

UPPER HUTT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Opened 11 April 1864 and still operating
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The Upper Hutt School opened on 11 April 1864 and since then there have been many reunions attended by former pupils to celebrate the Schools history. One reunion was held in April 1935 and the Evening Post newspaper of Monday 15 April 1935 published some photos and an article regarding the reunion. Some School registers from 1890 onwards have been transferred to Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington but some School Admission registers remain at the school. All enquires should be forwarded to the School Principal and/or Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington.

On 11 April 1864 Upper Hutt School first assembled in the Catholic Chapel in Upper Hutt. Children of any denomination were able to attend.

Around 1867 the second Upper Hutt School building was erected on land next to the former 'Rose of Sharon' lodge on Main road near Trentham.

In 1879 a two room school house was built. The third Upper Hutt school building was opened on 13 August 1879 and was situated on the adjacent property nearer Upper Hutt the property being purchased from Mr John Wilkins by the Education Board in 1878

A side school was opened on 08 November 1906 at the Town Hall.

In 1908 the old School was moved and re-erected on the present site of Upper Hutt School with some major extensions to the existing building. The opening was held on 28 March 1909.

The Upper Hutt School Dental clinic was erected in 1930. The Upper Hutt School Hall was erected in 1935. The school baths were opened on 10 April 1942. The Assembly Hall was opened in 1957 by Minister of Education.

Between 1934-1935 the Upper Hutt School held a School Jubilee.

In 1964 Upper Hutt School held their centenary and a booklet was published. Copies of this publication can be found at the Upper Hutt and Hutt City Libraries as well as the National Library of New Zealand. This publication is full of historical information regarding the school the teachers and pupils but unfortunately it does not record any references or sources.

The Upper Hutt School jubilee book "Evergreen is our Valley" by Dudley Hercock was published in 1989 to celebrate the School's 125 anniversary. This book contains a detailed chronological history of the school and includes numerous photographs. This book is well worth reading if you believe your family attended the school or if you are interested in Upper Hutt's history.

The publication "Upper Hutt - The History" by J A Kelleher also contains information about Upper Hutt School. This publication is held at the Upper Hutt Library and the Heritage Centre of Petone Library and National Library of New Zealand.

Upper Hutt Library collection (www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz)

- Evergreen is our Valley a history of Upper Hutt School 1864-1989 edited by Dudley G Hercock 1989 Upper Hutt School Jubilee Committee c1989 Nonfiction Countries & Reference Stack Call number z993.65 HER & REFSTA z993.65 HER
- Upper Hutt School Centenary 1864-1964 Play The Game by Upper Hutt School Centenary Celebrations Committee 1964 Nonfiction Countries & General Nonfiction & Reference Stack Call number z993.65 UPP & z993.65 UPP & REFSTA z993.65 UPP

Upper Hutt City Community Archives collection

- Souvenir Jubilee Upper Hutt School 1864-1934 70th anniversary book 1934 reference publication 131
- Upper Hutt School Committee 1902-1921 letter book reference 100
- Upper Hutt Historical Society reference 42
- Upper Hutt School centenary 1864-1964 "Play the game" reference publication 84
- Evergreen is Our Valley Upper Hutt School Jubilee 1864-1989 reference publication 45
- Various articles and photographs from Upper Hutt Public Library, Upper Hutt Historical Society, Yvonne Airey, Upper Hutt Leader newspaper, Wilfred Revelle Jackson etc.

Newspaper articles recording Upper Hutt School

Wellington Independent newspaper 09 April 1864

Upper Hutt - (From a correspondent) Thursday 7th April - Next Monday will be a day of great rejoicing to at least the youth of the Upper Hutt there will be opened to them a public school. A boon which never before was conferred on them and one which I hope they will make good use of. The school will be open to children of all denominations without exception of person or creed and will be conducted in a true national principle the books to be used on the school are those published by the Board of National Education in Ireland and no religious instruction is to be imparted during the school hours. It would be a blessing to the province if a good many more schools were founded on the same principle as this. It is evident that a public school offers a great many advantages in preference to private tuition and no time should be lost in giving children education and exercising due vigilance in the choice of a preceptor. Though indeed in those countries where wealth and prosperity abound parents are very backward in paying for the education of their children. Ascham says: - It is a pity that commonly more care is had and that among very wise men to find out rather a cunning man for their horse than a cunning man for their children. To the one they will give gladly a stipend of 200 crowns by the year and loth to offer the other 200 shillings. God that sitteth in heaven laugheth their choice to scorn and rewardeth their liberality as it deserves for he suffereth them to have tame and well ordered horses but wild and unfortunate children." Such is the case and in these colonies especially but I trust by and bye matters will mend.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 09 April 1864 page 3)

Wellington Independent newspaper 14 April 1864

Blessing of a new Catholic at the Upper Hutt - On Sunday the 10th instant the ceremony of blessing a new Catholic church at the Upper Hutt under the patronage of St Joseph was performed by his Lordship the Right Rev Dr Viard Bishop of Wellington assisted by the very Rev J J P O'Reilly, V G and the Rev Father Seon. The weather being fine a numerous congregation was present including many Maories. The very Rev Father O'Reilly addressed the congregation with his usual eloquence alluding to the great satisfaction the Catholics of that district must feel at having a place wherein they could enjoy the advantages of the Catholic worship by which their great pecuniary sacrifices in which they had been liberally aided by their Protestant Brethen were fully repaid. At the collection the sum of £9 10s was gathered and any further donation will be thankfully received to cover a small debt still existing and for the future embellishment of the chapel. It would be impossible to pass over the generous hospitality of Mr J Brown of the Criterion Hotel who provided an unexpected dinner for upwards of one hundred persons. During dinner the conversation naturally turned upon the site of the Chapel (a pious gift of the Hon Mr Petre) and on the architecture and workmanship of the building which were all highly approved of and indeed most competent judges have pronounced the work of the builder Mr H Wrigley to be quite unexceptional. The building will be used for a time as a Public School which was opened the next day under a well qualified master.

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 14 April 1864 page 2)

Evening Post Newspaper 07 January 1879

The Building Committee of the Board of Education met yesterday when it was resolved to send plans similar to those of the Mungaroa school to the committees of the Pahautanui Small Farms Settlement, Ekatahuna and Park Vale districts. The plans for the Upper Hutt school were modified in accordance with a plan submitted by the Secretary.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post Newspaper 07 January 1879 page 2)

Wellington Independent newspaper 18 & 20 & 22 January 1870

Notice - Upper Hutt School District – The annual meeting will be held at Mr J Wilkin's on Saturday 30th January 1870 at half past seven pm. For the transaction of business connected with the school – Edward Morgan Chairman of Committee January 7th

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 18 & 20 & 22 January 1870 page 1)

Evening Post newspaper 17 & 18 & 21 & 22 & 25 & 26 & 27 & 28 February & 01 March 1879

To Builders - Tenders for School Building at Upper Hutt will be received at the Education Board Office until the 2nd of March noon. Drawing and specification can be seen at the Upper Hutt School and at my office. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
C J TOXWARD Architect

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 & 18 & 21 & 22 & 25 & 26 & 27 & 28 February & 01 March 1879)

Wellington Independent newspaper 16 March 1871

Upper Hutt District School – The annual meeting will be held at Mr John Wilkins Highlands Home on Thursday the 30th inst. at 7 pm – Edward Morgan Chairman of Committee 15th March 1871

(Reference Papers past website Wellington Independent newspaper 16 March 1871 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 28 March 1879 & Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 29 March 1879

Education Board - New Schools Etc. – The following tenders were accepted – New School at Upper Hutt W H Bell £693.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 March 1879 page 2 & Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 29 March 1879 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 01 May 1879

Education Board - The Chairman of the Upper Hutt School Committee Mr Morgan wrote offering to supervise the erection of the school building for a commission of 2½ per cent. The Board resolved to reply that the committee ought to have efficient interest in the work to do it without expense. The Board confirmed the appointment of Mrs Paterson as teacher of the Wainuiomata school and of Mrs Evans late assistant Upper Hutt school to the new school at Mungaroa.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 May 1879 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 02 May 1879

The Education Board and Upper Hutt School - To The Editor of the Evening Post.

Sir – In your report of the proceedings of the meeting of the Education Board held yesterday it is stated that Mr Morgan the Chairman of the Upper Hutt School Committee wrote offering to supervise the erection of the school building for a commission of £1½ per cent and that the Board resolved to reply that the committee ought to have sufficient interest in the work to do it without expense. Now Sir I did not offer to superintend the erection unsolicited as may be inferred from your report. The facts are that I received a letter from the Clerk of the Board asking if I would undertake to supervise the erection of the building and if willing to state terms. I then replied that I would do so for the 2½ per cent. My reply I placed in the hands of Mr Lee who requested me to act as overseer until the Board met. I consented to do so. Without the slightest reflection on the contractor I may state that to properly supervise such a building would take a great deal of time and attention. Now had the Board or its officers written asking if I would at times inspect the building in its progress (which they did in the case of the Mungaroa school) I would have done so. But receiving a letter asking me to state terms, I felt justified in replying as I did. Under present circumstances I must inform the Board that I decline to execute any supervision. By giving this insertion in your next issue you will oblige.

I am &c., E MORGAN Upper Hutt 2nd May

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 02 May 1879 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 01 & 02 & 03 & 05 & 06 & 22 May 1879

Education Board - A Teacher is also required for the Kaitara School near Greytown and an Assistant Teacher for the Upper Hutt School.

Robert Lee Secretary Wellington 01 May 1879

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 & 02 & 03 & 05 & 06 & 22 May 1879 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 25 August 1879

Election Notice – Wellington District Highway Board – Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Voters qualified to vote for the Election of a Warden in the various Wards of the Wellington Highway District for the purpose of Electing a Warden for each Ward will be held at the times and places as per Schedule below

No 6 Ward At the old Upper Schoolhouse Upper Hutt Thursday September 11th at 12 noon
– I have appointed Mr Henry Damant Presiding Officer at such meetings

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 August 1879 page 4)

Evening Post newspaper 12 & 13 September 1879

Election Notice – Wellington District Highway Board – No 6 Ward on Thursday 18th September old Schoolhouse Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 & 13 September 1879 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 25 September 1879

Education Board - School at Upper Hutt - Mr Toxward's report on the new school was read. It was not altogether satisfactory and it was agreed that the balance of the contractor's account be paid subject to Mr Toxward's approval of the work.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 September 1879 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper Evening Post newspaper 27 January 1880

Election of School Committees – Upper Hutt) Elected Messrs E Morgan, J Bayliss, J Bengé, R Hooper, J Wilson, C Cudby and J Johnston. A meeting of the committee was afterwards held when Mr E Morgan was elected chairman and Mr Wilson secretary and treasurer/ The chairman read a circular he had received from the Education Board asking the committee to forward the names of two qualified gentlemen in lieu of Messrs Beetham, Newman and Toomath balloted out. Dr Newman also wrote offering himself for re-election and asking the committee's support. Mr Morgan and Dr Newman were nominated.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 January 1880 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 13 April 1935

70th Anniversary Upper Hutt School Jubilee Celebrations Some- Early History

Jubilee celebrations in connection with the Upper Hutt School (1864--1934) are at present in progress. A special souvenir issued in connection with the jubilee contains much interesting information. In an introduction written by the Mayor of Upper Hutt (Mr A J McCurdy) it is stated that in the fifties and early sixties people were too busy establishing themselves on their holdings to do much of a community character area beyond spasmodic attempts by way of home study and night classes and a "Dame school" established by Mrs Hannah Barton at Trentham with Miss Hannah Hedge as teacher 'nothing was done locally for the education of the rising generation. Those who could be spared and whose people could arrange their boarding out were sent to school in one or other of the older settlements on the shores of Port Nicholson. It was not until 1864 that a successful attempt was made to establish a public school in the new settlement. The Catholics of the district having erected a church (the original building is the nave of St. Joseph's, Upper Hutt) on ground donated by Lord Petre the settlers of all denominations met and decided to open a day school in this church building in preference to an offer of accommodation at St. John's Church Trentham. There was an attendance of thirty children at the opening and the sole teacher was Mr T. Sullivan a single man not associated with the Catholic community. In 1866 Mr Sullivan was succeeded by Mr Daniel Carrick and his wife Mrs Mary Ann Carrick. At a later date in that year a new

school building was erected upon land at Trentham donated by Mrs Hannah Barton and Mr John Wilkins and the teachers and the pupils transferred to the public school under the control of the Education Department of the Wellington Provincial Government. Mr Carrick taught the boys and Mrs Carrick the girls. The inspector's report for the year 1866-67 recorded that there were 85 houses in the district and 99 children. Fees of 6d per child per week were payable to the teacher at the Upper Hutt and at the Trentham schools. In 1868 Mr Carrick when crossing the school ground fell down in an apoplectic fit and was removed to the schoolroom where he died in a short time. Mrs Carrick continued to teach the girls until shortly before she left to take charge of a school in Blenheim in 1874. From the time of Mr Carrick's death the Rev. Daniel Des Bois (Anglican vicar 1868-71) took charge of the boys and on his transfer to another parish Mr Cameron a single man succeeded him. The teachers were as follows: 1864-66 Mr T Sullivan, 1866-68 Mr Daniel Carrick, 1866-74 Mrs Mary A Carrick (assistant), 1868-71 Rev. Daniel Des Bois, 1871-72 Mr Cameron, 1872-74 Mr McDonald, 1874-77 Mr W Thompson, 1877 Mr Huntley, 1877-90 Mr JJ Hurley, 1890-1922 Mr F W Connell, 1922-29 Mr E Marryatt, 1929-30 Mr Hiddleston, 1930-32 Mr J J Rodgers, 1933 onwards Mr A J Woods. The schools were as follows: - First school 1864-66 held in church building at Upper Hutt - Second school built on Trentham site next Oddfellows Hall - 1866 used as school until August 1879 then used as classroom and/or shelter shed until pulled down in 1903 - Third school opened on Trentham site August 13 1879 closed July 24 1908 - Fourth school erected on present site and opened on March 26 1909. A number of additions since opening. In 1864 there was one school with 30 pupils. In 1934 there were 11 schools with 1331 pupils made up as follows:- Upper Hutt State schools (Upper Hutt, Trentham, and Silverstream), total 695; Catholic schools, St Joseph's Parish and St. Patrick's College, total 480 private kindergarten class, 15 total for Upper Hutt, 1190. Outlying valleys, States Schools, Wallaceville, Whitemah's valley, Te Marua, Kaitoke, Mangaroa, Karapoti, total 141 - grand, total 1331. The schools at Wallace Settlement and Whiteman's Valley were side schools to Upper Hutt in the early days and had direct representation on the Upper Hutt school committees. Akatarawa had a school beyond Baigent's sawmill It was discontinued some years ago when the upper Akatarawa mills closed down. The building was removed to a site near Campbell Bros. sawmill on the Little Akatarawa River and opened as Karapoti School in 1918 in lieu of the cottage classroom used in connection with Campbell's sawmill.

Some Human Touches - Some human touches are contained in a historical record compiled by the present headmaster (Mr A J Woods). An interesting entry by Mr Thompson on November 9 1874 was children asked for a holiday as it was .the Prince of Wales's birthday, and as very few came to school I granted it. A sinister item of December 1876 records that William a scholar has played truant for the last three days. e played truant on the day of the examination by Mr Lee on October 12 and on several occasions before and since the examination day. He is an incorrigibly bad boy. On February 6 1877 Mr Thompson received a communication from Mr Morgan authorising the giving of a holiday or holidays during this week during which the All-England eleven cricket match and the Wellington races will be held. fixed February 9 as a holiday for the children to enable them to attend the second day's races. March 26 was evidently a day of considerable activity when Mr Thompson went after William who absented himself again this morning taking three boys to assist. They succeeded in finding him and I punished him for having played truant continuously for a week. From May 12 1877 until August 31 the school was under the charge of a relieving teacher Mr. Huntley with Mrs Huntley as assistant. A philosophical entry - Patrick very troublesome. Threatened to tell his father to set him to work. The boy threw a slate at the teacher. He is a good boy generally but very passionate and although not bright has a great .desire to learn. Mildness will conquer him. A pathetic entry - Received assistant teacher's cheque. Where is mine? A jovial entry - School closed today June 23 for the midwinter Vacation with a bun-feast. A tragic entry - Wrote to chairman of committee requesting him to put in two broken windows one of them is paid for the other was broken by one of the neighbour's fowls. Old days seem to have been cold days. In July 1877 there is recorded the fact that on fine days the elder boys are often kept home to work on bad days parents

are glad to get rid of them particularly as they know that there is always a roaring fire in the schoolroom.

School's Central Figure - The souvenir gives in a most complete fashion details of the various headmasters and the progress of the school under their control. Commenting on the headmastership of Mr F W Connell (1890-1922) it states - A new era and the biggest one in the history of the Upper Hutt School commenced with the arrival of Mr Connell on March 3 1890. For upwards of thirty-two years he was to maintain control and to minister to the needs of more than a generation of pupils. The historical record of his service is written indelibly in the district itself while from north to south from east to west are hundreds who recall his work and personality with the utmost respect and affection. In jubilee retrospect he is the grand old man of the school. The jubilee celebrations commenced yesterday afternoon when the school, which was specially decorated and hung with old photographs, was opened for the inspection of old pupils. The work of the present pupils was the subject of much interest. In the evening a most successful concert was given by the ex-pupils and ex-teachers. This afternoon there was a general assembly of past and present pupils. A dance will be held this evening and other functions will follow until Monday evening.

The jubilee officers are as follows - President Mr A E Robinson, secretary Mr J Morley, treasurer Mr A J Woods, central executive Messrs Robinson, Morley, and Woods, and the Mayor (Mr A J McCurdy), sub-committees rolls Mesdames Dick and Simpson, Messrs A R Jones, J Morley, A E Robinson, V Williams, programme and entertainments Misses Phair and Scarrow, Messrs J Blewman, W Greig, C Harris, W H P Howe, A R Jones, G Wale, V Williams, publications Messrs A J McCurdy, A J Woods, J Blewman and J McHattie, accommodation Mr G H Guthrie.

(Reference National Library of New Zealand Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 13 April 1935 page 14)

Evening Post newspaper 20 June 1945 page 8

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.

Archives New Zealand - Upper Hutt School

Letter 24 September 1868

Upper Hutt September 24 – 1868

His Honour the Superintendent Province of Wellington

Sir

At a Meeting of the School Committee of the Upper Hutt district Mr J Cruickshank was appointed to wait on your Honour to explain the wishes of the people with reference to an appointment of Teacher for the School

I have the Honour Obe Sir

Your Obt Serv

Edward Morgan Chairman of School Committee

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington WP3 23 68/383 Superintendent General Inwards Letters and Letter from the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the General Government – Edward Morgan Chairman of the Upper Hutt School Committee 23 September)

1868 – States that a Mr Cruickshank has been appointed to wait upon the Superintendent and explain the wishes of the people with regard to the appointment of a teacher for the school)

Letter 01 October 1868

His Honour the Superintendent Wellington 01 October 1868

Sir

I call upon you to inquire from your Honour what is to be done in order to correct if possible the mistake made by the school committee of the Upper Hutt in appointing a new temporarily as they say as minister of Religion to take the management of the school, whereas the act does not allow any teacher of the kind for common school. We do think it would be better to leave the school shut up until such time as they could get a proper master. Please to take this into consideration and to let me know your decision before next Sunday when we expect to have a meeting about it.

I am respectfully Your Honour
your most humble servant
E Pertius c.v.

Please to direct your answer to the Rev En [sic] Pertius Upper Hutt care of Mr J Brown

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington WP3 23 68/393 Superintendent General Inwards Letters and Letter from the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the General Government Reverend E Pertius Wellington 01 October 1868 asks what is to be done in regard to the appointment of a minister of religion to take charge of the Upper Hutt School)

The 1906 to 1932 file contains grant applications and information about Upper Hutt School

This large file is a valuable resource when researching the history of the Upper Hutt School. The grants applications and accompanying documents begins May 1906 with a report on Upper Hutt School plus other schools in the district with a proposal for a side school to be open. There is some valuable information regarding general school attendance not only in the Upper Hutt district but again in some outlining areas. The file includes details about the land on which the school is situated and the purchase of additional land. The file covers applications up to 1932.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ABFI W3540 box 167 7/6 Primary Schools Wellington Upper Hutt 1906 to 1932)

1907 – 1908 Contract Upper Hutt Removal and Re-erection of Old School

This file holds various documents such as Plans (bounded by Martin Street, Benzie Avenue and Brown Street) also Contractors costs plus date completed 14 September 1908. There is an agreement between the Education Board of the District of Wellington and the Contractor William Shaunton & Harold KING dated 10th July 1908. The amount written in the agreement was £286.8s. There is a typed list giving a full description of the work that has to be carried out. The blue prints shows the old schools position as closer to the North end of Martin Street and the drawings of the old school including elevations. I could not locate any reference to the land.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ABDM W3569 box 222 271A Contract Upper Hutt Removal and Re-erection of Old School 1907-1908)

14 March 1908 – 30th May 1908 Contract for erecting New Infant School Upper Hutt

This file holds various documents, contracts and blue print plans for erecting a new Infant room at Upper Hutt School. The contractor was George Turner Croft of Petone who was paid the sum of £412. There is a typed document full of details regarding the building.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ABDM W3569 box 222 245A Contract Upper Hutt School Erection of New School 1908)

31 December 1908 – 20 March 1909 Contract for additions to Upper Hutt School

This file holds various documents, contracts and blue print plans for additions to the Upper Hutt School. The contractor was Jobe Harrison of Upper Hutt who was paid the sum of £824.11s. There is a typed document full of details regarding the additions.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ABDM W3569 box 222 326A Contract Upper Hutt School additions 1908)

Wellington Education Board Specification of various Works required

- Agreement document April 1913 between Education Board and F H Luckins of Upper Hutt for £362.17s. 0p.
- Three blue document covering General Conditions of Contract

- Nine pages of Tender documents covering full details of the erection of additions to Upper Hutt School – excavation - concrete – carpenter – bricklayer – plumber – painter and conditions of tender dated Wednesday 26 March and signed F H Luckins
- Five blue print drawings including specification
- One map and drawings of alterations to Upper Hutt School but these are held in an envelope that has been is stapled to whole file so it cannot be accessed

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington ABDM W3569 218/ 305 Upper Hutt School 1913 Wellington Education Board)

Education School Buildings - Upper Hutt Public School – Education district Wellington (20 miles from Wellington) Particulars of Buildings and Sites & Applications for and Payments of Grants

Front of Card One

- Material wood – year of erection 1879 – school floor space original 1368
- Material wood – year of erection 1908 – school floor space original additions 720
- Material wood – year of erection (blank) – school floor space removed or no longer in use 2088
- Material wood – year of erection 1909 - school floor space original 151 / 2928
- Material wood – year of erection 1913 - school floor space original (1) 624 – total available (6) 3552
- Material wood – year of erection 1918- school floor space original (1) 624 – total available (7) 4176
- Material wood – year of erection 1929- school floor space original (1) 546 – total available (8) 4722
- Material wood year of erection 1930 – Dental Clinic (Type B) 344 square feet
- Residence – date of erection 1938 number of rooms 8 conveniences B.S.W. 1235 square feet
- Material wood – year of erection 1949- school floor space original (2) 1248 – total available (10) 5970
- Material wood – year of erection 1951- (prefab) school floor space original (2) 1034 – total available (12) 704

Written in column “Particulars of Site”

- Part section 126 on the plan of Upper Hutt district lots 21-35 area 2¼ acres Department contributed £250 Section 126 Block lots 25 106-108 area 3R.25.4P. Department Contributed £90 old site sold for £195 Total area 3A. 0R. 25.4P. Acquired 1921 Section 2326 99-105 1A. 1R. 18.6P. cost £725 Total area of Site 4A.2R.7.6P - 4 acres 2 rods 7 perches site section 126 Hutt District Res Site 165 x 60

Back of Card One = Applications for and Payments of grants

[1] Amount applied for = Date – Amount - Purpose of grant [2] Amount granted = Date – Amount
[3] Cost = Date – Amount – General Remarks

- Dates from 03/07/1908 to 02/10/1926 = 9 grant applications with figures and details

Front of Card Two

- Carried forward from card 1 Total available 12/7004 date of erection 1938 rooms 8 conveniences 1235

Written in column “Particulars of Site”

- Site of 1 acres 1 rood originally acquired for new infant school not required Transferred to Crown March 1954 Legal description part section 127 Hutt district being Lots 33-42 D.P. 1336, cr 525/243

Remarks at bottom of card two - Special Rooms

- Type ‘B’ Dental Clinic erected 1930 – 344 square feet
- Assembly Hall erected 1955 – 3360 square feet

Back of Card Two = Applications for and Payments of grants

[1] Amount applied for = Date – Amount - Purpose of grant [2] Amount granted = Date – Amount
[3] Cost = Date – Amount – General Remarks

- Dates from 24/11/1926 to 02/02/1938 = 15 grant applications with figures and details

Front of Card Three = Blank

Back of Card Three = Applications for and Payments of grants

- [1] Amount applied for = Date – Amount - Purpose of grant [2] Amount granted = Date – Amount
[3] Cost = Date – Amount – General Remarks
- Dates from 02/05/1938 to 27/07/1947 = 18 grant applications with figures and details including comment about renting St Hilda Church Hall

Front of Card Four = Blank

Back of Card Four = Applications for and Payments of grants

- [1] Amount applied for = Date – Amount - Purpose of grant [2] Amount granted = Date – Amount
[3] Cost = Date – Amount – General Remarks
- Dates from 17/08/1948 to 17/12/1957 = 11 grant applications with figures and details
- (Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington AAQD W3368 23834 box 1 - School Buildings and Sites – Education District – Wellington and Marlborough – Upper Hutt School)*

Alexander Turnbull Library manuscript collection Wellington = Upper Hutt School

- Upper Hutt School Admission registers for the Upper Hutt and Kaitoke School 1890-1982 reference number MS Group 0332 have been indexed
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1899-1908 reference number MSY 3848
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1908-1921 reference number MSY 3849
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1921-1925 reference number MSY 3850
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1925-1928 reference number MSY 3851
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1928-1930 reference number MSY 3852
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1931-1942 reference number MSY 3853
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1943-1950 reference number MSY 3854
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1950-1955 reference number MSY 3855
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1955-1958 reference number MSY 3856
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1958-1960 reference number MSY 3857
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1961-1967 reference number MSY 3858
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1968-1974 reference number MSY 3859
- Upper Hutt School Register of admission , progress and withdrawal 1974-1982 reference number MSY 3860

SEARCH for the Upper Hutt School LOG from 1874 to 1937

Upper Hutt School – Wellington Education Department Class Schedules

SEARCH Education Department record for Upper Hutt School Inspection by Robert Lee on 26 August 1874 and again with the school roll increase by new arrivals in January 1875

SEARCH for collection of School fees by the local authorities one being Mr THOMPSON. SEARCH Education Board correspondence for the Hutt Valley.

The Third School Building opened on 13 August 1879 SEARCH Education Board correspondence records to locate details were

ORDER 1885 Upper Hutt Public School

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1885 A-Z ADEX 16412 EB-W8 1/1)

1886 Upper Hutt Public School

Examination 27 September 1886 – Inspector Robert Lee – Classes PI – VI

Class PI = 10 boys & 5 girls

Class PII = 8 boys & 4 girls & 8 boys & 6 girls

Class I = 7 boys & 8 girls

Class II = 13 boys & 14 girls

Class III = 20 boys & 9 girls

Class IV = 7 boys & 8 girls

Class V = 7 boys & 4 girls

Class VI = 2 boys & 2 girls

Total 82 boys & 60 = 142 children

The only comments made by the inspector was 'stood out'. Also in the file there was a letter written and signed by H (Mrs Hannah) Barton & E Haybittle to Mr Hurley on 25 September 1886

Class I

- Alexander GOLDER age 8 years 3 months – results passed

Class PII

- John GOLDER age 7 years 2 months

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1886 A-Z ADEX 16412 EB-W8 1/2)

1887 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1887 A-Z ADEX 16412 EB-W8 2/3)

1888 Upper Hutt Public School

Examination 25 September 1888 - Inspector Robert Lee – Classes V - VII

Class V = 6 boys & 5 girls

Class VI = 4 boys & 3 girls

Class VII = 1 girl

Total 10 boys & 9 girls = 19 children

Comments made by the inspector were absent, left & improved

Please not I could not locate any details about the Alexander & John GOLDER

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1888 N-Z ADEX 16412 EB-W8 3/5)

1889 Upper Hutt Public School

Examination 23 & 24 September 1889 – Inspector Robert Lee – Classes PI – VII

Class P1 & P11 = 16 boys & 11 girls

Class I – 7 boys & 11 girls

Class II = 16 boys & 13 girls

Class III = 6 boys & 7 girls

Class IV = 5 boys & 6 girls

Class V = 8 boys & 8 girls

Class VI = 5 boys & 1 girl

Class VII = 1 boy & 2 girls

Total 64 boys & 59 girls = 123 children listed on the examination roll

Comments made by the inspector were delicate, nervous, stammers

Class III

- Alex GOLDER age 11 years 8 months - standard last II – results passed
- John GOLDER age 9 years 11 months – standard last II - results passed

Class PII

- Francis GOLDER age 7 years 11 months (no comments on primers register)

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1889 M-Z ADEX 16412 EB-W8 3/7 Upper Hutt)

1890 Upper Hutt Public School

Examination 15 & 16 September 1890 – Inspector Robert Lee – Classes I – VI

Class PI = 10 boys & 14 girls

Class PII = 4 boys & 7 girls

Class I = 8 boys & 2 girls

Class II = 12 boys & 14 girls

Class III = 14 boys & 8 girls

Class IV = 7 boys & 5 girls

Class V = 4 boys & 8 girls

Class VI = 8 boys & 6 girls

Total children 67 boys & 64 girls = 131 children listed on the examination roll

Comments made by the Inspector were stammers, delicate nervous, deaf, few absent scarlet fever, few absent ill, nervous & left the district last week

Class IV

- Alexander GOLDER age 12 years 11 months – standard last III – results passed
- John GOLDER age 12 years 8 months – standard last III – results passed

Class I

- Francis GOLDER age 9 years – results passed

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1890 M-Z ADEX 16412 EB-W8 5/9 [box 6] Upper Hutt)

1891 Upper Hutt Public School

Examination 10 September 1891 – Inspector T R Fleming - Classes I – VII

Class I = 6 boys & 9 girls

Class II = 10 boys & 2 girls

Class III = 7 boys & 15 girls

Class IV = 9 boys & 4 girls

Class V = 6 boys & 6 girls

Class VI = 4 boys & 1 girl

Class VII = 2 boys & 2 girls

Total 44 boys & 39 girls = 83 children listed on Upper Hutt school examination roll

Comments made by the inspector were weak sight dull, stammers, absent whooping cough, absent hospital Wellington, deformed & deaf (particularly) and not punctual

Class V

- Alexander GOLDER = Age 13 years 8 months – standard last IV – results passed
- John GOLDER = Age 12 years 4 months – standard last IV – results passed

Class II

- Francis GOLDER = age 10 years – standard last I – results passed

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1891 M-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 5/11 Upper Hutt)

1892 Upper Hutt Public School

Examination 6 & 7 September 1892 – Inspector T R Fleming - Classes I – VII

Class I = 11 boys & 8 girls

Class II = 9 boys & 11 girls

Class III = 10 boys & 7 girls

Class IV = 10 boys & 10 girls

Class V = 5 boys & 4 girls

Class VI = 2 boys & 4 girl

Class VII = 1 boys & 1 girls

Total 48 boys & 45 girls = 93 children listed on Upper Hutt school examination roll

Comments made by the inspector were inarticulate, stammers, absent an exception, irregular, delicate, irregular dull, weak sight, dull, impediment, stammers nervous, attendance irregular & nervous.

There was also 2 lists of children aged between 5 – 8 years recorded on an unofficial sheet of paper but it was not headed Upper Hutt School. I believe these are the younger children of

Upper Hutt school so have listed their total below. Page 1 aged between 6 – 8 years = 5 boys & 4 girls & page 2 aged between 5 – 8 years = 9 boys & 14 girls

Class VI

- Alexander GOLDER = age 14 years 8 months – standard last V – results passed
- John GOLDER = age 13 years 4 months – standard last V – results passed

Class III

- Francis GOLDER = age 11 years – standard last II – results passed

Class I

- William GOLDER = age 8 years 11 months – results passed

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1892 P-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 7/14 Upper Hutt)

1893 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1893 M-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8/16)

1894 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1894 N-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8/18)

1895 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1895 P-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8/22)

1896 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1896 T-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 12/26)

1897 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1897 T-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 14/29)

1898 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1898 U-Private ADEX 16412 EB-W8 15/34)

1899 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1899 T-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 17/38)

1900 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1900 O-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 19/42)

1901 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1901 T-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 22/48 record missing)

1902 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1902 S-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 24/54)

1903 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1903 S-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 26/60)

1904 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1904 S-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 28/65)

1905 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1905 S-W ADEX 16412 EB-W8 30/69)

1906 Upper Hutt Public School

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Education Board Wellington Class schedules 1906 U-Private ADEX 16412 EB-W8 32/76)

Children attending Upper Hutt School between 1885 and 1904 – Total of 10 years

Year	PI		PII		I		II		III		IV		V		VI		VII		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
1885																			
1886	10	5	16	10	7	8	13	14	20	9	7	8	7	4	2	2	0	0	142
1887																			
1888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	4	3	0	1	19
1889	0	0	16	11	7	11	16	13	6	7	5	6	8	8	5	1	1	2	123
1890	10	14	4	7	8	2	12	14	14	8	7	5	4	8	8	6	0	0	131
1891	0	0	0	0	6	9	10	2	7	15	9	4	6	6	4	1	2	2	83
1892	0	0	0	0	11	8	9	11	10	7	10	10	5	4	2	4	1	1	93
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Please note that the statistics above were taken from the Education Department School schedules

MEMORIES OF UPPER HUTT SCHOOL by John GOLDER

Two Members of the Old Brigade.

The two sons of the first white women born in Upper Hutt hope to be among the oldest surviving pupils at the school centenary.

Mr John Golder 84 went to the Upper Hutt School in 1866 a year after his brother Alec.

Both have a prodigious memory of their early school days and can even remember songs they were taught in the infant class.

The Upper Valley was all farming land then and the two boys rarely went beyond the town except for occasional trips to Lower Hutt or Wellington.

Though John said he was caned only once discipline was hard. One teacher frequently brought a stock whip to school another sent a boy out to a nearby clump of trees to fetch a cane then tested it on the unfortunate youth.

(Reference Heritage Centre Petone Library NZ Society of Genealogists Hutt Branch collection Upper Hutt School Centenary 1864-1964 Upper Hutt Printing Co Ltd of Queens Street Upper Hutt Wellington New Zealand February 1964 page 29-30)

The **GOLDER children** began school around age 6 years and the approx. years are listed below

- 1886 (W8/2) = Alexander William GOLDER born 02 February 1878 Upper Hutt
- 1886 (W8/2) = John Anthony GOLDER born 15 June 1879 Upper Hutt
- 1889 (W8/7) = Francis Joseph GOLDER born 22 September 1881 Upper Hutt
- 1892 (W8/11) = William Martin GOLDER born 23 September 1883 Upper Hutt
- 1893 (W8/16) = Mary Elizabeth GOLDER born 09 October 1885 Upper Hutt
- 1894 (W8/18) = Bertram James GOLDER born 14 August 1887 Upper Hutt
- 1896 (W8/26) = Thomas Charles GOLDER born 25 July 1889 Upper Hutt
- 1898 (W8/34) = Agnes Jane GOLDER born 13 June 1891 Upper Hutt
- 1900 (W8/42) = Teresa Isabella GOLDER born 14 June 1893 Upper Hutt
- 1902 (ATL) = Ellen/ Helen Aloysius GOLDER born about 30 November 1895 Upper Hutt
- 1904 (ATL) = Linus Bernard GOLDER born 01 February 1898 Upper Hutt

1952-1955 Valuation Rolls Upper Hutt Borough

GOLDERS FAMILY & UPPER HUTT SCHOOL ONLY

1914-1925

Reference Archives NZ Wellington AFHQ 19340 W1086 V-WROLLS 252 3/62a 2 = 1914-1925 Valuation Rolls Wellington – Hutt County - Upper Hutt Town District revised as at 31st March 1914

- GOLDER Alexr Upper Hutt Owner Jane Golder Mrs John Upper Hutt 61 [588] valuation no 3/62a/1150 part section 117 Upper Hutt Area 1R 32P Value 340 unimproved value 100 improved value 240 (house and out buildings)
- EDUCATION BOARD Wellington 1717 [284] Valuation No 3/62a/933 School Site Section part 126 Frontage Martin Street Benzie Avenue & Brown Streets Upper Hutt Area 3A 0R 29P Value 2400 unimproved 725 improved 1675 (School & buildings) = Exempt
- EDUCATION BOARD Wellington (formerly W C A Dimock per Monteath & Ward Wellington) 1365 [283] Valuation no 3/62a/935 Lot 23 Section 126 Martin Street Upper Hutt Area 60x165 Value 45 unimproved 45
- As above Education Board 3/62a/936 Lot 99 Section 126 Blenheim & Martin Streets
- As above Education Board 3/62a/937 Lot 100 Section 126 Blenheim Street Upper Hutt
- As above Education Board 3/62a/938 Lot 101 Section 126 Blenheim Street Upper Hutt
- As above Education Board 3/62a/939 Lot 102 Section 126 Blenheim Street Upper Hutt
- As above Education Board 3/62a/940 Lot 103 Section 126 Blenheim Street Upper Hutt
- As above Education Board 3/62a/941 Lot 104/5 Section 126 Blenheim Street Upper Hutt
- As above Education Board 3/62a/942 Lot 26 Section 126 Brown Street Upper Hutt

1952-1955

Reference Archives NZ Wellington AFHQ 19340 W1086 V-WROLLS 290 1599 1 = 1952-1955 Valuation Rolls Wellington – Upper Hutt Borough Council revised as at 31st March 1952

- GOLDER Alexander and John Main Road Upper Hutt Occupier [250] valuation no 1599/307 Lot 1 DP 12614 being part of section 117 Hutt District Upper Hutt Borough 1/87 Main Road C.T. 499/164 Area 0.1.01.43 Capital value 1355 Unimproved Value 485 Improved Value 870 Buildings Dwg. Fencing O/Bs. Planting Fg. Permanent draining O.I.

- GOLDER Alexander William Main Road Upper Hutt Occupier valuation No. 1599/308 Lots 37/38 DP 9051 being part of section 116 Hutt District Upper Hutt Borough Main Road C.T. Area 395/160 0.1.30.57 Capital value 875 unimproved value 845 improved value 30
 - WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD valuation no 1599/456 Lot 82 Dp 2523 being part of section 126 Hutt District Upper Hutt Borough 74 Martin Street C.T. 411/205 Area 0.0.36.36 Value 3140 unimproved value 395 improve value 2745 (Upper Hutt School)
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