

## **OXFORD CRESCENT SCHOOL**

5 Oxford Crescent Ebdentown Upper Hutt

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Opened 1952 as side school – officially opened 02 February 1953

### *Time line Oxford Crescent School*

1952	School opened as Side School with four classrooms
1952	Henry Smith principal Upper Hutt School in charge of Oxford side school
1953	School opened 02 February as Independent School with nine classrooms
1953	Mr Hugh Livingstone McKinnon principal (1953-1961)
1953	School Bell procured and erected
1954	Royal visit to Upper Hutt Friday 15 January 1954
1959	School baths operating
1959	School Gala 26 September
1978	25 <sup>th</sup> School Jubilee
2003	50 <sup>th</sup> School Jubilee

## **OXFORD CRESCENT SCHOOL STORY**

Oxford Crescent School was built and opened in 1952 as a side school with four classrooms. The school was official opened as an independent school on 02 February 1953 with nine classrooms. The school's entrance is at 5 Oxford Crescent with a side entrance from Kowhai Street in the Ebdentown district on part Section No 120.

Section No 120 was once a Native Reserve known as Hokowhitu also spelt Hokowhetu. Hemi Parai and other Maori purchased Section No 120 from the Crown along with the neighbouring Section No 121. Many years later Thomas Moritz St Clair (Tom) Coltman purchased part of Section No 120. Tom developed the land which became known as the Coltman Estate. Oxford Crescent School was sometimes referred to as Coltman Estate School

By 1947 negotiations began to purchase land in the subdivision of the Coltman Estate to establish Oxford Crescent School. Mr Coltman was offered £3500 for 6 acres of land.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Office R20132393)*

Upper Hutt Leader 07 August 1947

On June 40<sup>th</sup> [sic] 1947 a letter was received from the Board stating that they had decided to erect a school on the Coltman Estate also to remodel the main school and have another room at Trentham Camp.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 07 August 1947 Volume IX Number 30)*

The 29 July 1948 New Zealand Gazette records Land taken for a Public School In the Borough of Upper Hutt - Proclamation schedule 6 acres being part of section 120 Hutt District (Borough of Upper Hutt) Block I Rimutaka Survey District (Survey Office plan) SO 21618 on plan marked (Public Works Department) PWD 12714

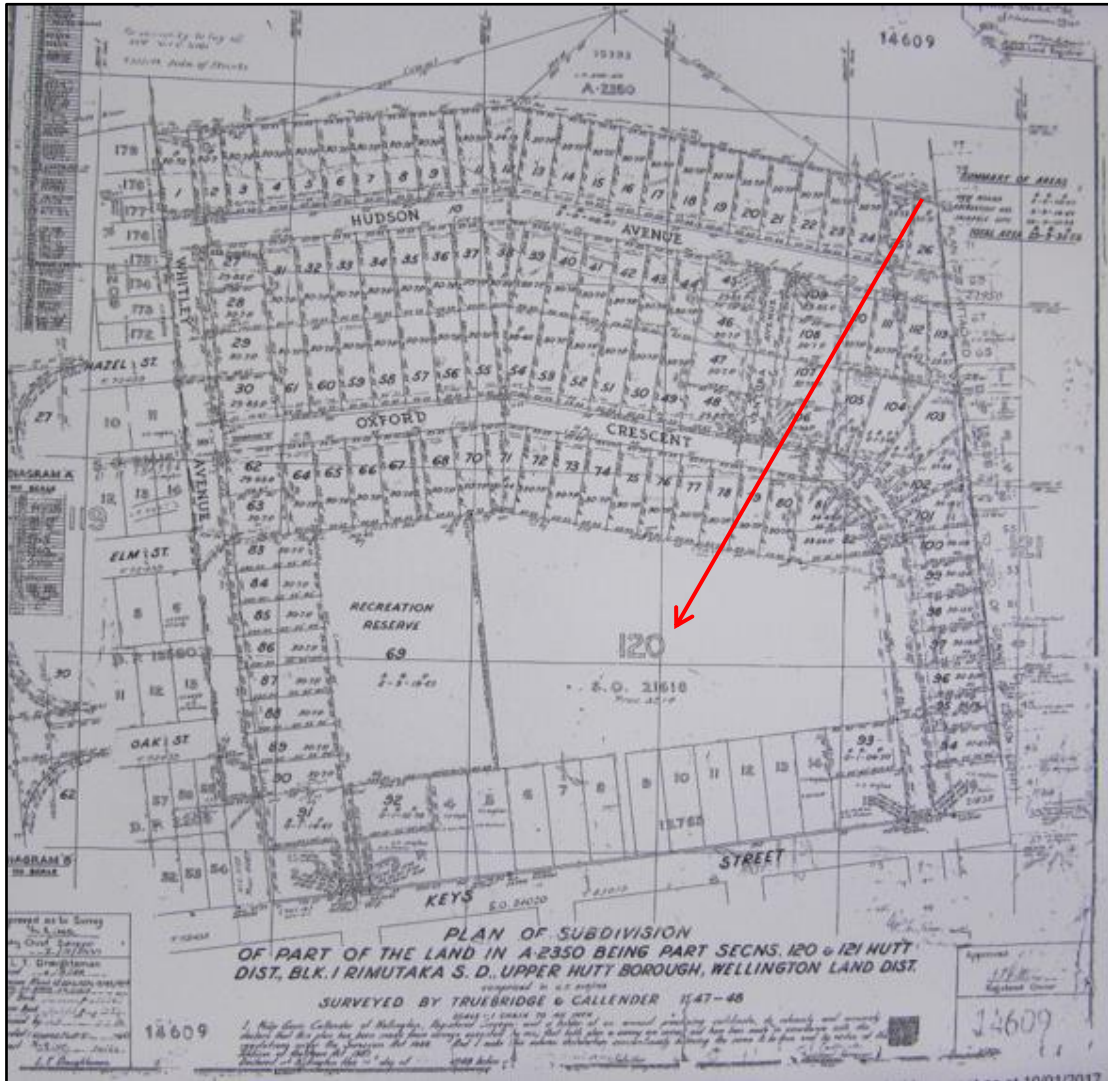
*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Office R20132393)*

Upper Hutt Leader 28 April 1949

Coltman Subdivision naming of Streets - The Upper Hutt Borough Council approved the suggestion by Mr T Coltman to name the streets on his subdivision after aircraft used in the last war. The four streets will be named Ventura Avenue, Whitley Avenue, Hudson Avenue and Oxford Crescent.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 28 April 1949 Volume XI Number 17)

**1949 Section No 120 Deposit Plan DP 14609**



UH Leader 22 June 1950

Coltman Estate School - Last weekend we were privileged to view the plans of the proposed new primary school to be built on the Coltman Estate. The plan itself is a most elaborate one showing the school and all its amenities under the one roof. Provision has been made for a dental clinic also medical room and there will be nine classrooms which will be centrally heated. A spacious play area of 240 feet by 186 feet is provided for also flower borders right around the school. The Education Board is now only waiting for one more suggested improvement from the then tenders will be called for. Such a school will certainly be an asset to the district particularly for children from the northern end of the borough and county. Mr A E Robinson Board representative stated that it will be one of the finest primary schools in New Zealand when completed.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 22 June 1950 Volume XII Number 25)

#### Upper Hutt Leader 23 February 1950

The Combined School Committee Association of which I am President is endeavouring to speed up the construction of the Coltman School and the proposed Infant School at Trentham.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 23 February 1950 Volume XII Number 8)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 30 March 1950

Upper Hutt Schools – The Education Board's representatives Mr A E Robinson stated that plans and specifications for the Coltman Estate School has been approved by the Board and that tenders will be called immediately for the erection of same.

*(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 30 March 1950 Volume XII Number 13)*

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*(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 22 June 1950 Volume XII Number 25)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 13 July 1950

Upper Hutt - Mr McGregor (secretary) Upper j Hutt School Committee emphasised the immediate need for the provision of the Coltman School. He expressed the apprehension of the local people at the Departments proposal to provide the new school without development of the grounds. This would place a most unfair burden on the new Committee and they would be at a grave disadvantage compared with many schools recently built which had been provided with the grounds already laid out. The urgent need for proceeding with the school was stressed by Mr McGregor who advocated the immediate approval of the plans to allow the work to be proceeded with whilst negotiations over the grounds were proceeding. Mr Algie in reply agreed that it was imperative that there should be no delay in the completion of the school buildings. He would have the matter looked into immediately. Regarding the Departments proposals re ground work he assured the Upper Hutt people that the new school would be provided with a reasonable developed recreation area. Funds for educational purposes for the financial year ending 31 March 1951 had already been spent and while he was hopeful of getting a further grant from the Minister of Finance (Mr Holland) it was necessary to enforce economies at present. Next year the position might be better. Mr McGregor supported by Mr Smith (headmaster), advocated the provision of a prefabricated classroom for the Upper Hutt School. The need was most urgent. Mr Algie had himself seen the overcrowded conditions and must realise the need for immediate action. Mr Algie offered to lend his support to the Wellington Education Board in endeavouring to meet the position and he hoped that a building would soon be made available.

*(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 13 July 1950 Volume XII Number 28)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 27 July 1950

Tenders for the erection of the Coltman Estate School close with the Education Board on 16 August. This school will be very modern and when completed will relieve the overflow at the Upper Hutt School

*(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 27 July 1950 Volume XII Number 30)*

Upper Hutt Leader 04, 14 September 1950

They Say What Do They Say (column) - That we understand A R Morgan Ltd were the successful tenders for the Coltman State School.

(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 04 & 14 September 1950 Volume XII Number 37)

Upper Hutt Leader 12 October 1950

The Coltman Estate School is costing over £50,000 after all said Mr Maher the primary schools are the first consideration.

(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 12 October 1950 Volume XII Number 41)

Upper Hutt Leader 19 October 1950

Cabinet approves of School grant - Mr J J Maher MP informed us on Tuesday afternoon that Cabinet had approved of the grant for the erection of the primary school on the Coltman estate. The following message was received by Mr Maher from the Minister of Education the Hon. R M Algie. "*Dear Mr Maher, I have very great pleasure in advising you that Cabinet has approved of the acceptance of a tender to cover the cost of a second Primary School in Upper Hutt situated on the Coltman Estate consisting of 9 classrooms, library classroom, dental clinic and subsidiary accommodation including staff rooms. The building will be centrally heated and the tender includes certain asphaltting and ground work which will of course need to be extended as the school grows.*" We understand the successful tenderer is Mr A R Morgan of Upper Hutt.

(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 19 October 1950 Volume XII Number 42)

### Oxford Crescent School part of Section No 120



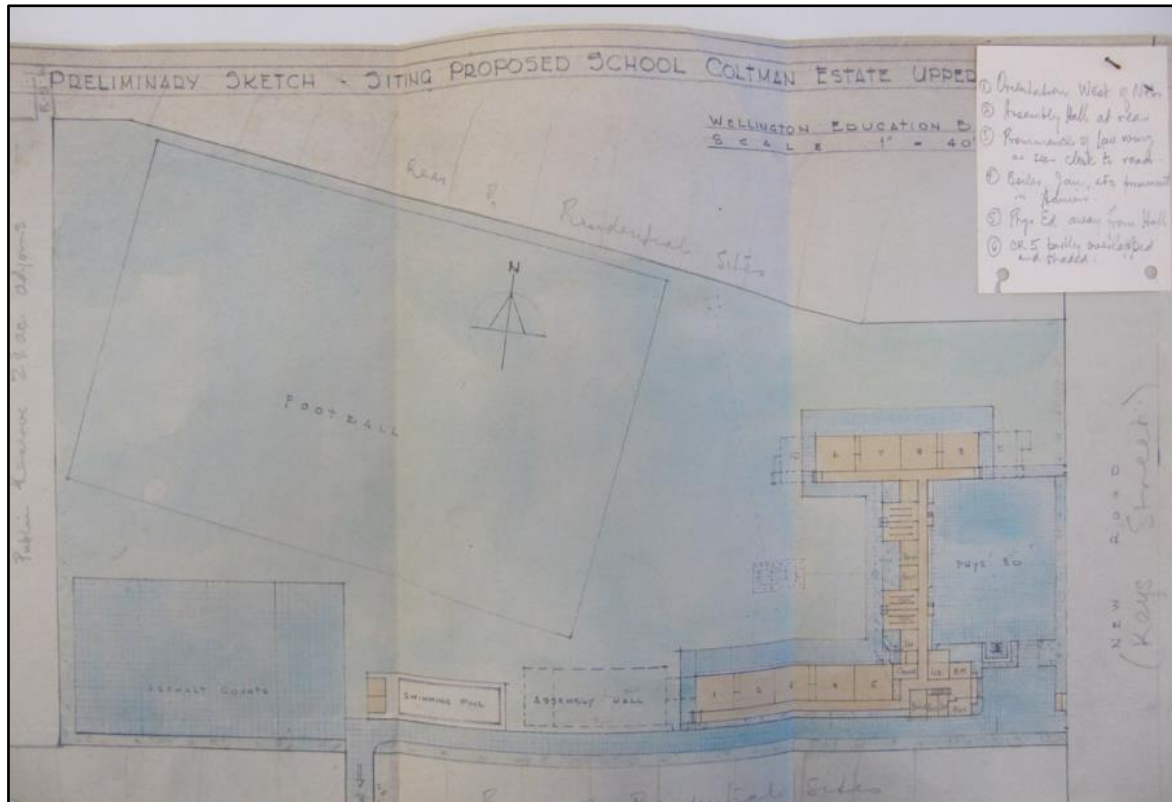
(Reference Archives NZ ABFI W3540 box 139 7/6 1 Primary Schools Wellington Oxford Crescent 1947-1966 IMG\_3161.JPG)

Upper Hutt Leader 17 April & 01 May 1952

Borough of Upper Hutt extraordinary Election of two Councillors at the following polling places  
Oxford Crescent School Oxford Crescent Upper Hutt (plus other places not transcribed)

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 01 May 1952)

### Sketch of proposed School Coltman Estate Upper Hutt



(Reference Archives NZ ABFI W3540 box 139 7/6 1 Primary Schools Wellington Oxford Crescent 1947-1966 IMG\_3161.JPG)

### 1952 – 1962 (01 to 10 years)

Upper Hutt Leader 20 March 1952

Upper Hutt School - Master's Responsibility - Mr Henry Smith Headmaster of Upper Hutt Primary School is at present probably one of the busiest Headmasters in the Wellington district as he is responsible for no less than four schools in Upper Hutt. Mr Smith has control of Upper Hutt School (13 classrooms), Trentham Camp Side School (4 classrooms), Silverstream Hospital (2 classrooms) and the latest addition the new School in the Coltman Estate which is named "Oxford Crescent" where four classrooms are being used. At present the total roll of pupils under Mr Smith in all schools is 876. When Oxford Crescent School is completed there will be nine classrooms besides all other offices including dental room and library. This is the last school to be built on an individual plan in future all schools will be standardised. Oxford Crescent will accommodate between 300 and 400 pupils. We understand the proposed High School for Upper Hutt will be completed by 1954. The contract has already been let and in the very near future a start will be made, on the building.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 20 March 1952 Volume IX Number 11)

Upper Hutt Leader 01 & 08 May 1952

An election was held on Saturday 01 May 1952 to fill two vacancies on the Hutt Borough Council. Various voting places were made available included was the Oxford Crescent School and in a later Leader the Coltman School.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 01 & 08 May 1952 Volume IX Number 18)

On 03 June 1952 the Oxford Terrace School Contract Contractor for the work has advised that he will be insuring only the uncompleted portion of the building as the completed part is now being used for school purposes and it will be necessary for the Department to arrange of that

part of the building to be covered under the Government Insurance fund scheme for the amount of £25,000

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Office R20132393)*

Oxford Crescent School was partially completed and occupied after the May holidays in 1952. The 03 June 1952 Oxford Terrace School Contract reads – Contractor for the work has advised that he will be insuring only the uncompleted portion of the building as the completed part is now being used for school purposes and it will be necessary for the Department to arrange of that part of the building to be covered under the Government Insurance fund scheme for the amount of £25,000

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R20132393 Primary Schools Wellington Oxford Crescent date 1947-1966 ABFI W3540 box 139 7/6 1)*

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*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 19 February 1953)*

Upper Hutt Leader 19 June 1952

Upper Hutt School Committees Association Annual Report - The Annual Meeting of the Upper Hutt Combined School Committee Association was held at Upper Hutt recently. The Annual Report presented by the President Mr K Milne showed another year of steady progress. Through the efforts of the Association the new Oxford Crescent School was in the process of erection and would relieve the pressure from the Upper Hutt School. This new school would be one of the finest of its type in New Zealand. Trentham's problems had been eased by the erection of a new Infant Block which was a credit to the School. At Silverstream tenders would shortly be called for a two-roomed Infant Block and this would be accompanied with grounds development. A two-roomed School was also planned for Pinehaven and when negotiations between the Education Board and the Education Department concerning ground works was settled this job would be proceeded with. At Maymorn Tunnel a new school has been established and is progressing well. The Association's future plans include co-operating with the Education Board in providing new schools in areas of rapid development. It is anticipated that one will be required between Trentham and Upper Hutt in the near future. The provision of a Primary and an Intermediate School near Barton's Bush are also future projects. The commencement of work on the new Secondary School in Ward Street is most gratifying. This is the result of many years of hard work by past and present members of the Association. Deputations to Ministers of Education have at last borne fruit and in the near future it is planned to have a ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone of the new college. The Minister of Education the Hon R M Algie has intimated his support for this function. A committee of the Association is at present making preparations for this event which should be attended by all parents in the Upper Hutt District. The -Association was represented at the Annual Dominion Conference of School Committees Associations held this year at Blenheim by Mr Milne and remits proposed by us were well received. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year Patron The Rev J C McCaw, President Mr H K Milne, Vice-Presidents Messrs H Poison and R Slacke, Vice-Patron Mr A Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer Mrs A Hendry, Auditor Mr Cooke.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 19 June 1952)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 02 July 1952

Oxford Crescent Home & School Association – The 50 to 60 people who braved the elements last Tuesday to attend the Oxford Crescent School to hear Mr L G Grimes of Lower Hutt recount his journey around the British Isles and the Continent were certainly rewarded for the courage.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 02 July 1952)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 14 & 21 August 1952

A nomination list of Candidates for office of Members for the Upper Hutt Licensing Trust District was published in the 14 August 1952 Upper Hutt leader. A poll was to be taken and the places to cast votes were advertised and included Coltman Estate School Oxford Crescent Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 14 & 21 August 1952 Volume IX Number 32)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 15 January 1953

Wellington Education Board Oxford Crescent School Appointment of School Commissioners – Parents of pupils who will attend this school and Householders in the immediate vicinity are invited to attend a Public Meeting to be held at the School at 8 pm on Wednesday 21 January for the purpose for securing nominations of persons to act as School Commissioners pending the election of a School Committee in April/May 1953 – Signed W I Deavoll Secretary Manager

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 15 & 21 January 1953 Volume X Number 1)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 29 January 1953

They Say What Do They Say - That there were only ten people at the Oxford Crescent School meeting last Wednesday evening.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 29 January 1953 Volume X Number 3)*

Oxford Crescent School officially opened on the 02 February 1953.

The first headmaster of Oxford Crescent School was Mr Hugh Livingstone McKinnon and the teachers were Mrs Mary Mhyfanwy Dawson infant mistress, Mr Johnston Harvie, Mrs Judith Elizabeth Brookie, Misses Margaret Anna Walsh, J A Scott, Ann Patricia Hunnibell, Miss Margaret McKenzie is relieving until the end of the month when Mr George Wallace Bowers will take up a permanent position.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 19 February 1953)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 19 February 1953

Oxford Crescent School - A meeting of the Commissioners of the Oxford Crescent School was held on Wednesday 11 February. Mr W N Clifford presided and the following were present. Mesdame R H Dry, L W Howell, Messrs E W Lee (Secretary), L W Howell, P T Watson, C G Cross, J F Douglas and the Headmaster Mr H L McKinnon. Mr S Pryor was elected to fill the vacancy on the Commission subject to the approval of the Education Board. The Headmaster reported that the school was opened on 02 February when the change-over to an independent school took place. The roll stood at 282 and was rapidly increasing. The following are the members of the staff, Mrs M Dawson Infant Mistress, Mr J Harvie, Mrs J E Brookie, Misses M Walsh, J A Scott, A P Hunnibell, Miss M McKenzie is relieving until the end of the month when Mr G Bowers will take up the permanent position.

It was decided to call a meeting of parents and others interested in the formation of a Parent Teachers Association at a later date. The Commissioners inspected the school grounds on Saturday 14 February and discussed plans for the lay-out of the gardens and sports fields. The school will be closed on Friday 27 February for the Annual Show.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Heritage collection UH Leader 19 February 1953 Volume X Number 6)*

The school's entrance is at 5 Oxford Crescent with a side entrance from Kowhai Street in the Ebdentown district. To the South of the school is Oxford Park that also provides access from Kowhai Street and Oxford Crescent.

Upper Hutt Leader 05 March 1953

Presbyterian Church Upper Hutt Parish began holding Sunday school classes at Oxford Crescent School at 9.45 am.

*(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 05 March 1953 Volume X Number 8)*

Upper Hutt Leader 12 March 1953

Caretaker – Application are invited for the position of Caretaker of the Oxford Crescent School Wages £9/3/4 (9 pound 3 shillings 4 pence) for 40 house week. Schedule of duties may be obtained from the Headmaster at the School or Mr J F Douglas 39 Exchange Street. Applications to be addressed to the Secretary - E W Lee Secretary Oxford Crescent School Commissioner 57 Kowhai Avenue Upper Hutt

*(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 12 March 1953 Volume X Number 9)*

Upper Hutt Leader 19 March 1953

Public Notice – Oxford Crescent School – Parents of pupils of the Oxford Crescent School are invited to attend a General Meeting to be held in the School on Monday 23 March at 8 pm for the purpose of forming a Parent-Teacher Association. E W Lee Secretary Oxford Crescent School Commissioner

*(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 19 March 1953 Volume X Number 10)*

Upper Hutt Leader 26 March 1953

New Association Formed - Oxford Crescent School – There was an excellent attendance of parents, teachers and friends at a meeting held at Oxford Crescent School on Monday evening at which it was unanimously decided to form an Association of parents and teachers. The meeting was presided over by Mr W M Clifford Chairman of Commissioners for the school. Mr Clifford welcomed all present and explained briefly the purpose of the meeting. Two members of the Upper Hutt School Parent Teachers Association 'Captain H Ruegg and Mr M McGregor were present and each addressed the meeting on various phases of school administration and the benefits derived from a closer association with the staff and work of the school. Captain Ruegg: spoke of the advantages of close liaison between parents and staff and stressed that cooperation and understanding between school committee and the associated would be of mutual benefit to all concerned. Mr McGregor stated that the work of the School Committee was mainly administrative and the Committee looked to the parents to assist it in its functions and responsibilities of the School Committee and mentioned that the capitation months allowed by the Education Department allowed were barely adequate to cover the necessities of the school and could not possibly be stretched to provide any real amenities for the school. Many items badly needed in a new school could be provided only through the interest and support of all connected with the school. Both strongly recommended the formation of a parent teacher body and at the conclusion of their addresses an immediate start was made with the formation of an Association. The following officers were elected :- President Mr S H Pryor - Vice-President Mr W Goldstone, Secretary Mr L C Upton, Treasurer Mr J K Gifford, Committee Mrs King, Mrs Sutherland, Miss Scott and Mr J Kemp also one other to be appointed later by Infant Mothers Club. Ex-Officer Members Headmaster (Mr McKinnon) and one member from School Committee. The Committee was asked to look into the questions of a suitable name for the Association and to draw on the provisional Constitution for presentation to another meeting. It was agreed that meeting be held monthly on the first Monday in the month the committee is already busy arranging speaker and drawing up an interesting programme. With the support of



parents and friends the committee hope to arrange film evening's socials and interesting discussions. The annual subscription was fixed at 2/6 per family. All parents teachers and friends are especially invited to attend the next meeting which will be held in the School Library Room on Tuesday 07 April when it is hoped to present the Constitution for consideration and in addition an address on a subject interest to all. At the conclusion of the talk opportunity will be given members to meet socially while partaking of supper.

*(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 26 March 1953 Volume X Number 11)*

Upper Hutt Leader 26 March 1953

They Say What Do They Say – That Oxford Crescent School has now formed a Parent-Teachers Association so what about getting in behind it.

*(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 26 March 1953 Volume X Number 11)*

Upper Hutt Leader 26 March 1953

School Sports At Maidstone Park – Last Wednesday week the Upper Valley Primary Schools held their Fifth Annual Sports Meeting at Maidstone Park when between 1500 and 2000 children were present most of whom took part in the programme. Schools competing were Upper Hutt, Oxford Crescent, St Joseph's, Trentham, Silverstream, Mangaroa, Maymorn and Te Marua.

*(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection UH Leader 26 March 1953 Volume X Number 11)*

Upper Hutt Leader 01 April 1953

Oxford Crescent School - Parents of children at Oxford Crescent School will be pleased to know that plans are already being made for them by the committee of the newly formed Home and School Association. A local firm has very kindly donated a lovely doll for competition and this should give the Association some much needed money. Incidentally one of the school's first needs is a piano. Anyone who knows where one may be obtained at a reasonable price could contact Mr Pryor at 19 King Street. The next meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday 07 April at .7.45 at the school. All parents and anyone else interested are invited to come. It is hoped that Mr McKinnon will give a talk on the lighter side of the Pahiatua Immigration School. On Monday 13 April another film evening is being held. Like the first evening a really excellent programme has been arranged. Parents are reminded that the films will start early and end at 9 o'clock. Later in the month the first Home and School Social will be held. Mr Pryor who is in charge of the arrangements has some really good plans in view for that night.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 01 April 1953 Volume X Number 12)*

Upper Hutt Leader 09 April 1953

Public Notice – Notice is hereby given to parents that the Defining Boundaries for the Election of a School Committee for the Oxford Crescent School on 27 April are between Main Road, Gibbons Road, Henry Street and River. W N Clifford Chairman of Commission.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 09 April 1953 Volume X Number 12)*

Upper Hutt Leader 16 April 1953

Oxford Crescent Home & School Association - Successful Social Evening – A very successful social evening was held at the above school last Saturday evening when about 60 parents, teachers and friends attended and enjoyed themselves in the friendly atmosphere. Mr S Pryor carried out the duties of M C and kept things moving throughout the evening. The double classroom and supper room were tastefully decorated with flowers supplied by friends of the school. During the evening the guests had the privilege of watching two outstanding Highland Dancers perform (Misses Fiona Weir and Heather Douglas) who were accompanied by Piper Muir. Songs by Mr L Tomlin accompanied by Mr Mrs Tomlin was greatly appreciated and provided a pleasant interlude. Throughout the night there was not a dull moment what with

games and competitions in which all joined in the fun. Much amusement was forthcoming in the animal drawing and guessing competitions organised by the M C and the floor was in excellent order for dancing. Mr and Mrs C Hammond provided music for several popular numbers which everyone participated in. This being the first social run by the committee it was more than pleasing to see the support forthcoming and now that the Association is formed it is hoped to have many more happy gatherings in the future. Such socials is one way the Association can raise finance which goes towards the improvements of the school also it links up the district so that parents and teachers become known to each other more quickly. The next social will be arranged shortly so watch the "Leader" for announcement.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 16 April 1953 Volume X Number 14)*

Upper Hutt Leader 30 April 1953

Caretaker – Applications are invited for the position of Caretaker of the Oxford Crescent School. Schedule of duties may be obtained from the Headmaster at the School or from the Secretary of the School Commissioners. Applications should be made in writing to the Secretary. E W Lee Secretary Oxford Crescent School Commissioners 57 Kowhai Avenue phone 3320

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 30 April 1953 Volume X Number 16)*

Upper Hutt Leader 30 April 1953

A wreath was laid by the Oxford Crescent School along with other Upper Hutt schools at the base of the flag staff at Maidstone Park.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 30 April 1953 Volume X Number 16)*

Upper Hutt Leader 07 May 1953

It was reported that a School bell has been procured by the Committee and arrangements are now being made to have it erected.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 07 May 1953 Volume X Number 10)*

Upper Hutt Leader 07 May 1953

Last Monday evening Mrs Dawson the Infant Mistress at Oxford Crescent School spoke to the Home and School Association about Reading in the Infant School.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 07 May 1953 Volume X Number 10)*

Upper Hutt Leader 11 June 1953

That the Parent-Teachers Association of the Oxford Crescent School will be holding a Social Evening at the School on Saturday at 8pm.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 11 June 1953 Volume X Number 22)*

Upper Hutt Leader 13 August 1953

Education Board has no conception of true position – The Oxford Crescent School has been endeavouring for some considerable time to have the school grounds put in order realising that in its present state the area constitutes a definite danger to children.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 13 August 1953 Volume X Number 31)*

Upper Hutt Leader 13 August 1953

Science to the Aid - Sometimes problems may not be as difficult as they appear and the Oxford Crescent School Committee found the solution to one of theirs by knowing where to appeal for help. Their problem was the central heating system at the School which had given trouble for some considerable time the heat radiated being poor and the furnace costly to use. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research was eventually communicated with and Mr Douglas of that Department following an inspection of the installation and after making various tests, recommended mixing certain types of coal. This mixture is now in use and an excellent

heat is obtained with an appreciable reduction in the consumption of fuel. Just a little problem satisfactorily solved by our industrial scientists.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 13 August 1953 Volume X Number 31)*

Upper Hutt Leader 17 September 1953

What is wrong with Oxford Crescent School Grounds - They are a disgrace said Mr J J Maher MP to a Leader representative when discussing the Oxford Crescent School grounds during the weekend, and that the person who laid down that strip of tar seal should have been sacked on the spot Mr Maher in company with the Chairman of the Committee Mr W M Clifford visited the grounds and his comments were above. The question was asked was it part of the contract or a separate one as the work should never have been passed if it did not come up to specifications.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 17 September 1953 Volume X Number 36)*

Upper Hutt Leader 12 November 1953

That the Knuckle Bone Contest at Oxford Crescent School will certainly be worthwhile.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 12 November 1953 Volume X Number 44)*

UH Leader 19 November 1953

Knuckle-Bone Contest Oxford Crescent School's Successful Venture – Fifty four entries competed in the Oxford Crescent School Knucklebone Contest on Saturday, despite the unsettled day some very good games were witnessed. Probably the most exciting was the senior game when two girls Misses Margaret Piper and Helen Borlase had to play off after each winning their first game. To make it more difficult for the girls Margaret who is a left hander had to play right hand and Helen vice versa, Margaret winning at the finish. Mr Hastings of Wellington was the judge and complimented the children on their agility. The infant's school will benefit by £8 by the afternoon's entertainment of knucklebones, afternoon tea and stalls. Following were the Winners of the competition, Juniors 6 to 9 years Lois Wellington, Intermediate 10 to 12 years Tony Weinberg, Seniors 13 to 16 years Margaret Piper.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 19 November 1953 Volume X Number 45)*

Royal Visit through Upper Hutt Friday 15 January 1954

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 07 January 1954 Volume XI Number 1)*

Upper Hutt Leader 22 April 1954

Miss J E Duske has been appointed an assistant teacher at the Oxford Crescent School

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 22 April 1954 Volume XI Number 16)*

Upper Hutt Leader 10 June 1954

Oxford Crescent School News - The roll of the Oxford Crescent School now stands at 333 and as in all probability this figure can be maintained the school become entitled to another teacher. This means that nine teachers will be employed and all classrooms used. Not to be outdone by the boys in their new light and dark blue football jerseys, the girls have now been supplied with basketball sashes of the same colour. These were made by two energetic members of the Home and School Association, Mesdames P Sutherland and D Waller. Indicative of the progress of the borough is the fact that 66 children have enrolled at the school since the beginning of the year.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 10 June 1954 Volume XI Number 24)*

Upper Hutt Leader 23 September 1954

Arrangements are now complete for the grand gala to be held at Oxford Crescent School this Saturday 25 September opening at 1030 pm

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 23 September 1954 Volume XI Number 45)*

Supplement to the New Zealand Gazette Supplement of Thursday 24 March 1955 published by Authority – Wellington Wednesday 30 March 1955 – Teachers Register [69 images]

Department of Education New Zealand – Alphabetical List of Primary School Teachers

The following Register of Teachers is issued under the authority of the Minister of Education in accordance with the provisions of the Education Amendment Act 1924.

The Register contains the names of the following:

- (a) Every person who was permanently employed as a teacher as at 31 October 1954
- (b) Every person who though not permanently employed at 31 October 1954 had been employed within the previous two years and has applied to have his name retained in the Register.

The Register gives the following information

Column (1) The Class of Certificate held

Column (2) Biennial Increase

Column (3) The 1955 Grading

Column (4) The 1956 Grading

Where asterisks are shown under the grading columns against the name of a teacher this indicates that the teacher has applied not to be graded under Regulation 15

Appeals against grading must be lodged with the Director of Education Wellington C 1 or the District Superintendent of Education Private Bag Newmarket Auckland S 1 within forty days of the date of publication of this Register.

Wellington 30 March 1955 - C E BEEBY Director of Education

*[the list of teachers are recoded in alphabetical order from page 510 to 577]*

*(Reference website nzlii.org/nz/other/nz\_gazette/1955/24.pdf)*

Upper Hutt Leader 14 July 1955

Oxford Crescent Home and School Association Film Evening at the School Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm Excellent programme for Children and Adults. Collection for school funds.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 14 July 1955 Volume XII Number 26)*

Upper Hutt Leader 19 January 1956

Oxford Crescent School Prize List - The Oxford Crescent School breakup ceremony was held last month. The Headmaster Mr H L McKinnon MBE MA welcomed visitors and parents including the Chairman of the School Committee Mr P T Watson. An apology was received from His Worship the Mayor. In his address Mr McKinnon paid a tribute to the co-operation of the parents, the work of the Home and School Association and the School Committee, and the staff. He also complimented the children on the high standard of work and behaviour. Mr Watson in a short address stressed the need for continuous work, pointing out that those who worked consistently and did their best were those who were more likely to succeed in later life. Certificates were presented by Mrs Howell and Mr Watson. Mr Shelton in the absence of Mr Pryor represented the Home and School Association and presented the Dux Prize. The following is the Prize List - Transport Dept. Certificate Cycle Patrol Arthur Anderton - Cockrel Raising Competition Colin MacDonald 1, Olive Jones 2, Lynette Patterson 3 - Home Garden Vegetable Plots Special Merit Janice Cook, Noelin Cook, 1st equal, Merit Heather Douglas, Elizabeth Herrick 2<sup>nd</sup> equal, Ian Watson, Jean Connor 3<sup>rd</sup> equal, Heather McPherson, Graeme Dawson, Janice Lorrett - Home Garden Flower Plots Marlene Thompson, Eila Allan, Merit Awards, Std 1 Barbara Irwin, Diane Fenn, Lynette Burrell, John Anderton – Std I Diane Collins, Anthula Shelton, Patricia Vare, Kelvin Prisk – Std II Louisa Smith, Jean Folland, Roy Sutherland, Barry Morgan, Gordon Leighs, Jan Griffiths – Std III Janice Ayres, Vivienne Collins, Ian Cook, Jill Clarke, Malcolm Grant - Std IV Dianne Gaffaney, Lynette Hazelwood. Patricia McKay. Lorraine Penman, David Laing, Robert White - Form 1 Graeme Somerville, Donald Morrison, Marlene Thompson,

Jean Connor, Lewis Sutherland, Angela Boxshall - Form II Ainsley Miles - Runner up to Dux: Janice Corbett - DUX of School Patrick Alley.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 19 January 1956 Volume XIII Number 1)*

Upper Hutt Leader 23 February 1956

Oxford Crescent School Concert – A grand concert organised by the Oxford Crescent Home and School Association on Tuesday evening was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. The result of the evening resulted in another £22 being added to the school baths swimming fund.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 23 February 1956 Volume XIII Number 6)*

Upper Hutt Leader 12 April 1956

Oxford Crescent School Upper Hutt Construction of Swimming Pool – Tenders closing at 12 noon on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1956 are invited for the construction of a swimming pool at Oxford Crescent School Upper Hutt. Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained on application to the Secretary 57 Kowhai Avenue Upper Hutt Phone 3320. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 12 April 1956 Volume XIII Number 13)*

Upper Hutt Leader 17 May 1956

Swimming Pool for Oxford Crescent School - The contract for the swimming pool for Oxford Crescent has been let and work will commence immediately. The successful tenderers were Strickland and Pawson, and according to the Chairman of the Home and School Association (Mr S Pryor), it is hoped the pool will be completed for use by the coming summer. Many working bees of fathers will be required as the contract is only for the pool, but dressing sheds will be required and that is where everyone can help. The committee responsible for raising the necessary money for the pool are to be congratulated, as since Oxford Crescent School has been going quite a lot of money has been raised for the benefit of the pupils and teachers to provide intercom radio, projector and other necessary amenities which are not allowed for in the building of a new school.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 17 May 1956 Volume XIII Number 18)*

Upper Hutt Leader 28 June 1956

That the Oxford Crescent School are going to have four or five working bees at the school to build a fence and dressing sheds for the learner's pool.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 28 June 1956 Volume XIII Number 24)*

Upper Hutt Leader 16 August 1956

Oxford Crescent School - Pupils of Form II of the Oxford Crescent School held a very successful social and dance at the school last Monday evening. Games and competitions occupied the early part of the evening and later parents were present to join in a wide variety of dances and participate in the lovely home-made supper served by the children. The only cloud so far as the pupils we're concerned was that they were losing their popular master on Friday Mr N R Borland having received advice of his promotion to the Lecturing Staff of the Wellington Teachers Training College. The opportunity was taken by the pupils to make a presentation to Mr Borland and a bouquet was presented to Mrs Borland. Mrs Svensen who supplied the music was also the recipient of a bouquet and Mrs Dalton received a nice spray. As MC Mr Bob Dalton proved very popular especially as he weakened to the pleas of the pupils and had two last dances.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 16 August 1956 Volume XIII Number 31)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 20 September 1956

That the local Red Cross has organised Junior Red Cross Groups at Heretaunga College, also at Oxford Crescent and Fraser Crescent Schools

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 20 September 1956 Volume XIII Number 36)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 27 September 1956

Oxford Crescent School Gala Day - Yes, on Saturday 29 September 29 is the big day for Oxford Crescent School when the Annual Gala Day will take place. This Gala Day has been a feature of the school for some years and 1956 will be even better, as besides all the stalls of good things, there will be marching girls, gymnastic displays, band music, not to say the display of bathing costumes, also a puppet show. For the children there will be plenty of amusement, including a doll's show. The opening of the learner's pool, which the Home and School Association have been striving for, is now ready and the official opening will take place during the afternoon. Yes, thanks to Stan Pryor and his live Committee plus Hugh McKinnon and his Teaching Staff, Oxford Crescent is a school to be proud of, so parents and friends go along and meet these people who have made this school where your children go, something to be proud of.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 27 September 1956 Volume XIII Number 37)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 04 October 1956

An indication how the population is increasing in the district can be gauged by the roll of Oxford Crescent School. When it opened in 1953 the roll was 264 whole over 400 pupils, 410 to be exact now attend the school

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 4 October 1956 Volume XIII Number 38)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 08 November 1956

Guy Fawkes Night at Oxford Crescent School [sic] - Over 50 Guys were on display at the Fraser Crescent School [sic] on Monday evening, when a bonfire was held on the school grounds. In a difficult task Mr P Davis judged the following as winners – Primers Lynell Lynburn1, Ross Colello 2 – Junior Yvonne Townsend and Jim Read 1 Roy Edwards 2 – Senior Section Sherwyn Dunford, Hillary Alexander and Beverley Adams 1, Kevin Adams 2 – Mr David gave all the primer children present an ice cream and to all entrants in the Guy Competitions fireworks.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 08 November 1956 Volume XIII Number 43)*

#### Upper Hutt Leader 20 December 1956

Oxford Crescent School - The Annual Break up Ceremony was held last Thursday. A large number of parents were present. The Headmaster Mr H L McKinnon MBE MA reviewed the year's activities thanked the parents for their support the staff for their co-operation and the pupils for the satisfactory year's work. Mr P N Holloway MP spoke briefly on the value of education and advised Form II pupils to continue with their studies. Mr P T Watson Chairman of the School Committee and Mr S H Pryor President of the Home and School Association also spoke. Mr Holloway presented the Transport Department Certificates. Mrs Howell, Mr Alexander and Mr Watson presented class Merit Certificates. Mr Pryor presented the Dux. The following is the prize list – Prize Traffic Certificates, Arthur Anderton, Aisla Ferkins, Marie Kemp, : Elaine Jamieson, Heather McPherson, Marlene Kurth, Patricia Boxshall, Ted Guy, Neale Auld, Murray Borlase, Chas. Potts, Michael Osborne, Colin Mac Donald - Merit Certificates Std. 1 Jennifer Ayres, Carol Gribben, Jocelyn Ashworth, Colin Mauchline, Keith Hooper, Stuart Low - Std. 2 Diane Collins, Kelvin Prisk, Joanna Goetz, Jennifer Low, Raone Whiteman, Kevin Woolcott, Arthur Mauchline - Std. 3 Christopher West, Jean Folland, Ann Clark, Roy Sutherland, Jan Griffiths - Std. 4 Diane Jones, Donald Shelton, William Johnson, Ridley Irwin, Sheryl Wilson - Form I Diane Gaffaney, Karen Johansen, Janice Nilsson, Kevin Hobbs, Patricia Boxshall, Ted

Guy – Form II Donald Morrison, David. Prideaux, Jean Connor, Carole Johns, Elizabeth Herrlck, Angela Boxshall - Runner-up for Dux Graeme Somerville - Dux Marlene Thomson.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 20 December 1956 Volume XIII Number 49)*

Upper Hutt Leader 07 February 1957

Oxford Crescent School at the end of 1956 had a total roll of 418. This term the total is slightly down to 378. Forty nine pupils have gone to post primary, 10 pupils left and new admissions amount to 10. (other schools rolls listed but not transcribed)

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 07 February 1957 Volume XIV Number 4)*

Upper Hutt Leader 25 July 1957

That the Jack Maybury Show at the Majestic Theatre on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August is in air of Oxford Crescent School.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 25 July 1957 Volume XIV Number 28)*

Upper Hutt Leader 20 December 1957

Oxford Crescent School Break-Up Ceremony - Oxford Crescent is now a five-year-old a lusty five-year-old capable of standing on its own feet Mr H McKinnon Headmaster told the large number of Parents at the break-up ceremony. The School was now building up its own tradition, a fine community spirit, and one of co-operation between pupils and teachers and teachers and parents. Mr McKinnon welcomed Mr P Watson Chairman of the School Committee and Mrs Watson, Mr E Alexander President of the Home and School Association and Mrs Alexander and Mrs Howell School Committee member and tendered an apology for the unavoidable absence of the Hon. P Holloway and the Mayor Mr Slacke. Mr McKinnon thanked his teaching staff for their loyal and willing support during the year, the School Committee for their capable handling of the School affairs, and the Home and School Association for the provision of so many amenities, the latest a Library of books valued at £500, which would be the envy of most schools. In the sporting field Oxford Crescent had a very good record, pupils earning places in every representative team. Mr Watson and Mr McKinnon both extended the best wishes to all those pupils who would be commencing their secondary education next year. Awards for the year were as follows – Dux [Diane Gaffaney, Runner-up to Dux Lance Stephenson,

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 20 December 1957 Volume XIV Number 49)*

Upper Hutt Leader 13 March 1958

That Oxford Crescent School will be commencing Card Evenings once again for the winter season.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 13 March 1958 Volume XV Number 9)*

Upper Hutt Leader 18 September 1958

That this Saturday 20 September will be a great day for Oxford Crescent School it being their Gala. That parents and children will be well catered for at the school grounds with all kinds of stalls not to say pony and miniature train rides.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 18 September 1958 Volume XV Number 36)*

Upper Hutt Leader 05 March 1959

That the filtration plant at the Oxford Crescent School Baths is now operating

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 05 March 1959 Volume XVI Number 8)*

Upper Hutt Leader 17 September 1959

They Say What Do They Say – That Oxford Crescent School's Annual Gala Day will take place Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September (Saturday week)

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 17 September 1959 Volume XVI Number 36)*

Upper Hutt Leader 08 October 1959

Majestic Theatre 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of the Oxford Crescent Sunday school. Sunday 11 October at 10 am Family Service All Welcome. Theme to the Glory of God.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 08 October 1959 Volume XVI Number 39)

Upper Hutt Leader 03 March 1960

Oxford Crescent Home & School Association AGM was held at the school on 07 March 1960 at 7.45 pm.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 03 March 1960 Volume XVII Number 8)

In the 1960s the Oxford Crescent school buildings were used for Sunday school lessons, junior Red Cross meetings as well as social events such as 21<sup>st</sup> celebrations. Through the years Oxford Crescent School was also used for voting at the national and local elections.

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 21 July 1960

They Say What Do They Say – by the Man in the Street - That members of the Oxford Crescent School Junior Red Cross recently raised £6/6/4 for the Chilean relief fund.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader newspaper 21 July 1960 Volume XVII Number 28)

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 01 September 1960

Oxford Crescent Home and School Associated – AGM to be held at the school on Monday 05 September 1960 at 9pm.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader newspaper 01 September 1960 Volume XVII Number 36)

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 15 December 1960

Oxford Crescent Breakup - At the breaking up ceremony at Oxford Crescent School on Tuesday last Mr H McKinnon headmaster thanked the School Committee. H and S Association and teaching staff for their willing assistance and co-operation throughout the year. He pointed out that the school had been most fortunate from a staff point of view as most teachers had been with him for the full year. Mr Cox of the School Committee pointed out to the children that there were three things in life for a child, first the loyal to your school, second accept authority, third work hard at anything you do. If by carrying these three ideals throughout life you will be much better citizens as you grow up said the speaker. Mr Boyd president of the Home and School Association congratulated those school children who had received certificates pointing out that all could not get awards but by working hard it was possible they would receive such awards next year. The Award was won by Diane Collins runner-up Margaret Gilford. Merit Cards were awarded to several children in each class if being pointed out that those children had worked hard to get such an award.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader newspaper 15 December 1960 Volume XVII Number 51)

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 02 March 1961

Oxford Crescent Home & School Association Annual General Meeting 9 pm Monday 06<sup>th</sup> March at Oxford Crescent School.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection UH Leader newspaper 02 March 1961 volume XVIII number 8)

In April 1961 Mrs Rickards was the infant teacher at Oxford crescent school.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection UH Leader newspaper 20 April 1961 volume XVIII number 4)



At the end of the 1961 School year the Oxford Crescent School headmaster Mr H L McKinnon retired.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library collection UH Leader newspaper 20 December 1961)*

### **1962 – 1972 (10 to 20 years)**

Upper Hutt Leader 08 February 1962

Oxford Crescent School Swimming Carnival – During the entire period of the school holidays the Oxford Crescent School Baths have remained open and under the supervision of members of the Home and School Association a total of over 1200 children from the surrounding area have spent many enjoyable hours. As a climax to the holidays an evening swimming carnival was held.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 08 February 1962 Volume XIX Number 5)*

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 06 September 1962

School Caretaker – The position of School Caretaker at the Oxford Crescent School is vacant. Applicants please apply the Headmaster or phone 3325 Upper Hutt.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader newspaper 06 September 1962 Volume XIX Number 34)*

Around 1963 the new caretaker James Andrew Wardle and his wife Elaine Shirley Wardle the new cleaner began working at the Oxford Crescent School.

In 1963 correspondence it was reported that the prefab which is in a poor condition was to be replaced with new building & poor lighting in classroom

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Office R20132393)*

Upper Hutt Leader 18 November 1964

Oxford Crescent School Group Exponents of Maori Arts and Music – When an Oxford Crescent school teacher was chosen to do a special course in Maori Arts and Crafts run by the Education Department some time ago she little realised that the results would bring official recognition and a certain amount of unwished for but thoroughly deserved publicity. The teacher is Miss Margaret Page and when she returned from the special course she set about sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with her pupils. Not content with teaching the children Maori action songs, poi dances, hakas and laments, Miss Page decided that as a class project they should equip themselves with the appropriate costumes. A do it yourself programme was undertaken to make the grass skirts, or piu piu, headbands and bodices based on authentic Maori designs. The task was completed in 9 weeks and was undertaken with as much enthusiasm by boys as well as girls. Films Made - The project was so successful especially as the class is 100% pakeha that the Education Department have taken many pictures of the group and shortly will make a film which possibly will be circulated among other schools as an example of what can be achieved by leadership and a positive approach. The bodices and headbands for the costumes were worked in wool in cross stitch in yellow, white, red and black, the yellow being used because it shows up ; better at night. The items were originally intended for the Primary School Festival and we didn't visualise performing at other functions, explained Miss Page who went on to describe the making of the flax skirts which are such an important part of the Maori costume. Soothing Tons of flax were cut in the Wallaceville swamp and many parents helped to transport it back to school where we spent hours and hours scraping it, she said. Although pupils from Std 3 upwards are members of the group, the making of the costumes was done entirely by my own class Form 2 and we often had Saturday morning scraping bees. During the week though it was just a part of the normal school programme. Miss Page commented on the soothing effect this work had. The Maoris are more tranquil than we are and working on these projects explains why, she said. The piu piu are beautifully done with the correct black marking. We cheated a

bit there, said Miss Page, we knew that the proper dying would be too complicated, so we used felt pens to get the effect. Concert - The public of Upper Hutt will have an opportunity of hearing and seeing this well trained group of children perform many types of Maori action songs when they will be one of the star attractions at the concert for the Upper Hutt SPCA which is being held at Upper Hutt College on Saturday night 21 November.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 18 November 1964 Volume XXI Number 43)*

Keen students of Maori arts and crafts (Oxford Crescent School)



*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 18 November 1964 Volume XXI Number 43)*

Oxford Crescent Warrior



In a costume which he helped to make this young warrior makes a war-like grimace for the camera. The picture clearly shows the beautiful and intricate patterns of the head and shoulder bands executed by the pupils in wool to an authentic Maori design.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 18 November 1964 Volume XXI Number 43)*

Upper Hutt Leader 25 November 1964

Crowded Concert for SPCA Funds - The Grand Concert organised for the Upper Hutt SPCA by prominent musician Mr Alan Heathcote White was one of the best patronised and successful concerts held in Upper Hutt for a long time. Held in the Upper Hutt College Hall, the concert attracted far more people than the hall could hold and extra seating had to be carried in from other parts of the College and even then many had to stand around the walls and at the back of the hall. Consisting as it did of choral items, solos duels, recitations and band selections, the concert had an old-world flavour which was new to younger members of the audience and reminded the older ones of the good old days before TV and streamlined variety shows changed tastes and standards. Band Music - A high level of entertainment for the evening was set by the splendid opening items given by the Upper Hutt Municipal Band who also played incidental music before the commencement of the programme. Delightful music both choral and solos was heard from choirs from Oxford Crescent School (whose lovely singing of Maori music and colourful appearance in traditional Maori costume charmed the audience), St. Joseph's School, St. Patrick's College. Upper Hutt School and Upper Hutt College (Girls' Choir). Approximately £120 was made by the sale of concert tickets and programmes.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 25 November 1964 Volume XXI Number 44)*

### 1972 – 1982 (20 to 30 years)

#### 1978 Oxford Crescent School 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee first day staff and pupils



*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 14 November 1978)*

### 1982 – 1992 (30 to 40 years)

In May 1992 the husband and wife team caretaker James Andrew (Andy) Wardle and cleaner Elaine Shirley Wardle retired after 29 years with Oxford Crescent School.

**1992 – 2002 (40 to 50 years)**

**2002-2012 (50 to 60 years)**

2003 Oxford Crescent School Reunion 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee



*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection McCurdy Family collection 2003)*

In 2003 Oxford Crescent School held its 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

**2012-2022 (60 to 70 years)**

**2022-2024 (70 to 72 years)**

### **OXFORD CRESCENT SCHOOL STAFF**

Principals – Teachers – Caretakers – Cleaners – Dental Nurses

*Time line*    *Oxford Crescent School Staff*

1952    William Henry Smith principal UH School in charge Oxford Crescent side school  
1953    Mr Hugh Livingstone McKinnon principal (1953-1961) & Mrs Mary Mhyfanwy Dawson Infant Mistress & Mr Johnston (Jack) Harvie Teacher & Mrs Judith Elizabeth (Judy) Brookie Teacher & Miss Margaret Anna Walsh (Mrs Wysocki) Teacher & Miss

- Janet A Scott teacher & Miss Ann Patricia Hunnibell Teacher & Miss Margaret McKenzie Relieving Teacher & Mr George Wallace Bowers Teacher & Brenda Cross Relieving Teacher
- 1953 Margarita Doyle dental nurse 1953-1957
- 1954 Miss Joyce Elaine Duske teacher
- 1956 Mr Neil Rutherford Borland teacher left school 1956
- 1958 Mr Ogilvie Ivan Tait teacher 1958-1962
- 1959 Mrs Horne Reliving Teacher & Miss Thomas Student Teacher & Miss Kain Student Teacher
- 1961 Mr D Robinson acting principal (McKinnon sick) & Mrs Lisa Hazel Rickard infant teacher
- 1962 Mr Ronald Louis Sowden principal 1962-1969
- 1963 Mr James Andrew Wardle caretaker & Mrs Elaine Shirley Wardle cleaner
- 1969 Mr Peter Austin principal 1969-1974
- 1971 Betty Morris school secretary 1971-1988
- 1975 Jim Matheson 1975-1978
- 1979 Brian Purcell 1979-1983
- 1983 Vilma Riley 1983-1987
- 1988 Diane Patterson
- 1989 Leanne White principal
- 0000 Dorothy (Smith) Good school nurse
- 0000 June Gribben teacher aide
- 1991 Helen Puketapu School Secretary & Bob Dennison First Assistant & Betty McArthur Infant Mistress & Eunice Campbell took over from Betty McArthur
- 2003 Leanne White Principal & Marilyn McKenzie Deputy Principal & Marian Cole Assistant Principal & Catherine Pulford Teacher & Vanessa Murphy Teacher & Andrea Gunn Teacher & Christine Harrison Teacher & Dave Greville Teacher & Stephenie Boothan Teacher & Deborah Venning-Slater Teacher & Karla Billington Teacher & Nathan Russell Teacher & Susan Evason Teacher & Marianne Coldham Teacher & Karen Butturinin Teacher Aide & Anne Clyma Teacher Aid & Yvonne Gray Teacher Aide & Elissa Smith Teacher Aide & Willie Wilson Kaiaraahi te reo & Briony Fiso Kaiako n& Helen Puketapu Executive Officer & Lynne Gilmour Clerical Assistant & Jennie Turner Teacher Aide & Sue Tuffin Teacher Aide & Shirley Harrison Teacher Aide & Chris Skinner Caretaker & Brian Barnes Caretaker & Pam Maugham-Hipwell Cleaner & Mikolai Kicul Cleaner & Sarah Barnes Cleaner
- 2023 Nathan Russell Principal & Marilyn McKenzie Deputy Principal & Vanessa Murphy Assistant Principal & Yvonne Gray Teacher & Julia Nicholas Teacher & Karly Logan Teacher & Lacey McCarthy Teacher & Amber Donaldson Teacher & Stephanie Bootten-Baines Teacher & Sue Evason Pegg Teacher & Dave Greville Teacher & Charlotte McManus Teacher & Alyse Campbell Teacher & Davida Marshall Teacher & Melissa Davies Teacher & Glynis Skippers Teacher & Ben Graff Teacher & Lynley Roberts Office Manager & Paula Maher Office Assistant & Greig Davis Caretaker & Tania Lister Sports Coordinator & Sharon Watson Reading Recovery & Sharyn Spotswood Learning Support & Rebcca Saker Part-time Teacher & Sue Evason-Pegg Part-time Teachers & Courtney Binns Part-time Teacher & Julia MacManus Part-time Teacher & Bridgette Hanrahan Teacher Aide & Kim Zammit Teacher Aide & Sandra Feeney Teacher Aide & Sue Tuffin Teacher Aide & Anne Evason Teacher Aide & Harmony Kautai Teacher Aide.

The first headmaster of Oxford Crescent School was Mr Hugh Livingstone McKinnon and the teachers were Mrs Mary Mhyfanwy Dawson infant mistress, Mr Johnston Harvie, Mrs Judith Elizabeth Brookie, Misses Margaret Anna Walsh, J A Scott, Ann Patricia Hunnibell, Miss Margaret McKenzie is relieving until the end of the month when Mr George Wallace Bowers will take up a permanent position.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 19 February 1953)*

## **A to Z STAFF**

### **Neil Rutherford BORLAND teacher - 1956**

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#Neil Rutherford Borland Kopara Road Stokes Valley schoolteacher & Judith Anne Borland Kopara Road Stokes Valley married 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Miss Joyce Elaine DUSKE teacher 1954**

#Miss J E Duske has been appointed an assistant teacher at the Oxford Crescent School reference *Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 22 April 1954 Volume XI Number 16*

#Joyce Elaine Duske Flat 8 Somme Road Trentham Camp spinster & May Elizabeth Duske 8 Somme Road Trentham Camp married 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Peter AUSTIN principal 1969-1974**

#Peter Austin 80 Heretaunga Square school teacher & Nelle Anita Austin 80 Heretaunga Square married 1966 & 1969 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Peter Austin 80 Heretaunga Square headmaster & Nelle Anita Austin 80 Heretaunga Square married 1972 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Mr George Wallace BOWERS teacher 1953**

0- George Wallace BOWERS born 04 June 1928 place unknown died 2014 New Zealand married about 1960s New Zealand Peggy Lorraine surname unknown

#George Wallace Bowers Avenue Road Foxton school teacher 1949 Manawatu Elect Roll

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#George Wallace Bowers 10 Royal Street Upper Hutt school teacher 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#George Wallace Bowers 29 Jickell Street school teacher & Ada Martha Agnes Lilian BOWERS 29 Jickell Street widow 1957 Palmerston North Electoral Roll

#George Wallace Bowers 36 Paisley Street school teacher & Peggy Lorraine Bowers 36 Paisley Street married 1963 Palmerston North Electoral Roll

#George Wallace Bowers 12 Athlone Place school teacher & Peggy Lorraine Bowers 12 Athlone Place married 1966 & 1969 Palmerston North Electoral Roll

#George Wallace Bowers 12 Athlone Place teacher & Peggy Lorraine Bowers 12 Athlone Place married 1972 Ruahine Electoral Roll

#George Wallace Bowers 2 Windsor Terrace School teacher & Peggy Lorraine Bowers 2 Windsor Terrace homemaker & part time teacher 1978 & 1981 Wanganui Electoral Roll

#George Wallace Bowers died 2014 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2014 folio website 2014/12304 born 04 June 1928

#George Wallace Bowers peacefully at Summerset Wanganui on 24 May 2014 surrounded by love. Cherished and beloved husband for 53 years of Peggy. Dearly loved father and father in law of Suzanne and Murray Crane (Taupo), Elizabeth and Sean Hogan (Cambridge), Rosemary and Roger Gannon (Palmerston North), and Roy and Erin (Taupo). A loved and loving Grandad of Jason and Lisa, Thomas, Grace and Sarah, Laura and Amelia, Ella, Charlotte and Zoe. Step Grandad of Kurt and Abbey. In memory of George donations to Hospice Wanganui would be appreciated and can be placed in the Chapel Atrium or posted to PO Box 4284, Wanganui. A service to celebrate George's life will be held in the Cleveland Chapel 179 Ingestre Street Wanganui on Tuesday 27 May 2014 at 2pm reference Cleveland Funeral Home website

### **Mrs Judith Elizabeth BROOKIE teacher 1953**

0- Judith Elizabeth (Mrs BROOKE) maiden surname unknown born 19 March 1931 place unknown died 2010 New Zealand married Raymond John William BROOKIE born 17 December 1926 place unknown died 2019 New Zealand

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#Judith Elizabeth Brookie 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt married & Raymond J W Brookie 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt broadcasting officer 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Judith Elizabeth Brookie 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt married & Raymond John William BROOKIE 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt broadcasting officer 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Judith Elizabeth Brookie 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt married & Raymond John W Brookie 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt broadcasting officer 1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Judith E Brookie 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt married & Raymond J W Brookie 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt broadcasting officer 1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Judith Elizabeth Brookie 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt married & Raymond John William Brookie 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt broadcasting officer 1966 & 1969 Heretaunga Elect Roll

#Judith Elizabeth Brookie 8 Keats Street married & Raymond John W Brookie 8 Keats Street Upper Hutt NZBC officer 1972 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Judith Elizabeth Brookie 13A Barton Road married & Raymond John W Brookie 123A Barton Road NZBC officer 1978 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Judith Elizabeth Brookie died 2010 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2010 folio website 2010/14664 born 19 March 1931

#Raymond John William Brookie died 2019 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2019 folio website 2019/12628 born 17 December 1926

### **Eunice Carol CAMPBELL Teacher 1991**

#Eunice Carol Campbell 28 Riversdale Road Teacher & Malcolm Sydney J Campbell 28 Riversdale Road Bank Officer 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Brenda Browning CROSS Relieving Teacher 1953**

#Brenda Browning Cross 69 Pine Avenue Upper Hutt married & Charles Gordon Cross 69 Pine Avenue auditor 1949 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Brenda Browning Cross 31 Golders Road teacher & Charles Gordon Cross 31 Golders Road Town clerk 1972 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Mrs Mary Mhyfanwy DAWSON infant mistress 1953**

0- Mary Mhyfanwy (Mrs DAWSON) surname unknown born date and place unknown married Richard William Kyle DAWSON born date and place unknown

#Richard William Kyle Dawson 43 Kings Crescent teacher 1949 Hutt Electoral Roll

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#Mary Mhyfanwy Dawson 39 Kotari Road Days Bay married 1954 Petone Electoral Roll & Richard William K Dawson 43 Kings Crescent teacher 1954 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Mary Mhyfanwy Dawson Avian Road Whitemans Valley school teacher & Richard William Kyle Dawson Avian Road Whitemans Valley school teacher 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Mary Mhyfanwy Dawson Avian Road Whitemans Valley Teacher & Richard William K Dawson Avian Road Whitemans Valley teacher 1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Mary M Dawson 22 Avian Road Whitemans Valley married & Richard W K Dawson 22 Avian Road Whitemans Valley Pstch'st 1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Mary Mhyfanwy Dawson 22 Avian Road married & Richard William Kyle Dawson 25 Avian Road psychologist 1966 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Mary Mhyfanwy Dawson 22 Avian Road Whitemans Valley school teacher & Richard William K Dawson 22 Avian Road Whitemans Valley psych 1969 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Robert William (Bob) DENNISON first assistant 1991**

#Robert William Dennison 26 Shanly Street Teacher & Kay Marilyn Dennison 26 Shanly Street housewife 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Margarita Lucy DOYLE dental nurse 1953-1957**

#Margarita Lucy Doyle 22 Robertson Street Upper Hutt married Royce Vivian Doyle 22 Robertson Street Upper Hutt bank officer 1954 & 1957 & 1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Dorothy Steel (Smith) GOOD school nurse 0000**

#Dorothy Steel Good 11 Brown Street Upper Hutt registered nurse Vinsen Edward Good 11 Brown Street Upper Hutt civil servant 1966 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Audrey June (June) GRIBBEN teacher aide 0000**

#Audrey June Gribben 15 Oxford Street Upper Hutt married & Edwin Alexander Gribben 15 Oxford Crescent butcher 1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Johnston HARVIE teacher 1953 - 1956 - 1960s**

0- Johnston HARVIE born 29 July 1908 place unknown died 1994 New Zealand married New Zealand Elizabeth Sarah surname unknown born 03 September 1914 died 1989 New Zealand

#Johnston Harvie Bristol Street Trentham station hand 1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll



#Johnston Harvie 60499 Gunner 14 Lt A A Regt single Cartage contractor Palmer Crescent Trentham next of kin mother Mrs T Kane Nathan Place Palmerston North NZ WWII Nominal Roll 4 01 April 1941 to 30 June 1941

#Johnston Harvie Palmer Street Trentham station hand 1943 Wairarapa Electoral Roll

#Johnston Harvie Whakatiki Street Upper Hutt station hand 1946 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Johnston Harvie Martin Street Upper Hutt station hand & Elizabeth Sarah HARVIE Martin Street married 1949 Otaki Electoral Roll

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#Johnston Harvie 101 Martin Street school teacher & Elizabeth Sarah HARVIE 101 Martin Street Upper Hutt married 1954 & 1957 & 1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#In 1956 Johnston Harvie left Oxford Crescent School and transferred to the new Fraser Crescent School reference Upper Hutt Leader 08 March 1956 (I believe he returned to Oxford Crescent School but the date is unknown but it is known that he was at Oxford Crescent School in the 1860s

#Johnston Harvie 101 Martin Street retired & Elizabeth Sarah HARVIE 101 Martin Street Upper Hutt married 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Elizabeth Sarah Harvie died 1989 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1989 folio website 1989/47021 born 03 September 1914

#Johnston Harvie died 1994 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1994 folio website 1994/51268 born 29 July 1908

### **Mrs HORNE Reliving Teacher 1959**

Perhaps #Noelene Rae Horne 70 Martin Street Upper Hutt married 1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Miss Ann Patricia HUNNIBELL teacher 1953**

0- Ann Patricia HUNNIBELL born 24 November 1932 place unknown died 26 August 2003 New Zealand married Frank Peter Robert GRIERSON born 27 August 1930 place unknown died 2019 New Zealand

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#Ann Patricia Grierson 103 Mortimer Terrace married (WW) & Frank Peter R Grierson 103 Mortimer Terrace trainee (WW) 1954 Karori Electoral Roll Wellington

Perhaps Ann's parents #Rex Harry Hunnibell 55 Kowhai Avenue Upper Hutt public servant & Flora Hunnibell 55 Kowhai Avenue Upper Hutt married 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Mrs Anne P Grierson – certificate C – biennial increase 12 – 1955 grading 26 – 1956 grading 32 Teachers Register reference The NZ Gazette Thursday 24 March 1955 Wellington No 24 page 534 website nzlii.org/nz/other/nz\_gazette/1955/24.pdf

#Ann Patricia Grierson Hacche Road married & Frank Peter Robert Grierson Hacche Road manager 1957 Gisborne Electoral Roll

#Ann P Grierson 31 Landscape Road Papatoetoe married & Frank P R Grierson 31Landscape Road Papatoetoe carrier 1969 Manukau Electoral Roll

#Ann Patricia Grierson 31 Landscape Road married & Frank P R Grierson 31Landscape Road manager 1972 Mangere Electoral Roll

#Ann P Grierson 31 Landscape Road married & Frank Peter Robert Grierson 16 Wintere Road Textile worker 1978 Papatoetoe Electoral Roll

#Ann Patricia Grierson died 2003 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2003 folio website 2003/19307 born 24 November 1932

#Anne Grierson (Hunnibell) died 26 August 2003 date 26 August 2004 In Memoriam Wellington News Papers

#Frank Peter Robert Grierson died 2019 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2019 folio website 2019/35273 born 27 August 1930

#### **Miss KAIN Student Teacher 1959**

Perhaps #Mabel Frances Kain 28 Arawa Road spinster 1957 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

#### **Hugh LIVINGSTON Principal 1952**

#The first headmaster of Oxford Crescent School was Mr Hugh Livingstone McKinnon and the teachers were Mrs Mary Mhyfanwy Dawson infant mistress, Mr Johnston Harvie, Mrs Judith Elizabeth Brookie, Misses Margaret Anna Walsh, J A Scott, Ann Patricia Hunnibell, Miss Margaret McKenzie is relieving until the end of the month when Mr George Wallace Bowers will take up a permanent position.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 19 February 1953)*

#### **Betty MCARTHUR Infant mistress 1991**

#### **Miss Margaret MCKENZIE relieving teacher 1953**

0- Margaret MCKENZIE born after 1922 New Zealand

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#Margaret McKenzie –C-15-76-83 AND/OR Margaret A McKenzie C-9-163-167 reference The NZ Gazette Thursday 24 March 1955 Wellington No 24 page 534 website [nzlii.org/nz/other/nz\\_gazette/1955/24.pdf](http://nzlii.org/nz/other/nz_gazette/1955/24.pdf)

#Margaret McKenzie 32 Awa Road spinster & Marion Amelia McKenzie 32 Awa Road married & Fergus McKenzie 32 Awa Road soldier 1946 Miramar Electoral Roll

#Margaret McKenzie 32 Awa Road spinster & Marion Amelia McKenzie 32 Awa Road married & Fergus McKenzie 32 Awa Road soldier 1954 Miramar Electoral Roll

#Margaret McKenzie 32 Awa Road school teacher (WE) 1957 Miramar Electoral Roll

#Margaret McKenzie 32 Awa Road school teacher (WE) & Marion Amelia McKenzie 32 Awa Road widow (WE) (1960 Miramar Electoral Roll

#Margaret McKenzie 32 Awa Road school teacher (WE) & Marion Amelia McKenzie 32 Awa Road widow (WE) (1963 Miramar Electoral Roll

#Margaret McKenzie parents were Marion Amelia (nee Little 1885-1974) m 1921 NZ James Henry McKenzie (1875-1927) and sibling Fergus (1922-1993)

#### **Mr Hugh Livingstone MCKINNON first principal 1953-1961**

0- Hugh Livingstone MCKINNON born 17 May 1904 Invercargill New Zealand died 1977 New Zealand

#Hugh Livingstone McKinnon born 1905 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1905 folio website 1905/6861 parents Grace and John McKinnon

#Hugh Livingstone Mckinnon WW2 15980 Warrant Officer Class 2 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Infantry 37<sup>th</sup> Battalion single School teacher next of kin mother Mrs G McKinnon 58 Waterloo Road Lower Hutt

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#Hugh Livingstone Mckinnon Hawthorne Crescent Stokes Valley teacher 1954 & 1957 & 1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Hugh Livingstone Mckinnon 61 Wai-iti Crescent retired 1972 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Hugh Livingstone Mckinnon died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/49142 born 17 May 1904

Mr H L Mckinnon MBE MA (Hons) who retires, at the end of this year from the position of Headmaster of the Oxford Crescent School Upper Hutt can look back over a long and varied career in the teaching profession. He received his secondary education at the Southland Boys High School Invercargill trained as a primary teacher at the Dunedin Teachers Training College and eventually graduated M.A. with Honours in History in the University of New Zealand. He began his service as a pupil teacher at Waihopai School Invercargill and after his Training College Course he returned to this school as an assistant teacher. He also served as an assistant master at the Invercargill Borstal Institution. Later he worked as a post-primary teacher in the secondary departments of the Mosgiel and Kurow District High Schools. During the Second World War he served for three years in the Pacific. Towards the end of the War he took charge of the school for the 800 Polish children brought to this country by the New Zealand Government and established in the refugee camp at Pahiatua. He organised the teaching of English to the children and to the adults who accompanied them. It was an usual school for the Polish language history and national handicrafts were also taught. The aim of Mr McKinnon and those associated with him was to prepare the children to take their place in any New Zealand school. His work was appropriately recognised by the award of the M.B.E. in Birthday Honours in 1945. He was sent by the New Zealand Government to study the methods used in the large migrant camps in Australia which had been established to teach English to Displaced Persons. He adapted what he saw there to the conditions he encountered at Pahiatua. Altogether over 4000 new New Zealanders passed through the Centre people of many races and languages were prepared for their entry into the life of their new homeland. When the camp was closed down at the end of 1951 Mr; McKinnon was granted leave of absence to visit Britain and Europe. When the Oxford Crescent School opened in 1953 he was appointed the first headmaster. Proof of Mr Mckinnon's popularity with the Staff is the fact that his school has had very few staff changes during the period of his headmastership. At a special School Assembly held on 07 December the pupils of the school presented him with a Conray Electric Heater and a Mohair Travelling Rug while his present staff gave him an Elizabethan Lounge Chair at an afternoon function later on. The Home and School Association showed their deep appreciation by the gift of a wristlet watch. All who have been associated in any way with Mr McKinnon during his 40 years' service in the Teaching Profession will wish him well in his retirement.

*(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 20 December 1961 volume XVIII Number 49)*

### **James Richard (Jim) MATHESON Teacher 1975-1978**

#James Richard Matheson 3 Pope Street Plimmerton Teacher & Sandra Louise Matheson 3 Pope Street Plimmerton Clerk 1972 & 1978 Kapiti Electoral Roll

### **Miss Margaret PAGE Teacher 1964**

#Oxford Crescent School Group Exponents of Maori Arts and Music – When an Oxford Crescent school teacher was chosen to do a special course in Maori Arts and Crafts run by the Education Department some time ago she little realised that the results would bring official recognition and a certain amount of unwished for but thoroughly deserved publicity. The teacher is Miss Margaret Page and when she returned from the special course she set about sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with her pupils. Not content with teaching the children Maori action songs, poi dances, hakas and laments, Miss Page decided that as a class project they should equip themselves with the appropriate costumes. A do it yourself programme was undertaken to make the grass skirts, or piu piu, headbands and bodices based on authentic Maori designs. The task was completed in 9 weeks and was undertaken with as much enthusiasm by boys as well as girls. Films Made - The project was so successful especially as the class is 100% pakeha that the Education Department have taken many pictures of the group and shortly will make a film which possibly will be circulated among other schools as an example of what can be achieved by leadership and a positive approach. The bodices and headbands for the costumes were worked in wool in cross stitch in yellow, white, red and black, the yellow being used because it shows up ; better at night. The items were originally intended for the Primary School Festival and we didn't visualise performing at other functions, explained Miss Page who went on to describe the making of the flax skirts which are such an important part of the Maori costume. Soothing Tons of flax were cut in the Wallaceville swamp and many parents helped to transport it back to school where we spent hours and hours scraping it, she said. Although pupils from Std 3 upwards are members of the group, the making of the costumes was done entirely by my own class Form 2 and we often had Saturday morning scraping bees. During the week though it was just a part of the normal school programme. Miss Page commented on the soothing effect this work had. The Maoris are more tranquil than we are and working on these projects explains why, she said. The piu piu are beautifully done with the correct black marking. We cheated a bit there, said Miss Page, we knew that the proper dying would be too complicated, so we used felt pens to get the effect. Concert - The public of Upper Hutt will have an opportunity of hearing and seeing this well trained group of children perform many types of Maori action songs when they will be one of the star attractions at the concert for the Upper Hutt SPCA which is being held at Upper Hutt College on Saturday night 21 November reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 18 November 1964 Volume XXI Number 43

### **Diane Patricia PATTERSON teacher 1988**

#Dianne Patricia PATTERSON 5 Parkes Line Road Teacher & Paul Scott Patterson 5 Parkes line Road School Teacher 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **William Henry SMITH principal 1952**

#Henry Smith the principal of Upper Hutt School was in charge of the Oxford Crescent side school in 1952 until it was officially opening in 1953.

#William Henry Smith 74 Martin Street Upper Hutt schoolmaster & Effie Helen Smith 74 Marton Street Upper Hutt married & Brian Deane Smith 74 Martin Street Upper Hutt schoolmaster 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Helen Louise PUKETAPU school secretary 1991**

#Helen Louise Puketapu 86 Miro Street housewife & Raymond Peter Puketapu 86 Miro Street Council Worker 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Brian Arthur PURCELL principal 1979-1983**

#Brian Arthur Purcell 10 Oregon Drive Teacher & Jean Agnes Purcell 10 Oregon Drive married 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll.

**Mrs Lisa Hazel RICKARD infant teacher**

0- Lisa Hazel [Mrs RICKARD] surname unknown born 30 November 1912 died 2014 New Zealand married Frederick George RICKARD born 26 February 1910 died 1983 New Zealand

#Lisa Hazel Rickard Army Military Camp Mangaroa teacher & Frederick George Rickard Army Military Camp Mangaroa soldier 1954 & 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Lisa Hazel Rickard 72 Main Road North Upper Hutt teacher & Frederick George Rickards 72 Main Road North Upper Hutt soldier 1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#In 1961 Mrs Rickards was the infant teacher at Oxford crescent school reference Upper Hutt City Library collection UH Leader newspaper 20 April 1961 volume XVIII number 4

#Lisa H Rickard 72 Main Road North Upper Hutt teacher & Frederick G Rickard 72 Main Road North Upper Hutt public servant 1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Lisa Hazel Rickard 72 Main Road North Upper Hutt school teacher 1966 & 1969 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Lisa Hazel Rickard Flat 2 31A McParland Street teacher 1972 & 1978 & 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Frederick George Rickard died 1983 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1983 folio website 1983/38489 born 26 February 1910

#Lisa Hazel Rickard died 2014 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2014 folio website 2014/7660 born 30 November 1912

**Vilma RILEY (1983-1987)**

**Donald Leslie ROBINSON acting principal 1961**

#Donald L Robinson 26 Seddon Street Upper Hutt Teacher & 1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Donald Leslie Robinson 26 Seddon Street Upper Hutt School Teacher & 1 Sonia Frances ROBINSON 26 Seddon Street married 1966 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

**Miss J A SCOTT teacher 1953**

0- J A SCOTT born date and place unknown

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#Janet Scott D-6-97-100 reference The NZ Gazette Thursday 24 March 1955 Wellington No 24 page 534 website nzlii.org/nz/other/nz\_gazette/1955/24.pdf

#NO TRACE for Miss J A Scott

Perhaps #Janet Alison Scott Paerata Ridge spinster & Janet McPeak Scott Paerata Poptiki married & William Alister Grant Scott Paerata Ridge Opotiki farmer 1957 Bay of Plenty Electoral Roll

**Ronald Louis SOWDEN principal (1962-1969)**

#Ronald Louis Sowden 7 Whakatiki Street teacher & Otira Hazel Sowden 7 Whakatiki Street married 1966 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

### **Mr Ogilvie Ivan TAIT teacher 1960s**

0- Ogilvie Ivan TAIT born 21 May 1915 New Zealand died 2009 New Zealand married Phyllis Clarice surname unknown born 23 August 1916 died 2009 New Zealand  
#Ogilvie Ivan Tait born 1915 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1915 folio website 1915/15632 parents Annie and William Ogilvie Tait  
#Ogilvie Ivan Tait Ngarawa Martinborough farmhand 1938 Wairarapa Electoral Roll  
#Ogilvie Ivan Tait Te Rou school teacher & Phyllis Clarice TAIT Te Rou married 1954 Marlborough Electoral Roll  
#Ogilvie Ivan Tait 30 Davis Crescent Upper Hutt school teacher & Phyllis Clarice TAIT 30 Davis Crescent Upper Hutt married 1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Ogilvie Ivan Tait 30 Davis Crescent Upper Hutt teacher & Phyllis Clarice TAIT 30 Davis Crescent Upper Hutt married 1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Ogilvie Ivan Tait Fox Street Featherston school teacher & Phyllis Clarice TAIT Fox Street Featherston married 1963 Wairarapa Electoral Roll  
#Ogilvie Ivan Tait Main Road Mangakino Retired & Phyllis Clarice TAIT Main Road Mangakino Retired 1981 Waipa Electoral Roll Waikato  
#Ogilvie Ivan Tait died 2009 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2009 folio website 2009/8574 born 21 May 1915  
#Phyllis Clarice Tait died 2009 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2009 folio website 2009/20514 born 23 August 1916

### **Miss THOMAS Student Teacher 1959**

#### **Miss Margaret Anna WALSH teacher 1953**

0- Margaret Anna WALSH born  
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#Margaret Anna Walsh 43 Churton Crescent Taita spinster 1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll  
#Margaret A Walsh C-11-37-42 reference The NZ Gazette Thursday 24 March 1955 Wellington No 24 page 534 website nzlii.org/nz/other/nz\_gazette/1955/24.pdf  
#NO TRACE for Miss Margaret Anna WALSH

#### **Mr James Andrew WARDLE caretaker**

#### **Mrs Elaine Shirley WARDLE cleaner**

Oxford Crescent School bade a fond farewell to their caretaker and cleaner Andy and Elaine Wardle who have worked at the school for 29 years. A husband and wife team Mr and Mrs Wardle probably aren't your average everyday caretaker and cleaner combination. Specially loved by the pupils and staff of Oxford Crescent School the Wardles have often been cast into the parent or grandparent role. "The secret is to listen to the kids says Mr Wardle who has been known to be 126 years old for many years. Eager for a "happy face" stamp, the children of Oxford Crescent School crowd round Andy and Elaine Wardle. Mr Wardle introduced the stamp about 17 years ago. Before that he would draw a happy face on each child's hand. To receive one of these special stamps the children must promise to be good for mum and dad and be careful when crossing the road.



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 12 May 1992)

0- James Andrew (Andy) WARDLE born 11 January 1928 place unknown died 2016 New Zealand married Elaine Shirley surname unknown born 05 March 1929 place unknown died 2012 New Zealand

#James Andrew Wardle 84 Queen Crescent driver & Elaine Shirley Wardle 84 Queen Crescent married 1954 & 1957 & 1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#James Andrew Wardle 14 Oxford Crescent caretaker & Elaine Shirley Wardle 14 Oxford Crescent housewife/cleaner 1963 & 1969 & 1972 & 1978 & 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

#Elaine Shirley Wardle died 2012 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2012 folio website 2012/27325 born 05 March 1929

#James Andrew Wardle died 2016 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 2016 folio website 2016/12976 born 11 January 1928

### **Leanne WHITE principal (1989)**

#Leanne Michelle White 11 Akron Grove Teacher & Brent Reginald White 11 Akron Grove Motor Mechanic 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

## **OXFORD CRESCENT SCHOOL PUPILS**

<i>Time line</i>	<i>Oxford Crescent School pupils</i>
1952	Roll pupils
1953	Roll 264 -287pupils
1954	Roll 333 pupils
1956	Roll 410-418 pupils
1956	Marlene Thomson Dux
1956	Graeme Somerville Dux runner
1957	Roll 378 pupils
1995	Roll 333 pupils
1998	Roll 382 pupils
2001	Roll 369 pupils
2005	Roll 291 pupils

2007 Roll 291 pupils

## A TO Z PUPILS

### **Helen BORLASE pupil 1953**

#Knuckle-Bone Contest Oxford Crescent School's Successful Venture - Probably the most exciting was the senior game when two girls Misses Margaret Piper and Helen Borlase had to play off after each winning their first game. To make it more difficult for the girls Margaret who is a left hander had to play right hand and Helen vice versa, Margaret winning at the finish reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 19 November 1953 Volume X Number 45

### **Diane COLLINS pupil 1960**

#Oxford Crescent Breakup - The Award was won by Diane Collins runner-up Margaret Gilford reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader newspaper 15 December 1960 Volume XVII Number 51

### **John CORMACK NZ entertainer - ex pupil**

#Information given to me but I have no confirmation is John Cormack was at the school.

### **Michael CRAWFORD-LLOYD pupil 1961**

#That Michael Crawford-Lloyd Oxford Crescent School won the 100 yards championships at Maidstone Park last Monday against the local primary schools reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 16 November 1961 Volume XVII Number 44

### **Margaret GILFORD pupil 1960**

#Oxford Crescent Breakup - The Award was won by Diane Collins runner-up Margaret Gilford reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader newspaper 15 December 1960 Volume XVII Number 51

### **Glenn LAWRIE pupil 1964**

#Wrist Broken in Fall – Glenn Lawrie aged 12 years son of Mr and Mrs T H Lawrie of 62 Pine Avenue broke his left wrist in a fall from YMCA equipment on Saturday morning last. Glen is a pupil of Oxford Crescent School and his condition is reported to be quite satisfactory reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 07 October 1964 Volume XXI Number 37

### **Debbie PETERS pupil 1964**

#Oxford Crescent School Pupils Going Places – We are very pleased to publish an interesting letter from Debbie Peters a class captain at Oxford Crescent School in which she tells of an exciting trip which students of the school will make next month reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader newspaper 30 September 1964 Volume XXI Number 36

### **Margaret PIPER pupil 1953**

#Knuckle-Bone Contest Oxford Crescent School's Successful Venture - Following were the Winners of the competition, Juniors 6 to 9 years Lois Wellington, Intermediate 10 to 12 years Tony Weinberg, Seniors 13 to 16 years Margaret Piper reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection UH Leader 19 November 1953 Volume X Number 45

### **Gregory Mark SAINSBURY Journalist & Broadcaster - ex pupil**



#Gregory Mark Sainsbury was born 1956 and grew up in Upper Hutt. He lives in Wellington with his wife Ramona. Mark is a New Zealand journalist and broadcaster. He hosted Close Up TVNZ's TV ONE until the show was axed on 30 November 2022. He won the 2007 Best Presenter Quantas Media Award for fronting Close Up.

### **Tony WEINBERG pupil 1953**

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### **Lois WELLINGTON pupil 1953**

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### **Kevin WOOLCOTT Oxford Crescent School - ex pupil**

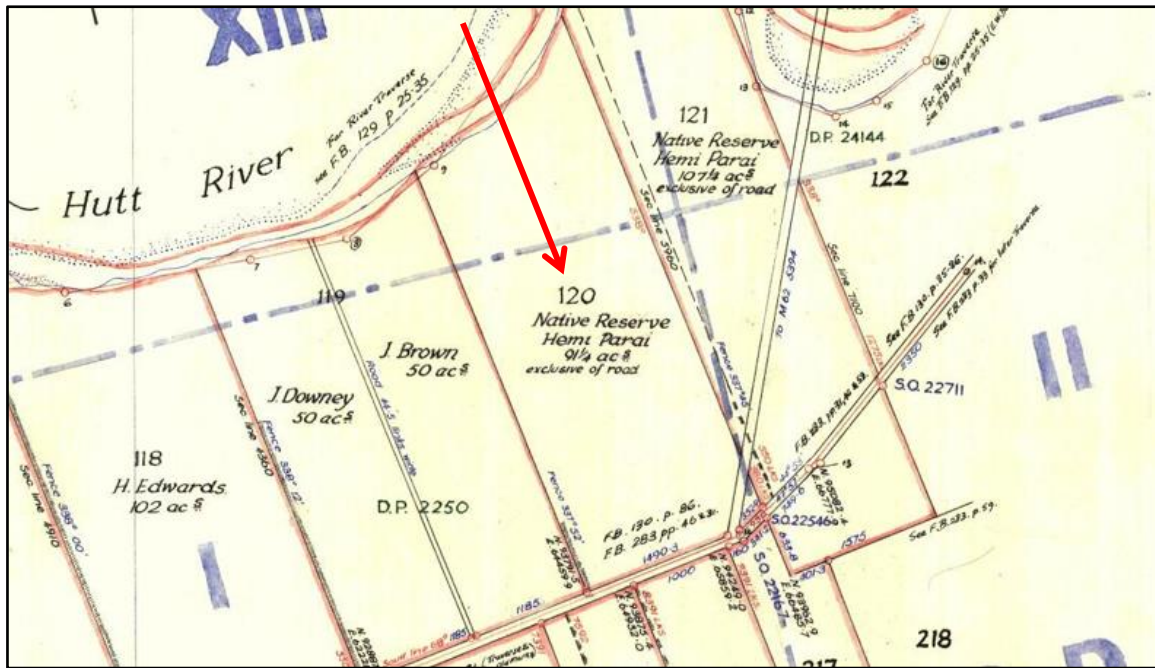
#Tennis New Zealand = TNZ Te Tohu (dedication to the sport) award December 2022 & TNZ Honorary Vice President 2019-2020 & TNZ Spirit of Tennis Award 2018 & Member Coaching Advisory Group Tennis NZ 2015-2017

#Career highlights = NZ Davis Cup Representative 1966-1967 & Wimbledon, Italian, Australian majors in the amateur era & NZ hard-court singles champion Dunedin 1969 & NZ National Coach 1983-1989 (BP Tennis Foundation) & NZ Fed Cup Captain 1979 Madrid, Nagoya 1983 & NZ World Youth Cup Coach 1984-1987 & Chairman Coaching Association (CANZ) 1991-1994 (Hillary Commission era) & TNZ Coach Education facilitator presenter 1999-2005 & Coach, International Lawn Tennis Club World Challenge Trophy –winner Sydney 2004 winner Auckland 2006 & Tennis Northern Regional Coach 1992-2000 & Tennislife Co-Owner and Director 2000-2013 & Finalist Westpac Business Enterprise Excellence Awards – Innovation category 2008 & AUT Tennis Northern Coach of the Year 2008 & Life member TCNZ 2011 also life member Upper Hutt Tennis Club 1983 & Life member Tennis Northern September 2017 & Awarded Inaugural Spirit of Tennis award at Tennis NZ annual awards night 2018 & Honorary Vice President Tennis NZ 2019-2020 & TNZ Te Tohu Hapai (dedication to the sport) award December 2022

## **OXFORD CRESCENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Places of Interest**

**Coltman Estate** subdivision was developed by Thomas Moritz St Clair (Tom) Coltman who purchased part of Section No 120. Tom developed the land which became known as the Coltman Estate.

**Native Reserve Hokowhitu** also spelt Hokowhetu was the name of Section No 120. Hemi Parai and other Maori purchased Section No 120 from the Crown along with the neighbouring Section No 121. Many years later Thomas Moritz St Clair (Tom) Coltman purchased part of Section No 120. Tom developed the land which became known as the Coltman Estate.



(Reference UH Map 1860s Township J Gillard WNC\_SO\_10985\_I\_4.jpg)

**Oxford Park** is situated at the back of Oxford Crescent School.

**Shops** on corner of Oxford Crescent and Whitley Avenue

**Streets - Hudson Avenue** was named after the Lockheed Hudson bomber. The American built light bomber aircraft was built for the Royal Air Force just before the Second World War. The Hudson served through the war mainly with Coastal Command but also in transport and training. The street was part of the 1949 Coltman subdivision developed by Thomas Moritz St Clair (Tom) Coltman. Tom's son was Flight Lieutenant James Thomas Coltman who served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force during World War Two and flew the Oxford, Hudson and Ventura bombers. The Upper Hutt City Council in 2016 placed a poppy on the street signs for Oxford Crescent, Hudson Avenue, Ventura Avenue and Whitley Avenue as part of the nationwide poppy project. Hudson Avenue was recorded in the Wises NZ Post Office Directory 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 volumes.

**Streets – Keys Street** merged into Parks Street and renamed Kowhai Avenue

**Streets - Kowhai Avenue** was named after the native Kowhai tree that grew in the area. Kowhai means the colour yellow. The Kowhai is a small woody tree admired for its spectacular yellow flowers. The tree is most popular with Tui and other birds. Kowhai Avenue was an original part of Park Street and Keys Street before both streets were merged and the whole street was renamed Kowhai Avenue. Perhaps the change was due to the early Waldegrave Park Estate subdivision's theme being trees and that most of the streets began at Pine Avenue and now includes Kowhai Avenue. Kowhai Avenue was recorded in the Wises NZ Post Office Directory 1955-1962.

**Streets - Oxford Crescent** was named after the Airspeed AS 10 Oxford. It was a twin-engine aircraft used for Training British Commonwealth aircrew during the Second World War. The Royal New Zealand Air Force used the Oxford to train aircrew. The streets were part of the 1949 Coltman subdivision developed by Thomas Moritz St Clair (Tom) Coltman. Tom's son was Flight

Lieutenant James Thomas Coltman who served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force during World War Two and he flew the Oxford, Hudson and Ventura bombers.

**Streets - Ventura Avenue** was named after the Lockheed Ventura bomber. It was a twin engine bomber of World War Two used by United States and British Commonwealth forces. The streets were part of the 1949 Coltman subdivision developed by Thomas Moritz St Clair (Tom) Coltman. Tom's son was Flight Lieutenant James Thomas Coltman who served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force during World War Two and flew the Oxford, Hudson and Ventura bombers. Ventura Avenue was recorded in the Wises NZ Post Office Directory 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 volumes. As part of the Nation-wide Poppy Project the Upper Hutt City Council placed a poppy on the street signs of Oxford Crescent, Hudson Avenue, Whitley Avenue and Ventura Avenue

**Streets - Whitley Avenue** was named after the Armstrong Whitworth A.W.39 Whitley bomber. It was a twin engine aircraft used by the Royal Air Force during World War Two. Whitley Avenue was part of the 1949 Coltman subdivision developed by Thomas Moritz St Clair (Tom) Coltman. Tom's son was Flight Lieutenant James Thomas Coltman who served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force during World War Two and flew the Oxford, Hudson and Ventura bombers. As part of the Nation-wide Poppy Project the Upper Hutt City Council placed a poppy on the street signs of Oxford Crescent, Hudson Avenue, Ventura Avenue and Whitley Avenue. Whitley Avenue was recorded in the Wises NZ Post Office Directory 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 volumes

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OXFORD CRESCENT SCHOOL</b> <b>Record collections &amp; miscellaneous information</b></p>
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#### **Oxford Crescent School**

- Records (to be transcribed)
- Photos (to be transcribed)

#### Publications

- Genealogy Resources in the Hutt Valley edited by Peggy Crawford for the Hutt Valley Group NZSG 1992
- Upper Hutt – the History by J A Kelleher 1991 pages 236-237
- List of Names and Places from the book Upper Hutt – the history compiled by Janet Doyle June 2005
- The Oxford Crescent School Golden Jubilee 1953-2003 publication published by the Jubilee Committee (full of information about the school)

#### Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website

- Archives 2 items
- Manuscripts 8 items
- Organisation 2 items
- Photos 45 items
- Place 1 item
- Publications 90 items

#### Plus

- Oxford Crescent School Jubilee 1953-2003 memories pupils progress over 50 years 2003 reference publication 72
- Various newspaper articles and photographs by Upper Hutt Leader on UHCC website

Supplement to the New Zealand Gazette Supplement of Thursday 24 March 1955 published by Authority – Wellington Wednesday 30 March 1955 – Teachers Register [69 images]

Department of Education New Zealand – Alphabetical List of Primary School Teachers

The following Register of Teachers is issued under the authority of the Minister of Education in accordance with the provisions of the Education Amendment Act 1924.

The Register contains the names of the following:

- (a) Every person who was permanently employed as a teacher as at 31 October 1954
- (b) Every person who though not permanently employed at 31 October 1954 had been employed within the previous two years and has applied to have his name retained in the Register.

The Register gives the following information

Column (1) The Class of Certificate held

Column (2) Biennial Increase

Column (3) The 1955 Grading

Column (4) The 1956 Grading

Where asterisks are shown under the grading columns against the name of a teacher this indicates that the teacher has applied not to be graded under Regulation 15

Appeals against grading must be lodged with the Director of Education Wellington C 1 or the District Superintendent of Education Private Bag Newmarket Auckland S 1 within forty days of the date of publication of this Register.

Wellington 30 March 1955 - C E BEEBY Director of Education

*[the list of teachers are recoded in alphabetical order from page 510 to 577]*

*(Reference website nzlii.org/nz/other/nz\_gazette/1955/24.pdf)*

#### Archives New Zealand Wellington Office (20 items)

- **R20132393** date 1947-1966 Primary Schools Wellington Oxford Crescent box 139 part number 1 record number 7/6 = access open ([transcription at the end of this section](#))
- R8827373 date 1966-1989 Primary Schools Wellington Oxford Crescent box 80 record number 7/6 = **access open**
- R687558 date 1981-1988 School Committee Projects Oxford Crescent box 34 record number 5/449 = **access open**
- R21559624 date 1966-1966 Contract Oxford Crescent School Prefab box 206 record number 66/82 = access may be restricted
- R21560936 date 1976-1976 Contract Oxford Crescent School Upgrading Library box 236 record number 76/109 = access may be restricted
- R21560935 date 1979-1980 Contract Oxford Crescent School Administration Alterations box 236 record number 70/087 = access may be restricted
- R21560937 date 1973-1973 Contract Oxford Crescent School Single Relocatable Classroom box 236 record number 74/61 = access may be restricted
- R21560934 date 1979-1979 Contract Oxford Crescent School General Purpose Hall box 236 record number 79/010 = access may be restricted
- R21560938 date 1968-1968 Contract Oxford Crescent School Prefab ex [from] Stokes Valley box 236 record number 68/72 = access may be restricted
- R21560925 date 1986-1986 Contract Opaki School Transfer of Relocatable Classroom from Oxford Crescent School box 236 record number 85/C711 = access may be restricted
- R21560136 date 1965-1965 Contract Tui Glen School Oxford Crescent School and Glenview School Demountables MarkIV [4] box 217 record number 65/87 = access may be restricted
- R21560965 date 1981-1981 Contract Petone West School Transfer of Two Unit Classrooms from Oxford Crescent School box 237 record number 81/077 = access may be restricted

- R21559990 date 1956-1956 Contract Moving Double Prefabs from Taita Central School to Taita Intermediate School and to Oxford Crescent School box 214 record number 56/193 = access may be restricted
- R25633799 date 1995-1995 Oxford Crescent School ET60793 25 10 1995 scanned images – on website IE35897412 Assurance audit report [roll 333 pupils](#)
- R25633805 date 1998-1998 Oxford Crescent School ET60800 1910 1998 scanned images- on website IE35897433 Accountability review report [roll 382 pupils](#)
- R25633812 date 2001-2001 Oxford Crescent School ET6087 21 12 2001 scanned images – on website IE35897475 Accountability review report [roll 369 pupils](#)
- R25633821 date 2005-2005 Oxford Crescent School ET60816 08 04 2005 scanned images – on website IE35897503 Education review report [roll 291 pupils](#)
- R25633825 date 2008-2008 Oxford Crescent School ET60822 11 12 2007 scanned images - on website IE35897516 Education review report [roll 291 pupils](#)
- R21562566 date 1978-1989 Staffing Individual School Files Oxford Crescent box 340 part number 2 = access restricted 2064
- R21562565 date 1965-1977 Staffing Individual Scholl Files Oxford Crescent box 340 part number 1 = access restricted 2052

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### Suggested Additional Research

- Land = Section No - Street Origin - Maps – Plans – Land development
- Buildings = School – Hall – Sheds – Baths – Dental rooms - Recreation – play grounds – sports grounds – reserves - Classrooms named after Early Settlers or other connections to Upper Hutt's heritage
- Events and Activities = Fires – earthquakes – floods - Sports – Clubs – Camps – Outings – School banking – Red Cross Club - Reunions – Before and Afterschool care
- Parents & Education Board - Parents teachers Association – Board of Trustees – Home & School Association – Home & School Committee – Parents helpers – Education Board Policies and Acts

### Archives New Zealand Wellington Office - transcriptions

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- PLAN proposed subdivision of Coltman Estate Upper Hutt – proposed School 6 acres showing lots numbers and some streets showing Park Street (Kowhai Street) Oak Street, Elm Street, Hazel Street, Logan Street, Hay Street, Ebdentown Street [saved as IMG](#)
- 29 January 1947 from Education Board Wellington to Education Department re Upper Hutt New Site Keys Street (Kowhai Street) Mr Coltman is anxious to subdivide his property
- 30 January 1947 from Director Education to Education Board requesting results of negotiations re acquisition of 6 acres of Coltman Estate
- 14 March 1947 from Education Department to Valuation Department requesting valuation of property
- 10 April 1947 Education department willing to accept responsibility for payment of valuation
- 23 April 1947 cost of valuation of Coltman property was 12s 6d
- 28 April 1947 purchase of school site under the compulsory provisions of Public Works Act
- 24 April 1947 from Education Board to Education Department report from Mr Coltman's Solicitor "*Without prejudice. We have discussed the plan enclosed with your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup>*"

*February with Mr Colton and his surveyor. Assuming that you wish him to give the 2 1/8 acres adjoining the school site for a public reserve he is willing to accept £3500 for the 6 acres. There is also an account for about £130 from the Surveyor who did the original survey. This survey was made useless by your wanting the 6 acres and we think it fair that you should meet that expense"* Government valuation for school site capital value £480 unimproved value £455 (fencing) £25 – it would seem that there is a very wide discrepancy between the price asked by Coltman and the Government Valuation (seek independent valuation)

- 08 May 1947 acquisition of new school site at Upper Hutt recommending action under the public works act under proclamation (2 page copy)
- 13 May 1947 from Education Board to Education Department results of independent valuation 7 chain @ £150 = £1050 plus supervision at 6% £63 One Third £371 – value not very different from Government valuation – question Coltmans figures represents value of land when subdivide without making an allowance for roading etc.
- 15 May 1947 memo recommending acquisition of 6 acres under compulsory provisions of the Public Works Act
- 19 May 1947 memo re account £4 8s 0d from J H Bethune & Co independent valuation
- 21 May 1947 memo re grant for counter offer of £1000 for 6 acres to Coltman (2 copies)
- 09 May 1947 from J H Bethune value to Education Board re valuation including resurvey
- 28 May 1947 approval to make a counter offer of £1000 for school site
- 23 July 1947 board does not appear to have received cost of valuation
- 15 August 1947 report on School matters at Upper Hutt – Primary schools refers to meetings and long range plan and includes statics of children enrolling for school in area (3 pages)
- 26 April 1948 memo from H Barton to Public Works Department re 6 acres
- 04 May 1948 memo I have no objections to the taking of the 6 acres of land shown on Plan SO 21618
- 29 July 1948 NZ Gazette Land taken for a Public School In the Borough of Upper Hutt - Proclamation schedule 6 acres being part of section 120 Hutt District (Borough of Upper Hutt) Block I Rimutaka Survey District SO 21618 – on plan marked PWD 12714
- PLAN Sketch saved as IMG
- 29 October 1948 Application estimated costs (items listed on invoice sheet) total £34,651 5s 0d (full details not transcribed)
- 02 November 1948 memo Education Board to Education department Upper Hutt School Coltman Estate – It is proposed to build the first five rooms, clock rooms, lavatories and administration block and refers to a sketch plan

#### Notes on piece of paper

- Upper Hutt roll 1948 526, 1949 553 accommodation 8 rooms under construction 2 rooms (refer to 100 children conveyed to Trentham Camp & Trentham Camp (4 classrooms)
- Trentham School roll 1949 259 staffing 1949 Head & 6 asst., Accommodation 6 rooms
- Silverstream School roll 1949 234 staffing 1949 Head & 5 asst. accommodation 6 rooms
- 11 November 1948 scrap paper details of Coltman Site School (Oxford) requesting plans of existing schools (3 different papers)
- PLAN saved as IMG
- 10 February 1949 Education board have no plans for existing schools
- 23 February 1949 from Upper Hutt Parents & Teachers Association urgent requesting early erection of a new school
- 11 March 1949 to Upper Hutt Parents & Teachers Association sketch plans proposed are at present been examined by Education department (2 copies)
- 23 February 1949 from Upper Hutt Parents & Teachers Association urgent requesting early erection of a new school

- 11 March 1949 to Upper Hutt Parents & Teachers Association sketch plans proposed are at present been examined by Education department
- 22 March 1949 Education board memo re New School Coltman Site
- Various papers memos and document covering same subject
- 22 July 1949 [6] items re the building of 9 (not 4) classroom needed urgently for new school
- 09 August 1949 plan additions and alterations information to Education Board
- 20 August 1947 Upper Hutt School Committee report listing members and report of the meeting of Friday 15 August 1947 (5 pages)
- 31 January 1949 from surveyor to Education Board re Upper Hutt school site valuation etc.
- 19 September 1949 from Education Board re School site valuation, land description and other good information (2 pages)
- 10 October 1949 Coltman Property full details including a 2 page list of the lots and valuation of sections lots also numbered (4 pages)
- 10 October 1949 T Coltman Estate part Sections 120 and 121 Hutt Registration District Keys Street [now Kowhai street previously Park Street]
- 03 November 1949 request to include an Assembly hall
- 20 October 1949 another request to include an Assembly hall in the plans
- PLAN saved as IMG
- 02 November 1949 Estimated Costs (invoice) for Hall and Dressing Rooms
- 02 November 1949 Re erection of assembly hall on Coltman Estate
- 03 November 1949 from valuation department part section 120 and 121 capital value £1410
- 03 November 1949 new primary school I advise request be not granted (for hall)
- PLAN saved as IMG
- 08 November 1949 from Education Board to Education Department full details including costs and valuations for school site and buildings (2 pages)
- 10 November 1949 Minister prepared to support hall if remaining one third of costs is found by local contribution
- Various papers cover same subject
- 13 December 1949 full description details including full costs of land, building, rates, road etc., (3 pages)
- 19 April 1950 paper with notes on Upper Hutt rolls 1946=383, 1947=425, 1948=468, 149=553, 1950=608 roll at Upper Hutt now 657 (balance in side school Trentham Camp)
- 10 April 1950 estimated cost school £45,000
- 11 May 1950 following adjustments school plans and specifications (3 copies of 2 pages)
- 18 May 1950 Tuesday Southern Cross newspaper article "*Niggling changes delay building of new school & Why have architects?*"
- 118 May 1950 report on newspaper articles
- 02 June 1950 adjustment to plans required for school (5 pages)
- 29 June 1950 referring to calling tenders and comments for school
- 03 July 1950 to Upper Hutt combined school committees re new school
- 30 May 1960 letter from Mrs A Hendry Upper Hutt School Committee to Education Board regarding the new school development of grounds etc. (2 pages)
- 29 August 1950 from Education Board tenders received for erection of school on Coltman site Building A R Morgan £49,084 & building W M Angus Ltd £63,478 & heating Jenkins £3143 & heating Vale & Co Ltd £3161 & Heating McMahon & Bond £3349 & A & T Burt Ltd £3380 recommend accepting tender A R Morgan Ltd £49,084 plus price of works £4410 list total £53,494 & tender of Jenkins and Mack Ltd £3143 plus many other details
- 12 September 1950 letter re tenders

- 19 September 1950 statistics of rolls 1949-558 present 728 pupils details of tenders and recommendations
- 21 September 1950 Public Works accounts and figures on form type invoice
- 29 September 1950 trespass notice erected to stop person removing soil off section during night in a truck
- 19 September 1950 statistics of rolls 1949-558 present 728 pupils details of tenders and recommendations (duplicates of this document in same file)
- 21 September 1950 Public Works accounts and figures on form type invoice (duplicates of this document in same file)
- PLAN saved as IMG
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- 17 October 1950 Cabinet approve acceptance of tender consisting of 9 classrooms, library, dental clinic and staff accommodation
- 11 October 1950 list of negotiations in date order (2 pages and 4copies)
- 19 October 1950 Coltman & Education Board our client will accept the sum of in settlement of compensation
- 25 October 1950 list of various amounts covering compensation
- 1951 correspondence
- Oxford Crescent School was perhaps completed and occupied after the May holidays in 1952
- 03 June 1952 Oxford Terrace School Contract – Contractor for the work has advised that he will be insuring only the uncompleted portion of the building as the completed part is now being used for school purposes and it will be necessary for the Department to arrange of that part of the building to be covered under the Government Insurance fund scheme for the amount of £25,000
- 1952 correspondence
- 27 February 1953 details of contract with A R Morgan contract finally completed 26 November 1952
- 14 May 1953 memo lots details plus –actual date of completion 08 September 1952
- 15 August 1953 Evening Post newspaper article “*Danger in Unformed School Grounds*”
- 1953 correspondence
- PLAN saved as IMG
- 15 April 1955 correspondence re asphalt (1954 No correspondence)
- 1955 correspondence
- 1956 correspondence including details of leaners swimming baths
- PLAN saved as IMG
- 8 photos saved as IMG
- 1956 correspondence (groundworks)
- November 1956 Contract removal of prefab from Taita School to Oxford Crescent School (8 pages) including PLAN saved as IMG
- 1957 correspondence for erection of 3 additional classrooms (arrangement to be made for double unit prefab)
- 1957 correspondence
- 20 November 1958 Learners pool filtration plant etc
- 1958 correspondence
- 12 June 1959 Grant in Aid for School Roofing



- 1959 correspondence
- 29 April 1960 provision for Oxford Crescent School provide playing fields to be used jointly with general public
- 1960 correspondence (1961 No correspondence)
- 1962 correspondence re-roofing of school
- 1963 correspondence prefab which is in a poor condition be replaced with new building & poor lighting in classroom
- 07 June 1963 Evening Post newspaper article "*Report on a School*"
- 23 June 1963 letter from parent James A Wardle of school covering conditions of buildings to Education department (3 pages)
- 1964 correspondence various items for the school including statistics
- PLAN saved as IMG
- 1964 & 1965 & 1966 correspondence various items for the school
- 21 March 1966 invoice for linoleum for school

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