30 April 1878

**Education Board formed**
The first meeting of the newly elected Education Board was held yesterday in the Council Chamber.
Present: Miss Herbert, Rev D. Sidey, Captain Russell, M. H. R., Mr. Ormomd, M.H.R., Mr Sutton, M.H.R. and Mr Lee.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald 1 May 1878

8 July 1879

**Tenders**
Tenders have been accepted for the Makaretu School House from E.P. Coles for a tender price £206.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald

20 September 1879

**Surveying charges** – from Hawke's Bay Education Board
**Correspondence**
From Mr H. Baker, chief surveyor, in reference to Mr. Ross's charges for surveying the Makaretu and Blackburn school sites, recommending that £18 18s be paid for the work. Mr Baker added that the plans supplied by Mr. Ross had not been completed in accordance with the regulations for land transfer. The Board directed Mr. Ross be informed that they would be willing to pay the amount recommended by Mr. Baker when the plans were completed in accordance with the regulations.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald

19 November 1879

**Building materials**
The timber for the Blackburn and Makaretu schoolhouse is now ready, and waiting for the contractor to put in an appearance to erect them.
Ref: - Waipawa Mail

11 February 1880

**Announcing new schools**
Until now there has only been one school, Ashley Clinton, in our wide spread district; but owing to the kindness of Mr. H. H. Bridge, who takes a great interest in our settlement, we shall have two additional schools, one in Blackburn, now finished, and one in the centre of the Scandinavian settlement, which will be finished in a fortnight. We hope that both will be provided with able teachers, as there will be considerable number of children in attendance.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald

18 June 1880

**Building in progress**
Makaretu & Blackburn School houses are not finished yet.
Ref: Hawke's Bay Herald

21 July 1880

**Schools completed** - from the Education Board
From the Onga Onga Committee, stating that the schools at Blackburn and Makaretu were finished, and suggesting that they should be conducted as half time schools; also asking for a master's cottage at Makaretu. The committee were authorised to advertise for a teacher, and the erection of a cottage, not to cost more than £200, was sanctioned.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald

4 August 1880

**School opens**
Makaretu School opens for the first time today.
Ref: - Makaretu School Roll

4 August 1880

**First child on admission roll**
The first child registered on the Admission Roll was Christian Larsen, born 17-7-1869, and father is Lauritz Larsen of Makaretu.
Ref: - Makaretu School Roll

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16 August 1880

**School admission roll**

Christian Berkahn registered on admission roll No 21, on the 16-8-1880, born 26-2-1873 in Jannarup, Thisted, North Jutland, Denmark.

17 August 1880

**Mr. Brittain appointment**

From the Onga Onga School Committee, recommending that Mr. Brittain should be appointed to the mastership of the Makaretu and Blackburn schools. Approved, subject to Mr. Brittain passing the necessary examination.

18 August 1880

**First school master**

Mr Britten - Master at Makaretu & Blackburn Schools. Half day only at each school?
Ref: - Education Board News-Papers Past

20/21 August 1880

**Severe Hurricane**

Severe Hurricane blew down trees in their thousands, destroying all the fences in the bush, and blocking every road. The school chimney was blown down. The school attendance is low owing to the bad weather.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald

21 September 1881

**Fencing around school**

From the Onga Onga School Committee, asking for the fencing of the Makaretu school site, on the ground the master (who had both Makaretu and Blackburn schools) was obliged to keep horse to go backwards and forwards, and bush cattle had eaten all the grass on the school site, the horse wandered into the bush in search of food, and the master sometimes spent two or three hours in finding the animal. The cost of the fencing was estimated at £20. Agee to.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald

21 September 1881

**Meeting of householders – Masters house complete**

The meeting of householders in the education district of Onga Onga, Blackburn, and Makaretu, which was postponed in consequence of there being no attendance on the day originally fixed, was held at the school-house, Onga Onga, on Friday evening last. Mr Drummond was voted to the chair. The chairman of the outgoing committee stated in his annual report that he was glad to say the master’s house at Makaretu was completed, and that the grounds at both the Blackburn and Makaretu schools were fenced in. He also mentioned the necessity of the committee exercising their influence to induce the parents to send their children regularly to school. The attendance during the last half year had been most unsatisfactory, and it was impossible for the teachers to obtain satisfactory results when the attendance was so irregular.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald
27 May 1882
Application for new teacher
Applications for the post of teacher at Blackburn & Makaretu school to be received in Napier by the 10th of May, and recommendations to a board meeting on the 16th. The present teacher leaves on the 31st. Two horses are needed by the teacher in order to insure punctual attendance at both schools.
Ref: - Waipawa Mail

27 May 1882
Teacher leaves on 31st
The Makaretu School published an advertisement calling for applications for the post of teacher at the Blackburn-Makaretu School. The Makaretu school house is quite inaccessible in winter for carts. The present teacher leaves on the 31st.
Ref: - Waipawa Mail

August 1882
Head Masters
Mr F H Brittain was dismissed from the master ship of the Blackburn and Makaretu schools.
Mr. William F. Howlett - Master of Blackburn & Makaretu Schools. 1882 to 1886
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald - Education Board

14 September 1882
Mr F. H. Brittain resigned
A report it appears has gained currency At Meanee that Mr F. H. Brittain who now has charge of St. Mary's College, Meanee, was dismissed from the mastership of Blackburn and Makaretu schools. As the report is likely to be prejudicial to Mr. Brittain we have been requested to state what the circumstances really were under which Mr. Brittain connection with those schools ceased. Mr. Brittain himself resigned the mastership, stating as his reasons that he wished to leave Makaretu owing to its being an out of the way place, where the daily requisites of life were difficult to procure. We believe that Mr Brittain gave satisfaction while in charge of Blackburn and Makaretu schools, and that the Inspector's report on the examinations he held of the schools during Mr Brittain's term was favourable.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald 14-9-1882

1882
Teacher won high praise
At Makaretu Mr. William F. Howlett won high praise from school inspector Henry Hill for his innovative curriculum, in which the children 'learnt by doing'. The majority of his pupils were Scandinavians, wrestling with the English language. Inspector Hill reported that: The pupils are made familiar with all forms of business of buying and selling, of exchange, of keeping accounts, of tendering for work, and making topographical plans of the Makaretu settlement. These were mounted and varnished, readily sell to the settlers at prices varying from 2s, to 10s each. This method adopted in teaching, buying and selling, and keeping accounts, is exceedingly interesting. Each senior pupil is required to open a business account with the master. The later is supposed to purchase from the parents, but only through the children articles such as bread, milk, butter, eggs, cream, and directly from the children ells, wood-hens, and many other things. Then, the children purchase from the master various kinds of articles which they or their parents may require.

21 August 1883
Request for grant of money – Hawke’s Bay Education Board
The following correspondence was read:- From Mr. Howlett, master of the Makaretu school, stating that he had built a stable and made other improvements at the school, and asking for a grant of money. Mr. Howlett added that his request were granted he would go on making improvements without applying for further assistance; if the Board could not legally make a grant he would make them a present of work already done.
Reply to be sent stating the Board regretted that they could not legally make a grant.
Ref: - Hawke’s Bay Herald 22-8-1883
11 December 1883

Full time schools
The school inspector strongly urges making, the Makaretu school a full time one, and as the establishment and maintenance of half time schools is not authorised by the Act, it is to be hoped it will be done. All the expenditure hitherto has been illegal, and should not have been allowed to pass without comment by a competent auditor. It would take up too much space to go into this in detail, but the Act is explicit.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald 13-12-1883

11 December 1883

Fireworks display
There is to be a display of fireworks at the school on Wednesday next, the 19th; they were manufactured locally, and all the best French colours have been attempted, but great difficulty is found in getting proper materials in this colony.

18 December 1883

Full time School – Hawke's Bay Board of Education
From Onga Onga committee, re-commending that the Makaretu School be declared a full time school, and that a new master be obtained for Blackburn. The inspector explained that one master now took both schools, and doubts that system of working tended to decrease the attendance at both places. The average attendance at Blackburn was very small, although he believed there were many children in the district. At Makaretu the attendance averaged nearly 30. The Board decided to grant the request so far as Makaretu was concerned; the question of appointing a master to Blackburn to stand over.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald 19-12-1883

2 February 1884

Annual Committee Meeting
The school attracted some attention lately It is in the Onga Onga school district, along with the schools called Blackburn and Onga Onga. Wee, at the annual committee no Blackburn settlers came, and only three from onga onga; there were a great crowd of Scandinavians from Makaretu. The result was that they elected Col. Herrick (chairman), Innes G. Macfarlane (secretary), Anton Hansen, Johannes Johansen, Peter Jensen junior, Johannes Thomsen, and Lauritz Larsen. Consequently The Onga Onga school will practically be ruled by Makaretu, which is 10 miles off. The newly elected committee passed several resolutions, one to the effect that none of the elder children are to be used as monitors without their parents' consent. This will make the school much less effective, as one teacher cannot properly teach seven classes, two of which are infants. The matter is of some general interest, and it would be well if you could induce one or two country teaches to inform you as briefly as possible how they manage. You see infants really require continual supervision, or they would be better playing outside. Leave them alone, and they break their pencils, or use them only to try and make holes in their surroundings generally. Blackburn school is to be closed altogether. Onga Onga School will go on as usual under Miss Smith.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald 5-2-1884

17 June 1884

Inspectors visit – Mr. Hill
Mr. Hill, Inspector of schools, visited the district on the 5th inst. Mr. Hill found 51 children in attendance. He pronounced the accommodation insufficient, and suggested that the Blackburn school (now closed) be pulled down and re-erected as an infant school at Makaretu.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald 17-6-1884

15 July 1884

Enlargement of school
The Makaretu committee applied for enlargement of the school, representing that there was accommodation for only 36 children, while over 50 would attend if there was room. They suggested that the disused Blackburn school should be removed to Makaretu, and added to the school at the latter place. The estimated cost being £80. The inspector endorsed the recommendation of the committee, but the Board could not authorise the work, pending information as to the amount of money to be allotted this year for buildings.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald 16-7-1884
25 November 1884
**School desks required**
Makaretu School has 55 children but only 27 desks. There is a spare school two miles away.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald

10 August 1885
**Store**
Teacher keeps a store in school house. W.F. Howlett.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald

10 October 1885
**Oscar Johansen's Map**
The school was inspected on the 24th. The inspector expressed interest in the maps, especially those of the locality, which took the children five hours to make, and have since being selling freely for 10s a-piece. Oscar Johansen and other children made map of Makaretu, including showing the settlers names on their land. NMB has a photo copy of Gordon Johansen map.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald

20 October 1885
**Charges of Cruelty - from our own Correspondent**
A school committee meeting was held yesterday to investigate charges of cruelty to children, which occurred on the 29th September. The complainant, Johannes Johansen, stated his case, and evidence was heard in support of it. The teacher was then called in and asked for his defence. He said that he had not as yet heard any specific charge, and further declined to offer any defence whatever unless he was present from first to last. The Chairman said he considered it unnecessary to specify the charges, and as the teacher knew what children he had beaten he ought to be ready to defend his action. The teacher said that until the chargers were distinctly specified he could not say what evidence he needed. The Chairman then decided to hear evidence for the complainant over again. The teacher having no opportunity given him to get witnesses was unable to prove his version of the affair, and the committee accordingly passed a resolution in the following words: "That Mr Howlett be instructed not to beat or strike any of the children in any way in future." The teacher has decided to close the school, and has asked for instructions from the Board. He called the children together today and informed them that he would be willing to try to teach them without corporal punishment, but believed it was impracticable to entirely abolish it, and at any rate he did not feel justified in attempting it without the distinct authority of the Board. There will be a number of children in attendance on Thursday about 4 p.m; and if the Board reply is received by that date (The mail arrives on Monday and Thursday) it will be communicated to them and acted upon at once. It is no doubt possible under certain circumstances to entirely abolish the stick; but the question is, whether the experiment should be tried without very careful consideration. The teacher appears to consider that it would be better to begin at some school more immediately under the Board’s notice, and not without the teacher’s cordial assent.
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald 21-10-1885

30 October 1885
**Corporal Punishment - from our Makaretu Correspondent**
"I told you in my last that the school committee had prohibited all corporal punishment and that the teacher had closed the school and asked the Board whether he was bound to recognise this probation. Since then the Board has replied, re-open the school. The teacher, not considered this an answer to his question, had again asked the Board to give him plain orders. It would appear that if the Board entrust the secretary with executive powers sufficient to justify him ordering the school to be reopened, he would also be competent to advise the teacher as requested. Or at any rate to refuse such advice, in which case the teacher is prepared to re-open the school, an act on his own judgment with respect to the committee’s probation of corporal punishment”.
Ref: Hawke’s Bay Herald
17 November 1885
Temporary closing of school
Hawke’s Bay Board of Education

The Chairman said he had before him a tremendously long correspondence relating to the closing of the Makaretu School. Practically what had taken place was this: the master chastised one of the children, and the committee thought the punishment too severe, and ordered the master to desist from corporal punishment in future. He then closed the school, and it remained closed some considerable time. He applied to the Board for advice as to whether the committee had power to stop him inflicting corporal punishment, he (the chairman) instructed the inspector to write telling him to reopen the school pending consideration by the Board of the point Mr. Howlett had raised. As he did not reopen the school the inspector went up and saw him and the school was then reopened after being closed for three weeks. The chairman then read some of the correspondence, which caused great amusement owing to the quaint manner in which Mr. Howlett described the affair. Mr. Harding said the school must have been closed any circumstances, in consequence of the alterations going on. Mr. Sidey said the master must have discretionary powers as to punishment, or he could not maintain discipline. Captain Russell agreed with Mr. Sidey. Mr. Guy said the master had treated both the committee and the Board with contempt, and had by correspondence in the papers brought the Board into ridicule. He Mr. Guy, moved that Mr. Howlett be summarily dismissed for “gross misbehavior” under clause 47 of the Act. Captain Russell said Mr. Howlett was in the wrong, but he was a good teacher. The inspector, replying to a question said Mr. Howlett was a good worker, and most intelligent in his method of teaching. Mr. Harding said they would not get another like Mr. Howlett, but it was to be feared that after this affair would not work amicably with the committee. Mr. Sidey said the real question at issue was whether the committee had a right to stop corporal punishment. Could a committee practically say to a teacher, “You are not to enforce discipline?” Mr. Guy said the real issue was whether a teacher was to be allowed to defy the Board and the committee. Mr. Howlett was too independent. He went into the bush with a store, and taught the school, working one thing with the other. Mr. Sidey; I think it’s a good thing for a teacher to be independent. Mr. Guy: Yes, when he’s got common sense. Replying to Captain Russell, the inspector said Mr. Howlett always seemed to be very popular with the children, they did not seem to be afraid of him, but were quite familiar. How it would be in the future he (the inspector) could not say. He fancied that the present friction would disappear if Mr. Howlett had an assistant to manage the little ones. Very few of them spoke any English, and it required great patience to manage them. The school was entitled to a pupil teacher, and if all the children in the district attended it would be entitled to an assistant mistress. After some further discussion Mr. Guy altered his opinion to read that three months notice be given to Mr. Howlett. Mr. White seconded, giving as his reason a belief that a cordial feeling between Mr. Howlett and the committee would be restored. Captain Russell move that Mr. Howlett be reprimanded. Mr. Harding seconded the amendment, which on being put was carried. On the motion of Mr. Sedey, the secretary was directed to write to the Makaretu committee, expressing regret at the course adopted by the committee, as the Board considered the absolute abolition of corporal punishment impracticable.

Ref: - Hawke’s Bay Herald 18-11-1885

24 November 1885
Charged laid
Charge of disobedience of teacher Mr W.F. Howlett is laid by Education Board.

W. F. Hewlett’s letter
The Makaretu School

Sir:- Will you allow me to say, re your report of their last meeting, that I am altogether repudiate any charge of disobedience to either the Board or committee. If the board give me instructions that I consider in any way compromising to myself I shall resign. If the committee give me ditto, I shall refuse to obey; and if the board afterwards decide that I am right, I maintain I have not disobeyed the committee. Disobedience as a fault means wrongful neglect of instructions. What more can the board wish? What more can the board wish? I say distinctly that their wishes will be loyally carried out by me; and I no reason to expect any efficient support against unreasonable complaints? Whatever impression your report may have produced on outsiders, I persist in considering the board my friends, and believe I have their entire confidence. Although they meet on Tuesday I have not yet (Saturday) received any official communication, and when I do even if it amount to a reprimand, I will shall not consider their confidence withdrawn. The Imperial Government have repeatedly had to tell very high officials that their actions were ill advised. That did not imply blame, but only as error in judgement.

I am W. F. Howlett, Head teacher, Makaretu School.

Ref: - Hawke’s Bay Herald
30 January 1886
**Teacher leaving**
Male teacher leaving Makaretu School 13 March 1886
Ref: - Waipawa Mail

29 June 1886
**School Log Book opened - First entry**
School Log Book opened - First entry (Closed school today for the winter holidays).
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

4 August 1886
**Mr W.F. Howlett**
Mr W.F. Howlett advertising he has removed himself to Pahiatua and doing business as before like in Makaretu Store.
Ref: - Hawke’s Bay Herald

June 1887
**Mr Batson, Master**

14 September 1887
**Mrs Batson Assistant Mistress.**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book - Inspectors report 14-9-1887

18 October 1887
**Rev G Sass on school committee**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book-Inspectors report 14-9-1887

1887
**Loss of schooling**
There were many children in Makaretu and Ashley Clinton, where the private schooling was not given. The fact that no State school was established, for a period of 3 years after the arrival of the first settlers, resulted in the loss of schooling for many children.
Ref: - Manuscript of Mad’s Christensen - Probably prepared between 1900 to 1910

30 January 1888
**Grass harvest**
Attempted to reopen school this morning but owing to the lateness of the grasses harvest could not muster the children.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

23 March 1888
**School feast**
The Makaretu school children had their school feast last Friday. Pastor Sass presided, and Mr. H. H. Bridge liberally provided a grand display of fireworks, part from Sew Hoy, of Dunedin, and part from Messrs Brody of London. Mr Howlett, who resigned his position as Makaretu schoolmaster in 1886, was present to superintend the fizz-bang business. The proceedings were a little damped by the consciousness that a few familiar faces were missing, owing to the calamitous fires. Our correspondent missed Jonny Bergersen, the Rosvals, several Berkahn’s, Blady Charlie, and others.
Ref: - Hawke’s Bay Herald 29-3-1888

23 March 1888
**Master - Mr Batson, Mistress, Mrs Batson, Inspector of schools H.Hill**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

24 April 1888
**A. H. Ross Esq. is the new chairman of school committee.**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book
24 April 1888  
**School committee elected**
Messrs A. H. Ross, H. H. Bridge, A. Hansen, H. Hemmingsen, G. E. Sass, A. Bergensen, and O. Olsen were elected; **Mr. Ross chairman.**
Ref: - Daily Telegraph 27-4-1888

25 April 1888  
**Church teaching**
John Berkahn and Annie Andersen absent today, both are attending a class for instruction of I know not what held by Mr. Sass a member of the school committee.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

25 April 1888  
**Church teaching**
John Berkahn, a boy in the fourth standard has left school in order to attend at the house of Mr. Sass. I am also informed that he, although a member of the school committee has endeavored to persuade the parents of other children to do the same but as yet unsuccessfully.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

30 April 1888  
**Church teaching**
I understand from some children that Mr. Sass has removed his three children from the school.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

7 January 1889  
**Fire**
School closed on account of a dreadful fire that has been raging for several days. The school buildings narrowly escaped. Teachers obliged to leave their house in consequence of intense heat and smoke.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

18 April 1889  
**Meeting**
A meeting of the Makaretu School Committee was held in the school room. Present: Messrs AH Ross (chair) A.Hansen, A. Bergensen, F. Gradwell, Ole Olsen. Moved that a testimonial be presented to Mr & Mrs Batson, in the past 3 years they have been good for the school.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

9 November 1889  
**Sewing Examination 1889**
Std 1 Laura Larsen 85, Mary Pedersen 100, Nicoline Andersen 80, Elizabeth Morrison 90, Mary Johansen 80, Louisa Mattwig 70, Preparatory Hannah Jensen 70, **Annie Rasmussen** 80, Lydia Stenberg 70, Christine Hemmingsen 75.
Std 11 Fanny Berkahn 70, Pauline Gulbrandsen 80, Agnes Madsen 90 **Josephine Rasmussen** 70, Hannah Hansen 80.
Std 111-Susan Harrison 100.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

14 November 1889  
**Dances**
Last entertainment held in school.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

10 December 1889  
**Fireworks**
Mr William Howlett made it a tradition to have fireworks every year between 1882 & 1886
Ref: - Hawke's Bay Herald
10 December 1889
Mistletoe near school
Report of Mistletoe (Loranthus tetrapetala) growing on the Black Bitch or Beech near the Makaretu School.
Ref: W.F. Howlett.
Ref: Hawke’s Bay Herald

15 January 1890
School closed
School closed today for remainder of holidays. The settlers are now busy with their grass seed.
Ref: Makaretu School Log Book

21 February 1890
H.B. Education Board correspondence
Makaretu: wanting a set of window blinds. The forwarding of Mr. and Mrs. Doar’s resignations. Blinds to be renewed. Resignations approved.
Ref: Hawke’s Bay Education Board

21 February 1890
Harvest operations
Harvest operations are not yet finished and the highest number in attendance on any day this week has been 50.
Ref: Makaretu School Log Book

29 April 1890
School – Masters, Inspector, and Board members
Mr & Mrs Batsons school masters at Makaretu School with Mr Hill being the inspector of Hawke’s Bay, Bays schools this time. School committee - Messrs: Gradwell (Chair), A. Hansen, H. Hemmingsen, A.H. Ross, and G Guldbransen.
Ref: The Waipawa Mail

30 April 1890
School Committee
Howlett (Chairman), Messrs Crombie, Gradwell, Hans Hemmingsen, J Connor, Thomsen & Madsen.
Ref: Hawke’s Bay Herald

30 April 1890
Election of school committee
At a meeting of householders at Makaretu the outgoing school committee submitted their report, and a new committee was elected as follows: - Messrs Crombie, Gradwell, Howlett, Hans Hemmingsen, J Conner, Thomsen, and Madsen. The newly elected committee met immediately afterwards, and elected Mr. Howlett chairman for the ensuing year. It was arranged that the first regular meeting should be about the 7th of June, notice to be given by postcard.
Ref: Hawke’s Bay Herald

13 May 1890
Mr Batson’s resignation
The Makaretu School Committee met Saturday, assuming the Board accept Mr Batson’s resignation, a master cannot be installed by June 6th, but the chairman of the Makaretu committee has advertised on the off-chance.”
Ref: Hawke’s Bay Herald

3 June 1890
Mr Batson
Mr Batson posted a letter in the evening paper, sighed by him. (See below)
Ref: Gisborne Herald
4-6-1890

Mr Batson resigned

Mr Batson resigned after finding out that Mr W. F. Howlett is to be made new chairman of school committee. A circular advertising teacher position in school suspected of being a forgery.

A Curious Circular

The teacher of a county school in Hawke’s Bay, at Makaretu who had received from the outgoing committee a warm vote of thanks for his work, sent in his resignation immediately that he learnt an eccentric named Howlett had been elected chairman of the new committee. There upon Mr. Howlett, it appears, drew up a circular for the information of possible candidates for the teachership as follows:

Particulars re Makaretu School.

About 50 children, salary about £150. Nice four roomed house. Small garden, wash house, large shed, close to school. And paddock for horse. School 12 miles from Takapau, where the chairman can meet teacher with cart. Makaretu is on the lower spurs of the Ruahine Ranges, within short distance of Forest Reserve and Alpine flora. Master, if provided with good introductions, would find agreeable society on Ruataniwha Plains. The simplicity of country life makes expenses low, and a student or naturist might live well, keep buggy, botanise, garden, etc, and save money. It is desired to introduce science, and the chairman is prepared, if necessary, to control this, drawing up syllabus, arranging practical work, and starting museum. It is believed that the absence of certificate would not bar teacher, but these particulars must be taken as drawn up by the chairman, not binding on committee or board. Further information from the undersigned, who personally attaches no weight whatever to testimonials, and would prefer one reference to any gentleman of good position in colony. Applications should be made at once, to allow of correspondence, but appointment will not be made before June 20, and duties begin after mid-winter holidays; exact date not yet known.

W.F. Howlett, Chairman Makaretu School Committee, Makaretu, 12 May, 1890. Telegraphic address, Makaretu, Onga Onga.

This circular is treated with quite serious jocularity by one of the Napier papers, but as Mr. Howlett has been the victim of literary chaff lately, it may be suspected that the circular is a forgery.

Ref: - Timaru Herald

15 May 1890

Mrs. Batson resigned

A teacher has resigned; Mrs. Batson is going on the 6th of June 1890.

Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

14-6-1890

Mr Batson withdraws his resignation

Mr. Batson’s withdrawal of his resignation was discussed and he was asked for an explanation of a letter signed by him which appeared in an evening paper (Gisborne Herald?) of 3rd June.

Ref: - Hawke’s Bay Herald

4 November 1890

School report

Report from Makaretu School by inspector of the school, Mr. H. Hill. Master in charge, Mr. Batson.

Mrs Batson resigned on the 1st June 1890. As far as I am able to judge the school records have been kept in accordance with departmental requirements; but I desire to point out that all school registers, all circulars and correspondence in connection with the school, are the property of the Committee, who are responsible for their safe keeping, after being used by the teacher. Subjects taught at the School are - History, Geography, Object lessens. Additional subjects are - Repetition, Recitation, singing, and needle work.

Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

9-1-1891

School reopening for New Year

School reopened this morning when the number of children was 15 in attendance because of grass harvest.

Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

9-3-1891

Attendance

More encouraging, there are 51 children at school

Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book
10-4-1891
Resignation
This is my last day on duty here, my notice of resignation expiring on Monday 13th instant.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

28-4-1891
Mr Batson resigned on April 10th 1891
Ref: - Waipawa Mail

18-4-1891
School closed
The school has been closed for a fortnight on account of the newly appointed teacher not having arrived.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

28 4-1891
New teacher
Miss Palmer took charge from April 28 to May 1891.
Ref: - Waipawa Mail

28 4-1891
Mrs Jane Doar the present teacher in charge June 2nd 1891
Ref: - Waipawa Mail

2-6-1891
Head teacher
J. Doar commenced duties as Head teacher of this school. Attendance 16 boys and 15 girls = total 31. Number on books Boys 27 and girls 27 = total 53.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

9 July 1891
Mr H Hill, the inspector of Schools surprise visit
57 pupils out of a roll number of 60 were in attendance. Miss Doar, the Mistress has only been in charge for a few weeks, but the results of her careful supervision are already apparent in the work of the school. The school roads have been kept according to departmental requirements. Committee nominated Miss I Doar, as candidate.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

28 April 1891
Pupil teacher
Miss Lillian Doar was appointed as pupil teacher August 1st 1891.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

28 April 1891
School committee
Mr Sattrup, A. H. Ross (Chair for year), E. Macfarlane (Past Chairman), Mr Gradwell, Hans Hemmingsen, Connor, Stenberg, Freemantle, and Hans Andersen.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

15 September 1891
Messses Macfarlane is Chairman of the School Committee
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

26 March 1892
School Roll
Makaretu School Roll stands at 68 children.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail
28 April 1892
School committee
Mr Sattrup, A. H. Ross (Chair for year), E. Macfarlane past Chairman, Mr Gradwell, Hans Hemmingsen, Connor, Stenberg, Freemantle, and Hans Andersen.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

17 May 1892
Inspection report - Inspector H Hill
The school is in charge of Mrs Doar with the assistance of Miss Doar. 71 Pupils.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

21 May 1892
Lecture on Volcano's
Inspector of Schools Mr H Hill gave a lecture at the Makaretu School about Volcano's which was well received by the audience and visitors from Ashley Clinton, Onga Onga, Blackburn and Kaikora.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

18 October 1892
Miss Nicholson – Assistant Mistress
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

17 April 1893
Staff
Mrs Doar Mistress & Miss Nicholson Assistant Mistress.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

29 April 1893
Appointed mistress
Miss Nicholson was appointed mistress on 18 October 1892. taking charge of the preparatory class and the pupils in Standard 1, which had previously been under the charge of Miss Doar, trainee.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

17 April 1893
Rewards
Rewards, in the shape of very nice books, for good conduct and regular attendance, were distributed in the school on Friday by the Chairman of the School Committee, Mr A. H. Ross, acting for the committee. It is gratifying to record that every child (78) on the school register received a reward. On Monday four valuable prizes for regular attendance the gift of Mr E. Macfarlane, late chairman of the committee 1891-92 were awarded to Maria Severinsen, who had not missed one attendance during the year, Susan Stenberg, John Griffin, and Dennis Giffin. Needless to say the fortunate winners were proud of their prizes, and that the donor’s generosity was reciprocated by “3 times 3” lustily given by the whole school.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

April 20, 1893
Inspection
I inspected this school today when 72 pupils were present. Teaching staff, Mrs Doar, Mistress. Miss Nicholsen, assistant Mistress. The school continues in admirable weekly order. Mr H. Hill, inspector of Schools.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

20 May 1893
Inspectors report
Inspectors report date 19 April 1893 - Mrs Jane Doar, classified D1, Preparatory and Standard 1, and Miss Nicholson, assistant teacher, 73 out of the 75 children on the roll were present. Mr H. Hill, B.A., F.G.S.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail
29 April 1893

Appointments
Miss Nicholson was appointed mistress on 18 October 1892, taking charge of the preparatory class and the pupils in Standard 1 which had previously been under the charge of Miss Doar, trainee.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

4 July 1893

Measles epidemic
Prevailing measles epidemic
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

14 July 1893

Gulbransens left district
Removed the following named from the registers, John, Thersa, Sarah, Gulbransen. (Family left district).
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

17 July 1893

Measles
Closed school at 10.30 this morning, only ten scholars present. (65) sick with measles.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

20 July 1893

School closed
The district school was closed by the committee yesterday as more than 3/4 of the scholars were absent from the prevailing sickness - measles.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

31 July 1893

School re-opened
Re opened the school this morning. Poor attendance, many of the children have not fully recovered from the measles.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

3 October 1893

Teaches with measles
The school has been closed since Friday on account of the Mistress, Mrs Doar, having the measles. The assistant, Miss Nicolson is also laid up. At a meeting of the school committee held on a Saturday it was resolved to open school on Monday and it is hoped Miss Nicholson will be sufficiently recovered to carry things on. It was also resolved to paint the school fence and to consider later the question of buying lamps out of a surplus of 4 pounds floated by the extinct Co-operative Dairy Company.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

21 December 1893

Annual school picnic
The annual school picnic, and distribution of prizes by the Chairman School Committee, Mr F Gradwell).
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

24 February 1894

School report
Year ending 31st March 1894. Attendance 44 boys and 33 girls with a total of 77. School closed July 14 to 28th 1893, 62 out of 71 pupils attacked with the measles. School over crowded. School improvements - a neat picket fence has been erected in front of the school and between the school and the teachers residence, and back part of the play ground has been fenced off as a horse paddock. The paves gravelled. Fred Gradwell chairman Makaretu School Committee.
Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

9-4-1894

Admitted James and Catherine Nielsen into infant's room
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book
24 April 1894

Elected school committee
Messes F. Gradwell, (Chair), Sattrup, O. Hansen, Madsen, H. Hemmingsen, W Freemantle, Thomsen. Others nominated, Stenberg, N Rosval, A Hansen, Krause & Nielsen.

Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

16 August 1894

Most attendance prizes
Prizes were presented for most attendance at school during the year. Mr E. Macfarlane gave prizes to Lydia Stenberg, John Griffin, (upper room) and Susan Stenberg. Susan Stenberg and John Griffin were the winners.

Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

16 August 1894

School extension
The timber is on the ground ready for the school extension by Mr Story the contractor.

Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

11 September 1894

Makaretu School Staff
Mrs Doar and Miss Nicolson.

Names of Pupils passed Examination took place 20th August
Std 1 John Morrison, Charles Thomsen, Walter Sattrup, Joseph Johansen, Fred Rosenbach, Bertie Gradwell, Fred Severinsen, Walter Hansen, John Nielsen, Susan Stenberg, Mary Jensen, Christine Pedersen, & August Mattwig.
Std 11 David Bergessen, Tostin Pedersen, Duncan Morrison, Peter Rosenbach, Willie Freemantle, Maria Andersen, Mary Gradwell, & Annie Hansen.
Std 111 Martin Pedersen, Jens P Jensen, John Sattrup, Rudolf Dassler, Thomas Hansen, & Frank Hansen.
Std IV Charlie Doar, Ernest Berkahn, Oscar Dassler, Fred Yoph Rasmussan, Christine Hemmingsen, Lydia Stenberg, Gradwell, Johanna Jensen, Matilda Sattrup, Annie Severinsen, Maria Severinsen, Hermine Hemmingsen, & Mary R Reid.
Std V1 Elizabeth Morrison, Std V Alfred Stenberg & Maggie Severinsen.

Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

11 March 1895

Bush Fire
A heavy bush fire has been raging since Friday last in Makaretu, Blackburn, Ashley Clinton & Wakarara. Dreadful westerly gale sprang up on Friday and continued through Saturday until Sunday morning. People and children are all suffering from the smoke. There is a poor attendance in school this morning. The Old Lutheran Church in cemetery grounds burnt to the ground.

Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

30 April 1895

Makaretu District School Committee Report
Roll at 31st March 1894 was 76; admitted during year ending 31st March 1895, 14, left 23, number on roll 31st March 1895, 67, belonged to the school during the year, 90. The percentage of passes was 86.

Ref: - The Waipawa Mail

23-4-1895

Elected school committee

Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

20 July 1895

School additions
The additions to Makaretu school are nearly finished.

Ref: - The Hawke's Bay Herald
8 August 1895
Trees planted
An enquiry found that twenty trees were planted in different places in Makaretu by children attending this school.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

21 August 1895
Earthquake
A heavy earthquake stopped both school clocks at 01.40 this morning.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

6 December 1895
School funds
On Friday last 6-12-1895, an exceedingly successful concert was held at the Makaretu in aid of the school funds. A programme of songs, recitations etc, was presented, in which Mesdames’ Hansen and Doar, Misses Nicholson, Hansen, Sutherland, Brewer and Doar, Messrs Buchanan (2) and McFarlane and a number of the school children took part. The chairman in a brief speech referred to the creditable efforts of the teachers, Mrs Doar and Miss Sutherland in organising the evening’s entertainment. After the concert a dance was held that did not break up till the small hours.
Ref: - Hawke’s Bay Herald 10-12-1895

2 to 3 March 1896
Fire
A heavy gale sprang up on Friday last about midnight and caused a disastrous fire to rage through the whole district of Ashley Clinton, South Makaretu, Makaretu, Blackburn and Ruahine’s. The head teacher and two children had to leave the schoolhouse at 2am and take refuge in the schoolroom. The out buildings near the teacher’s residence were burnt to the ground. The fences and part of the plantation destroyed. Many settlers are heavy losses, sheds, grass, grass seed, hay, oats were all burnt. The Wesleyan Church in Makaretu and the district school in Ashley Clinton with their contents are totally destroyed.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

28 April 1896
Elected school committee
Mesesses F. Gradwell, (Chair), H. Hemmingsen, W Freemantle, J Thomsen, M Sattrup, Severinsen, W Farghar.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

9 November 1896
School closed
School closed for the public holiday for Prince of Wales birthday.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

3 March 1897
Makaretu Athletic Sports Day held today
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

5 March 1897
School picnic to Napier by train
53 Scholars, Old Scholars, 2 Teachers, 21 Adults and 18 Conveyances, departed Makaretu at 05.00 headed for Takapau 07.30 and then by train to Napier, arriving at 12.10. Staying overnight at Napier, and then returning on 6-3-1897. Girls in charge of Mrs Doar and Miss Nicholens. Mr Gradwell Chairman of School Committee. Boys in charge of Messes Sattrup and Severinsen, School committee members.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

29 March 1897
Miss Doar and Miss Nicholson still at school
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book
31 March 1897
**Miss Nicholson married Mr W Morton of Ashley Clinton today**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

7 June 1897
**Lutheran Church confirmation service**
Confirmation service held in the Lutheran Church today - Poor attendance at school.

**Resignation**
Mrs Morton (Nee Nicholson) resigned duties as Assistant Mistress of the Makaretu School.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

25 October 1897
**Received from Mr Mariboe pictures of school**
7 enlargements & 20 pictures for the following pupils.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

9 February 1898
**Makaretu Athletic Sports Day held today**
Ref: Makaretu School Log Book

5 to 7 March 1898
**Annual picnic excursion to Napier**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

4 June 1898
**Staff**
Mrs Doar - Stds. 5.4.3. Miss Doar - P teacher. - Stds 3.2. & prep. Roll 50.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

27 September 1898
**Removed from the Register**
Alexander, John, Henry, and Fred Hemmingsen
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

12 April 1899
**Marriage**
Philip Thomas Fargher & Annie Elisabeth Freemantle - old pupils of the Makaretu School.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

18 April 1899
**Pupils left school**
Freda and Albert Dassler left school this afternoon to live in Queensland, Australia.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

3 November 1899
**Punishment**
School children were punished with the Fawser? on hands in those days.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

23 January 1900
**Mrs Doar’s is recovering from a severe illness, and is unfit to resume her duties**
This is the last time she is mentioned in the school log book.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book
2 June 1900
**Miss Head took charge of the school**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

18 February 1901
**Trainee Miss E Petersen commenced work**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

15 November 1902
**Polling booth**
Held at the Schoolhouse, Makaretu.
Ref: - Bush Advocate

18 December 1902
**Polling at the schoolhouse, Makaretu**
Ref: - Bush Advocate 15-11-1902

6 September 1904
**Mistress Miss Anderson**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

6 February 1905
**Snow**
Snow fell nearly all day. Attendance 3 boys & 4 girls.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

27/30 April 1906
**Fire at Cohrs sawmill**
A fierce gale raged. Fires spread; doing great damage. The mill and all the dwellings, but two burnt to the ground.
Consequently I have had no children from the mill for the last week ending May 4th.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

6 April 1907
**Pupil numbers**
28 pupils were present out of a roll of 31
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

19 June 1907
**Head teacher**
Miss E Anderson, sole teacher
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

24 July 1908
**Native trees planted at the school**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

22 June 1911
**Holiday for Kings Coronation**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

30 June 1911
**Farewell to The teacher E. Anderson**
Ref: Makaretu School Log Book

9 March 1911
**Teacher in charge , J.E.Hooper**
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book
23 June 1912
Snow storm
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

8 April 1913
Mistress in charge, Isabel J. Crawford
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

21 November 1913
Roll number 15 boys and 11 girls
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

12 April 1914
School Commissioner died
Mr A Jack the School Commissioner died suddenly two days ago, funeral takes place this afternoon. School dismissed at 1.00pm to let the teacher attend.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

12 December 1914
Bush fires
12th to 18th December bush fires around Makaretu; very strong gales; the township threatened; 6 to 8 men fighting the flames in paddock opposite local store; wind fell and buildings saved. On 18th gale threatened to demolish school; children sent home.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

6 January 1915
Store keeper
Mr J McCarthy was the store keeper
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

25 April 1917
Sole teacher leaving
I will be leaving Makaretu on Friday. This school will therefore be closed tomorrow and until my successor arrives.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

25 April 1917
New teacher
I commenced duties today with attendance of 21. boys 13, girls 8 signed Miss R.A. Limbrick.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

12 October 1920
Christina Jefferson finishing up today
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

2 September 1921
Mr McNab started school today as teacher
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

3 August 1922
Makaretu Sports Club
School closed today for Annual Sports Meeting of Makaretu Sports Club.
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

31 January 1923
Mr McNab leaves school tomorrow for Dunedin Training College
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

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2 December 1923
Frances. C. Buller commences duties at school. Roll number 14
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

28 May 1923
Frances. C. Buller leaves school for another appointment
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

6 November 1923
M A McRae teacher?
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book

10 March 1923
Last recorded information from the school log book
Ref: - Makaretu School Log Book
When was the last day of School, and where are the Register and Log Book for after this time period?

9 April 1944
New School
A new school was opened at Makaretu on September 4, 1944. Part of the old building was used for a new hall for the district.
Ref: - Sherwood School Pictorial Diary

1962
Makaretu School closed at the end of 1962 after 82 years being open
Ref: - Sherwood School Pictorial Diary

30 March 1962
400 people at Makaretu School gathering
Ref: - Sherwood School Pictorial Diary

5 August 1963
Sherwood School official opening 8 May 1963 at 2.00 pm
Ref: - Sherwood School Pictorial Diary

29 to 31 March 2013
Sherwood 50th Jubilee Easter weekend
Ref: - Sherwood School Jubilee Committee