



Whakamaru School

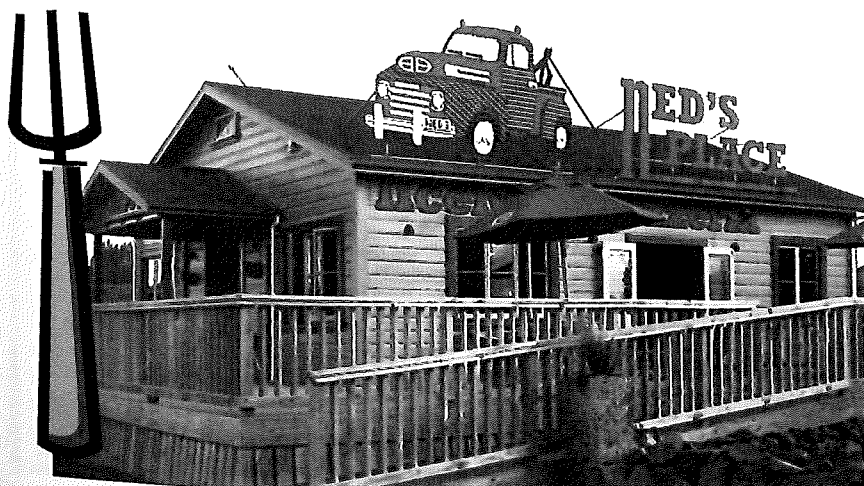
50th Jubilee
Celebrations

3rd, 4th, 5th April 2009

MIGHTY RIVER POWER

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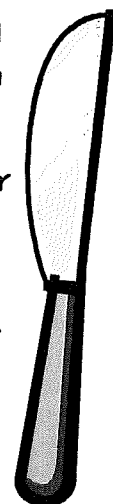


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Welcome Messages



Welcome message from School Principal

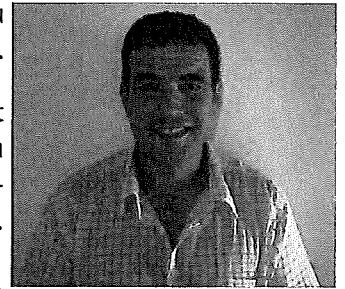
On behalf of the current school community I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you back to Whakamaru School. We are excited to celebrate the school's 50th jubilee and it is very special to be a part of it.

I know that you will enjoy your weekend and the chance to get together and reminisce.

Jill McArthur
Whakamaru School Principal



On behalf of the Board of Trustees it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 50th Jubilee of Whakamaru School.



A milestone such as this is very special as it gives a community the opportunity to reflect on the past, remembering those people and moments that have shaped the school as you see it today. It is also a good time to look forward to the next 50 years discussing and planning what this beautiful school can provide its pupils and district in the future.

We also wish to take this opportunity to say congratulations to the Jubilee Committee.

They have put together an exciting programme of events which will make this a great weekend.

Please do make the most of your visit and enjoy your time with us.
We all look forward to sharing your memories and celebrating Whakamaru School.

Steve Hines
Board of Trustees Chairman



It has been a pleasure to be associated with the Whakamaru School for this 50th Jubilee celebration.

A small dedicated committee has been active over the last year bringing the organisation together for this celebration. The committee has been fortunate to have had support from local businesses and individuals and without their contribution the celebration to this extent would not have been possible.

25 Years ago a similar group organised the Schools 25 years anniversary celebration. This was a very successful event and the work that the group did 25 years ago for that celebration has to be commended.

I would like to personally acknowledge the following for their valuable contribution toward this Jubilee:

Jubilee Committee:

Elva Lorenz

Jenni Knight

Gloria Munro

Nicki Westbrooke

School:

Jill McArthur—
Principal

Steve Hines—
Board of Trustees Chairperson

Dianne Parry—
Friends of the School

We have enjoyed our time together as a committee and we all look forward to joining in the celebrations and catching up with old friends.

The committee joins with me in welcoming you all back to the school on this special occasion. We sincerely hope that you make the most of this celebration and that you enjoy your time re uniting and catching up with past friends and acquaintances.

Kerry Brown
Chairperson—Whakamaru School 50th Jubilee Committee

Jubilee Programme

Friday 3rd April 2009

6.00 pm - Wine & cheese at the Mangakino District Services & Citizens Club

Saturday 4th April 2009

am - Arrival and assembly for Powhiri
10.00 am - Powhiri - Meet & Greet
10.30 am - Collection of Jubilee Packs - Morning Tea
11.00 am - Official Jubilee Speeches- Jubilee Cake-cutting
11.30 am - Items by current school pupils
1.00 pm - Lunch
1.30 pm - Display Rooms open
2.00 pm - Time Capsule
2.30 pm - Jubilee Photos
4.00 pm - Wind down at the school and prepare for the Jubilee Social
6.00 pm - Jubilee Social

Sunday 5th April 2009

10.30 am - Church Service to be held at Whakamaru School in the Whare Manaaki
Conclusion and departure

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School Principals

Whakamaru School Opened 25th May 1959

George Berendt	1959—1966
Jack Forster	1967—1979
Dan Mateer	1979—1988
Clive Hamill	1988—1991
John Houston	1991—1994
Greg Riceman	1995—2000
Philippa Lawrence	2001—2008
Jill McArthur	2008—Present



- Miss E (Elaine) Walker
- Mr AWE (Barry) Fleming
- Mr GC (George) Berendt
- Miss MJ (Mei) Kelly
- Miss N (Judy) Enoka

Staff in 1959

Back Row From Left

- Rhys James
- Tukiteao Kerei
- Keriana Whatarau
- Elva Lorenz

Front Row From Left

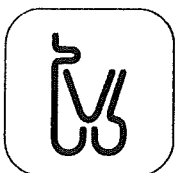
- Natalie Russell
- Jacqui Woodward
- Jenny Collins
- Victoria Reeve
- Christine Taylor
- Jill McArthur



Staff in 2008

First Enrolments for Each Year

1959 Duncan Corby	1984 Kingsley Kemp
1960 Eric Albert	1985 Rachel Bell
1961 Sherilyn King	1986 Tracey Neill
1962 Joseph Taylor	1987 Nathan Maguire
1963 Robyn Feickert	1988 Adrienne Wana
1964 Ellen Harris	1989 Mark Evans
1965 Susan Hay	1990 Sean Barnham
1966 Christine Clark	1991 Kraig Sutherland
1967 Robert Stack	1992 Johnathan Hansen
1968 Thomas Reweti	1993 Peter Lee
1969 Gavin McCauley	1994 Joseph Goldsmith-Grant
1970 Marshall Kemp	1995 Christina Kneebone
1971 Anne Parker	1996 Simon McLinden
1972 Greg Clement	1997 Natasha Pountney
1973 Clayton Guthrie	1998 Patricia Totoro
1974 Craig Midgley	1999 Christopher Pearce
1975 Tina Costain	2000 Kallum Andrews
1976 Kim Tangaroa	2001 Amy Lockwood
1977 Inez Dehar	2002 Alice Lockley
1978 Te Aroha Hepi	2003 Sean Hamilton
1979 Gay Millington	2004 Lochlan Holdaway
1980 Noel Jensen	2005 Junior Ali
1981 Colleen Connolly	2006 Liam Fisher
1982 John Thomson	2007 Ryan Brooks
1983 Wayne Collins	2008 Jessica Parry
	2009 Johnathan Morell



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Photos of Foundation Classes

Can you name the people in these photographs?



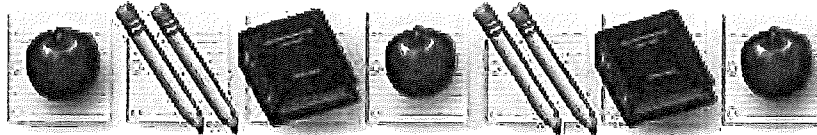
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3rd Row		Duncan Corby	Stewart Clotworthy			Neil Thompson					
2nd Row				Bob Grenstill			Rex Shirley				
Bottom Row	Gwen Corby										

Special Article from Dawn Berendt



Memoirs of the First Seven Years at Whakamaru School

I and my three eldest children are delighted to be participating in the 50th Jubilee celebration which is somewhat of a nostalgic pilgrimage for us and I hope, for many others who are able to be present, it is also a very happy and rewarding experience.

The May holidays of 1959 marked the beginning of 7 'golden years' for our family when we moved from Hokitika in the South Island to this completely unknown-to-us area in the North with a brand new 3-roomed school supported by a wonderful community of rehab. Farmers, the Kaahu Block staff, NZED villagers and saw-millers, all bent on doing everything possible for the betterment of their children's welfare and education after many frustrating years of overcrowded classrooms of 50 plus students at Mangakino DHS, often taught by untrained teachers in order to cope with the dire need. Our original 80 pupils were taught by my husband George plus two very able "seconded" trained teachers from Mangakino. The school records will show such details as this and the consequent growth to 5 classrooms and about 120 pupils so I shan't dwell on this aspect.

The welcome our family received was overwhelming and the support of parents for the school second to none. Their "can-do" attitude resulted ultimately in such feats as laying down the netball court, building the swimming pool (plus changing sheds), planting trees and laying a path down to the dental clinic after it was built – all done by voluntary labour and with "borrowed" equipment and machinery from both farmers and NZED. Also, a farmer with his rotary hoe just turned up to cultivate a veggie garden at the schoolhouse. The Form 1 and 2 classes of the day may remember that this became a horticultural project for them in its initial stage, dividing the garden into group plots and planting their own veges as well as keeping written records.

Socially the school became a popular venue for many activities such as Scottish Country dancing for both adults and children, interdenominational church services once a month and farewells to locals and teaching staff were great excuses for partying until such time as the Village hall was built. Thereafter we also had table-tennis and indoor bowls as well..... and how could I forget Welcome-ins for new farmers at the Tihoi hall, the barn-dance at Harvey's woolshed, calf club days at school and summer tennis on the village court. One farewell which was memorable was that of teacher Barry Fleming – a mock (vice-versa) mannequin parade ably compared by Audrey Montgomery was really a classic! By the time 2.30 am arrived and no-one wanted to go home, I recall Monty the barman saying "OK everyone, it's not worth going to bed now – we're here till cow time!" We crawled into bed at 4.30 am, having had to lock up.

Then, of course, we had the new-found hobby of trout fishing. With the lake at our front door, how could we resist? Our children all in turn also became proficient fishers, each catching their first trout at Whakamaru. This has remained a lifelong family pass-time and is still a passion for me. The fishing up there was fabulous in those days and the tradition has continued through to the grand-children.

As I know that the present pupils are preparing to perform and to present much of their classroom work, I'll not elaborate or dwell upon any more of the past but rather concentrate on the present and thank today's students for showing us what primary schooling is today.

From the progress that this school has made in the past 25 years since we were here for the last reunion, I conclude that it will continue to go from strength to strength and I congratulate successive staff, management and the Organising Committee of the Jubilee for their untiring efforts to make this event such a success.

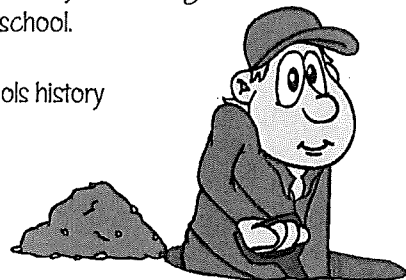
If George were here I know he would say "Well done, Whakamaru School: Keep up the 'can-do' spirit. You make me proud to have played a small part in your setting up process."

Contributed by Dawn Berendt

Time Capsule 2009—2059

There are many ways in which the history of Whakamaru School can be preserved. Preserving the history is one thing but more importantly it should be celebrated from time to time and enjoyed by the people associated with the school.

At each 25 or 50 year anniversary of the school there is an ideal opportunity to reflect on the schools history and it seems appropriate that the people both past and present be invited back to the school where they can reminisce about the schools history and things of interest that have been generated over the years. The form of celebration that may also take place during such times is entirely at the discretion of the people but essentially the school will be the focus.



The Time Capsule which has been specially built and prepared for this 50 year Jubilee will provide an item of interest for future celebrations and in time will form a special part in the history of the school and the people associated with it. The capsule will become home to things that will be of interest in the future. At this 50th Jubilee celebration the capsule will be installed in the school grounds and remain buried underground for the next 50 years.

In 50 years time the School will celebrate its 100th anniversary and the people gathered for that special occasion will be invited to lift the Time Capsule up, open it and reflect on the things that have been placed inside it.

It is anticipated that children, staff & parents associated with the school today will attend the special celebrations for the schools 100th anniversary.

During the schools 100th anniversary celebrations in 2059 the capsule will be lifted and we challenge the people present at the time to place all of the contents back in the capsule along with new items of interest and once again install the Time Capsule for future generations to enjoy.

We see this simple Time Capsule initiative being enjoyed by many future generations and we hope that a tradition will be created where those present at one capsule opening will return again in the future to enjoy another opening.

**Congratulations to Whakamaru School on their 50th Jubilee Year
from everyone at Ballance Whakamaru**

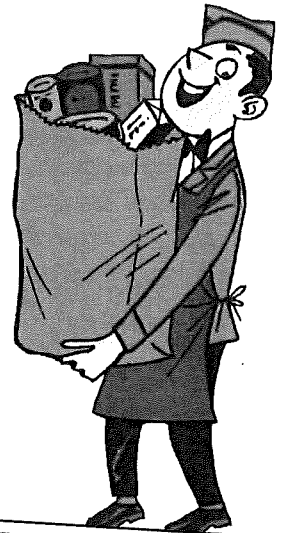
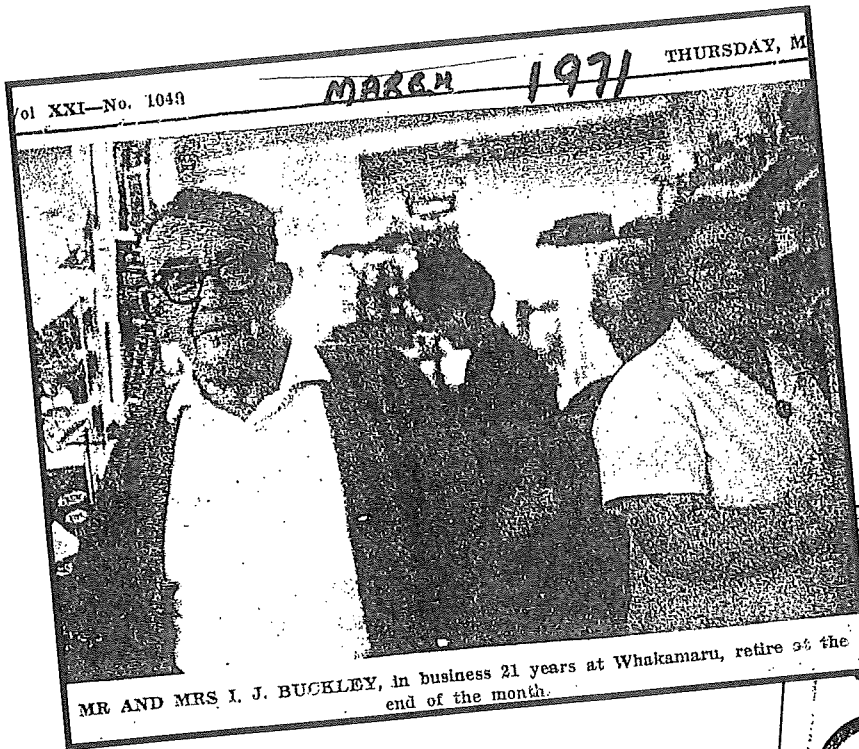
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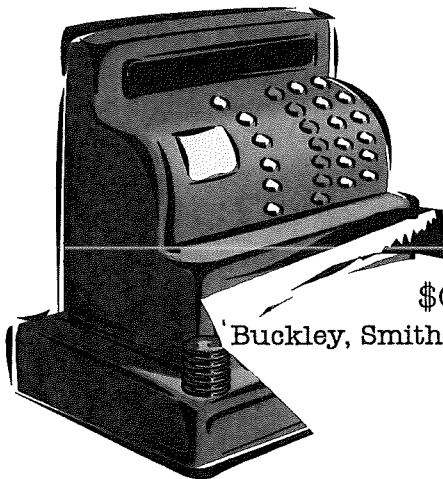
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Special Article from Jack Forster

1967 was to be a big year for the Forster family returning from the position of Education Officer/Government Adviser on the remote Pitcairn's Islands to the headmastership (later to be renamed Principal) of a diverse little community at Whakamaru.

For a small place there was a great variety of occupations – dairy and sheep farming, Lands & Survey, Hydro (both Station and System Control), Stock firms, sawmilling, transport and of course business. Added to the above was the permanent school buildings set within tree lined platformed playgrounds and stunning views of Lake Whakamaru. During our twelve year stay, each component of the district's structure underwent considerable changes which affected the whole community. The dairy industry largely changed to sheep farming, with a dramatic drop to the school roll. But the hydro housing, and therefore the population, increased as activity centred more and more on Whakamaru.

The above changes meant fluctuations in school rolls, both up and down, to the extent that Forsters were on transfer and three teacher status was a distinct possibility, but this was ultimately avoided. Class sizes were initially high, but reduced enough to allow us the luxury of team teaching which was then new, and a great success. Later I was able to open Rooms 1 & 2 to use them as a double sized classroom – great for activities and resources.

The 1970's were years of sweeping changes, with several major curriculum upgrades, all of which reflected in the school atmosphere. One area which gave parents concern and teacher's vast scope for initiative was Maths with its various new titles. Also changing greatly were Science, Social Studies, Reading and Physical Education. During all these modifications school life at Whakamaru was happy and progressive. Learning standards were maintained and improved – the children were always happy and responsive, making the school a great place to teach.

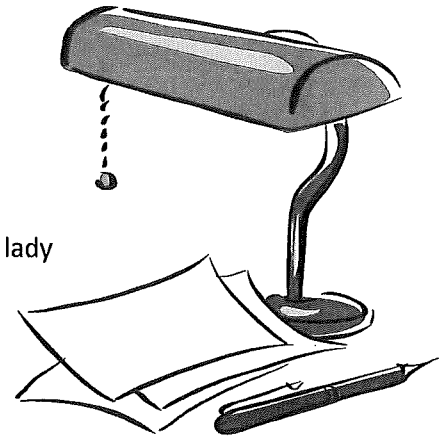
Field trips and school camps were really exciting! Our first trip to Ruapehu was almost a community affair with a long line of cars heading up Tihoi Road towards the mountain. A breathtakingly fine clear day led to an exhilarating venture, with many tired kids and parents that night. School camps were undertaken, (firstly to near Mount Maunganui), and this was an immense learning curve for staff. (One amusing aside – the only film available in town was *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* and it was so scary that by the finish there were two groups of children clustered around Zelma and Jack amongst the many other empty seats!) The local area proved to be the best for camping. The YMCA camp at Titiraupenga was a wonderful site. The children formed groups, fund raised, worked out their menus and catering, and then cooked over open fires. Climbing the mountain was easy for some but extremely hard for others. Sliding down the water chutes proved great fun by was very hard on the swimming costumes. One boy got stuck on the flying fox and later his dad, in the middle of the night played a recording of his dog chasing a pig – this really stirred the camp up! Whakaipo Bay was a relaxing recreational camp. The local water ski club rooms made an excellent base for activities over Robin Bruce's and Les Martin's farms. There was even a wild and taxing adventure trek down a challenging gully on Les's place.

Various extra activities will always be remembered. Calf Club days were great events with many discussions with PTA and others about Dairy Type or Pet Calves being cared for by children. With the district changes calf numbers declined and lambs increased until it became Pet Day with all sorts of animals and even a greasy pig to catch. One parent who had to release the pig reckoned he was terrified of a hundred children rushing at him before he let the animal go! Sports days were real community days mingling the seriousness of the actual athletic events with the hilarity of egg tossing or tug of war engaging both pupil and parent teams. Floral, Art and Baking competitions evoked spirits of pride as children proudly showed off their prize cards, or parents being urged to buy their son's or daughter's cakes at greatly inflated auction prices. Inter-school activities, mainly sporting, usually attracted a fair amount of parental support, with plenty of cheering, yelling and raucous comment.

There were some relatively minor structural changes around the grounds. The swimming pool was solar heated and a toddlers' pool constructed; a block wall for climbing or ball activities was built; huge climbing rope frames were erected by the hydro boys. What an improvement occurred when the road frontage was filled in and landscaped - and later again the road was sealed!

Some Highs and Lows!

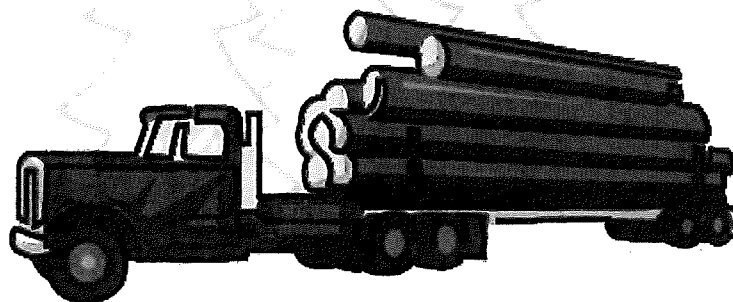
- The arrival of the Clark triplets
- Helen Baylis departing for Australia
- Doreen Buckley retiring
- The sudden deaths of some parents left the school subdued for a time
- The arrival of children from Mangakino area (one of whom is now our postal lady here in Te Awamutu)
- The many times the school buses broke down
- Special programmes at the Hydro Hall
- School socials, with ballroom and folk dancing – these were term highlights when boys became youths and girls became young ladies for a night
- The day the low bed with a bulldozer on board fell into the lake
- The day the sawmill tractor fell into the septic tank at school
- Ray Petty taking hours longer to clean the school. As the teachers put more work on the walls he couldn't resist reading it all
- The day the kids spooked Barry Clayton Greene's mob of cattle that he was tried unsuccessfully to get past the school before 3:00p.m
- When Liz Day brought a whole Morris Minor full of wonderful cardboard from Auckland
- The wonderful friends we made, (and still have) during our nearly 12 year stay
- The outstanding Committees and PTAs we were privileged to have serve us – they were real credits to the district – and the list could go on ad infinitum!
- For me, probably the sadist time was when I had to announce to my class that there were only 48 hours left at Whakamaru until my promotion to Te Kuiti took effect at the beginning of the next term



Our days at Whakamaru truly made up a wonderful part of our school and family lives, and for this we are indeed grateful to all and everyone.

Jack Forster

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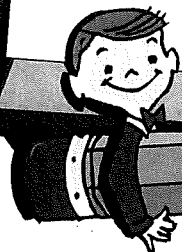


Proud to be associated with the Whakamaru School 50th Jubilee

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Significant Events

- 1959 School opened with a roll of 156
School committee pre-elected
Native tree plantings complete
- 1960 Official opening of the school by Hon R Boord MP for Rotorua
- 1961 Swimming pool excavation commenced and finished
- 1962 First Bible classes in school
- 1963 Building of dental clinic commenced and completed – first nurse was O Norman
- 1964 First swimming sports day
- 1965 Mr Berendt elected to High School Board
New classrooms built
- 1966 Official opening ceremony of new buildings by Mr J Thomas Chairman of South Auckland Education Board
- 1967 Mr J Forster commenced as Head Teacher
- 1968 Voting occurred at a meeting for supporting F1&2 at Mangakino, results were F1&2 at Whakamaru 53; F1&2 at Mangakino 23
- 1969 School painted
- 1970 A cryptic note about Mrs Bayliss being the Brain Drain to Australia
- 1971 Clarry Clark (10 years 1 month) left for Kamo East Whangarei
- 1972 New Bus routes introduced
Gala Day was held
- 1973 Mrs Buckley left after long service to the school and community
- 1972 Parents workshop
- 1975 School visit to Tokoroa
- 1976 Special parents meeting with South Auckland Education Board Representatives
- 1977 Royal visit to Rotorua
- 1978 Dental Clinic painted
- 1979 Jack Forster (12 years 4 months) leaves for Pukenui (Te Kuiti)
- 1980 Library arrives on site
- 1981 First deputy principal Mr D K Witheford under the 1:25 staffing
- 1982 NZEI take stop work action for the first time. School was closed pm
- 1983 Jubilee committee formed and meeting regularly
- 1984 Mr Kevin Miller commenced duty as Deputy Principal
School celebrated its 25th Jubilee – some 250 past pupils and families attended
- 1985 Judith Johnston resigned as caretaker after 19 year association with the school and was farewelled at a special assembly



Significant Events Continued

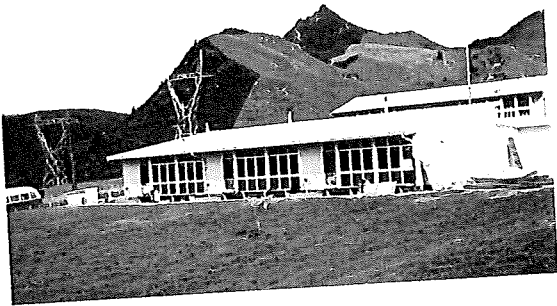
- 1986 Greg Riceman joins school as Deputy Principal
New rugby goal posts erected
- 1987 Built and filled the new sandpit
- 1988 Principal Dan Mateer leaves for Tokoroa Central School
New Principal welcomed – Clive Hamill
- 1989 First Board of Trustees elected were Wally Bell, Cushla Thomson, Stuart Masters,
Heather Nicholls and Mike Thomson
New era in education begins. BOT take charge of Governance of the school
- 1990 School hangi held with great success
School bus 'Edna' slips her handbrake and side swipes two parked cars in the car park!
- 1991 Farewell lunch for the Hamill's held in Hydro Hall
New principal John Houston appointed
- 1992 The Whare Manaaki was shifted to the school and an opening ceremony was held
- 1999 Official opening of the administration block
School's 40th birthday
- 2000 Mr Greg Riceman left at the end of the year
Rural Women's DOC plant trees in the Native tree area
- 2001 Welcome to Philippa Lawrence as Principal
Catered for Large Herd Dairy Conference and raised \$1,600
- 2002 School production "The Great Whakamaru Kiwiana Show"
Pet Day and Country Fare
- 2003 Lunch Club introduced to help some students learn skills for the playground
Kevin Aldridge won the Open 1500 metre and Letitia Reihana came 3rd for 400 metre
Shot-put at Waikato Full Primary Athletics in Hamilton
- 2004 School production "Country Roads – Whakamaru Almost Heaven" held in Tokoroa
PIC Church Hall
- 2005 Kids for Kids concert with Suzanne Prentice – Whakamaru school choir participating
at Great Lake Centre Taupo
- 2006 Cell phones are not allowed at school
Fruit in Schools started October
- 2007 Notice of forming committee for 50 year celebration of Bible in Schools
Special programme for all schools organised by Tom and Mavis Lind
- 2008 Friends of the School group formed
New Principal Jill McArthur begins her term
- 2009 50th Jubilee celebrated at the school!

Special Article from Tom and Mavis Lind

Fifty Years of Memories

I have vivid recollections of the official opening of the Whakamaru School which was some five years after I had moved to the area to do mission work among the youth and families of the district. This was just a few weeks after the Whakamaru Lake was filled.

Along with other ministers of the time Bible lessons were begun in the classrooms. I recall my earliest classes being in a prefab on the area where the Assembly Hall is today. With the additional help of my wife Mavis and various other helpers lessons have continued in the years that followed however in more recent years I have, in the main, taught all the classes singlehanded.



In those early days Mavis and I began, with voluntary help, the building and establishing of the youth camp on Hikurangi Island in the middle of Lake Whakamaru. The camp's initial purpose was for the benefit of the children from the local schools, and as a result many children from Whakamaru School have enjoyed weekend or school holiday camps out there over the years.

Many early campers will remember having to row, or be taken over to the camp by barge to get to their destination and also having only a generator for the lights etc. We will never forget the days of having to cook all the meals on the wood fire and trying to have them ready on time.

Since putting in the causeway in 1975 the camp has been able to expand and improve its facilities and is still used today for school and children's holiday camps

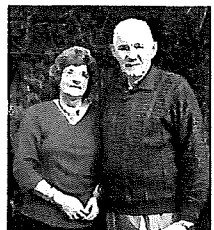
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Words from Room 5 Children

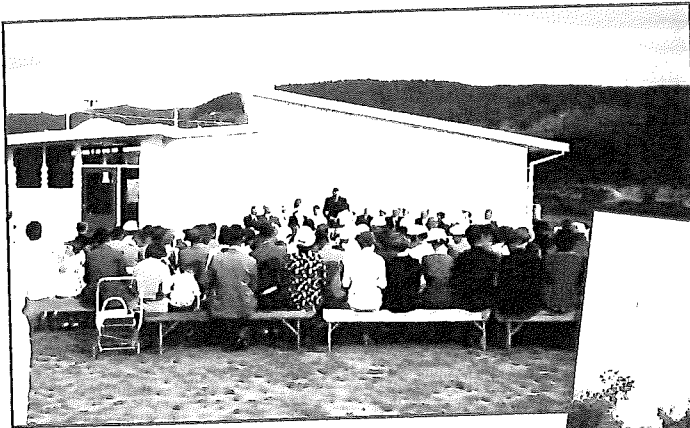
I like Whakamaru School because I like to learn. I like Whakamaru School because the playground is cool.

Tyler

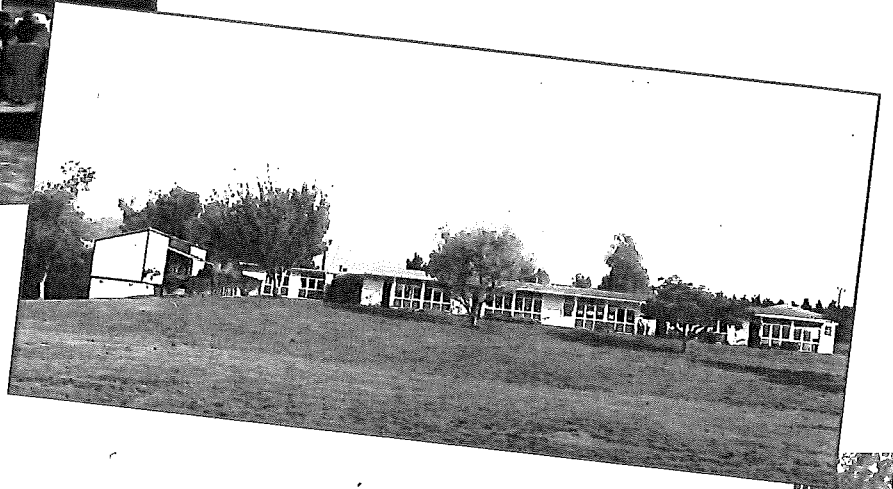
I like the school - it is cool - and I like learning, it is fun.

Daytona

Photos— Opening Day, 25th Jubilee & The School Today ..



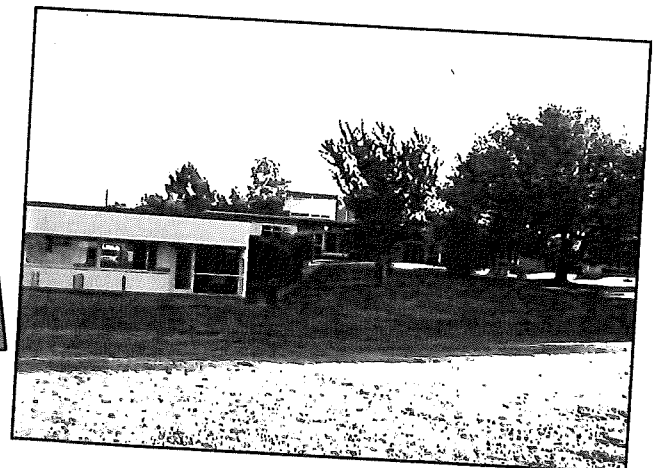
Opening Day



Group Photo at the 25th Jubilee Celebrations



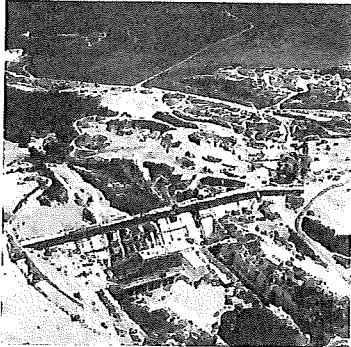
Whakamaru School in 1959 ...



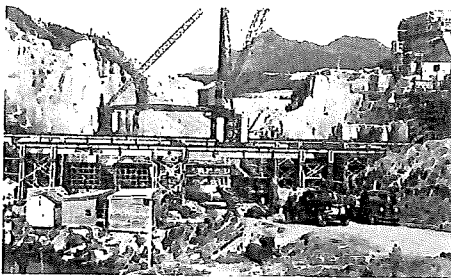
... and school today

Special Article about the Dam from Mighty River Power

MIGHTY RIVER POWER

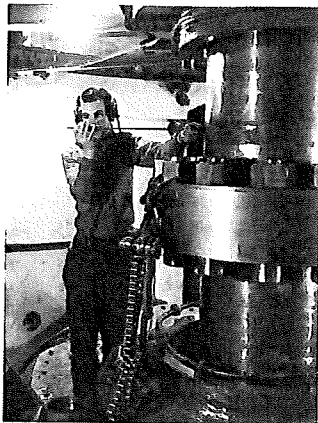


Post war New Zealand faced a major power struggle as the population burgeoned and the economy became more industrialised. In response the Ministry of Works plunged into an ambitious hydro programme. The fourth in the chain, hard on the heels of the first Maraetai dam was at Whakamaru.



The Whakamaru dam and its lake sit between two pieces of high ground. The attractive tapering form of Whakaahu (692m), flanked by its close sister peak Kahu, rises almost straight up from the eastern side of the lake. Further back from the lake's western edge is the mountain after which the dam was named – Whakamaru (794m). The words 'whaka' and 'maru' literally mean to give shelter to, or safeguard.

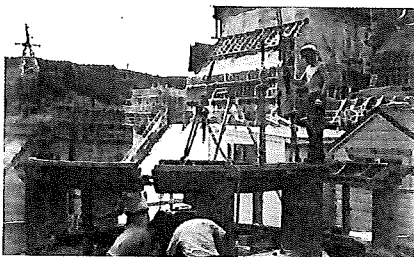
Lake Whakamaru is one of the larger Waikato River reservoirs covering of 7.4 sq km. The power station plays a pivotal part in the Waikato River hydro system. As well as being a significant contributor of electricity to the national grid, the main switching station receives the power generated from all the upper Waikato stations, and supplies the transmission system that leads north to Otahuhu and South to Bunnythorpe and Haywards.



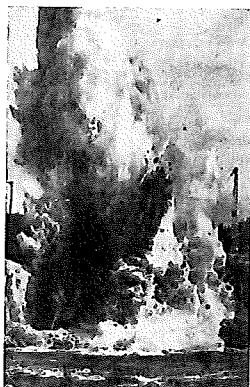
Along with the section of the river between Aratiatia and Ohakuri, the river upstream of Whakamaru is one of the few relatively unmodified sections of the Waikato River above Lake Karapiro.

Whakamaru town was originally established as accommodation for those working on the construction of the Whakamaru Dam and Station. Work began in 1949, with the first task being construction of a 10 km of access road from Mangakino, which served as the operational centre for the various hydro projects on the upper Waikato River.

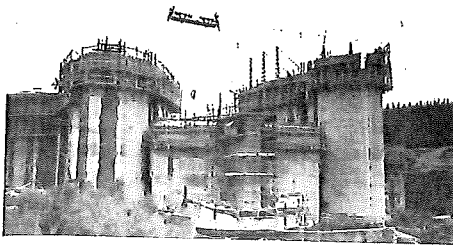
The design for Whakamaru required both an earth and a concrete section to the dam. This was a first hydro dam of this kind in New Zealand.



Between December 1949 and November 1952, 93000 cubic metres of rock was drilled, hacked, blasted and transported away to create a diversion channel 260 metres long, seven meters wide and 30 metres deep. The townspeople of Whakamaru gathered to watch the final step in the process – the blowing up of the final piece of rock at the upper end of the diversion channel.



Once the concrete pour was ready to begin, Whakamaru Dam became a three shift, 24 hour a day operation. Ron Finlayson, Apprentice Electrician, Whakamaru Dam 'I started as an apprentice electrician on the dam when I was 17, and was paid \$7 a week. My job was maintaining the huge vibrators that were used for concreting. I also looked after the contacts on the flying foxes. It was shift work, round the clock. To go to the dam, people climbed into those trucks carrying lunch-boxes and wearing their felt hats. Very few hard hats in those days...'

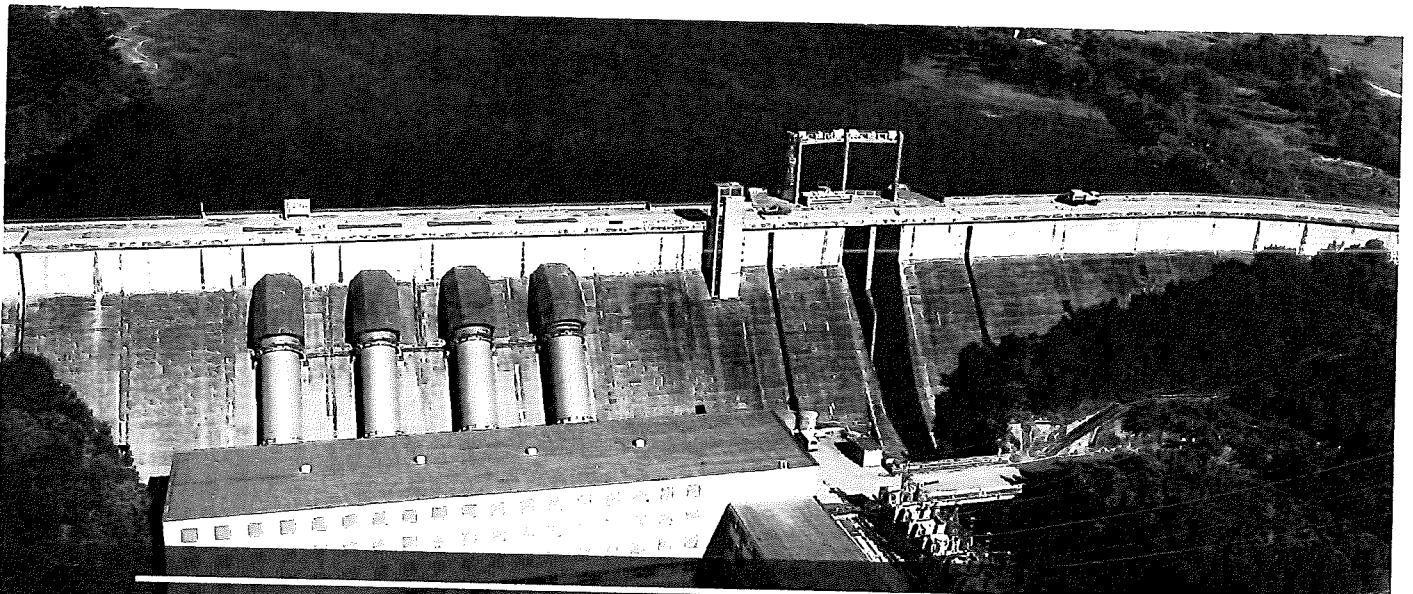
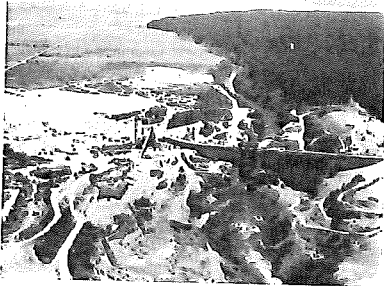


Over 27000 cubic meters of concrete and 1000 tons of reinforcing steel were used to build the Whakamaru Dam. 220,000 cubic metres of compacted soil was deployed to create the dam's earth section. And, in May of 1956, the first Whakamaru generator starting feeding electricity into the national grid.



In the space of 10 years Mangakino's population grew from 180 to almost 6,000 – neighbouring towns Taupo and Tokoroa were insignificant by comparison. The Waikato Hydro Welfare Association (WHWA) was set up to help new communities develop and thrive. A board was made up of representatives from local communities' various clubs and organisations. Communities sprang up on what had been scrubland, to provide homes for the workers building the hydro schemes, needed so desperately by post-war New Zealand.

Like all the power stations on the Waikato River, Whakamaru is now remotely operated from Mighty River Power's control room in Hamilton. The control centre monitors, controls and co-ordinates the output of each station on the river.



50 YEARS ON

MIGHTY RIVER POWER – PROUD TO BE PART OF
THE WHAKAMARU COMMUNITY FOR OVER 50 YEARS.

Special Article from Duncan Corby

It has been found that by some twist of fate, I was the first person enrolled at Whakamaru Primary School. This has given me the dubious honour of writing an article on my time at Whakamaru School.

After 50 years the memories of 8 months of childhood are pretty limited. For example I can imagine going on the bus to school, because that is what we did, but I have no memory of it (call it old age if you like!).

My family came to the Whakamaru district in June 1954 from Te Awamutu. I went to school at Mangakino Primary till the end of the first term in 1959, starting at Whakamaru at the beginning of the second term in 1959. The school consisted of one block of three classrooms with a prefab building on the level above. The Headmasters house was also on this level. There were 5 or 6 of us in Standard 6 and I remember sitting at the back of the classroom (the eye sight was still good at this age).

A lasting memory I have is a maths competition; we had, where a clock face was drawn on the blackboard in chalk with the numbers around the face in haphazard order. A number was added to the centre of the clock and we had turns multiplying that number with the face numbers to see who was the fastest.

We were given a lot of leave from classroom work to go outside and tidy up the grounds, wheel barrowing dirt and preparing garden beds and lawns around the classrooms.

We also planted trees and shrubs in the bottom corner of the grounds between Kaahu Road and the Hydro Village and along the boundary with the neighbouring farm.

Another memory that stays is of the resident strap being relocated by someone to a hiding place in the steel girders above the classroom. I seem to recall mutterings about the dire consequences to all our persons if it wasn't put back in its rightful place!

The first five year period was one of great change, not only with schooling for me; Te Awamutu Primary, Mangakino Primary, Whakamaru Primary and then back to Mangakino District High School, but for the whole area.

I can remember driving in Mum and Dad's Morris 14 car along the road from Atiamuri, by the river among the willow trees, wondering why they were building a road high up on the rocky bluffs above us. The construction of the Whakamaru Dam was in full swing, and then the next thing there was a lake behind it.

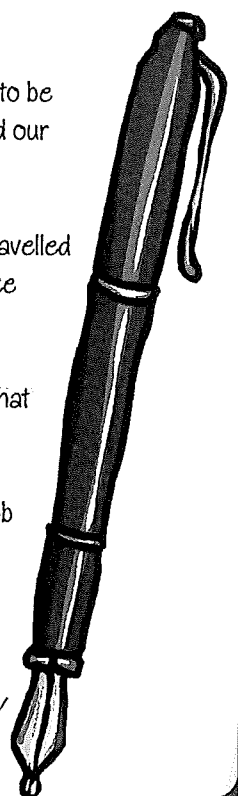
The hours spent playing cowboys and Indians with the neighbours in the Manuka which seemed to be everywhere and further hours climbing the walls of the Mangakowhiriwhiri stream gorge behind our farm (should have been doing farm chores!!)

Another memory is standing by our road fence, covered in pumice dust, saluting as the Army travelled up Tihoi Road to their camp at Tihoi. The roads were gravel and if there was no wind the pumice dust used to hang in the air for ages.

This ends the sketchy memories of that first year at Whakamaru Primary School. To all those that remember these times, I trust I have remembered all the most 'important' parts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Reunion Committee for giving me this dubious job and to wish you all a memorable and enjoyable time at this, the 50th Reunion of Whakamaru Primary School.

Duncan Corby



Gifting of the Whare Manaaki

The History of the building

The building has a rather chequered history. It began life as part of the Mangakino High School. Later it was transferred to the present Maraetai Village, as a village hall. Prior to the establishment of the NZED Village, the area was on the site of the No. 1 Camp that house single men, who worked on the Maraetai Dam.

A new hall was built later and the old hall transported to the Ohakuri Village, another NZ Electricity Housing area for those workers employed at Ohakuri. It became the centre of village life, serving as a meeting and gathering place for the people, and also a place for refreshment.

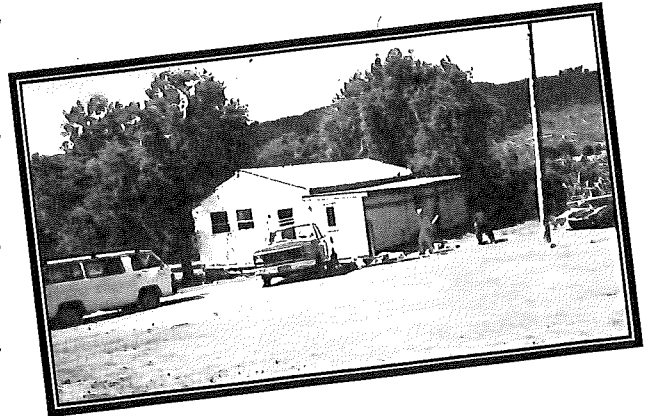


Because of restructuring of NZED many workers were made redundant and, sadly, Ohakuri was one of the villages destined for the scrap heap.

Because of the 1990 Celebrations Iwi were asked to build a Waka to represent the major tribes. The Titiraupenga Trust applied to the 1990 Commission for funding to build a Waka. The Ohakuri hall was lent to the Trust and was moved to Whakamaru and re-erected at an area just below the present Hydro Hall. The logs for the Waka were brought on site and a security fence built around the Waka. Four carvers were employed to complete the Waka.

Sadly the project failed amid a lot of controversy. The logs were transferred to the Department of Conservation compound at Pureora. The security fence and other material were dismantled and given to Whakamaru School.

Just before this the roll at Whakamaru School had risen to the point where another teacher was appointed to the school but no classroom was available. A suggestion was made to approach ECNZ to ask about the hall. Matangi Hepi, a member of the School's Board of Trustees and an adviser for ECNZ, was asked to look into it.



With the help from Sheila Watson, Works Consultancy, ECNZ agreed to give the building to the school. Dr Ian Johnston ECNZ, helped a great deal. Mechanisms were put in motion, to have the building re-erected near the school.

Karakia, prior to its removal, were recited by Kaumatua, and also by the owner of the transporter.

Again Karakia were recited by Ministers of the Apostolic Church, with the pupils and parents of the school taking an active part in prayer, and the singing of the hymns. The House was then completely renovated by the ECNZ being carpeted throughout, and all repairs made to damaged sections.

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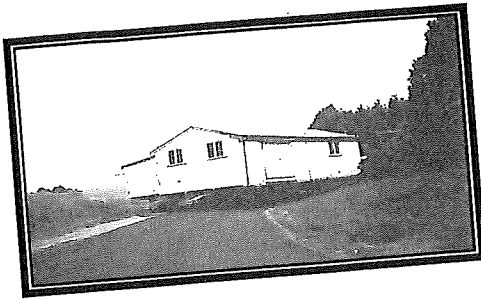
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In addition a Mahau (porch) was erected and access provided for wheelchairs.

On the morning of the opening, the school grounds became a hive of activity.

Firstly, two groups from the Tu Matauranga Training Unit "Te Reo Paoho" and "M Whenua" arrived to help out. Part of this helping out was to prepare the hangi. Lik Matenga was put in charge of this section, and with the help of many of the pupils and Lrie Te Nahu's people, the hangi was duly covered over and left to cook.

The people began to arrive - with Joan Williamson, Mayor of Taupo, Ian Peters representing Government Sam Rangī and Marina Jari being representatives of the local Iwi, Raukawa Trust Board, the Kohanga-Reo Mangakino, the people associated with the school, and course representatives of ECNZ (and donors of the building).

After formal speeches were made, and Waiatas sung by our young pupils, we all assembled in front of the building, which by now had received its official name - "Whare Manaaki", or "House of Caring" - and the opening was carried out by the Chairperson of the Board Trustees, Mrs Maire Graham.

Following this, the hangi was brought into the school building, and what a beautiful meal we had. Everyone was pleased with the Kaupapa (events) of the day. Success was due to the involvement of the pupils, the staff, the parents and caregivers, who made sacrifices in order that the day would be an historic one.

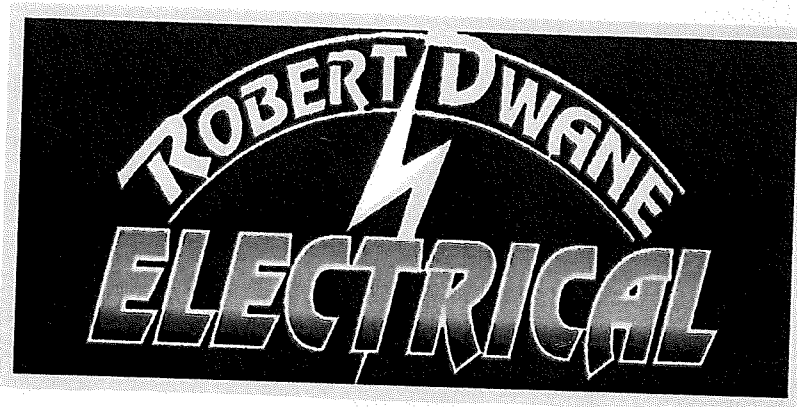
As we look back to the events that took place, it dawns on us that we have our very own Whare Manaaki and perhaps this is the opportune time to enhance and foster the friendship that began so long ago.

Na reira kei te mihi ki nga whanau o te kura, e awhina nei i te "Kaupapa O Te Ra".

Matangi Hepi



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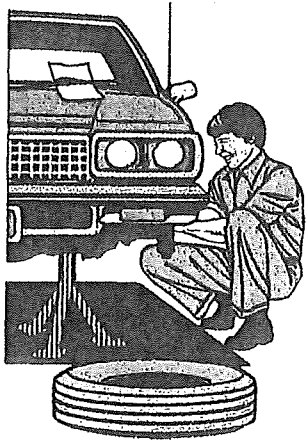
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Special Article from Keriana Whatarau—Teacher for 20 years



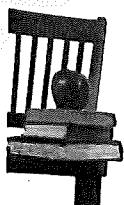
20 years at Whakamaru School

Over the last twenty years I have seen many changes in the community and the school.

I arrived in May 1988 to start teaching in the junior school. At that time we were a five teacher school which drew its students from three district communities – farming, hydro electricity and Mangakino township. I have taught under the leadership of eight Principals and have seen the number of teachers increase to a high of eight and back down to the current four.

Centralised automation of the hydro schemes and the removal of the Mangakino bus service has seen a reduction in the number of children attending Whakamaru School.

I have enjoyed my time living and teaching in the Whakamaru community.



Keriana Whatarau



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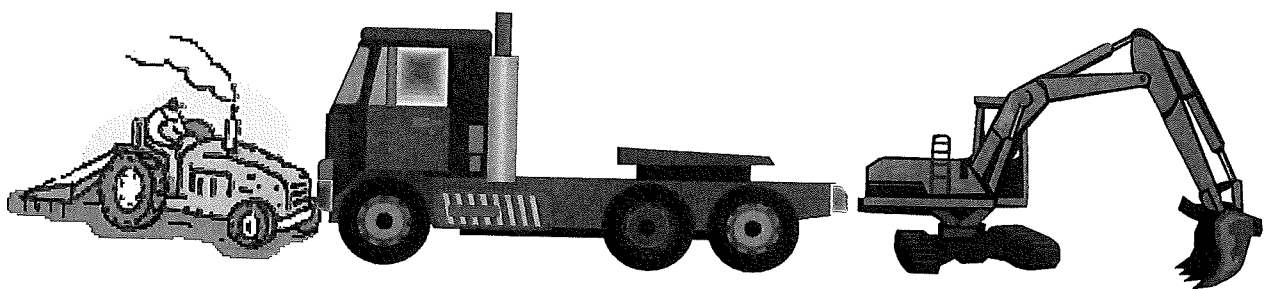
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My First Memories of Whakamaru School By Roger Garland

- A big red bus with dust swirling about from every direction and the smell of burning oil.
- Mrs Namana: *Beep beep be beep beep!* Turning and running as fast as I could for home, with Mum after me. Jammed fingers in car doors on icy mornings.
- Mr Forster, Mr Clark, my sister Nicki, having a crush on their son Michael, who she later named 1 of our sheep dogs after, Miss Day, whom I had a crush on, Miss Driller, Mrs Bayliss who used to scare me Sh..less, sitting on the mat, playing on the Jungle Gym.
- The Hot Dog Club, no girls allowed, girl germs on the bus, don't sit too close.
- The bus overheating every time we go up the Huiarau hill, hand prints on the frozen windows, dust coming in every crack in the summer, pulling the girls hair, bus monitors.
- Patter-tennis, marbles, steelies, matchbox toys, softball, BULL-RUSH.
- The smell of meth's on freshly copied paper.
- Mr Forster's office, the strap, the staff room.
- Calf Club, sandsaucers, Aqua Jars, Vegetable animals, Cake baking, Fudge. Mr Garland, Mr Stuart, Mr Wotton, Mr Martin, Mr Treadgold setting up the lamb pen with docking scrim, here lambie, lambie, lambie!!!! Brushed till they looked like bottle blonds, Monster calves towing tiny children around, exhausted parents, lamb drinking races. CHAMPION LAMB and CALF, oh what an honour. Jealous village kids bring rats, birds and spiders.
- The Greasy Pig Race. Most escaping petrified into the village never to be seen again.
- Gala Days, watermelon, toffee apples, candyfloss, stalls, meat raffles, pony rides, PTA.
- Johnny Fitzwilliam, Charlie Edwards, Murray Johnstone, the first man to give me a blood nose and a fat lip.
- Cubs at Whakamaru Hall. I promise to do my best, to do my duty..... Woggles!
- Swimming in the Olympic pool! Checking out the girls changing rooms through nail holes conveniently placed in the walls.
- Banking day, Post Office Saving Books, Plastic Piggy Banks, easily cut with a sharp knife.
- The MURDER HOUSE! The smell, the sound, the pain, the fear! Dental Nurses, cotton wool butterflies, blood.
- Athletics Day, the smell of freshly mown lawns, sawdust pits, Scissors high jump, long jump, parents races, three legged races, Tossing of the egg competition, the potato and spoon race.
- Manual for the BIG kids, fish and chips from the high school canteen, bars over the windows, school lunch orders on Wednesdays, mince pies.
- Girls Germs not so bad anymore!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Socials at the Treadgold's woolshed.
- Endless PTA meetings, the whole community revolving around what was happening at school.
- Rugby Practice in bare feet, the annual trip to Marotiri and Tihoi for rugby and netball.
- Religious studies with Mr Lind. Tom Lind's, Island. The African Jungle in the Village, Banana seats, Chopper bikes, Raleigh 20's.
- Rabbits, deer, pigs, fishing, dogs, guns, bullets, Billy tea, adventure with Gavin McCauley and the Stuart Boys.
- Pulling Amanda Jardine's hair in the bus, whoops she's now my wife of 19 years and I wouldn't dare do that now.

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Great times, great memories, great friends, never to be forgotten!

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"WHAKAKAAHU" ("To become as a hawk")

Larger of the two peaks east of the Whakamaru Village. An important landmark of olden times. People travelling north from as far away as Rangitikei and Horowhenua would first arrive at Teaputa, a large Pa site belonging to Ngati Parewaka of Tuwharetoa on the east side of the Hauhungaroa Range. Whakakaahu is plainly visible from here. The travellers would then make a bee-line for this mountain. Just below Kaahu where the present Dam of Whakamaru is situated was the ancient river crossing. The crossing was the narrowest part of the Waikato River. Here the travellers would cross the Waikato safely.

"WHAKANARUMARU" ("to Shelter" "To Shade")

An ancient Pa site belonging to the ancient People known as "Ngati Hotu". Some historians think that Ngati Hotu were the descendants of Kupe, who arrived in Aotearoa in 900AD. Preceding the Great Migration of Seven Canoes - Tainui, TeArawa, Tokomaru, Mataatua, Kurahaupo, Aotea and Te Arawa by 400 years. Ngati Hotu settled in the Taupo Basin and areas west of Lake Taupo. Namely Titiraupenga, the Pouakani, Te Hape, Waimiha Blocks. Not long after Kupe another explorer arrived called Toi. Later known as the Tini-o-Toi, or the "Multitude-of-Toi" they met and married the Ngati Hotu. It is recorded that the Taupo area was heavily populated at the time the Great Fleet arrived around 1350AD.

"TITIRAUPENGA"

My father Tiniwaata Hepi, well known among Ngati-Tuwharetoa as having a vast knowledge of the history of Taupo-nui-a-Tia west, related to me that the name of the above was in fact "TE-TITI-A-RUAPENGA", or the "Spear belonging to Ruapenga". **RUAPENGA IS SAID TO HAVE THROWN THIS SPEAR FROM ANCIENT HAWAIIKI. GEOLOGISTS HAVE RECORDED THAT TITIRAUPENGA IS FAR OLD THAN THESE (PTD)**
When the Arawa canoe landed at Maketu, Tia, a brother of Tamatekapua Captain of Te Arawa, trekked in-land with his group of followers. Followed by the High Priest Ngatoroirangi, who also had his followers. It was Tai who first saw the great in-land sea, now known as the "Great-sea-of-Tia" or "Taupo-nui-a Tia". Because Ngatoroirangi claimed the peaks of Ruapehu, Tongariro and Ngauruhoe, Tia made his way to the west side of the lake, via Hauhungaroa. Tia arrived at Titiraupenga, while a "Wake" was in progress. He pressed nose with that of the deceased and because of this action he was made a member of the Tangata-Whenua. Tia married more than 4 women of this ancient people and his descendants today now number many hundreds.

TIA: ^{LIES} Buried on Titiraupenga.

TE WANO: of Ngati-Apakura/Ngati Mahanga and Maniapoto is also buried on Titiraupenga. Te Wanos story is both sad and tragic. He was a man of peace and because he would not go to war, he was shunned by his people and exiled from his land and tribes. Te Wano travelled to Taupo and Tokaanu and Waihi. It was here that the Tuwharetoa People took pity on him and allowed Te Wano to live amongst them, as he grew older, he became lonely and homesick and once again looked towards his homeland. He then made his way westward towards Titiraupenga, arriving at Kaiwha, A Kainga on the eastern slope of the mountain, one day nearing death. Te Wano asked that he be taken to the top of Titiraupenga, so that he could look eastwards towards Mount Tauhara. His people carried him on a litter to the top of the mountain. Today Te Wano lies buried near its peak. The "Lament for Te Wano" tells this sad story.

PUREORA or PUKE=Mountain ORA=Alive

This mountain is reputed to possess "Curative Powers". A Princess from Tuwharetoa became ill, she was carried to the top of Pureora. She became completely cured. As recently as April 1989, a group of what we might call 'Hippies' were discovered living near a 'Pool' at Pureora. This pool was known as a "WAI-ORA" OR Water with Great Medicinal and Curative Powers. Whether these people are still there I do not know, but I wish them luck. It would be far better than going to the Doctor! It is also said that these people are doing great work as 'Conservationists'.

MANGAKINO ("MANGA= stream KINO= bad")

An ancient 'Kainga' settled by Ngati-Kahupungapunga, A tribe whose ancestor Ruaeao came on the Arawa Canoe. The tribe settled north west of Rotorua. The Tribe multiplied and spread from Cambridge to Atiamuri. The hill known as "Pohaturua" a landmark overlooking the Waikato River was a Pa or Fortress belonging to the Kahupungapunga. Because of the death of a woman named Koroukore, a sister of the Raukawa Chief Whaiita, who was murdered by her husband Parahore of Kahupungapunga, a war party of Ngati Raukawa under Wairangi, and his brothers Tamatehura, Upokoiti and Pipito, and their cousin Whaiita started the great slaughter of the Ngati Kahupungapunga. Beginning from the northern end, crossing the Waikato River at Maraetai and continuing the slaughter at Whakamaru and ending at Atiamuri. To this day, Whaiita descendants are found at the picturesque Pa at Qngaroto, Ngati-Wairangi is at Mokai.

MODERN MANGAKINO

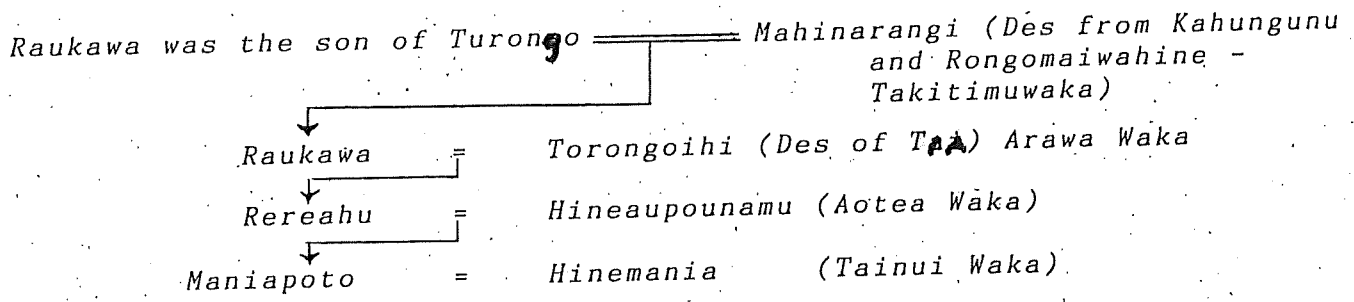
Had its birth around 1944. The Arapuni and Karapiro dams had been completed or nearly completed. The work force was being moved to Mangakino to work on the planned Maraetai, Atiamuri, Ohakuri, Waipapa, Aratiatia, Whakamaru and the Geothermal field at Wairakei. The township was actually planned as temporary. ~~TOWN~~. At its peak Mangakino had a population of 10,000 people. Present population about 1,200. Maraetai, Whakamaru, Atiamuri and Wairakei have retained their permanent village status with Waipapa, Ohakuri, Aratiatia losing all its homes and amenities. The township boasts its own multicultural Marae, Golf Course (9 hole), Bowling Green, RSA Club Rooms, Football Club, etc.

MANGAKINO TEAWHINA HALL = (AWHINA-to embrace)

Situated at Huamai St. This was the original meeting place of the Maori people of Mangakino. It was in fact the first Marae, where all things pertaining to Maori Culture was carried out. The house had no 'Whakairo'. It was an unpainted, plain, did not look like a Community Place but in fact it was a warm and inviting building. In 1967, the present Marae was opened by Dame Te Atai Rangi Kaahu.

RAUKAWA Eleventh line from 'Hoturoa' Capt of Tainui Waka

Eponymous ancestor of Ngati-Raukawa; whose descendants settled the areas from Maungatautari to the Kaimai Ranges, to Horohoro at Rotorua, the south-east to Taupo, then all of the Taupo-nui-a-Tia West block as far as the Kuratau Stream, along the Hauhungaroa Range west towards Wharepunga and thence back to Maungatautari. Raukawas 'Uris' still own the bulk of the Pouakani Block. A section of Ngati Raukawa went south and settled the Rangitikei area. Notable among the tribes descended from Raukawa are Ngati Rereahu, Ngati Maniapoto, Ngati Moe, Ngati Moekino, Ngati Wairangi, Ngati Takihiku, Ngati Parewahawaha, Ngati Tekohere (Mokai), Ngati Parekawa.



TE ARA POUNAMU ARA = Pathway POUNAMU = Greenstone

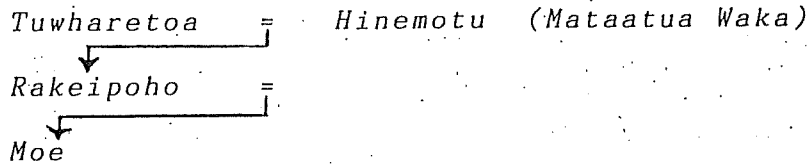
This 'Pathway' was a safety corridor afforded special quests. It was to protect, under pain of death, certain individuals, relatives, great chiefs. Te Atainutai, a Raukawa Chief from Maungatautari, was given this protection by his son-in-law, Te Rangiita-of-Tuwharetoa. Tuwharetoa Turiroa became very jealous of the Raukawa chief and ambushed him at Waipapa (near Mokai). His death was avenged by another Raukawa Chief from Kawhara called Whiti Patato.

WHITI PATATO

In order for the Ngati Raukawa to 'save face' Utu had to be extracted for the murder of Te Atainutai. Passing through what is now known as Tihoi, Whiti asked some of the inhabitants where he could locate Tuwharetoa Te Turiroa. They replied that they did not know. Whiti Patato then made this remark "ME TIHOI AKE TE HUARAHI MOKU" Thus the name of the area now know as "TIHOI" ("I will make a path for myself"). Through the assistance of his relatives Whiti discovered Tuwharetoa and slew him, thus avenging the death of Te Atainutai.

"TUWHARETOA" THE GREAT

Geneology reads like "Who's Who" descended from a great line of Chiefs. Had eight wives and many, many URIS. Resided mainly at Kawerau, hence the phrase "Tuwharetoa Ki Kawerau". These people still remain there. "TUWHARETOA KI WAIARIKI" another branch reside at Rotorua. "TUWHARETOA KI TE AUPOURI" inhabit the Taupo district. Moe, a grandson of Tuwharetoa, lived near Titiraupenga mountain. His neighbours, the NGATI HOTU live nearby. Because of the prescence of MOE in the district, Ngati Tuwharetoa has right to lay claim to the Pouakani Block, or part of it.



HATUPUTU AND KARANGAITUKU

Was he fact or fiction? Was she fact or fiction? I believe that they were real people who lived in times when man possessed supernatural powers. Hatupatu and Kurangaituku had these powers. Hatupatu is said to have been an 'uri' of Tuwharetoa, and that his people arrived on the Arawa Canoe. This has been refuted by the Tearawa Elder Mr Tamati Whakahuia, a direct descendant of Tia who insists that Hatupatu was a "Tangata Whenua", and that he was caught in net set by Tia to catch game. Tias people wanted to kill Hatupatu but Tia remembered what his Father Houmaitawhiti has told him, that when Tia sailed from Hawaiiiki that he should not get into any conflicts or become involved in any dispute in this new land. Through this act, Tia and HATUPATU BECAME FIRM FRIENDS (It is interesting to note that Hatupatu must have looked very strange to these new arrivals. He, like the rest of the "Tangata Whenua" had red hair, hazel eyes, fair skin and was unusually handsome) and possessed unusual powers.

The story of Hatupatu and the Bird Woman Kurangaituku has been told and retold many times. Overseas Tourists have taken this story back to their country with them. Hatupatu or the "Rock of Refuge of Hatupatu" can be seen close to highway 1, approx 2km north of the Atiamuri bridge. Though Hatupatu is depicted today as some kind of "Do gooder", a Robin Hood of sorts, He was in fact troublesome, and was also a thief. Kurangaituki or the Bird Woman is said to have had the power to fly as a bird. Because Hatupatu had stolen food from her store-house or Pataka Kurangaituku, on being told of this, by one of her bird 'friends' decided to teach Hatupatu a lesson. He, fearful of her wrath, took flight, through the Whakamaru Forest. Just across the lake, from the Whakamaru School and village was, at that time, one of the largest native forests in the country. It was close to the area, that the pursuit began. On arriving at what is now known as "Te-Kohatu-O-Hatupatu". Hatupatu had only enough time to recite an ancient "Karakia" "Matiti-Matata" the rock opened up allowing him enough time to enter and then it immediately closed behind him. f Kurangaituku pursued him to Whakarewarewa, knowing, that he would emerge at that end. Hatupatu, who know the area well, ran among the hot pools of Whakarewarewa but Kurangaituku, who was unfamiliar with the area, fell into one of the pools that ended her life. Hatupatus name has been revered and more than one street has been named after him. Kurangaituku too has been remembered with streets named in her honour.

MIRINGA-TE-KAKARA

An ancient building constructed approximately 500 years ago. Built in the shape of a cross + when first seen by the early missionaries they remarked that because of its shape it was the "House of the Devil", perhaps because the cross would have been unheard of in this part of the world.

The building has been described as being a "Whare Wananga" or a School of Learning. Because of its shape, apertures of the roof and walls, the carvings of Heavenly Bodies on the 'woodwork' has led many people to comment that it could also have been used as, an observatory. Unfortunately the building burnt down in 1985 Arson was suspected. The building was owned by Ngati Rereahu and was situated immediately behind the Te Hape Marae, just off Highway 30 approximately 25km west of Mangakino.

HITIRI TE PAERATA

Born at Kapiti, died at Waikanae, was of Tuwharetoa and Raukawa descent. Instrumental in preventing the loss of much of the Taupo-Nui-A-Tia lands, that is the Tihoi and Pouakani Blocks. In 1886 the Native Land Court sat at Taupo to lay claims on behalf of Ngati Tuwharetoa. Large tracts of land on the western side of Lake Taupo, the area included the Hauhungaroa, Waihaha, Tihoi, and Pouakani Blocks. Approx area 123000 acres. The Native Land Court, the Crown Representatives and Leading Maori figures of Tuwharetoa worked in collusion to take by any means these Blocks mentioned above. Its principle weapon was the passing of an Act that prevented any opposition to the aims and aspirations of the group. The Act was to include the section that there was to be "No Counter Claimants". Obstacles were placed in the way of Te Paerata. For example, Te Paerata was subpoenaed to appear at a Court sitting at Cambridge, to discuss the Pouakani Block, on the very same day the same Block was being heard in the Taupo Court. Because of Hitiris continual opposition to the Courts, a Royal Commission was set up in 1889 to right the wrongs of the 1886 Taupo Court. It found in Te Paeratas favour.

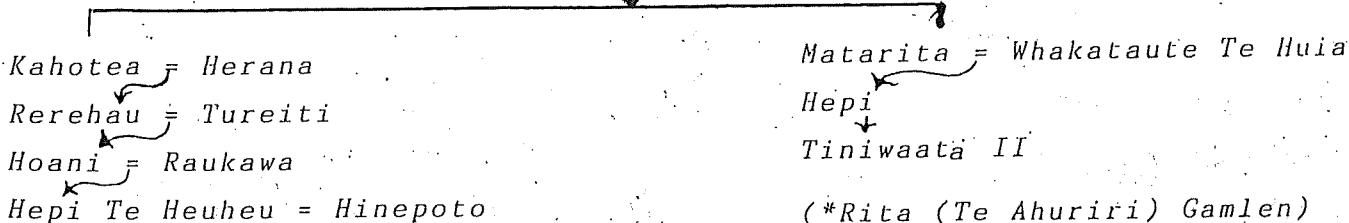
Te Paerata, with his Father, his sister Ahumai and an Uncle fought at the Battle of Orakau. Both his Father and his Uncle lost their lives in this battle.

TIHIWAATA TE KOHIKA

Born near Taupo, was of Tuwharetoa and Raukawa descent. Like his cousin Hitiri Te Paerata objected strongly to the 1886 Court. Worked with Hitiri in having the 1889 Royal Commission set up. Died in 1891 and is buried at Koroki-Te-wao, Hauhungaroa.

Geneology:

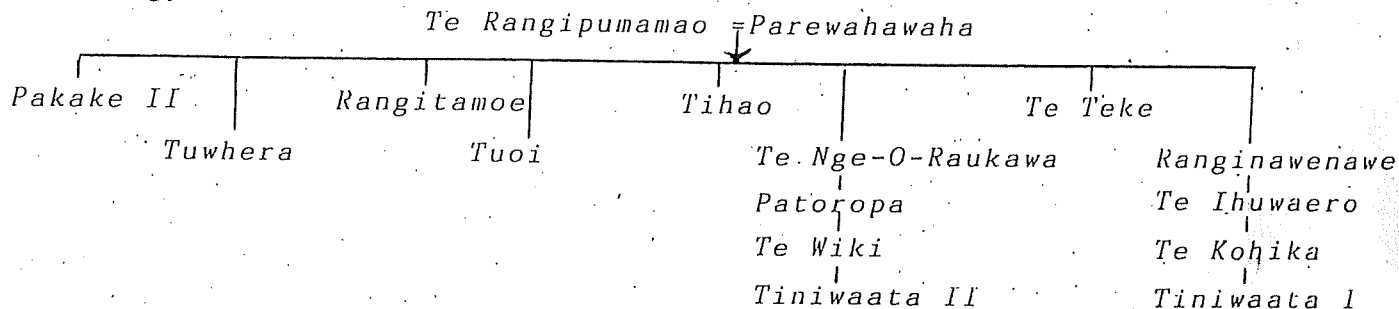
Te Kohika = Tikina
Tihiwaata = Te Ahuriri *



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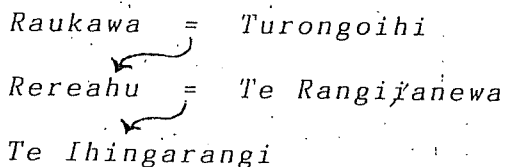
Paramount Chief of Tuwharetoa and Paukawa. Was a warrior chief who had many Pas. One of the more important was 'Te Papa' near Mt Titiraupenga. Another was situated on the Hauhungaroa Block. During one of his many skirmishes with the Ngati Kahungunu he was badly wounded at Hastings. He made his way to Otaki, via the Raukawa Range. He died at Kapiti Island when a tree fell on him during a storm. His wife was Parewahawaha who was the older sister of Parekohatu, mother of Te Rauparaha. They had eight children and the Ngati Parewahawaha Marae at Bulls (formerly Ohinepuhiawe) can be seen just below the township.

Geneology:



REREAHU

Twelfth in line to Hoturoa, Captain of the Tainui Waka, his descendants own and work vast tracts of land in the King Country. Te Hape Station, one of the largest Maori Incorporated Blocks on Highway 30, belongs to Ngati Rereahu. His first wife Te Rangianewa was from the Wanganui and Waikato Tribes, and her canoes were the Tainui, Kurahaupo and Aotea. Te Ihingarangi was their first born. The Hapu, Ngati Te Ihingarangi reside at Waimiha in the Te Hape area. Other descendants of Rereahu migrated south and reside in the Rangitikei area, especially in Halcombe and Shannon.



Hineaupouamu became the second wife of Rereahu and the Mother of Maniapoto, Matakore, Tuwhakahekeao, Kinohaku, Kahuariari Te Rongorito of these children, Maniapoto (Ngati) are scattered throughout the King Country. The principle Pa of Maniapoto is 'Te Tokanga-Nui A Noho', Te Kuiti.

Matakore (Ngati) resided in areas close to Lake Taupo and it is said that he is the chief owner of the Pouakani Block.

Kinohaku (Ngati) resided in the Waitomo/Otorohanga area. Chief Pa is Oparure, Te Waipatoto is their Wharepuni.

HAURAKI TONGANUI

Like his cousins Hitiri and Tiniwaata gave evidence in th 1886 Native Land Court at Taupo on behalf of Ngati Raukawa. Fought at the Battle of Orakau and the famous words uttered by Maniapoto 'Ka Whawhai Tonu Matou Ake, Ake, Ake', was in fact said by Hauraki.

WHAKANUTUNGA

The names mentioned here may not seem so significant but these people lived and breathed in this area. Their contribution to the history of the Hauhungaroa, Taupo King Country (Rohe-Potae) and the Pouakani area is of tremendous importance, not only to us their uri, but to the European people as well. The Battle of Orakau 1864 was the last time that the Maori and Europeans fought as enemies in this area. A friendship was forged between the two peoples, that continued during and after the two world conflicts. Perhaps the 1990 Commemorative Year will further cement this relationship.

'NO REIRA KA MUTU MAI I KONEI HOHO MAI RA I ROTO I NGA
MANAAKITANGA O TE RUNGA RAWA."

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Whakamaru School

Time Capsule

2009 - 2059

This Time Capsule will preserve some of the Schools history for many years to come. You are invited to fill the Time Capsule with interesting things that we know and see around us today and which will of interest in the future.

During the Schools 50 year Jubilee in April this year (2009), the Time Capsule will be buried in the school grounds by the people attending the School Jubilee celebrations. The Time Capsule will remain buried underground for 50 years.

In 50 years time the School will celebrate its 100th anniversary and the people associated with the School will be invited to dig the Time Capsule up, open it and look at the things that we have placed inside it.

The 100th anniversary of the School will be a very special occasion and the children that are attending the school today plus all of the other people who have been associated with the school will be invited to attend this very special celebration.

The interesting things preserved in the Capsule will be available for ever and the people who have contributed them will be part of the on going history.

Some of the things that can be placed in the Capsule and which might be most interesting to the people in the future are:

1. Today's newspapers
2. Stories from the children at the School today
3. Pictures and photographs of the school, and the people
4. Stories about the Schools teachers and staff
5. Prices of things that we buy today
6. Clothing we wear today and current fashions

We all know that things change as the years go by and therefore anything that we believe might be interesting to the people of the future can be placed in the Capsule.

In 2059 at the 100 year anniversary celebrations the people present will need to decide what to do with the Time Capsule once it has been dug up and everyone has looked at the contents. We hope that more history will be added and that the Time Capsule will be buried once again with interesting things placed inside for the children of the future. Maybe it will be buried again until 2109?

