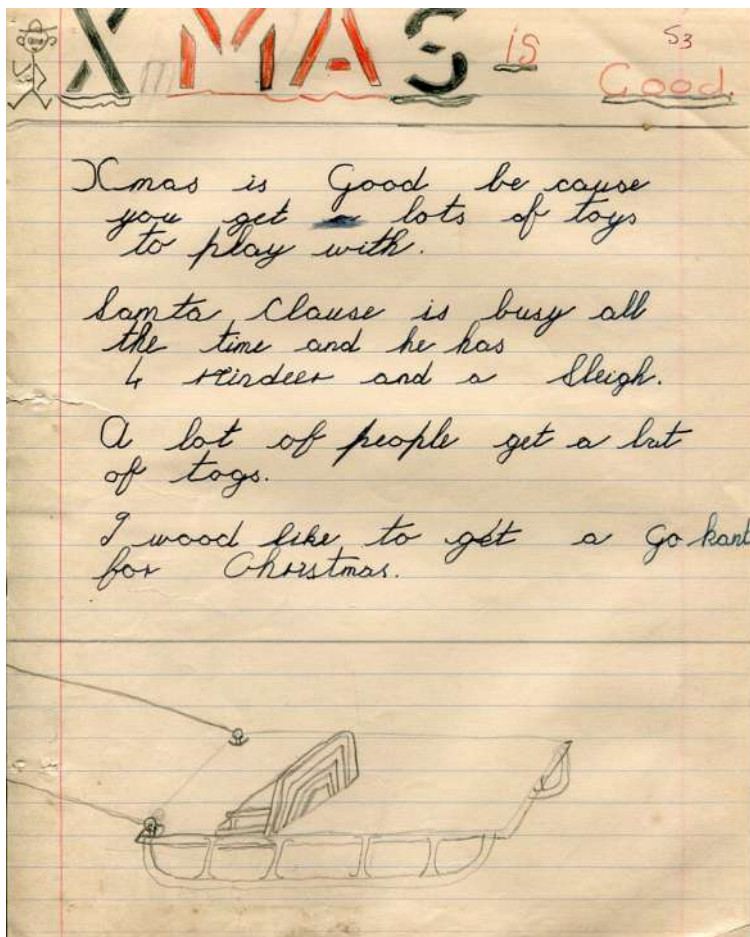




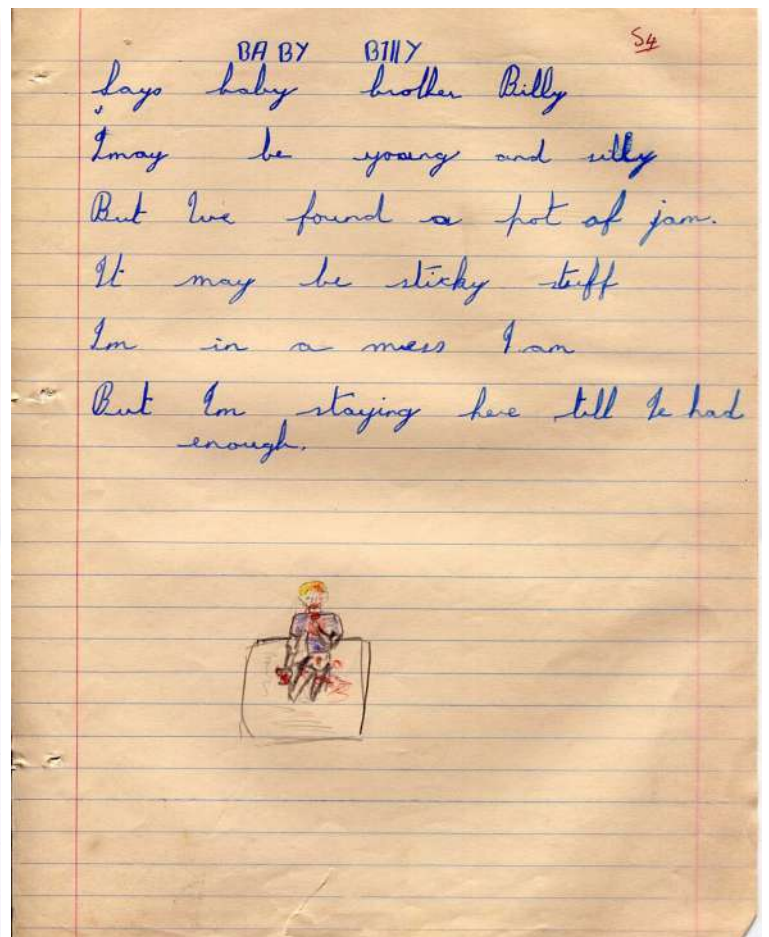
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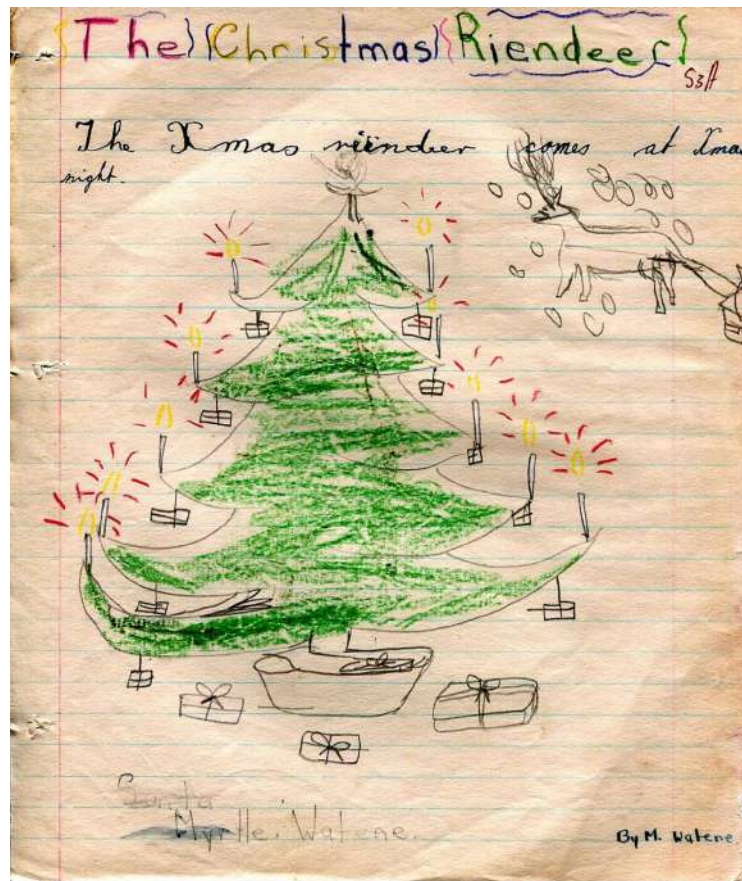


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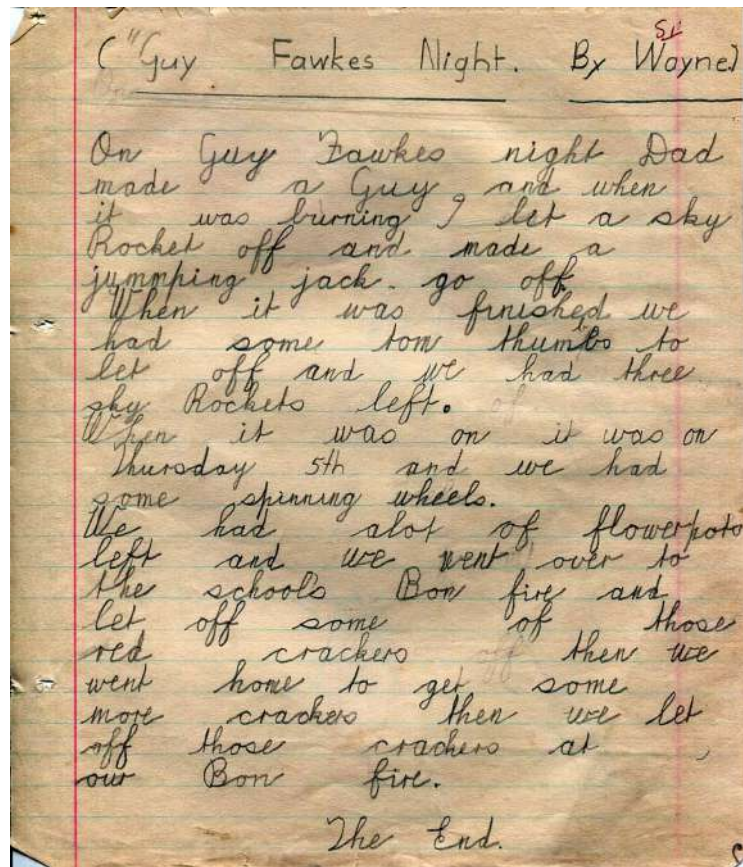


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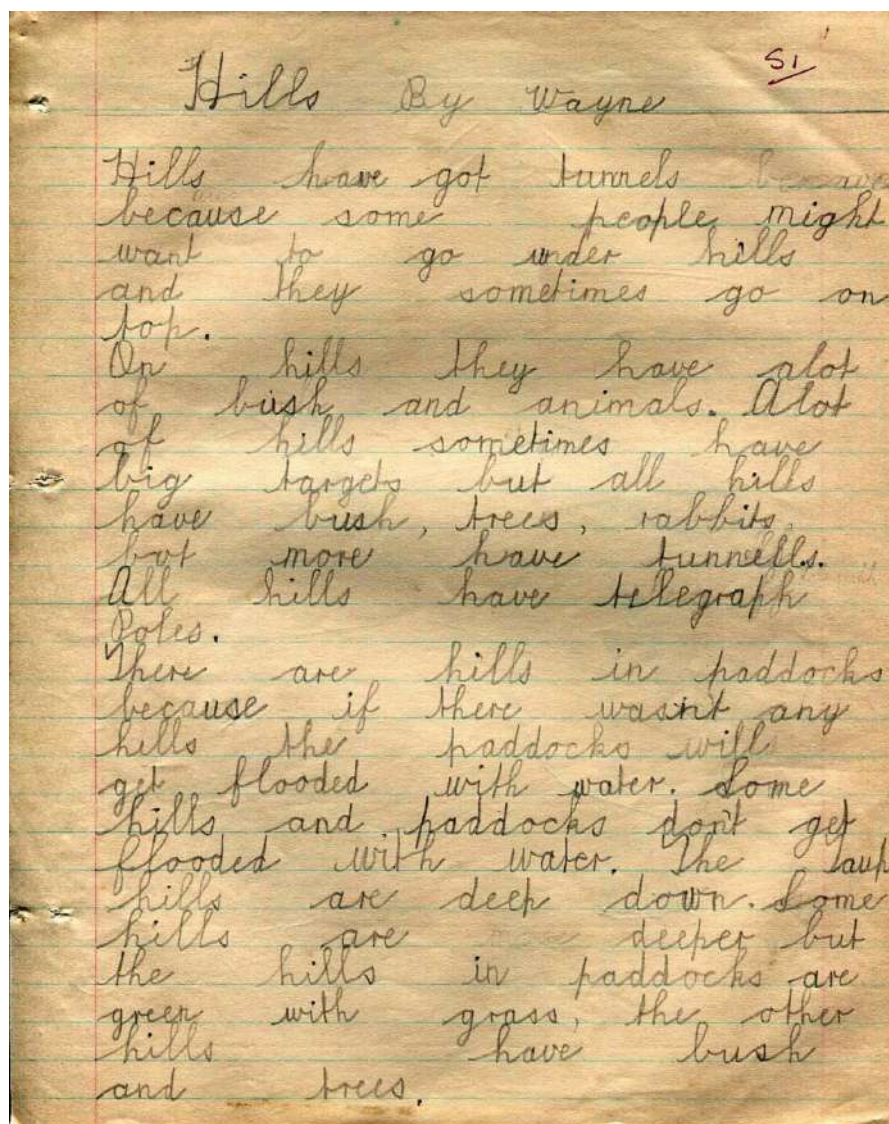




Myrtle Watene—Std 3 - 1959



Wayne Gorinski - Standard 1 - 1959



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# 1960

## Enrolments

Feb-03 1960 NE **ANDERSON** William  
Oct-31 1960 NE **FISHER** Linda  
Sep-20 1960 P **HARRIS** Charles George  
Aug-08 1960 S3 **POUWHARE** Henry  
Aug-08 1960 F1 **POUWHARE** Queenie  
Feb-29 1960 NE **VAN DER KAAP** Robert  
Nov-17 1960 NE **VITASOVICH (WHITE)** Ivan  
Aug-03 1960 P3 **WATENE** Colin  
Nov-25 1960 S4 **WATENE** David  
Aug-02 1960 S1 **WATENE** Leonard  
Nov-16 1960 NE **WATENE** William Kenneth  
Oct-26 1960 F2 **WATERS** Stewart  
May-02 1960 NE **WIDGERY** Adrian Andrew

Teachers: Mr D Skilton, Mr J H Walker, Mrs Skilton.

## February

- Mr D. Skilton served as a relieving teacher for just the first week of the year, followed by Mr J. H. Walker who took over the same duties on the 8th February. He was confirmed as the permanent teacher on March 1st.

## April

- Mrs J. Walker relieved from the 8th to the 14th of April during Mrs Wilson's illness. Mrs Walker stayed on after the return of Mrs Wilson to spend an hour a day to hear the reading of the much retarded readers in the senior school.
- Mrs Cope was elected chairman of the P.T.A. in place of Mrs Graff who was leaving the district at the end of April.

## May

- At a P.T.A. meeting, a Bell & Howell 16mm film projector was demonstrated to the parents and the headmaster was invited to speak about the academic standards in the school and to explain the procedure adopted to remedy weaknesses.
- From timber supplied by the committee Mr Walker put additional wider shelves in the prefab storeroom and porch. Mr Grut constructed bookshelves which were erected in the main building.
- Up until the 31st of May the school committee were inactive, due to the departure of their secretary Mr Vercoe, with the books being unavailable. Mr Grut was appointed secretary and Mr W. Valentine invited on to the committee.
- Mrs Walker continued to give an hour each day to help backward readers, working under the direction of Mr Walker and Mrs Wilson.
  - Being of the opinion that children are not capable of adequately cleaning out a school, the main building has been done during the holidays by Mr & Mrs Walker. The floor was scrubbed, all woodwork washed and cobwebs cleaned off walls and ceiling. The results were very pleasing, with old residents who attended card evenings in the building expressing their delight and claiming that they had never known the school to look so clean and tidy.

## June

- A number of wattles growing near the end of the prefab were cut down to enable the early morning sun to have some effect in helping to warm the classroom.

## July

- Mr Ron Green entertained at a social evening held in the prefab by the P.T.A. on July 31st. At the end of the following month Mr Gib Drayton and Mr Walker held a slide show. Following the show a new school committee was elected and comprised  
Mr Gorinski (chairman),  
Mrs Irene Lewis (secretary),  
Mr J. Walker,  
Mrs D. Cope,  
Mr D. Holland,  
Mr van der Kaap,  
Mrs Yates  
Mr Fisher.
- Mrs Tweedie hosted a party at her residence where games were played and a number of quick-fire raffles run with proceeds going to the PTA to purchase a daylight screen for the projector. A profit of £8/12/0 was made.

## August

- On the 19th of August a very successful school concert was held with a record crowd in attendance (the room being full to capacity). All were appreciative of the good standard of the items, which included songs and verse-speaking by the seniors, songs and poems by the infants, a PE display of mat-work, a musical play 'Sleeping Beauty' by the infants, and three plays by the seniors 'Mr Miacca', 'The True Princess' and 'Little Black Sambo'.
- Everything was suitably staged with curtains, wings, backdrop, ceilings and stage lights. The costumes made by the parents, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Walker were excellent. Makeup was prepared and used. The items followed in quick succession with no waits between scenes. Supper was provided in the infant room.
- Mr Jack Shaw donated a coloured aerial photograph to the school.

## October

- A working bee on the first Sunday in October saw the removal of four overhanging wattles from the garden corner, the straightening and tightening of the west roadside fence, the construction of a new gate at the front entrance, the regrading of the playground along the road fence and the construction of a new fence.
- The workers commenced at 9:30am and worked through until 4pm and comprised Mr Fisher, Mr Grut, Mr Valentine, Mr Gorinski, Mr Lewis, Mr Walker, Mr Anderson and Mr Yates. A front-end loader was borrowed from Downers and a tractor from Mr Valentine. Mr Grut provided a tractor with a post-hole drill attached.





The Kimihia school is circled to the left and the mining village of seven houses is arrowed just below it. In the middle distance, just over the ridge where Kimihia Road runs, is the shallow body of water of Hakanoa Lake. This lake is used for boating and yachting.

The mine pit was off-limits to the children of the district, but that didn't stop them from enjoying the wild nature of the pit edges. On summer days the heavy tyres of the earthmoving machines pounded the dry soil until a fine dust called 'bulldust' was generated. This had the consistency of talcum powder and provided the ultimate sensation as it flowed between the toes of the barefooted explorers. On fine days the dust coated everything in sight and the householders were compelled to keep their windows closed in a vain attempt to keep the dust from getting inside the houses.



This is a 1960 aerial photograph of the mine looking out towards Huntly. The total destruction of the Lake can be clearly seen as efforts are made to remove the overburden from the 30' thick coal seams, which slope away downward to the right. This was the limit to which opencast mining was a viable concern. To remove further overburden to the north (right) would have made the removal of the coal uneconomic. In later years the coal was to be removed by returning to underground extraction - longwall mining.

The dredge is seen here working in its own pond as it strips away the softer lake bed before the area is opened up for use by the bulldozers, euclids and carryalls. All overburden was dumped into what remained of the lake to the right.





School property (outlined); the school house across the road;  
and the seven houses of the Kimihia mine village at the top right of the photo (1960).

1961

## Enrolments

Jul-13 1961 NE **CASTLES** Sharon  
Oct-17 1961 P4 **CLARK** Alfred  
Oct-30 1961 P **CLARK** Virginia  
Oct-11 1961 NE **FISHER** Raymond  
Sep-04 1961 NE **GRUT** Ross Owen  
Jun-26 1961 S2 **NEWTON** Kenneth Leslie  
Jun-26 1961 P **NEWTON** Raymond  
Feb-02 1961 NE **RANGI** Georgina

Teachers: Mr J H Walker, Mrs Marion Bogie.

## February

- After two years service with the infants and Standard 1 Mrs Wilson resigned and took up the position of Senior Mistress at Huntly College. She was responsible for the uplift in reading skills of her past pupils and had established a very good standard in the Infant Room. The parents made a collection towards a farewell gift.
- Mrs Broadhurst, from Rakaumangamanga, replaced Mrs Wilson in a relieving capacity.
- At the end of February a further £5 was spent to complete the School Committee grant from the previous year in the purchase of resource books. With this infant books and Cuisenaire number sets were purchased.
- After a months service Mrs Broadhurst moved on to take up a position in Hamilton. She took a real interest in the school and commenced Cuisenaire work in arithmetic. She strove to maintain standards in the basic subjects, particularly as a succession of relieving teachers could result in a falling off of standards.
- Mrs Walker gave three days service in the Infant Room pending the appointment of Miss J. A. Lumsden as relieving assistant. Mrs Walker stayed on to provide the continuity in the Junior classes for a week.

## March

- Miss Lumsden started on March 6th with only the Primers while the Standard 1 students were moved into the senior building, leaving eleven primers in the Infant Room.
- On the 7th the spectacle of the court, drive and pathway being tar-sealed was completed after being started by the contractors on the 5th. Two layers of metal were laid down of 1/8 inch and 1/16 inch before cold seal was applied over the top. The drive was not fully sealed.

- Wattles, barbary and blackberry bushes were bulldozed clear of the east fence courtesy of Mr Fisher and a 'dozer from Downer's on the 12th. The Committee had planned to convert this into a dry grass area, with drainage being more rapid on this higher part of the hill. Mr Grut and Mr Yates along with Mr Walker repaired the east fence temporarily as it was planned to move it back later to include the new piece of ground.
- The school committee found that the 'milk in schools' scheme was justified based on the data received from the parents.
- The following day all the pupils were taken by Mrs Valentine in Holland's truck to the woolshed to see the shearing. Mr John Holland had shown a real interest in the school and the children and he made the visit well worthwhile, answering questions and explaining all aspects of shearing.
- A flag pole arrived from the Education Board on March 14th.
- Miss Lumsden terminated her position as relieving assistant on Friday the 24th of March to be replaced by Mrs Marion Bogie the following Monday. Arriving on the same day as Mrs Bogie was the new Bell & Howell 16mm projector from Snapshot Ltd, Hamilton (purchased under subsidy by the PTA).

## April

- In early April a new iron roof was put on the prefab', replacing the unsatisfactory aluminium one.
- Arriving on the same day as Mrs Bogie was the new Bell & Howell 16mm projector from Snapshot Ltd, Hamilton (purchased under subsidy by the PTA).
- At a householder's meeting on April 12th the following were elected on to the School Committee:  
Mr J. Fisher (Chairman),  
Mr B. Grut (Secretary),  
Mr G. White,  
Mr R. Yates and  
Mrs P. Valentine.  
There were only five nominations at the poorly attended meeting.
- The newly purchased film projector, subsidised by a grant of 25 pounds from the Mines Amenities Board, was shown off at the April PTA meeting with three films being shown to a good crowd. The opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Mrs Wilson and to express thanks for her two very valuable years of service with the Junior school.



## May

- On the 2nd of May a school flag was received from the Education Board and eight days later Messrs Grut, Yates and Walker set the new flag pole in a concrete base and poured cement around the strainer posts at the main gates. The gates were reset and a stop set on the ground in cement.
- Resolved by the Committee that cocoa be supplied to the children during the winter months.

## July

- Messrs Grut and Yates made a new set of covers for the sandpit, while a wormery and paper cups were received from Mr Gore, the Nature Study specialist. Also during July two new hand forks and four new hand trowels were received from the Board to supplement the gardening tools.

## August

- On August 15th the school sports trip to Pukekopia (by private cars) resulted in Kimihia winning the rugby 21-0 and losing the basketball 2-9.
- Water from the new spouting on the infants room was found to be streaming under the building and needed to be corrected.

## September

- With the new projector needing some security and protection a cabinet was made by Mr B. Grut and set up in the classroom for use. The next day (September 11) the Annual general Meeting of the PTA saw the following elected: Mr Walker (chairman), Mrs Lewis, Mrs Castles, Mrs Cope, Mr Valentine, Mr Drayton, Mr Yates and Mr Holland.
- Five small shrubs, previously planted amongst the Lawsoniana hedge and having been wrenched in May, were transplanted to more suitable positions on 12th
- An end of term two concert of plays, poems and songs proved of a higher standard than 1960, earning favourable comments, especially of the plays and verse speaking.
- On 17th September a "Pop-pup" sports day was held. The rugby match between fathers (Pops) and sons (Pups) resulted in a 15-12 win to the sons and was refereed by Ivan Foster. The basketball match was not possible due to the small number of girls so several games of Padder Tennis were played instead, the girls proving themselves superior.

## October

- Something was done about the junior drinking fountain that splashed its water over the feet of the drinkers, with a pipe being set in place by Mr Fisher.
- The Annual Calf Club Day was held with seven quality calves being entered by Brian Grut, Charles Lewis, Kelvin Yates, David Lewis, Ann Valentine, Kevin Fisher and Jimmy Yates.

Leading (seniors) - 1st B. Grut,  
2nd K. Yates,  
3rd D. Lewis

Leading (juniors) - 1st A. Valentine,  
2nd K. Fisher,  
3rd J. Yates

## Rearing (seniors) -

1st K. Yates,  
2nd C. Lewis,  
3rd B. Grut

## Rearing (juniors) -

1st J. Yates,  
2nd A. Valentine,  
3rd K. Fisher

## Type (July calves) -

1st K. Fisher,  
2nd B. Grut,  
3rd A. Valentine

## Type (August calves) -

1st K. Yates,  
2nd J. Yates,  
3rd D. Lewis

## Championship Award

K. Yates  
Leading Cup B. Grut

- Mr T. Gerrand of Taupiri was again the Judge, with the two cups presented to the winners by Mrs Clubb. The Leading Cup was a new award presented to the school by Mrs Joyce Roberts, an old-pupil of the school.
- A Baby Show was judged by Mrs Ryburn. There were seven babies, four under one year and three over one year. Winner (up to 12 months) Baby Jones. Winner (1 to 2 years) Baby McKeown.
- For the remainder of the pupils competitions were organised:

## Leaf Collection (F1/2) -

1st John Cope,  
2nd M. Watene,  
3rd C. Lewis

## Leaf Collection (S3/4)

-1st D. Lewis,  
2nd D. Cope,  
3rd A.

## Valentine Minor Projects

### (F1/2) -

1st D. Watene,  
2nd I. Harris,  
3rd M. Watene

## Minor Projects (S3/4)

-1st D. Lewis,  
2nd D. Cope,  
3rd C. Tohe

## Minor Projects (S1/2) -

1st B. Harris,  
2nd N. Watene,  
3rd B. White

## Lino Cuts (S4-F2) -

1st D. Watene,  
2nd I. Harris,  
3rd B. Grut

## Wooden Toys (S3-F2) -

1st T. Drayton,  
2nd D. Cope

## Anthology Books (F1/2) -

1st D. Watene,  
2nd M. Watene,  
3rd C. Lewis

## Anthology Books (S3/4) -

1st D. Cope,  
2nd D. Lewis,  
3rd A. Valentine

#### Paintings (S3-F2) -

- 1st D. Cope,
- 2nd M. Watene,
- 3rd L. Watene

#### Clay Modelling (F1/2) -

- 1st B. Grut,
- 2nd D. Watene,
- 3rd I. Harris

#### Clay Modelling (S3/4) -

- 1st B. Valentine,
- 2nd G. Clarke,
- 3rd P. Tupuhi

#### Clay Modelling (S1/2) -

- 1st S. Clarke,
- 2nd P. Hiki,
- 3rd K. Newton

#### Clay Modelling (Infants) -

- 1st C. Harris,
- 2nd R. Newton,
- 3rd I. Bogie

#### Sand Saucers (F1/2) -

- 1st W. Wilson,
- 2nd I. Harris,
- 3rd M. Watene

#### Sand Saucers (S1-S3) -

- 1st M. Wilson,
- 2nd G. Clarke,
- 3rd D. Cope

#### Sand Saucers (P3/4) -

- 1st R. Newton,
- 2nd L. Fisher,
- 3rd S. Grut

#### Sand Saucers (P1/2) -

- 1st I. Bogie,
- 2nd G. Rangi,
- 3rd D. Lewis

#### Paper Dolls (Primers) -

- 1st S. Grut,
- 2nd L. Fisher,
- 3rd S. Castle

#### Printing (P3/4) -

- 1st S. Grut,
- 2nd J. Yates

#### Printing (P1/2) -

- 1st I. White,
- 2nd C. Harris,
- 3rd W. Watene

#### Story (P3/4) -

- 1st S. Grut,
- 2nd I. White,
- 3rd C. Harris

#### Story (P1/2) -

- 1st G. Rangi,
- 2nd I. anBogie,
- 3rd D. Lewis

- Competition entries were on exhibition, arranged in classes and types in the shelter shed, making quite a pleasing display.

- A Bring & Buy stall was organised by the PTA, which realised a profit of £18/19/0. Mr A. Newton ran a very popular shooting gallery in a corner of the grounds and netted 17/6d which was particularly good as shots were two a penny.

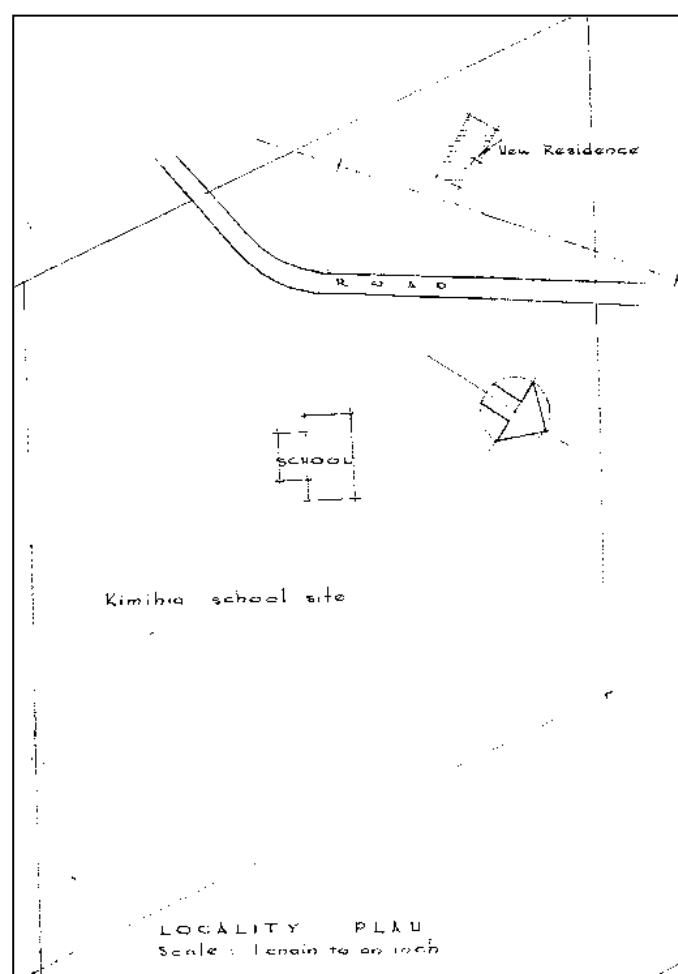
- Novelty races were run throughout the afternoon and a nail-driving competition resulted in a dead-heat in the final between Mrs Yates and Mrs Ryburn.

#### November

- The porch bench was scraped down and cleaned before being repainted and new door catches were fitted. The work was done voluntarily by Mr G. Sole (materials provided by Committee).
- Christmas gifts obtained from Woolworths for the school party.

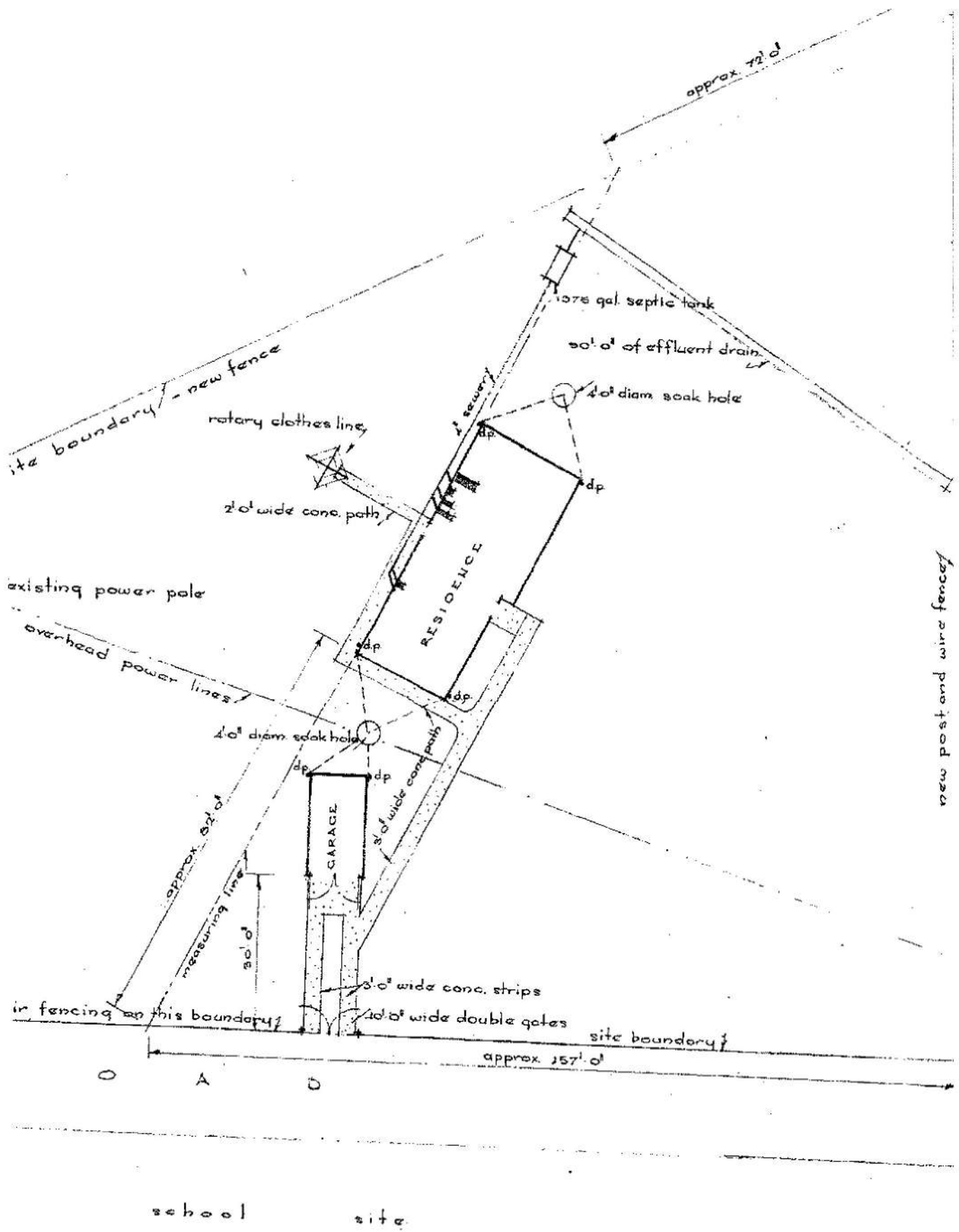
#### December

- Interior painting was done as follows: projector box inside and outside with the door painted to serve as a blackboard; the unpainted hardboard below the large blackboard; book shelves all lines out in yellow; the school records cupboard. Again the work was done by Mr G. Sole (volunteer), with materials supplied by the school.
- A new down-pipe was put on the prefab' to take the water from the new spouting into the new drainage. The work was done by Dobson Ltd.
- The school year concluded on the 19th with a party evening run by the School Committee and the PTA. Each child received a gift from the Christmas Tree.



Site plan of the school  
and the Headmaster's residence.





### Headmaster's residence site plan

The house was tucked into the western corner of the diamond-shaped section of land originally set aside in 1897 as school land.

# 1962

## Enrolments

Sep-26 1962 S3 **ASHBY** Alfred Rex  
Sep-26 1962 S1 **ASHBY** George Graeme  
Sep-26 1962 P2 **ASHBY** Gwladys Jean  
Sep-26 1962 P **ASHBY** Kallua Jayne  
Sep-26 1962 P **ASHBY** Stanley Clive  
Aug-08 1962 S1 **CARROLL** Ross Perry  
Apr-17 1962 NE **DALLY** Valmay Margret  
Mar-19 1962 S3 **EPERE** Patricia  
Sep-03 1962 P **GILES** Faye Vivienne  
Oct-10 1962 P **HART** Peter David  
Dec-11 1962 P **JONES** Bronwyn  
Nov-28 1962 P **NICHOLSON** Euen Ross  
Feb-05 1962 F2 **RYBURN** Wendy Helen  
Feb-05 1962 S2 **TARAWA** Benjamin  
Jul-30 1962 F1 **TOHE** Charles

Teachers: Mr J H Walker, Mrs M Bogie

### February

- Mrs Marion Bogie, relieving assistant throughout 1961, was appointed permanent assistant mistress and the school opened with a roll of 35.
- An effort was made by the Committee to tidy up the area behind the shelter shed.
- A kitset of infant Arithmetic Apparatus costing £8/2/0 was bought by the PTA. Books to the value of £30 were bought by the School Committee. They were all fiction and filled a need in the poorly equipped library.

### March

- A set of school measuring weights was bought on subsidy by the School Committee for use in the infant room.
- "Open Day" was held at the school for the first time to enable parents to see how a modern school is run and to demonstrate teaching methods of the day. Parents were able to see a normal day, the children responding very well in the presence of visitors.
- Parents were very appreciative of the opportunity to see the school at work and were full of praise for the manner in which the school is being run. Attendance by parents was good with about 75% attending.

### May

- The school bonus account reached £16 and a visit to Auckland was planned, but due to the Headmaster's impending resignation, this lapsed.
- A roof brace came loose and fell in the infants prefab, with no other reports of damage or injury.

### June

- As no head teacher was appointed from the beginning of the term Mrs Marion Bogie was appointed acting Head teacher and Mrs P. Valentine - a parent and member of the school committee - offered her services as relieving teacher.
- Mr Grut and Mr Yates put up three benches in the infant room. The construction of a mobile staffroom was started.
- Mr D. Burney was appointed Head teacher to commence July 2.

### July

- Mr Burney commenced duties with a roll of 30 (22 seniors and 8 juniors). Cords and windows underwent repair while the new staffroom only needed painting.
- The Lower Waikato Boys and Girls Agriculture Group were advised that the Kimihia School grounds were not suitable to host a Group Calf Club Day.
- 100 battens purchased to repair the bush fence.
- Traffic Officer Young visited and showed three films. Nature Study specialist Mr Gore visited and left two insect boxes, a rain gauge and a max./min temperature gauge. An aquarium was placed on order and arrived at the end of the month.
- Up to two pounds released by the committee to be spent on dahlia tubers.
- Several cracked windows were replaced by a working bee of Mr Grut, Mr Yates, Mr White and Mr Burney.
- A football and basketball sports trip was played against Huntly Primary. 'Flu had claimed many of the Kimihia players and almost depleted the girls' team completely.
- The school received a visit from Mr Wallbank and Mr Cately of the Physed Department to speak about school camps.
- A party from the school (the senior room plus Jimmy Yates) travelled to Huntly via bicycle, Mr Valentine's car and Mr Burney's car to watch the Rugby League encounter between Great Britain and Waikato.

### August

- School parties have visited the mine, the fire station, the railway station, farms and the brickworks.
- The school visited Ohinewai on the 13th to play football and basketball and, on the 16th, visited Ruawaro for similar activities.

### September

- Mr Watson visited the school on an inspectorial visit with Mrs Bogie while Mr T. R. Wallbank of the Physed Department showed slides of Port Waikato and the functions the school will perform when they go to camp in mid-November.
- A fathers and mothers sports day was held on the 23rd where the girls played the mothers at basketball and the boys played the fathers at softball. A large crowd attended. The results saw the mothers beat the girls 16-9 and the fathers draw with the sons 15-15 after the fathers 'depreciated' their own scoreline!

### October

- Calf Club day was held on the 11th combined with a Bring & Buy Stall, Sports and a Baby Show resulted in a profit of £21-10-4.
- With all calves judged in the same class the results were: Leading - 1st James Yates,  
2nd Brian Harris,  
3rd Ann Valentine.  
Rearing - 1st James Yates,  
2nd Charles Harris,  
3rd Ann Valentine.  
Champion of Champions -  
James Yates.



Reserve Champion -

Charles Harris.

- ✱ Mr T. Gerrand of Taupiri was judge and the cups were presented by Mrs Clubb.
- ✱ The Pet Show was judged by Mrs Gerrand and resulted in Faye Giles 1st, the Cope family birds 2nd and Mary Wilson 3rd..
- ✱ The Baby Show was judged by Mrs Willoughby with four babies entered in each of the two sections. Baby Tapp won the Up to 18 months section with Grant Burney winning the 18 months to 3 years section.
- ✱ The remainder of the pupils participated in several competitions that were displayed in the shelter shed.

*Sand Saucer (F1 & F2)*

- 1st Wendy Ryburn
- 2nd G Ashby
- 3rd P Epere

*Sand Saucer (Std 2—Std 4)*

- 1st Peter Tupuhi
- 2nd M Watene
- 3rd D Cope

*Sand Saucer (Pr 3—Std 1)*

- 1st Sheryl Grut
- 2nd Sharon Castles
- 3rd W Watene

*Sand Saucer (Pr 1—Pr 2)*

- 1st Ross Grut
- 2nd Peter Hart

*Models—Free Design (Std 2—Std 6)*

- 1st Rex Ashby
- 2nd P Tupuhi
- 3rd Wendy Ryburn

*Models—Sketch (Std 2—Std 6)*

- 1st M Watene
- 2nd B Valentine
- 3rd P Tupuhi

Highly Recommended—Wendy Ryburn

*Wild Flowers (Primers)*

- 1st Faye Giles
- 2nd Kallua Ashby

*Sand Saucer (F1 & 2) -*

- 1st Wendy Ryburn

- ✱ The Bring & Buy Stall resulted in a pleasing £21/10/4 profit.

*Sand Saucer (F1 & 2) -*

- 1st Wendy Ryburn,
- 2nd G. Ashby,
- 3rd P. Epere.

*Sand Saucer (S2-S4) -*

- 1st Peter Tupuhi,
- 2nd M. Watene,
- 3rd D. Cope

*Sand Saucer (P3-S1) -*

- 1st Sheryl Grut,
- 2nd Sharon Castles,
- 3rd W. Watene

*Sand Saucer (P1-P2) -*

- 1st Ross Grut,
- 2nd Peter Hart.
- 3rd Ross Grut

*Models - Free Design (S2-S6)*

- 1st Rex Ashby,
- 2nd P. Tupuhi,
- 3rd W. Ryburn.

*Models - Sketch (S2-S6) -*

- 1st M. Watene,
- 2nd B. Valentine,
- 3rd P. Tupuhi,

*Highly Commended -*

Wendy Ryburn.

*Wild Flowers (Primers):*

- 1st Faye Giles,
- 2nd Kallua Ashby,
- 3rd Ross Grut.

- A Cross Country run was held over the Valentine and Harris properties with Charles Tohe 1st, Gary Clarke 2nd, Peter Tupuhi 3rd and W. Valentine 4th.
- ✱ Fathers joined in the novelty races and sports races were held for age groups.
- ✱ On the 25th Waiterimu visited for a softball match.

**November**

- ✱ Huntly Primary unsuccessfully played two of our softball teams on the 5th at Kimihia. Charlie Tohe was the pitcher and Myrtle Watene the catcher for the 'A' team.
- ✱ On the 7th the Std 4 to Form 2 children left for 10 days at the Port Waikato Camp.
- ✱ Doctor Morris and the District Nurse checked several children who had been referred by the Nurse on a previous visit.
- ✱ On the 19th a very tired but happy group of children returned from the Camp at Port Waikato.

**December**

- ✱ Island Block school visited on the 4th and also visited the Kimihia Mine. An afternoon of sports was held with the hosts being successful at softball. This match was used as a preparation for a softball tournament to be held in Huntly on the 14th, which Kimihia participated in.
- ✱ The Committee obtained a quote of £5-10-0 for the hireage of a bulldozer to clear the bush fenceline.
- ✱ Myrtle Watene ended up as top student for 1962.

1963

### Enrolments

Aug-10 1963	P	ASHBY Shelaine Emily
Feb-04 1963	P	CARROLL Dean Rodney
Jun-10 1963	P	CASTLE Kevin James
Aug-07 1963	S4	DANIELS Maurice
Feb-04 1963	F2	GILES Marilyn Lea
Apr-24 1963	P	HARRIS Bruce
Oct-29 1963	F1	HARRIS Ronald Hohaia
Feb-04 1963	P	HOLLAND Deborah Jane
Feb-04 1963	P	JONES William Haydon
Nov-25 1963	S4	PAUL Walter Warihi
Sep-23 1963	P	QUIGLEY John Alan
Sep-23 1963	S2	QUIGLEY Russell Irvine
Sep-23 1963	P	QUIGLEY Stuart Gary
Feb-04 1963	P4	WATENE Selwyn Whakaheke
Sep-09 1963	P	WHITE Carol June

Teachers: Mr Don Burney, Mrs Marion Bogie

### February

- ✱ The school opened on the 4th with a role of 37 with Mrs Bogie continuing as Assistant Mistress. The senior room and the porch were painted.
- ✱ On the 7th the school closed for the day while the Headmaster took the Std 2 to Form 2 pupils to the Auckland Domain to see Queen Elizabeth II.

### March

- Standard 2-6 travelled by parents' cars to Island Block School for the day. A visit was made to a sawmill and swimming sports were entered into in the afternoon.
- ✱ During this absence by the senior school Mr Fisher bulldozed the fenceline between Valentine's property and the school.
- ✱ Physed specialist Mr T. Wallbank visited to give softball coaching and general exercises.

### April

- ✱ At a householders' meeting the following were elected to the School Committee: Mrs P. Valentine (Chairwoman), Mr B. Grut (Secretary), Messrs Holland, Dally and White. The meeting was attended by eleven people.

### May

- ✱ The Annual General Meeting of the PTA was attended by twelve people. Elected were Mr Drayton (Chairman), Mrs Carroll (Secretary), Mrs Hart, Mr Jones, Mrs Cope and Mr Burney. Several films were shown and supper served.

### June

- ✱ Folk Dancing was taken by PE Specialist Mr T.R. Wallbank.
- ✱ A school football and basketball team travelled to Ruawaro school where the football was drawn 15-all and Ruawaro won the basketball 15-0. Transport was provided by Mr Valentine, Yates, White and Burney.

### July

- ✱ Basketball and football teams lost their games against the Convent School. Mr Yates and Valentine accompanied the teams.

- ✱ Mr Hoar, visiting teacher, spent July 3rd at the school.

### August

- ✱ During the July/August months Kimihia travelled to other schools in the area to play football and basketball - Huntly, Huntly West, Raukamanga, Ruawaro, Pukemiro, Rangariri, Ohinewai and Rotowaro. Those who helped with transport were Mr Valentine (who transported children on each of the trips), Mr White, Mr Yates, Mr Holland, Mr Grut and Mr Cope.
- ✱ Arbor Day was celebrated on the 25th with Mrs Valentine officiating.
- ✱ Fourteen people attended the PTA meeting where films were shown.

### September

- ✱ A basketball game against the mothers and a football game against the fathers was held in front of a large crowd. Mothers 9 - Girls 6; Fathers 21 - Boys 21.

### October

- ✱ Messrs Holland, Grut and Valentine disced and graded the new addition to the football field.
- ✱ Visited the Island Block School Committee re the financing of school baths.
- ✱ The school participated in the Huntly Primary Schools Music Festival - transported by Mr Valentine and Mr Cope.
- ✱ A combined meeting of the PTA and the School Committee arranged a School Gala Day.
- ✱ Rotowaro school visited with two teams to play softball and won both games.

### November

- ✱ Mr Bean visited the school on the 1st for a School Inspection.
- ✱ The senior room visited a flower show after school on Friday 8th to prepared for the school's show the following Thursday 14th.
- ✱ Results of the Pet and Flower Show held on the 14th: *Best Rose* -
  - 1st Euan Nicholson,
  - 2nd Clive Ashby,
  - 3rd Susan Clarke.*Best Gladioli* -
  - 1st David Cope,
  - 2nd Susan Clarke,
  - 3rd Marilyn Giles.*Best Three Gerberas* -
  - 1st Terry Drayton,
  - 2nd Jimmy Yates,
  - 3rd Maurice Daniels.*Best Three Carnations* -
  - 1st Terry Drayton,
  - 2nd Ross Grut.*Best Flowering Shrub* -
  - 1st Marilyn Giles,
  - 2nd Marilyn Giles,
  - 3rd= Wayne Clarke & Jimmy Yates.*Wild Flowers (Senior)* -
  - 1st David Cope,
  - 2nd Marilyn Giles,
  - 3rd Russell Quigley.



*Wild Flowers (Junior) -*

- 1st Billy Jones,
- 2nd Sharon Castle,
- 3rd Bronwyn Jones.

*Daisies -*

- 1st Susan Clarke.

*Any Three Flowers (Open) -*

- 1st David Cope,
- 2nd Wayne Clarke,
- 3rd Lorraine Cope.

*Best Bloom -*

- 1st Marilyn Giles,
- 2nd Lorraine Cope,
- 3rd= Faye Giles &  
Ann Valentine.

*Sand Saucer (Senior) -*

- 1st Marilyn Giles,
- 2nd David Cope,
- 3rd Russell Quigley.

*Sand Saucer (Junior) -*

- 1st Stuart Quigley,
- 2nd Ivan White,
- 3rd Debbie Holland.

*Vegetable Man (Senior) -*

- 1st Marilyn Giles,
- 2nd Terry Drayton,
- 3rd Jimmy Yates,
- Highly Commended -  
Lawrence Watene.

*Vegetable Man (Junior) -*

- 1st Stuart Quigley,
- 2nd Peter Hart,
- 3rd= Ivan White &  
Euan Nicholson.

*Garden on a Tray (Senior) -*

- 1st Jimmy Yates,
- 2nd David Cope,
- 3rd= Gary Clarke &  
Susan Clarke,

*Highly Commended were -*

- Terry Drayton,
- Wayne Clarke
- Ann Valentine.

*Garden on a Tray (Junior) -*

- 1st Faye Giles,
- 2nd Sharon Castles.

*Best Groomed Pet (Senior) -*

- Terry Drayton.

*Best Groomed Pet (Junior)*

- Susan Clarke.

*Most Unusual Pet -*

- David Cope.

*Most Obedient Pet -*

- 1st Susan Clarke, 2nd  
Terry Drayton.

*Most Attractive Pet -*

- 1st Lorraine Cope,
- 2nd Graeme Ashby.

*The Best Friend -*

- Ivan White.

*Pot Plants -*

- 1st Lorraine Cope,
- 2nd David Cope,
- 3rd Jimmy Yates.

- ✱ Cross country races were held over Mr Valentine's property. Boys - 1st Gary Clarke, 2nd Stuart White, 3rd Terry Drayton, 4th Wayne Clarke. Girls - 1st Natalie Watene, 2nd Susan Clarke, 3rd Ann Valentine.

- ✱ Several competitions were held for the ladies. Nail Driving won by Mrs R. Holland and Rolling Pin Throwing won by Mrs J. Fisher. The stalls provided a pleasant profit of £33/15/- which was a record amount.



A 1963 view of the site that was to become the new location of Kimihia School on Tamihana Avenue in 1967.



### 1963 Std 2 to Form 2

- Rear:** Don Burney, Peter Hiki, (1) \_\_\_\_\_, Gary Clarke, Ann Valentine, Wayne Clarke, Maurice Daniels, Marilyn Giles.
- Centre:** Stuart White, Lorraine Cope, Lawrence Watene, Brian White, Natalie Watene, Rex Ashby, Terry Drayton.
- Seated:** Ross Carroll, Jimmy Yates, David Cope, Susan Clarke, Russell Quigley, Cheryl Grut, Graham Ashby.

### December

- ✱ Visited Waiterimu school to play softball and have a swim. The 'B' team lost and the 'A' team won. Transport was provided by Messrs Grut, White, Valentine and the Headmaster.
- ✱ On the 19th a Christmas Pageant was held at the school inside due to rain. A good crowd of parents attended and there was ice-cream and drinks for the children.
- ✱ School closed for Christmas vacation on the 20th of December.



*This photo faintly shows the diamond-shaped boundaries of the school, cut across by road access to the mine.*





Aerial photo of the Kimihia area taken August 23rd, 1963



**Kimihia School**





### Mothers 9 - Girls 6

Mrs Bogie (extreme left) shows fine form in following the play in the annual Mothers v Girls outdoor basketball.  
*(It was not until a few years later that the name "Outdoor Basketball" was changed internationally to "Netball".)*



### 1963 - Primer 1 to Standard 1

- Rear:** Marion Bogie [Teacher], Selwyn Watene, (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, (3) \_\_\_\_\_,  
 (4) \_\_\_\_\_, (5) \_\_\_\_\_, (6) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Middle:** (7) \_\_\_\_\_, (8) \_\_\_\_\_, Valmay Daly, (9) \_\_\_\_\_, Bronwyn Jones, Deborah Holland,  
 (10) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Seated:** Shelaine Ashby, (11) \_\_\_\_\_, (12) \_\_\_\_\_, Kalua Ashby, Carol White.

1964

### Enrolments

May-25 1964 P **CARTER** James Robey  
 Feb-24 1964 F2 **CLARKE** Christine Beverley  
 Feb-24 1964 S3 **CLARKE** Wayne Murray  
 Oct-15 1964 P **FOSTER** Mark Lawrence  
 Apr-15 1964 P **HART** Kevin Clayton  
 May-25 1964 P **HOLLAND** Brett Ronald  
 May-25 1964 S4 **JONES** Murray  
 Jun-04 1964 P **LEECH** Kevin Paul  
 Sep-07 1964 P **MARTIN-SMITH** Brenda  
 Feb-18 1964 P **PERE** George  
 Feb-04 1964 P **PERE** Polly  
 Feb-04 1964 S2 **PERE** Rangī  
 Jul-13 1964 F2 **PERE** William Steven  
 May-26 1964 P **QUIGLEY** Sandra Yvonne  
 Apr-01 1964 S1 **RAKELS** Joanne  
 Dec-07 1964 P **RAKELS** John Hermanus  
 Apr-01 1964 P **RAKELS** Sandra  
 Jun-08 1964 P3 **STEINER** Anton Leonard  
 Jun-08 1964 S4 **STEINER** Edward Anthony  
 Jun-08 1964 F2 **STEINER** Gemma Catherine  
 Jun-08 1964 P **STEINER** Gerard Francis  
 Jun-08 1964 S1 **STEINER** Gregory Peter  
 Jun-08 1964 S3 **STEINER** Loretta Majella  
 Jul-07 1964 S3 **THOMPSON** Carolyn Jeanette  
 Jul-07 1964 S1 **THOMPSON** Paula Rangī-o-Rere  
 Jul-07 1964 P **THOMPSON** Robert  
 Nov-18 1964 S4 **TUMAI** Margaret  
 Nov-18 1964 S4 **TUMAI** Stanley  
 Nov-19 1964 P **TUMAI** Tuhi  
 Sep-07 1964 P **UNU** Nan Tangiia  
 May-04 1964 P **VITASOVICH (WHITE)** Paul Carl  
 Sep-30 1964 P **WATENE** Wendy  
 Feb-05 1964 P **WILSON** Jack Gene  
 Oct-12 1964 P **WILSON** Jack Gene

Teachers: Mr Don Burney, Mrs Marion Bogie

### February

- ★ Mrs Bogie and Mr Burney commenced the year with a roll of 40.
- ★ Waiterimu school visited to play softball and general sports, the home team being successful.

### March

- ★ On the 9th Primer 3 to Form 2 travelled to the Auckland Museum and the Zoological Gardens via Simpsons Bus. Thirty-seven children and two teachers travelled.
- ★ A working bee was held to erect a fence around the new area obtained under lease from the Mine. Those attending were Valentine, White, Grut, R. Holland and Burney. Mrs Valentine and Mrs Burney provided morning tea.

### May

- ★ On the 4th the second term opened with a roll of 56.

### June

- ★ On the 19th the Chairman and Officers of the South Auckland Education Board visited the school and decided to look for a more suitable site for a new school in the future. The School Committee agreed to a new school.

- ★ Two football and one basketball team travelled to Rotongaro - all teams winning.
- ★ A PTA meeting was held with 30 adults present. They resolved to hold meeting(s) on the 4th Monday of the month.

### August

- ★ Mr Crawford and two other members of the Board met the Committee to discuss a new school and its proposed site.
- ★ Mr Dobson, plumber, repaired the roof of the senior room and the District Nurse gave the second of her health talks.

### September

- ★ The third term opened with a roll of 59.
- ★ Mothers and Fathers Day was held on the 28th. In front of a large crowd the girls beat the mothers at basketball 5-4 and the boys drew with the fathers 4-4 at soccer.

### October

- ★ On the 15th Calf Club Day was held and included a Pet Show. All calves were judged in the same class.

*Leading* - 1st Murray Jones,  
 2nd James Yates,  
 3rd Terry Drayton.

*Rearing* - 1st Murray Jones,  
 2nd James Yates,  
 3rd Terry Drayton.

*Type* - 1st Ross Grut,  
 2nd John Quigley,  
 3rd James Yates.

*Champion of Champions* -  
 Murray Jones

*Reserve Champion* -  
 James Yates

Mr T. Gerrand of Taupiri was the judge and the above awards were presented by Mrs Clubb. The pet show was judged by Mrs Gerrand: Most unusual pet was won by Brian White with his piglet.

The best pets were Ivan White's cat (1st), Valmay Dally's Rooster (2nd) and David & Lorraine Copes' budgie (3rd).

- ★ The PTA meeting was attended by 70 parents. This number included visitors from other PTAs where Mrs Walsh (advisor to the infant department) spoke on reading in the infant room.
- ★ The school roll is now 63.
- ★ Bookshelves were erected at the back of the senior room by Mr Grut and Mr Burney.
- ★ On the 28th Principal of Huntly College, Mr W. Cumming, and Mr Turton, Vocational Guidance Officer of Huntly College, addressed the PTA and the 13 parents in attendance. A discussion was also held on the proposed trip to Baines.

### November

- ★ Children in classes S3-F2 travelled to Baines School, Palmerston North, for an educational visit from the 2nd to the 7th November. Twenty-three children travelled and Mrs Valentine acted as chaperone. The children raised £72 for the trip themselves, the rest was supplied by the Committee. While there visits were made to the railway,



aerodrome, flax & textile mill, Himutangi PO World Link, Manuwatu Flood Scheme and the Manuwatu Show. The party travelled down by Landliner leaving Huntly at 9:15am and arriving back by the night express at 5:15am.

- Two weeks later the children spoke to the PTA about their Baines trip. Thirty-one adults attended the meeting, which was also an Annual General Meeting. Officers elected were:

Mr Quigley (President),  
Mrs Carroll (Secretary),  
Mrs Cope,  
Mrs R. Holland,  
Mr Rakels and  
Mr E. Jones,

with a position being left for the incoming Head Teacher.

- Mrs Allen, Public Health Nurse, concluded a series of eight health lectures given over the past weeks to the senior room.
- The school roll was 66.
- Mr Cumming, Principal of Huntly College, interviewed parents of Form 2 children enrolling at the college in the new year.

### **December**

- The school travelled to Waiterimu to play softball and won their games. Transport provided by Mr Yates, Mrs Jones, Miss Steiner and Mr Burney.
- The Annual Flower Show was held on the 9th at the school. Mrs Chandler judged the Decorative Section while Mrs Sutherland judged the Arrangements. Both classrooms were used.

#### Single Rose -

1st Ivan White,  
2nd Stuart White,  
3rd Valmay Dally.

#### Florabunda Rose -

1st Loretta Steiner,  
2nd Laurie Watene,  
3rd Sheryl Grut.

#### Best Gladioli -

1st Faye Giles,  
2nd Ross Grut,  
3rd= Peter Hart &  
Ann Valentine.

#### Best 3 Gerberas -

1st Deane Carroll,  
2nd Terry Drayton,  
3rd= Euan Nicholson  
& Laurie Watene.

#### Best 3 Carnations -

1st Ross Grut,  
2nd Sheryl Grut,  
3rd Terry Drayton.

#### Sweet Peas - 6 stems -

1st Ann Valentine,  
2nd Debbie Holland,  
3rd Stuart White.

#### Pansies - 6 stems -

1st Russell Quigley,  
2nd Euan Nicholson,  
3rd Bronwyn Jones.

#### Lily - 1 stem -

1st Natalie Watene,  
2nd Ross Carroll,  
3rd Bronwyn Jones.

#### Iceland Poppies - 6 stems -

1st Kevin Leach,  
2nd Russell Quigley,  
3rd Euan Nicholson.

#### Daisies - Best 3 stems -

1st Brett Holland,  
2nd Brenda Martin-Smith,  
3rd Ross Carroll.

#### Flowering Shrubs -

1st Mark Foster,  
2nd Laurie Watene,  
3rd Sheryl Grut.

#### Three Flowering Shrubs -

1st Loretta Steiner,  
2nd Euan Nicholson,  
3rd Ross Carroll.

#### Bowl of Flowers (c) -

1st Stuart Quigley,  
2nd Sandra Quigley,  
3rd Jackie Wilson.

#### Bowl of Flowers (a+b) -

1st Ann Valentine,  
2nd Loretta Steiner,  
3rd Russell Quigley.

#### Novel Container (c) -

1st John Quigley,  
2nd Jimmy Carter,  
3rd Billy Jones.

#### Novel Container (a+b) -

1st Ross Carroll,  
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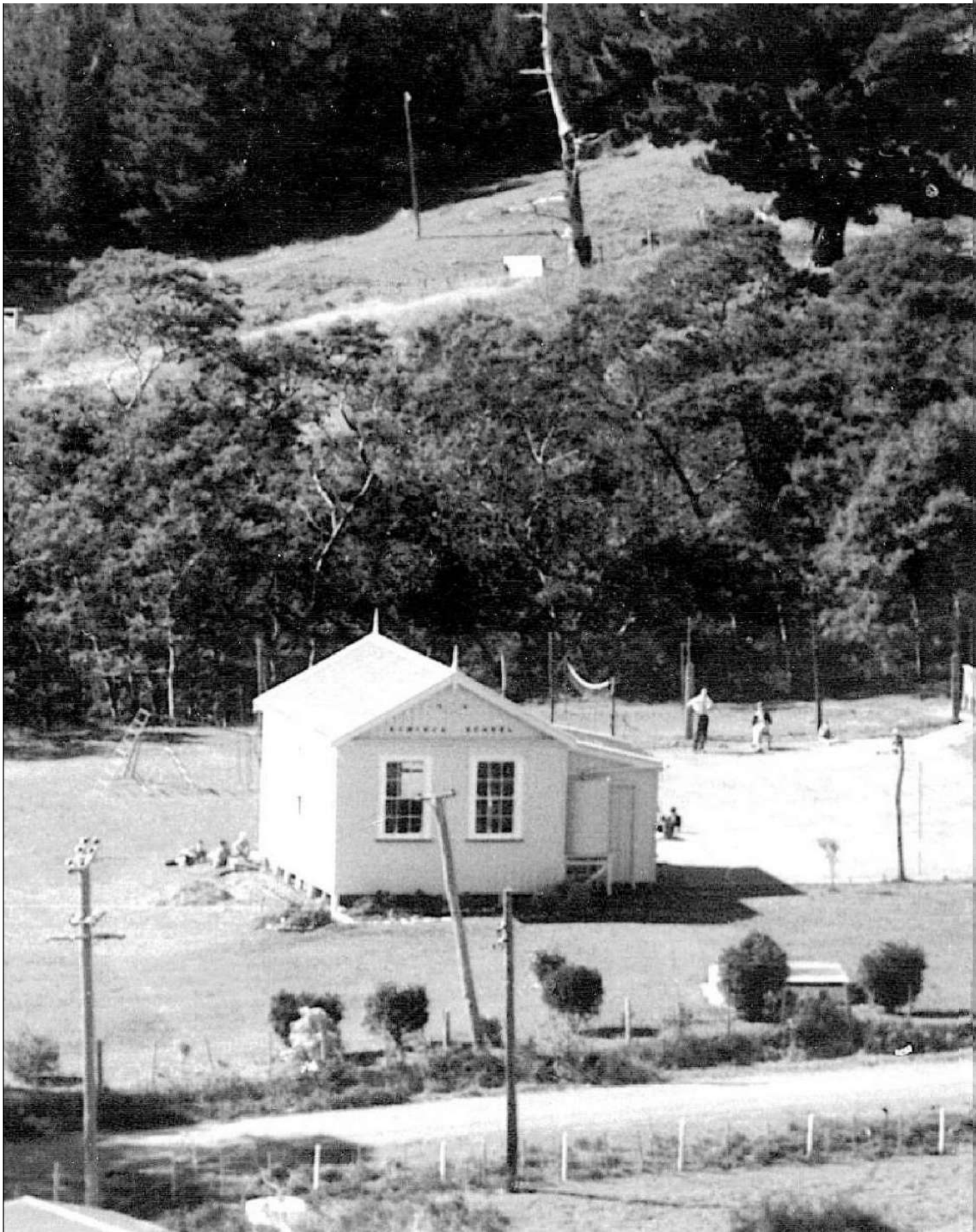
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- ✱ On the 16th a School Concert and Fancy Dress was held in the St John Ambulance Hall in Hakanoa Street in the evening. Also that evening was the Christmas Tree and sweets, lollies, ice-cream and presents were provided by the Committee. A large crowd in attendance proved that the school building is unable to cope with these numbers. A farewell to Form 2 and the Head teacher Mr Burney was held that same evening.
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Inventive hair styles of 1964





The two staff members (Marion Bogie seated) and Mick Mather at the beginning of the lunch-hour, where the children were required to stay seated until they had consumed their lunch and were 'released' by the teacher.

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A staff-room was soon to be an addition when the school expanded to three rooms and was to be sited in the shadow of the school building.

The headmaster's residence is just visible bottom left and shows the garage roof.

The iconic school tree is just out of shot to the lower left.



The boys' toilet can be seen below the tall tree in the centre of this shot with the girls' toilet hidden by the trees immediately to the right.

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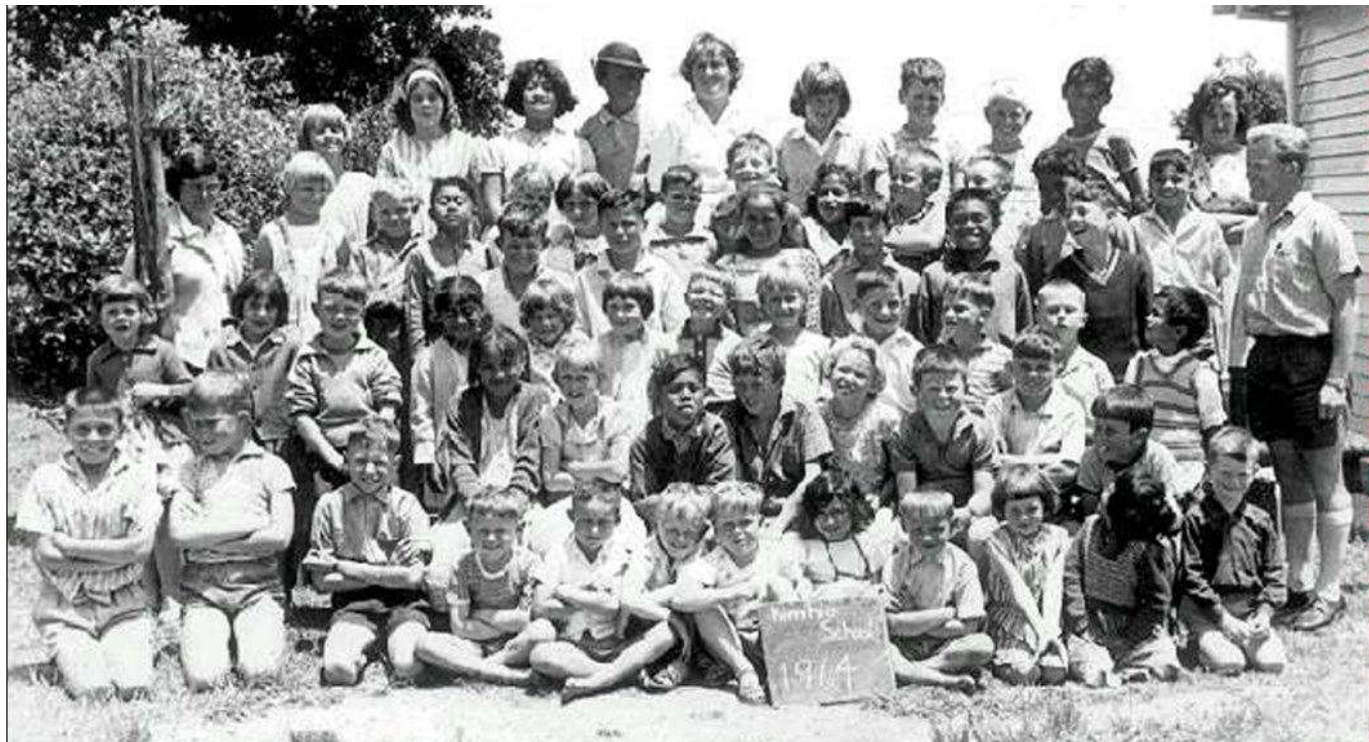
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The old house to the top rear sat on land that was, until the mid-50's, mined for coal as the seam sloped up from the lake and was almost exposed on the crest of the hill adjacent to the school property.

The house at the top right is thought to be that of the Bredesen family.





### 1964 - all pupils

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**Right: Calf Club Awards, October 1964.**  
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### Fathers v Sons football match.

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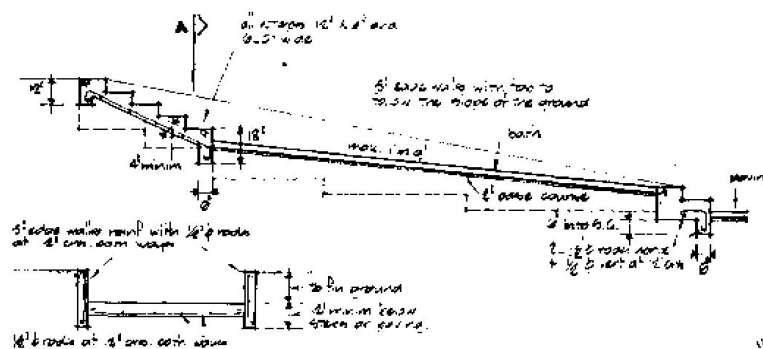
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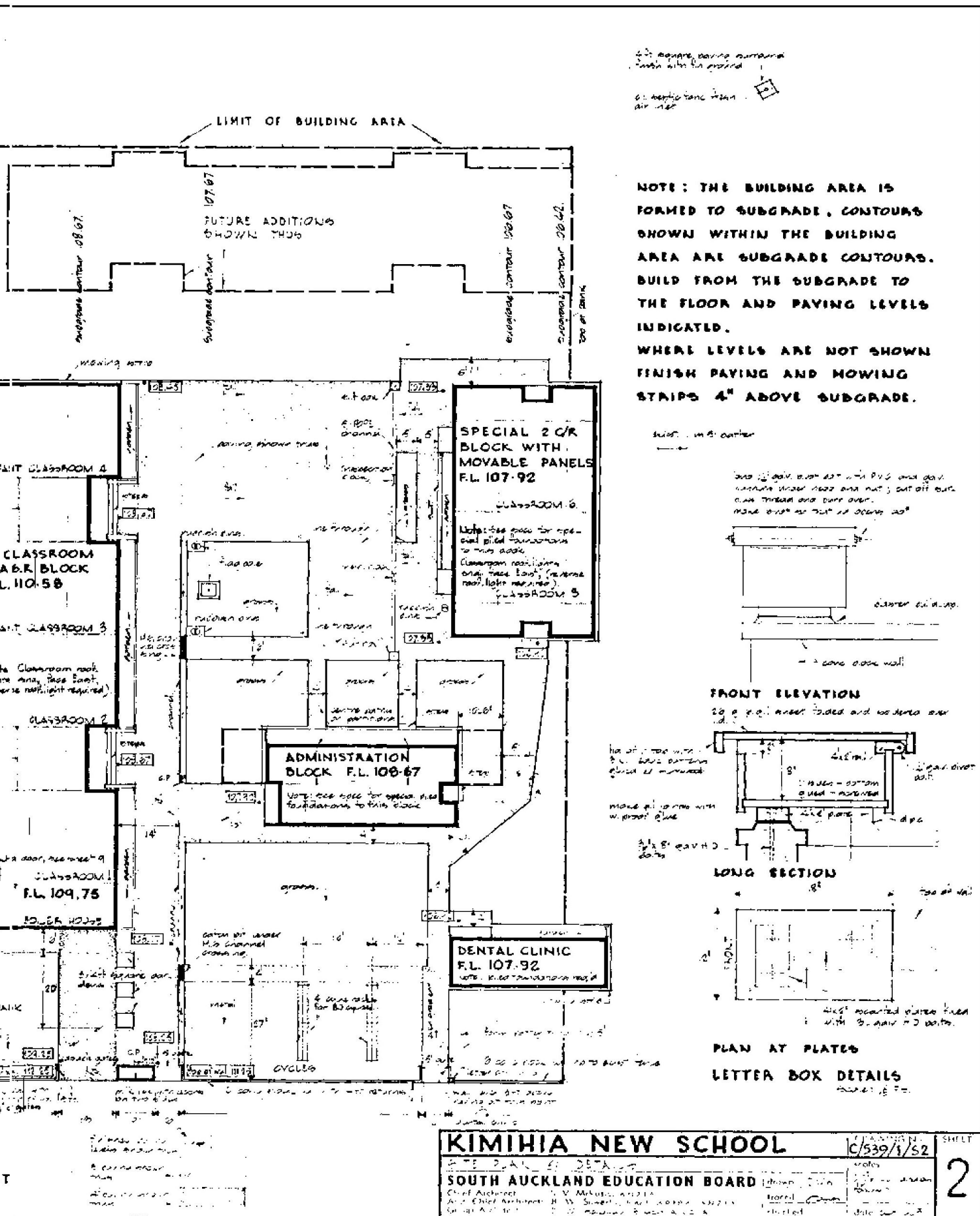


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Chris Kendrick 2nd,  
Peter Hart 3rd.

Potatoes:

Deane Carroll 1st,  
Ross Carroll 2nd,  
Gaylene Johnson 3rd.

Silver Beet -

Wayne Clarke 1st,  
Rodger Tinney 2nd,  
Deane Carroll 3rd.

Rhubarb -

Brett Holland 1st,  
Kevin Robinson 2nd,

Leanne Leech 3rd.

Lettuce -

Rodger Tinney 1st,  
Kevin Robinson 2nd,  
Brenda Martin-Smith 3rd.

Cooking (Sponge) -

Sheryl Grut 1st,  
Lorraine Cope 2nd,  
Carolyn Thompson 3rd.

### ***December***

✱ The Christmas and End-of-Year social was held in the St John's Ambulance Hall on Wednesday 15th. The programme included singing games, plays, physed displays, songs with actions along with free ice-creams and sweets for the children.

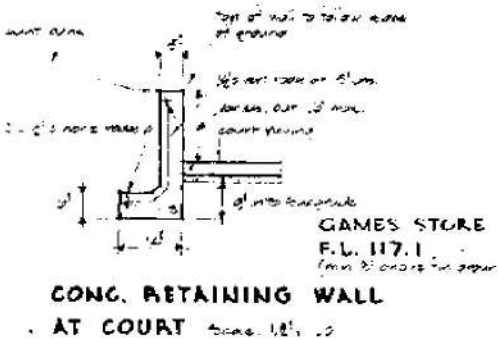
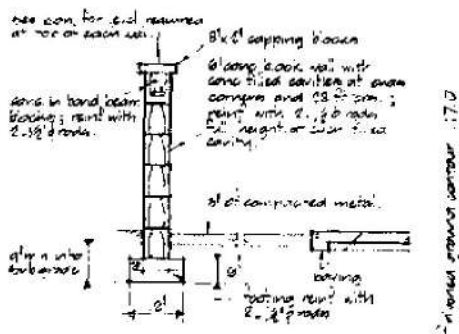
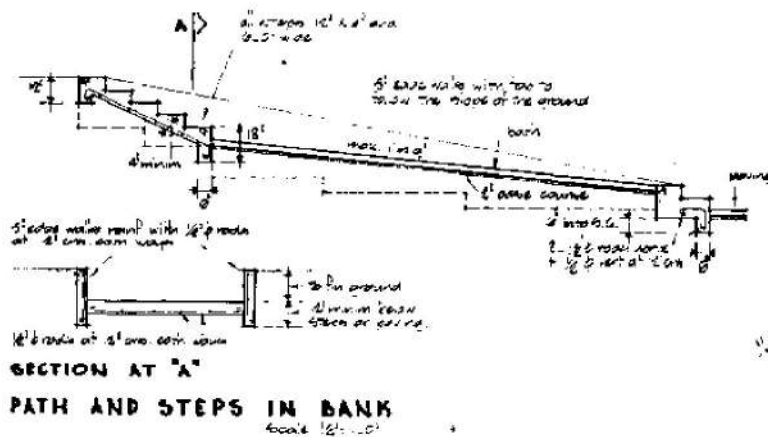
✱ The school year ended on Friday 17th at 2pm.



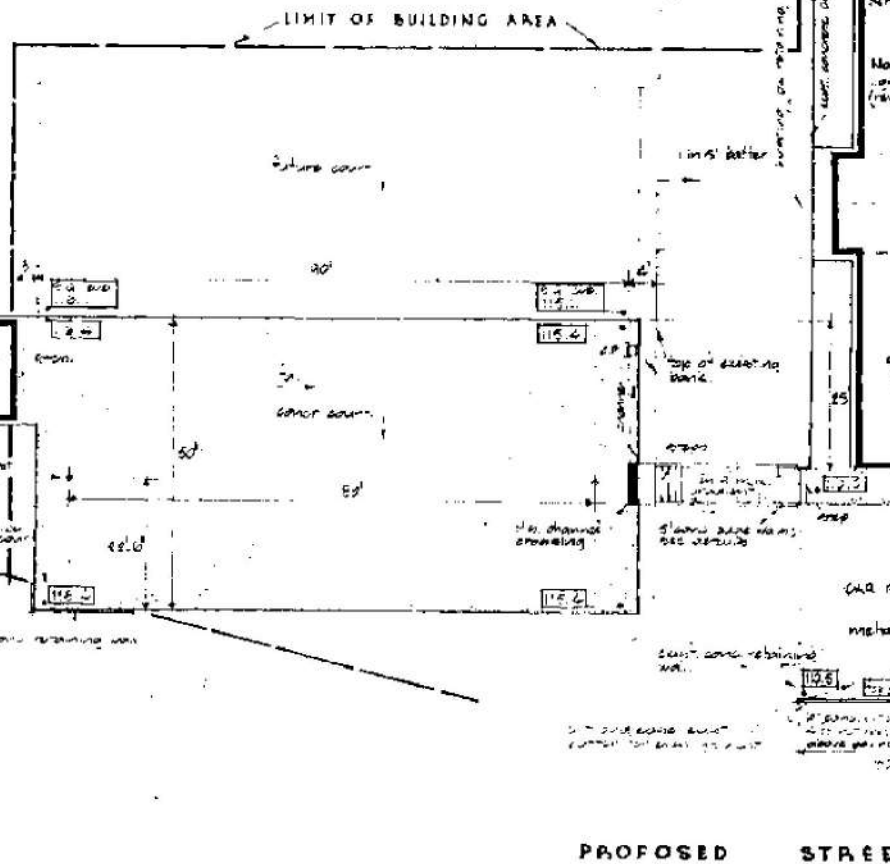
**The Kimihia Mine village (1963 photo)**

The canal shown running across between the village and the mine maintenance area was the route of the original railway line out to the underground mine established in the 1890s. In the early 1950s, as the opencast areas were extended to the west, the rails were realigned to the north (shown) and the old rail bed was deepened to act as a drainage canal. This was necessary as the mine pit provided a major obstacle to the natural drainage of the area south of the lake into the Waikato River away to the west.





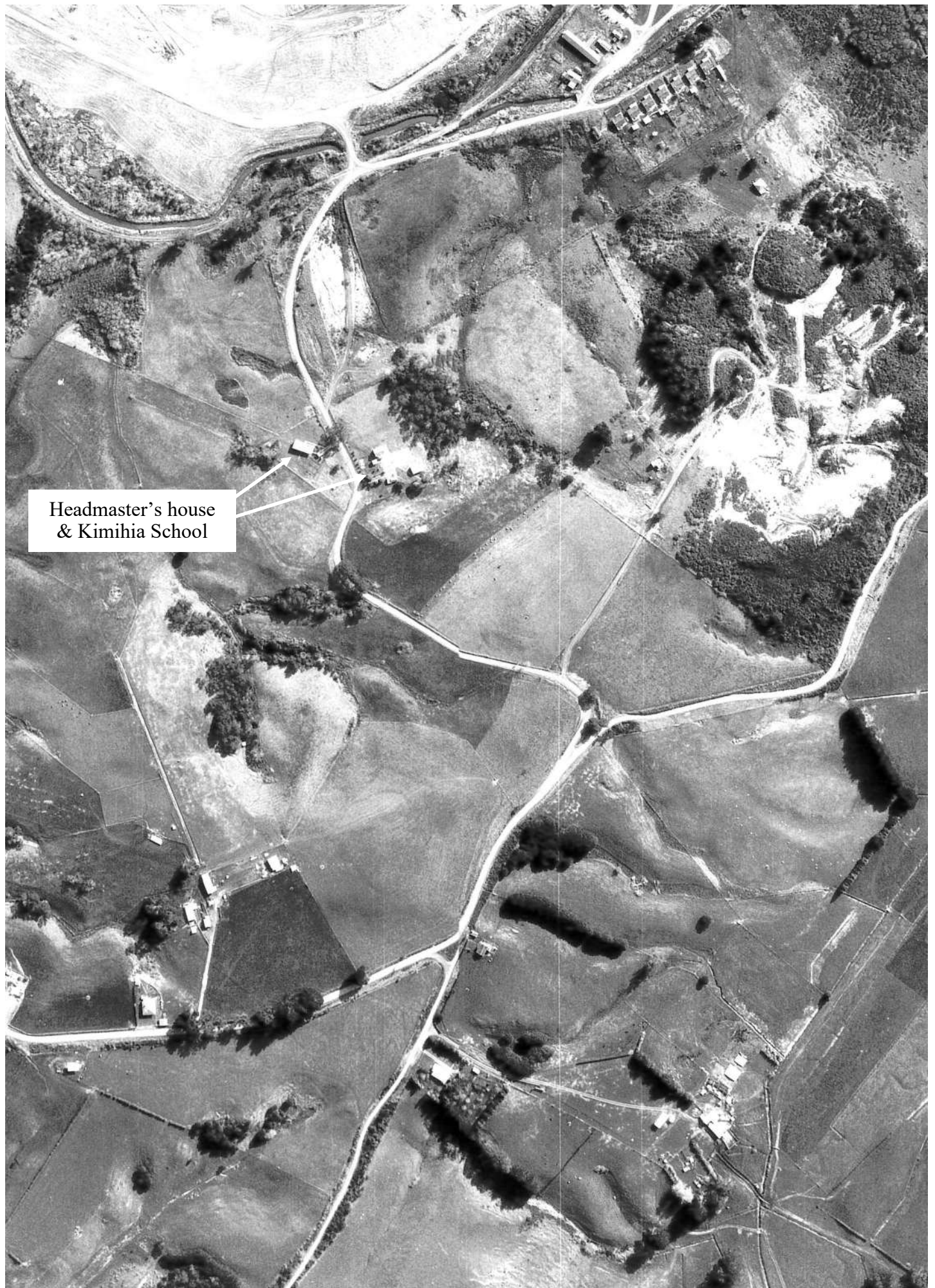
**GAMES STORE**  
F.L. 117.1  
(from 117.00 to 117.10)



The building plan for the proposed new Kimihia School to be built on  
The school would be ready for the start of the 1967 year







A 1963 view of the Kimihia Opencast Mine's southern border with the location of Kimihia School.

# 1966

## Enrolments

Feb-02 1966	P	<b>BURDES</b> Michael Newrick
Sep-05 1966	P	<b>CARTER</b> Denise May
Nov-05 1966	S1	<b>CASTLE</b> Kevin James
Nov-05 1966	S3	<b>CASTLE</b> Sharon Anne
Sep-05 1966	P	<b>DARKE</b> Ernest John
Sep-05 1966	P4	<b>DARKE</b> Patricia Joy
Apr-06 1966	S4	<b>DIXON</b> Yvonne
Mar-22 1966	P4	<b>EDWARDS</b> Epere
Nov-07 1966	P	<b>FORREST</b> Jaqueline Frances
Feb-07 1966	P	<b>GILES</b> Jeffery Steven Rae
Feb-07 1966	S1	<b>GILES</b> Julie Elanor Mae
Feb-07 1966	S3	<b>GILES</b> Norman Paul
Feb-07 1966	F1	<b>GILES</b> Susan Virginia
Feb-07 1966	F2	<b>GILES</b> Walter Dean
Feb-02 1966	P	<b>HOLLAND</b> Lynley Robyn
Jul-14 1966	P	<b>HORROX</b> David
Feb-02 1966	S2	<b>KENDRICK</b> Catherine Anne
Feb-02 1966	P4	<b>KENDRICK</b> Pamela Jane
Mar-07 1966	P	<b>MANAIA</b> Robert
Nov-21 1966	P	<b>REID</b> Alexander
Nov-21 1966	P	<b>REID</b> Nicholas
Jun-01 1966	P	<b>ROTANA</b> Heta
Jul-25 1966	P	<b>SYME</b> Graeme Bruce
Sep-05 1966	P	<b>TAIPARI</b> Carl John
Nov-14 1966	P4	<b>TAUROA</b> Elaine
Nov-08 1966	S3	<b>TAUROA</b> Rona
Jun-30 1966	P	<b>TINNEY</b> Denise Rose
Feb-23 1966	S1	<b>TUMAI</b> Kere
Feb-23 1966	P2	<b>TUMAI</b> Meriana
Feb-23 1966	S3	<b>TUMAI</b> Tukotahi
Sep-12 1966	P	<b>TURNER</b> Gary
Sep-12 1966	P4	<b>TURNER</b> Richard Parata
Sep-07 1966	P	<b>UNU</b> Nan Tangiia
Apr-05 1966	P	<b>UNU</b> Ngatupuna Tangiia
Sep-07 1966	P	<b>UNU</b> Ngatupuna Tangiia

Teachers: Mr Mick Mather, Mr Sandy MacDonald  
& Mrs Marion Bogie

## February

- ✱ The school opened with a roll of 76. The staff comprised Marion Bogie (infants), A. D. (Sandy) MacDonald (P3-S2) and R. Mather (S3-F2). Mr A. D. MacDonald's appointment is of special interest as he is a Kimihia ex-pupil - his schooling of course being in the sole-charge days.
- ✱ School swimming instruction was commenced at the Huntly baths between 10 and 11 am daily with transport by Simpson's bus. The response from parents was good with the children thoroughly enjoying their instruction and their progress was most gratifying. The infants made rapid progress.

## March

- ✱ Thirty-eight children travelled by cars to the Founders Theatre in Hamilton to see the NZ Ballet presentation of character dances from Petrouchka as well as the final act from Sleeping Beauty. Admission was 2/6.
- ✱ Miss Jocelyn Ross, the specialist visiting teacher of the deaf from Hamilton attended the PTA meeting to give an account of her work to an attendance of 12.

- ✱ The school competed in the inter-school athletics at the Huntly Domain. Peter Hiki was first in the senior boys high jump (4' 4") and Carolyn Thompson was first in the senior girls shot put.

## April

- ✱ The seniors travelled to Ohinewai for softball matches against both Ohinewai and Waiterimu schools on Thursday 21st. The children played very well in this non-competitive fixture. This was the second year that the boys team were able to maintain a top side, defeating all-comers except for an unexpected loss to Huntly West during the year. The team was made up of Peter Hiki (pitcher), Jimmy Yates (catcher), Murray Jones (1st base), Wayne Clark (2nd base), Graham Ashby (3rd base), Clive Ashby (short stop), Joshua Davis (outfield), William Watene (outfield) and Russell Quigley (outfield).
- ✱ The cross-country run for boys was held at Rakaumanga on 29th. The Kimihia boys had trained well during their dinner hours. Placegetters were: Seniors - Wayne Clarke 3rd, Jimmy Yates 12th, Wally Giles 18th. Intermediates - Clive Ashby 6th, Kahi Kirkwood 23rd, Ian Bogie 30th, William Watene 40th. Juniors - Robert Thompson 9th, Stuart Quigley 10th, Euan Nicholson 25th, Dean Carroll 31st, Kere Tumai 39th.
- ✱ On Tuesday 26th the PTA listened to an interesting account of teaching experiences in Samoa given by Mr K. Berryman, the Advising Teacher for Rural Schools. At this same meeting the PTA approved the purchase of £33 worth of books for the school. A bottle drive four days later raised £28.

## May

- ✱ On Thursday 26th a public meeting was held in the school to discuss the building of baths at the new Kimihia school. There were 30 present and it was decided to go ahead and endeavour to raise the money for the project. Elected to the Baths Committee were Ron Holland (chairman), B. Grut (secretary), I. Quigley, E. Jones, R. Yates, G. White, J. Rakels, R. Mather, J. Chandler, J. Martin-Smith and F. Forrest.

## June

- ✱ Rugby and Basketball were the activities at the Huntly Districts Field Day in which Kimihia fielded one complete 10-aside rugby team in the 6 stone competition, in which they were unbeaten.
- ✱ Collectors called on homes in the area for donations towards the baths project. £140 was raised.

## July

- ✱ Mr Miller, a Gordon & Gotch salesman, spoke at the PTA meeting.

## August

- ✱ On the 16th the PTA held a film evening where two humorous films were shown followed by two films from the Japanese Embassy.
- ✱ During the August holidays the ladies from the baths committee held a most successful day at Garden Place in Huntly. Their 'opportunity shop' earned £95. The response from all ladies in the district with





### **New Entrants, Primers 1 and 2, 1966 - Teacher Marion Bogie**

- Rear:** Mark Foster, (1) \_\_\_\_\_, Jimmy Nash, Boy Turner, Paul Forrest, Jacky Rakels, Ken Thompson, Simon Burdes, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, Geoffrey Giles, Ernest Darke.
- Centre:** Lynley Holland, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, Heather Chandler, Donna Dally, Lynnette Thompson, Nan Turner, Leanne Leach, Carole Brungar, Gaylene Johnson, Patricia Jones.
- Front:** Mark Foster, Chris Kendrick, David Horrox, Rodger Tinney, Selwyn Watene, Kevin Holland, Robert Manaia, Lex Reid.

donations of sewing, cooking and second-hand clothing was excellent. On the same day (Friday 26th) the men from the baths committee conducted a 'pig in the barrow' raffle which netted £60 profit.

#### **September**

- ✱ A bottle drive raised £32 for the baths fund. Involved were Ron Holland, G. White, R. Forrest, N. Burdes, G. Chandler, A. MacDonald and R. Mather.
- ✱ On Thursday 29th a public meeting was held at the Kimihia school at 7:30pm to report on fund-raising activities to date, provide a financial statement and to discuss proposals for further fund-raising activities.

#### **November**

- ✱ Sixty-four children attended a presentation of the play 'The Hunters and the Henwife' by the Southern Comedy Players held in the Huntly Town Hall. Mrs M. Bogie was in attendance. Mr A. MacDonald took the softball team to Huntly west School to play.
- ✱ On the 29th the Kimihia School Flower Show and Gala Day was held despite the unsuitable weather. Much of the programme had to be rearranged, but the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and, whilst attendance was not as good as expected on a fine day, the profit from the sales and raffles realised £45. The children were

congratulated on the way they conducted themselves despite the pouring rain, and for making a success of a very difficult day.. It was a special day, being the last public day at the Kimihia School.

#### **December**

- ✱ On the 3rd another bottle drive was held in the Kimihia area raising £19. Helpers were R. Holland, G. White, N. Burdes, G. Chandler and R. Mather.
- ✱ An excellent muster of helpers attended to repolish furniture to be transferred to the new Kimihia School. These were R. Holland, B. Grut, D. Reid, A. Leech, I. Foster, G. White, R. Darke, J. Nash, R. Nicholson, D. Hart, I. Quigley, E. Jones, D. Bogie, N. Burdes and L. Holland. This project added £67 to the baths fund.
- ✱ On December 14th at 7:30 in the evening a large crowd attended the school's final function for the year in the St John Ambulance Hall. Items presented by the school children were well received by parents and as special treats we had a magician's act by Mr R. Irving and a presentation of slides of 'yesteryear' by Mr Drayton. The slides showing events of previous years were most appropriate, this being the final function of Kimihia School.
- ✱ Presentations on behalf of the school children and the School Committee were made by Miss Sheryl



Grut of Form 1 and Mr Ron Holland (chairman) to Mr & Mrs R. Mather. These gifts provided treasured memories for the Mathers of two very happy years at Kimihia School.

- ✱ School closed at 2pm on Friday the 10th, being the final day of the old school, it was quite an occasion. The school was well-equipped and when this was transferred to the new school it would ensure an excellent start for the new Kimihia School in February 1967.

*Signed - R. (Mick) Mather,  
Head Teacher, 16.12.66*

Up until the closure at the end of 1966 the school had been used for the past 70 years as the centre of district affairs from kitchen evening to political meetings, as the area had no hall.

In 1966 a new Kimihia School was started off Russell Road in Tamihana Avenue and a new bin was built at the mine where the coal train now only visited once a week. The Waikato Times reported on 15th March 1966:

*"A new primary school at Kimihia, Huntly, is due to be opened either in the third term of this year or at the beginning of next.*

*"Completion date of the construction contract is set at October 23, and it is most likely the school will be opened next year.*

*"With the opening of the new school the present Kimihia School will be closed.*

*"Sixty children attend the present Kimihia school, and they will all attend the new school.*

*"The new school, which will cost £38,500, will have six classrooms, a dental room, games room and administration block.*

*"Some of the building will be completed in Huntly brick veneer, with the rest being finished in timber. Six teachers will be teaching at the school, which will have a capacity for 230 children.*

*"It is expected that 120 to 130 children will be drawn from the Huntly primary school to attend the new school.*

*"The site was developed by local contractor Mr L. Masson, at a cost of £4500, and the building will be completed by John Fredrickson, another local contractor."*

The old school (now three-teacher) closed at the end of 1966 and the 90 children were relocated to the new school closer into Huntly with Principal Mick Mather easing the transition by handing over to the new Principal John Lloyd for the 1967 year.

On the 14th of December 1966 the pupils put on what was to be their last end-of-year concert for the parents at the 'old school' and the single-sheet programme is shown on page 189.



**Primer 3 to Standard 2, 1966 - Teacher Sandy MacDonald (an ex-pupil of 1950-57)**

- Rear:** George Perry, Jimmy Carter, Stewart Quigley, Paul White, Euan Nicholson, Robert Thompson, (1) \_\_\_\_\_, Brett Holland, Dean Carroll, Kevin Hart, (2) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Centre:** Kevin Leach, Carol White, Sandra Rakels, Bronwyn Jones, Debbie Holland, Valmay Dally, Catherine Kendrick, Bernice Fredrickson?, Kahlua Ashby, Wendy Watene, Mark Foster.
- Front:** Pamela Kendrick, Nicky Ryburn, Brenda Martin-Smith, Eleanor Giles, Patricia Darke, Polly Pere.



On May 2nd 1967 the public were informed of the fate of the grand old classroom in a Waikato Times article:

*The historic Kimihia School may be moved from its present site to be used for a library at Melville School.*

*"Although we much applaud the Huntly Jaycees' desire to convert the building into a monument or museum to the Kimihia district, the education of our children must take precedence." Mr K. C. M. Cockerill, general manager of the South Auckland Education Board, Hamilton, told The Times.*

*"For some years now, no libraries have been built at primary schools. The board has been trying to get the Government to change its policy on this for some time, but without success.*

*"So in the meantime we are using any room not suitable as a classroom for this purpose. We were delighted to see at Broadlands School near Rotorua where the old school block of 350-400 sq. ft was shifted and fitted with shelves and other library fittings by the local P.T.A. Now the board is maintaining the building.*

*"The same thing is possible at Melville. Mr Dickie, the headmaster, noticed the old Kimihia building, and realised that it would be ideal for this purpose.*

*"The P.T.A. has been asked to meet the cost of carrying the building and setting it up as a library. It will be ideal, as it is too small for use as an ordinary classroom."*

Library work was becoming an important subject, Mr Cockerill said, as library work of all kinds was becoming more a part of modern school procedure. The board agreed that Kimihia school would not be put up for auction, as is the normal procedure.

"The board is wholeheartedly behind the move," he said.

"The project will be completed at no cost to the taxpayer, and the board will continue to maintain the building on completion of the work."

Mr P. Leather, a Huntly Jaycee, said he had hoped the old school would become a local monument and museum.

*"It was built in 1897 at a cost of £190, and four generations of the earlier families have passed through it," he said. "Since the time when Kimihia was a coalmining town with farming as one of the sidelines, the school has been used as a centre for district affairs in the absence of a local hall. It has now been vacant since the beginning of the year, when the new school was occupied."*



**Standard 3 to Form 2, 1966 - Teacher Mick Mather**

**Rear:** Ross Carroll, Murray Jones, Peter Hiki, Brian White, Stuart White, Ivan White.

**3rd Row:** John Quigley, Ian Bogie, Clive Ashby, Ross Grut, Bill Giles, (1) \_\_\_\_\_, Norman Giles, Peter Hart, Bill Jones.

**2nd Row:** Robert Thompson, Susan Giles, Sheryl Grut, Sharon Castle, Carolyn Thompson, Rangi Pere, Yvonne Dixon, Russell Quigley.

**Front:** Joanne Rakels, Fay Giles, Paula Thompson, Rona Tauroa, Polly Pere.

Kimihia School Committee 1966

R. Holland - Chairman  
B. Grut - Secretary  
J. Rakels  
G. White  
R. Yates

Kimihia School Staff 1966

R. Mather - Headmaster  
M. Bogie - Supervisor of Junior  
Classes  
A. D. MacDonald

PROGRAMME - 14th DECEMBER 1966

WELCOME Mr R. Mather, Headmaster  
POEMS Infants  
ANIMAL GRAB Std 2  
MELODRAMA Senior Boys  
THE OLD MAN & THE PIG Infants  
MAGICIAN Ray Irving  
THE BRIGHTEST STAR Primer 4 to Std 2  
YESTERYEAR G. Drayton  
CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS  
SUPPER

Programme pages from the last end-of-year school concert at the Kimihia Primary

THE BRIGHTEST STAR

Party Children:

Bronwyn Jones  
Catherine Kendrick  
Sandra Rakels  
Shelaine Ashby  
Elanor Giles  
Pam Kendrick

Patricia Darke  
Nicky Rhyburn  
Jimmy Carter  
Kevin Hart  
Kevin Leach  
Sandra Quigley  
Mark Foster  
Elaine Tauroa

Reader: Deborah Holland

Shepherds: Euan Nicholson

Richard Turner  
Kevin Castle

Angels: Stuart Quigley

Carol White  
Wendy Watene  
Brenda Martin-Smith  
George Pere  
Leanne Leach  
Brett Holland  
Carol Brunger

Kings: Robert Thompson

Lynley Holland

Ken Thompson  
Paul Forrest  
Paul White

MELODRAMA

Reader: Ian Bogie

Prince Alphonso Delpopolo:

Ivan White

Maggie O'Brien: Stuart White

Zingarella: Peter Hart

Patrick: Ross Grut

Curtains: Jimmy Yates &

Epere Edwards

William Watene

THE OLD WOMAN & THE PIG

Old Woman: Donna Dally

Pig: Jacky Rakels

Seller: Roger Tinney

Dog: Kevin Robinson

Stick: Patricia Jones

Fire: Nan Unu

Water: Chris Kendrick

Ox: Jimmy Nash

Butcher: Mark Nicholson

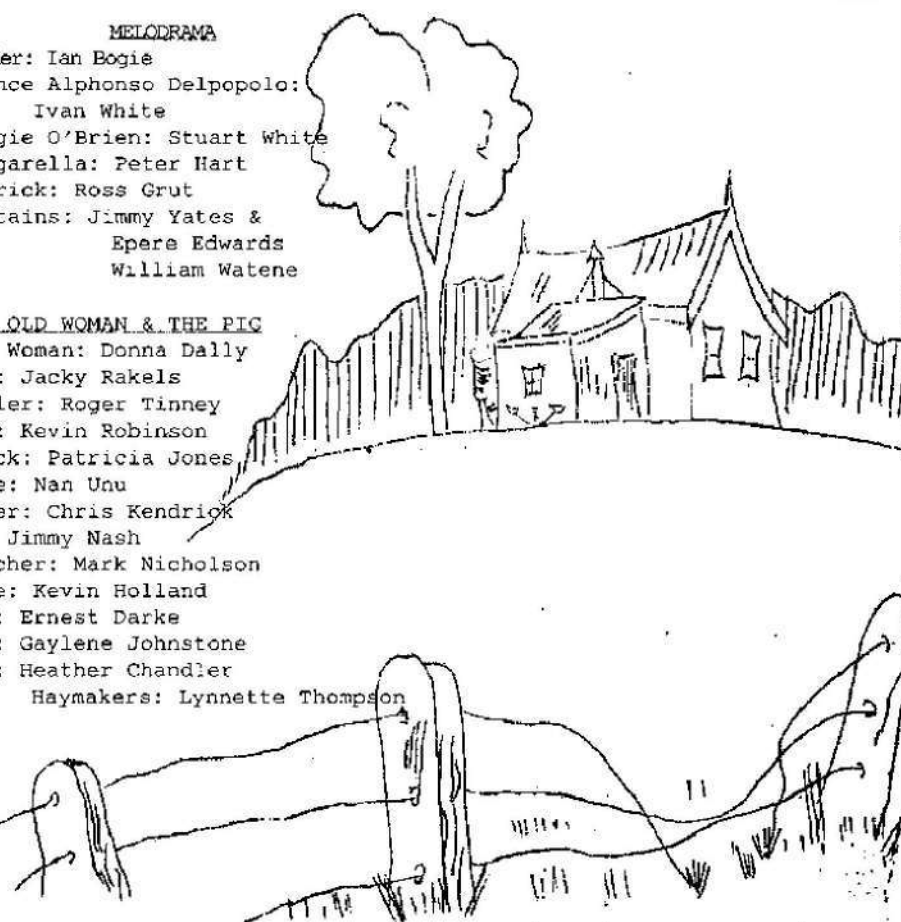
Rope: Kevin Holland

Rat: Ernest Darke

Cat: Gaylene Johnstone

Cow: Heather Chandler

Haymakers: Lynnette Thompson







Teacher Marion Bogey's Junior class pupils outside their room in the early 1960s.



# The Schoolroom

Few photos were available of the interior of the original schoolroom. **The photos on these pages are from the historic school located at Hamilton's Mystery Creek Village.** In most instances the building is similar. The only change to be observed is that the wall with three windows in these photos had only two windows in the original building at Kimihia, with no upper window.



This junction between the two walls was the site of the rain-water tank. Toilets on the rise above the school were “long drops”, regularly emptied by a parent volunteer.



Below the entry-room window were two handbasins for use by the pupils. There was no hot-water source, making winter washing a chore.





The Middle School and Seniors teaching area.







Two views of the “Foyer” where bags were hung and cupboards used to store class materials.



The walls were not clad (as shown here) and the three windows facing East were, in the original building, only two. This was the “Primers’ Corner” and did not include an exit door.





Above: Below the two western-facing windows was situated a garden, in which flowers and vegetables were grown and tended to by the pupils.

In the photo above the Kimihi stove was positioned more to the right, between the blackboard and the entry door. It was used to heat the room in winter as well as the daily free milk supply to make cocoa. Coal was supplied by the opencast mine just down the hill from the school. In summer the milk, delivered into a roadside box, was heated by the morning sun and was less than enjoyable!

The left side of the room was the Primer's area. The foyer (through the door) was where bags and coats were hung and cupboards used to store teaching materials. A handbasin was also fixed to the inner wall below the window.

In the '60s a prefabricated building was added to cater for the Junior classes, later to be increased with another pre-fab' for Middle School pupils.

The school was closed at the end of the 1966 year and the new school on Tamihana Avenue (off Russell Road, Huntly) was opened.

Efforts were made with the Education Department to have the original building moved onto the new school site as an historical and useable asset. However the Education Department had assigned the building to be transported to the Melville Primary School and fitted out as a Library.

The old building was located at the front of the Melville Primary and was totally unrecognizable as the structure it once was. It has now been totally replaced with a more updated and purposeful structure.