

KAITOKE SCHOOL

Situated Kaitoke Upper Hutt = Opened 1884 – Closed around 1945

Please Note = There was another Kaitoke School situated near Wanganui prior to the opening of the Kaitoke School in Upper Hutt. I have located various newspaper articles regarding this school and have saved some details and the information on the Upper Hutt Kaitoke School.

Kaitoke School – Upper Hutt

Evening Post newspaper 25 January 1882

Education Board - Regarding an application on the part of the Kaitoke school committee to provide a suitable school building for that district it was resolved that Dr Newman and Mr Blair visit the locality and report on the subject at next meeting.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 January 1882 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 13 June 1883

Mr E Gray and Messrs Warn and Daniel were the lowest tenders for the Kaitoke School and it was decided that they should draw lots for the contract.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 June 1883 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 20 June 1883

The following tenders have been accepted by the Education Board Kaitoke School Accepted Warne and Douglas £269, Declined E Gray £269, W Benton £275 15s T James £285, J Russell £300

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 June 1883 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 26 November 1884

A bell was ordered to be provided for the Kaitoke School on the motion of Mr Bunny.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 November 1884 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1885

The annual picnic of the Kaitoke School was held on Friday last at the Pukuratahi in paddocks kindly lent by Mr Cooper for the occasion. A suitable programme for the day arranged by the committee was carried out and thoroughly appreciated by the children. At the close attention was called by their master (Mr Vincent) and various forms of school routine were gone through showing thorough discipline and good management to the satisfaction of the parents present. After this suitable prizes and presents were presented by the chairman (Mr J Martin). During the evening and up to the email hours a concert and dance by parents and friends of the children was well patronised.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1885 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1886

Mr John O'Brien was appointed to the Kaitoke School

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1886 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 16 July 1886

A concert and dance of a very enjoyable character was held in the Kaitoke School room on Wednesday evening the proceeds of which went to purchase prizes for the school children. It was well patronised by the residents of the district and was also favoured by Mungaroa and Upper Hutt settlers who came per train and vehicle to partake of an evening's recreation. The pianoforte was presided over by Mr James Martin sen., and Mr Charles Herley played violin. Mr Martin was relieved occasionally by his daughter Miss H Martin who gave some very choice selections. Mr Martin's rendering of "Happy Daddy" created much amusement. Some other ditties of the sublime and ridiculous were gone through together with some very expressive and touching solos and duets. The refreshments provided were of a very enticing description and no doubt added to the comfort and enjoyment of those present. Dancing was kept up to a late hour and the whole affair was a through success.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 July 1886 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 19 February 1887

The Kaitoke school children's annual picnic was held in Mr Martins paddock Native Reserve Pakuratahi yesterday. The weather was all that could be wished for resulting in a great many parents being present. Games of all sorts were indulged in and everything was done to entertain the little ones. In the afternoon presents were distributed among the children by Mr Martin chairman and the Committee. Mr O'Brien schoolmaster gave utterance to a few appropriate remarks which concluded the picnic. In the evening a dance was held in the school room which was well patronised. During the evening songs were given and dancing was kept up till a late hour in the morning.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 February 1887 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 18 July 1887

I John O'Brien Teacher Kaitoke School will not hold myself responsible for any debts contracted in my name from this date – Kaitoke 15th July 1887

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 July 1887 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 22 September 1887

The Kaitoke School Squabble – John O'Brien, schoolmaster of Kaitoke for whose apprehension a warrant was issued yesterday on a charge of intending to desert his wife surrendered himself to the police yesterday afternoon. The information had been laid by his wife on the supposition that he was about to leave the colony but it appears that though he did leave Wellington by the Mararoa on Monday he only intended to go as far as Lyttelton and he actually returned by the Rotorua on the following day. Learning that the warrant had been issued he consulted Mr Gray on whose advice he gave himself up and was remanded on bail until this morning. On resuming to-day the informant was not in attendance and Mr Gray therefore asked that the information should be dismissed as there was no proof of the defendant's intention to leave the colony. His Worship dismissed the case but remarked that this would not debar the informant from renewing the proceedings if she chose. Mr Gray informed the Court that O'Brien had lately been at loggerheads with some members of the Kaitoke School Committee. On Saturday night some of the Committee men held a meeting and resolved to suspend him until they should communicate with the Education Board. On Monday morning O'Brien came to Wellington for advice and was told by the Secretary of the Education Board that he could have a holiday until the matter was investigated. Mrs O'Brien learned that he had gone to Lyttelton and assuming that he was leaving the colony she laid an information and obtained a warrant for his arrest. Mr Gray complained that his client had been held up to public scorn and degradation by these proceedings and that his case had been prejudiced in the eyes of the Education Board as he had practically been represented as a criminal fleeing from justice. As to his alleged desertion of his wife the fact was that she had left him and had refused to hold any communication with him beyond sending him a letter threatening proceedings for judicial separation.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 September 1887 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 01 October 1887

At the meeting of the Board of Education on Wednesday last the Chairman (Mr J R Blair) and Messrs P H. Fraser and A W Brown were appointed a committee to hold an enquiry into the difficulty between the Kaitoke School Committee and Mr John O'Brien master of the local school. Mr Brown was unable to act and Messrs Blair and Fraser accordingly conducted the enquiry, which was held in the schoolhouse yesterday. Mr O'Brien was not present nor was he represented by anyone. A number of witnesses came forward in support of the petition for the removal of the master but no evidence was offered on behalf of Mr O'Brien although Messrs Blair and Fraser made it known to the residents that they were prepared to take any that might be prepared. A special meeting of the Board of Education is to be held on Tuesday to consider the request of the committee. The school is still closed.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 October 1887 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 04 October 1887

The Kaitoke School Difficulty - Summary dismissal of the Master - A special meeting of the Board of Education was held this morning for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the difficulty between the Kaitoke Committee and Mr John O'Brien the master of the local school. There were present Messrs J. K. Blair (chairman), F H Fraser, H Bunny, G Beetham, A W Brown, and Rev. J Paterson. The Committee submitted the following report "In accordance with the resolution passed by the Board at its meeting on the 28th ultimo, relative to the case of Mr O'Brien we proceeded on the 30th to Kaitoke where we held an enquiry in the schoolroom. The evidence as taken down by the Secretary of the Board and attested by the witnesses is appended herewith. It speaks for itself and contains all that is required to enable the Board to take such action as it may deem suitable. The Committee recommend that Mr John O'Brien teacher Kaitoke be summarily dismissed from the service of the Board. - J B Blair, Francis H Fraser. Mr Bunny moved the adoption of the report. The resolution was seconded by Mr Beetham and agreed to unanimously. Mr Fraser said that Mrs O'Brien had been left without a penny in the world and was anxious to know whether the Board would advance her the last month's salary earned by her husband. The Chairman said the Board would hold the money until they got a personal receipt. Mrs O'Brien's proper course was to apply to the Magistrate's Court for a maintenance order. Mr Bunny pointed out that if she did that she might get possession of the money which the Board was holding. The Chairman stated that when he was at Kaitoke he got the Chairman of the Committee to make it known that evidence would be accepted on behalf of Mr O'Brien as well as against him. No witnesses however came forward on the master's behalf nor was he present consequently the whole of the evidence was against him. This terminated the proceedings. Mr Chatwin until recently a student at the Training College has been appointed to the temporary charge of the school and it was re-opened by him yesterday. A permanent successor will be advertised for at once and it is expected that an appointment will be made at the next meeting of the Board. Mr O'Brien's present whereabouts are still unknown. From a gentleman who knew him intimately we learn that before he disappeared so mysteriously he was in possession of about £500 cash the proceeds of a sale of some property which he had owned.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 October 1887 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 03 November 1887

Scene in the Magistrates Court - John O'Brien speaks his mind. A scene occurred in the Magistrate's Court this morning when the case against John O'Brien the ex-schoolmaster of the Kaitoke School charged with intending to desert his wife was called on. The Clerk of the Court read the charge to which O'Brien answered Not Guilty. Then turning excitedly to his Worship he said I consider you are not fit to hear my case because you are prejudiced against me. Mr Wardell = For what reason. O'Brien = For every reason. Mr Wardell = Nevertheless I am going to hear the case. O'Brien (pacing the dock in an angry manner) I have very good reason to believe you have learned from my wife in your private room the facts of the case. You are not fit to sit on the bench in this case. The accused then added some further remarks of an offensive character. Mr Wardoll = Is your wife in Court. O'Brien = Perhaps you are in a better position to tell me where she is (bowing to the Bench). Mr Wardell (to Mr Gray) = Are you appearing for O'Brien Mr Gray? Mr Gray = No your Worship I have received formal notice that my services will no longer be required. I understand however that Mr Skerrett has been retained on behalf of Mrs O'Brien but he is at present away at Wanganui. Mr Wardell = Then I had better let the case stand over until his return. It is useless proceeding with it now. O'Brien (excitedly) = Oh very well. Mr Wardell (to the constable) = Will you remove him? (Aside) = His trip from Sydney has evidently disagreed with him. O'Brien then left the box with a stately bow and the single remark Thank you.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 November 1887 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 04 November 1887

Mr Chatwin who has been in charge of the Kaitoke School for some weeks has returned to the Training College and Mr Spencer has succeeded him until the end of the month.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 November 1887 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 30 November 1887

A letter from Mr Devine, solicitor for Mr O'Brien, late master of the Kaitoke School, applying for a copy of the charges preferred against the latter by the local committee was considered by the Board of Education this morning. The Board declined to accede to the request as all communications which had passed between them and the school committee were of a confidential nature.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 November 1887 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 27 May 1889

Out of 44 children examined at Kaitoke School and 16 of these in the preparatory class 22 have passed the standards. The number of passes were Standard VI 2, Standard V 1 (2 excepted), Standard IV 3 (1 failed), Standard III 4 (2 excepted), Standard II 9 (1 failed), Standard I 3. There were thus 22 passes 2 failures and 4 exceptions..

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 May 1889 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 15 September 1892 = NOT SURE

Mr D Bedingfield who has been in charge of the Kaitoke School for some time and has been promoted to the school at Paikakariki was entertained at a social gathering by the residence on Wednesday evening. Several of the residents referred in complimentary terms to Mr Bedingfield ability as a teacher and he was presented by the local Debating Society of which he has been President with a copy of Webster's Dictionary. Mr Bedingfield made a suitable acknowledgement. Several toasts were drunk and songs and recitations contributed.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 September 1892 page 2)

Bush Advocate newspaper 17 September 1892 = NOT SURE

Mr Bedingfield's friends in this district will be interested in the following which we extracted from the Post. Mr D Bedingfield who was been in charge of the Kaitoke School for some time has been promoted to the school at Paikakariki was entertained at a social gathering by the residence on Wednesday evening. Several of the residents referred in complimentary terms to Mr Bedingfield ability as a teacher and he was presented by the local Debating Society of which he has been President with a copy of Webster's Dictionary. Mr Bedingfield made a suitable acknowledgement. Several toasts were drunk and songs and recitations contributed.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Bush Advocate newspaper 17 September 1892 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 07 July 1896= NOT SURE

When the Kaitoke School was closing for the winter holidays the occasion was taken to present the teacher (Miss Hamilton) with a beautiful morocco-bound album. Mrs Chas Litt made the presentation on behalf of the children and Miss Hamilton feelingly responded. The children with a number of their parents and friends were afterwards entertained to afternoon tea.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 7 July 1896 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 01 December 1896

The residence of Miss D Hamilton head teacher of the Kaitoke School was destroyed by fire last night. A defective chimney is supposed to have been the cause.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 December 1896 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 28 April 1897

School Committee Elections - The following additional results of the annual School Committee elections have reached us Kaitoke School. There was only a moderate attendance at this meeting Mr E Harrison presiding. A vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing Committee. The following were elected for the ensuing year Messrs E Harrison, R Kearney, W Lett, W Lawrence and G S Phillips. Mr Harrison was elected Chairman, Mr Kearney Secretary and Treasurer.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 April 1897 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 29 September 1897

Education Board – A deputation from the Kaitoke School Committee asked that a residence for the teacher should be erected in the place of the one recently burnt down. The Board decided to ascertain what sum the Government would give for the restitution of the destroyed building and take action at the next meeting.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 September 1897 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 04 July 1898

The Kaitoke School broke up for the winter holidays with an afternoon tea given by the parents to the teacher (Miss Hamilton) and children. Mrs Broadbent on behalf of the children presented Miss Hamilton with a hand-bag and handkerchiefs in token of their esteem. The Rev Mr Fortune addressed the children.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 July 1898 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 06 July 1898

Our Kaitoke correspondence writes – A most enjoyable and well-attended concert and dance was held in the Kaitoke School room on Friday evening in aid of the piano fund. The following ably contributed – Miss E Evans, Mesdames Broadbent, Martin and Dowling, Messrs Harrison Brothers, Puddick, Wilkins and Martin. Miss Martin and Mrs Fletcher played the accompaniments and Mr Puddick supplied the dance music.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 July 1898 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 24 April 1900

School Committee Elections – Kaitoke School – Messrs S D Hill (Chairman) G Pudney, P Edwards, J Farrell and W Cassey (plus various other school committees listed)

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 April 1900 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 08 May 1900

Inspection of Works report - The small bridge at Kaitoke required re-building and that near the Kaitoke School wanted repairing.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 08 May 1900 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 29 October 1904

The Board has appointed Mr F Proctor now at the Kaitoke School to be assistant at the Kilbirnie School

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 October 1904 page 5)

Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 02 February 1905

Miss F M Stormont assistant teacher at the Belvedere School has been appointed to take charge of the Kaitoke School. Miss Stormont Takes Up her new duties on March 1st.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 02 February 1905 page 2)

Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 29 April 1905

The Kaitoke School children in charge of Miss Stormont head mistress (formerly of the Belvedere school and the Chairman of the School Committee (Mr Cassey) were on an excursion to this town on Friday. Among the places they visited was the Wairarapa Observer office and the children were greatly interested in what they gleaned of the art of printing.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 29 April 1905 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 14 December 1905

At the “breaking-up” concert and social gathering of the Kaitoke School the school-house was prettily decorated with nikau palms, toi-toi grass, rata and ferns. The school children contributed about twenty items to the programme and the rounds of applause which greeted each item were well deserved. Miss Stormont head teacher was assisted in the second part of the programme by Misses Cassey (2) Collie, F Stormont, Messrs Collie, O’Farrell, Partridge and Phillips who successfully presented an amusing farce. Supper

and dancing brought an enjoyable entertainment to a close. The proceeds of the concert are to be spent in giving the children an outing early in the New Year.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 December 1905 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 29 June 1907

Miss Stormont of the Kaitoke School has been promoted to the position of assistant mistress in the Pahiatua School.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 29 June 1907)

Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 01 July 1907

Mr E Mousley of the Otaki School has been appointed to the staff of the Newtown School and Miss Stormont of the Kaitoke School has been promoted to the position of assistant mistress in the Pahiatua School.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 01 July 1907 page 5)

Evening Post newspaper 28 September 1907

Education Board – Further grants were £96 for the Kaitoke School alterations and £77 for repairing the Kilbirnie School

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 September 1907 page 8)

Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 14 November 1907

A Flagpole has been erected at the Kaitoke School

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 14 November 1907 page 8)

Dominion newspaper 06 July 1909

Education Board Elections – Hutt and Manawatu Ward – Mr J Kebbell nominated by the Kaitoke School Committees (plus other school committees)

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Dominion newspaper 06 July 1909 page 6)

Dominion newspaper 27 August 1909

Miss T O'Connor sole teacher at Kaitoke School has resigned from the service of the Wellington Education Board

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Dominion newspaper 27 August 1909 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 01 October 1909

On the occasion of her approaching marriage Miss O'Connor mistress of the Kaitoke School was presented by the school children with a handsome silver-mounted cut-glass salad bowl suitably inscribed. Miss Vera Hills in handing the presentation spoke of the keen regret the children felt at losing their popular teacher.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 October 1909 page 9)

The Otaki candidate will address the electors at Kaitoke School on Tuesday 09 December 1919

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Dominion newspaper 09 December 1919 page 9)

Reform candidate for Otaki addressed electors at the Kaitoke School on Tuesday 20 October 1925 at 8 pm

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17, 19 October 1925 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1927

Mr W A Munro from Kaitoke School to assistantship at Eastern Hutt School

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 March 1927 page 14)

Evening Post newspaper 15 March 1929

Picnic - Kaitoke School - The Kaitoke School picnic was held on Monday in pleasant surroundings alongside the Pakuratahi Stream. There were about 20 children present together with a good number of parents. Weather conditions were ideal. In the afternoon a programme of sports arranged by Miss Campbell was carried out every child receiving at least one prize. Mr Collie won the men's race and Mrs Gibbons the ladies race.

Afterwards in the Pakuratahi the children competed for swimming certificates. Ice cream fruit lollies and other eatables dear to the hearts of children were provided in abundance and after tea the children dispersed tired but happy and contented. In the evening there was a large gathering in the school for the annual social and dance.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 March 1929 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 06 October 1934

Tender closing at the Education Boards Office for erection of Wire Fence at Kaitoke School plans and specifications may be seen at Boards office Mercer Street J Stonehouse's Shop Lower Hutt and P Robertson's Office Upper Hutt.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 October 1934 page 16)

Evening Post newspaper 09 November 1934

Tender closing at the Education Boards Office for erection of Fencing at Kaitoke School

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 November 1934 page 16)

Evening Post newspaper 16 December 1935

Tender closing at the Education Boards Office for Gates and Fencing at Kaitoke School

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 December 1935 page 20)

The National candidate for the Wairarapa held a public meeting at the Kaitoke School in September 1938

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21, 22 September 1938 page 32)

Evening Post newspaper 25 November 1938

First Aid - Classes were conducted by the Red Cross Society said Mr Galloway in the following schools – Kaitoke School one class (plus various other schools listed and the number of classes held).

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 November 1938 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1939

PHOTOGRAPH - Snow on the Rimutakas – Scenes on the Rimutakas where the snow has come down as low as Kaitoke. Above (photograph) Kaitoke School under snow with the main highway on the right, a scene almost like an English Christmas card. Right the railway station at Kaitoke. (Also another photograph of the staff of the railway station and the crew of a train with a snow-man made yesterday at Kaitoke).

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 July 1939 page 9)

During World War Two (1939-1945) New Zealand school children raised funds for the soldiers overseas along with many other schools. Information regarding the fundraising was recorded in various New Zealand newspapers during the World War Two period.

Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1940

Schools Active – Fine work being done - The Kaitoke School children also held a successful bazaar. (Various other schools and information are recorded in the same article)

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 05 June 1940 page 9)

Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1941

Kaitoke School Destroyed - The Kaitoke School a single roomed building caught fire about 6.30 pm yesterday and in the absence of any fire fighting equipment was completely destroyed. Only one or two pieces of furniture were saved. A fire had been burning in the schoolroom during the day and it is thought that it may have been the cause of the outbreak.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1941 page 11)

Evening Post newspaper 20 June 1945

Consolidation Issue - A letter from the Kaitoke School Committee read at today's meeting of the Wellington Education Board stated that for some time there had been growing

dissatisfaction at the quick changes of teachers and the lack of competition because of the smallness of the school. It was felt by all concerned the letter added that under such conditions the children were getting far from a reasonable chance to gain real benefit from their primary education. A parents meeting had unanimously decided to ask the board to arrange for consolidation on the Upper Hutt School. The chairman Mr W V Dyer said that after the Kaitoke School had been burnt down the school had been moved to the Te Marua School and the two schools were conducted independently in the one building. If the Kaitoke children went to Upper Hutt they would have the benefit of attending a larger school and the same thing applied to Te Marua. In the latter case however the parents some years ago had been unanimously against consolidation. It was decided to send on the Kaitoke application to the Education Department and to reopen with the Te Marua parents the question of consolidation.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 20 June 1945 page 8)

Upper Hutt City Community Archives Collection

- Indexes of Kaitoke, Wallaceville and Mangaroa School pupils 1885-1900 reference 118
- Kaitoke School Reports 1885-1900 (originals held at Alexander Turnbull Library) contains child's name, year, age and school reference 118/2
- Various articles and photographs by Upper Hutt Leader newspaper, Yvonne Airey and Wilfred Reville Jackson

Alexander Turnbull Library Collection Wellington

- Kaitoke School – Register of admission progress and withdrawal 1917-1946 reference number MSY 3861 - Upper Hutt School Admission registers for the Upper Hutt and Kaitoke School (MS Group 0332)

Archives NZ Wellington Office

Kaitoke School - Wanganui

Please note there are numerous newspaper articles regarding the Kaitoke School in Wanganui but I have only transcribed some of the articles.

Mr Hulk was born in Kent was educated in England and Germany and came out to the colony in 1853 arriving in Auckland. One of his earliest feats was to walk overland to New Plymouth in which district he spent some years in farming. In 1861 he began school-teaching and two years later he became master of the Kaitoke School near Wanganui then under the jurisdiction of the Wellington Education Board. There he remained for 12 years and afterwards he was for nine years in charge of the school at Foxton but for the last three years as a servant of the Wanganui Board which he took over the as school on the re-division of the district. (Further details about the gentleman are recorded in the newspaper article).

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 October 1898 page 6)

Wellington Independent newspaper 25 January 1868 page 3

Kaitoke School District – Provincial Secretary's Office Wellington 13th January 1868 – It has been notified to this Office under the hand of the Chairman of the School Committee that at a meeting of the voters of the above School District held at the school-room on Saturday the 28th December 1867 a new committee was elected consisting of the following persons – Mr J King, J Blyth, A McDonald, W Batchelor, J Morgan Chairman, J Fernie - W Hickson Provincial Secretary.

Kaitoke School District – Provincial Secretary's Office Wellington 13th January 1868 – It has been notified to this Office under the hand of the Chairman of the Committee that Mr J H Murray has been appointed Collector of the above District – W Hickson Provincial Secretary

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 25 January 1868 page 3)

A meeting of the Kaitoke Road District was held in the Kaitoke School room on the 23 October 1869.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 13 November 1869 page 3)

The Evening Herald Wanganui newspaper 30 April 1870

The School Act at Kaitoke – A paragraph appeared some time since in the Chronicle exultingly announcing that the Kaitoke School Committee has passed a resolution to enforce the school rate of £1 per house according to a provision in the amended School act.

Mr Young (formerly headmaster of the Terrace School Wellington died Saturday. Mr Young who was 84 years of age was born in Tasmania and from an early age went in for education pursuits there and later Victoria. He came to New Zealand in 1874 and was appointed headmaster of the Kaitoke School near Wanganui. When the Terrace School Wellington was opened Mr Young was placed in charge. He resigned in 1884 and entered into the life assurance business. He was appointed chief agent for the New Zealand Life Assurance Department and was connected with the Department for many years. In 1891 he was appointed inspector of agent for the National Mutual Life Association.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Hawera & Normanby Star newspaper 01 September 1920 page 4)

In 1920 a Mr G E Whalley is recorded as headmaster at Kaitoke School but I do not know which of the two Kaitoke Schools he was headmaster.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers past website Fielding Star newspaper 05 July 1920 page 2)
