



Celebrating 140 Years

8th-10th November 2013



Commemorative Information Booklet

FOREWORD

Welcome

On behalf of our current school community – children, parents and staff, we welcome you to Waikuku School's 140th Celebrations. We thank you all for the effort so many of you have made, and the kilometres travelled, to be here with us.

As you are aware, this is a bittersweet celebration. It is the celebration of the events and the people who have made Waikuku School special, but also the realisation that we close in 16 school weeks. Six years ago, our roll was 70. After the February 2011 earthquake, our roll jumped to 130 and has been growing steadily since then. Our roll is now approaching 240, and it will be approximately 260 when we move to Pegasus for the beginning of Term 2, 2014 on the 5th of May.

I want to especially thank the Organising Committee. There have been hours and hours which have gone in to organising this event. Their passion and enthusiasm for the school, and this event, continues to be greatly appreciated by all.

Over the weekend, I hope friendships are rekindled, stories retold and you leave with a sense of how special this school has been - but also how special our future is to become.

Roger Hornblow
Principal



Hymene - He hōnore

(Hymn for the Friday afternoon gathering)

He hōnore, he korōria¹
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro² pai e
Ki ngā tangata katoa
Ake ake, ake ake
Āmine
Te Atua, te piringa,
Toku oranga

Honour, glory and
peace to the land
May good thoughts come
to all men
for ever and ever, for ever and ever.
Amen.
The Lord is the refuge
and my life.



Message from the 140Y Committee

The Organising Committee considers it a great honour to bring the events of this weekend to you.

The Committee first convened in March this year and the results in the following eight months have been incredible. Armed with only ideas and enthusiasm, but no funds, it has organised what will be a memorable and enjoyable weekend.

Each member of the group has brought to the table their own skills and experiences, and shown a huge amount of commitment and tenacity! A huge thank you should be extended to all the members of the Committee. If you bump into any of them over the course of the weekend, please take a moment to thank them. Without their passion, sacrifice and hard work behind the scenes - including the many hours of meetings and organising details of the weekend - it could never have happened.

Another big thank you to all those individuals and companies who have either donated to our special jubilee projects or have provided sponsorship for aspects of the weekend. Thanks, too, to those who have gifted their specialist expertise. Lists of these contributors are found towards the back of this publication. Several organisations also assisted by way of grants, including Manchester Unity, Waimakariri District Council, Rotary Neighbourhood Project and OSCAR.

The Committee hopes that it will be a fitting farewell for a school which surpasses 140 years and has an amazing history—some of which will be explored during the weekend. This includes, in some part, the research conducted in this booklet and also Jendy Harper's 'recollections'. Hopefully old acquaintances can be renewed, and to those unable to attend, we do hope that they are able to visit before the school closes in 2014.

It does not, on the surface, appear that there will be a 150th Jubilee. However, should the opportunity arise, and there be sufficient support and interest in this proposition, then we may meet you all again. Here's hoping!

Andrew Botting (Convenor)



THE WAIKUKU 140Y JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Andrew Botting (Convenor)

Julie Pope (Treasurer)

Kelly Cochrane

Kirsten Leitch

Evelyn Stuart

Janet Pollock

Jendy Harper

Raewyn Growcott

Anne Stokes

Brian Stokes

Louise Hayes

Viv Morgan (Staff Rep)

Ali Hornblow (Staff Rep)

Teresa Baker (BoT Rep)

Danelle Asher (BoT Rep)

Programme of Events



FRIDAY, 8th NOVEMBER

2.00pm

Welcoming and Gathering.

Waikuku School. Mihi Whakatau/Welcome, supported by the Waikuku School Kapa Haka Group.

3.30pm

High Tea. Period Costume encouraged. Students, Parents, Staff and OSCAR Programme (Out of School Care Services) will serve as waiters/waitresses in period costume. Prizes for best dressed.

SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER

9.00am – 10.30am

Breakfast/Brunch (optional).

Brick Mill Café, Main North Road, Waikuku (browse the complex including Sanderson China and Pottery, Twine Antiques, Studio A & Co).

Breakfast Bookings - Please contact the Café directly – Ph: (03) 310-0629

9.00am – 12.30pm

140Y Gala Market

Old Fashioned Games

1230pm – 1.00pm

Lunch Box – A special yesteryear play-lunch available for purchase.

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Roll Call and Photographs by Decade

Waikuku School Quad.

Photo boards and items of historical note will be on display in the Community Room and Library.

6.30pm – 10.30pm

140Y Celebration Dinner Auction, Recollections, Light Entertainment Rangiora RSA. This is strictly limited. Dress Semi-Formal.

SUNDAY, 10th NOVEMBER

10.00am – 11.00am

Pegasus Bay School Site Visit (Venue to be confirmed)

Pegasus Town. School 2014. Host: Roger Hornblow (Current Principal).

Farewell – End of Celebrations.

Waikuku School 2013



The school fields is to the left of this image, with Rooms 9 and 10 the long continuous roof line (brown/maroon) running west to east on the bottom left. These buildings were moved here in 2013 to accommodate the Senior Students. Immediately to the right are Rooms 6, 7 and 8 (2012) which are used by our Middle School.

Immediately above is the current playground and sandpit. Immediately to the right (bright blue) is the Swimming Pool and "Community" room (which has been previously used as an art room).

Below this area is the Main Quad with Rooms 1 and 2. Beside this block is the current Rooms 3 and 4 (built in 1972) leading on to the library (past the administration block). This building runs diagonally. Immediately to the right is the staff car park (previously the netball courts) with the Administration Block (built in 2002) to the left (blue roof). Room 5 (established in 1985) is the small building to the left of the present administration block. The large oak tree towers over this building.



History of Waimakariri Schooling

Preamble

Most of the earliest settlers were tasked with breaking in small farms, whether they were army men, lawyers or teachers. Education in the early decades was dominated by the Church and in particular, the Anglican Church. “the right of the Church to pioneer education in the colony remained unchallenged; in fact, its experience in such matters was welcomed” (Hawkins, p 347). This link between education and state was slowly weakening however it is clear that most early settlers could not read and write. “Of the 274 people including children resident in the Waimakariri in March 1854, the census shows that only 99 could both read and write” (Hawkins , p 347). The majority of parents would teach their own children, if they were able.

By 1857, a new ordinance ended the Church of England’s monopoly on these matters. This meant that both the Presbyterian and Wesleyan (Methodist) Churches could provide for education. All of these Church schools charged a weekly or quarterly fee, and most were short-lived as rolls fluctuated and ultimately could not justify their existence. The Woodend Wesleyan School established in 1860, had a fee of a shilling per week and the school itself was financed by a tax of one pound on every house with a chimney. This wasn’t always popular with those taxed for no gain.

Several small private or ‘cottage’ (Hawkins, 1957, p349) schools also appeared – we would almost liken this to home schooling in today’s day and age.

The Early Schools

“In fairness to the teachers and committees, their efforts to provide this sawmilling settlement (the author was speaking of Oxford, but this could be true of most early communities in North Canterbury) with educational facilities must be admired, for nowhere in the north was there a school attended by children of such diversity. The children of well educated farmers were mixed with those of illiterate sawyers, and not a few of them were of foreign extraction” (Hawkins, p352).

All early schools, both church and private, were failing to provide a good education; in fact, according to the inspector J. P. Restell , most had “shocking conditions” (Hawkins, p353). There were often no books or writing materials. The classrooms would be cramped, uncomfortable, perhaps with few or even no desks, and be draughty and cold. Bibles were often the only textbooks available and, in church schools, Religious instruction (or R. E.) was the ‘essence of the school curriculum’ (Hawkins, p353). This point of contention also exists today, but must have been most concerning for the provincial government who funded these schools, as well as for parents of those attending; especially considering the responsibilities that children had in assisting on the farm, in food preparation or during the harvest period. Religious instruction, to some, could have been considered reckless in times of need.

The Government of 1863 set about changing things – new settlements were encouraged to build schools independent of the church and to be responsible for their construction and management (over 120 years later, this ‘self determination’ was repeated with “Tomorrows Schools”). Taxes were introduced, but then later the Government subsidised schools where money had been raised locally on a three (government) to one (community) basis.

It was not uncommon, back in the day, for landowners to gift land (20 acres in the case of Fernside, 1 acre in the case of Eyreton School) and for the community to contribute labour in the construction of the school, to reduce the cost to the community.

A new ordinance of 1873 brought the biggest shake-up at the time – all grants to denominational schools were stopped, compulsory bible reading and r.e. was abolished, and a minister was only entitled to visit a district school if the local (school) committee permitted it.

Just as importantly, residents in each new educational district were taxed; the government sponsored schools became free and public. To survive, many of the former church schools converted into this new system, buying into the new structure.

The prevailing views of the day

There were two incidents at the Rangiora District School (opened 1874) which typified the views of the day. Firstly, unlike most other schools, the Committee petitioned Parliament for a return to daily religious instruction and scripture readings. This was a cause they pushed for many years. The other was the co-educational nature of schools. “Up until 1878, the school was divided into boys and girls departments, but J. P. Restell, the inspector, persuaded the committee to have mixed classes in the interests of economy and efficiency. This move was regarded with horror in some quarters, and a group of parents led by the Rev. B. W. Dudley forced the Committee to call a public meeting.

Dudley argued at this meeting (of 400 people), “that girls should not be educated to the degree imposed upon boys, that the nobility educated their sexes apart, that in Christchurch they were separated by high brick walls, and that there were instances where overworked female brains had suffered fatal results. Also, was there not a danger of acquaintanceship at school leading to an undesirable marriage? Henry Blackett objected to children of older families mixing with new immigrants who were, he suggested, the sweepings of English cities. Cunningham, speaking for the Committee, claimed that there were only six segregated schools in Canterbury and that the children were ‘the picture of perfect innocence’. Tom white, who attacked Blackett’s remarks, was afterwards carried shoulder-high by his admirers. Dudley’s faction carried the meeting, however, but the authorities completed their conversion plans and no more protests were heard”. (Hawkins, p366).

What about secondary schools?

Recently, there was a change to the zones of Kaiapoi and Rangiora High Schools, meaning that Waikuku School is now zoned for Kaiapoi High School. There was no High School in the district until 1884 when Rangiora High School opened with a roll of 19. Pupils lucky enough to finish their schooling and not take on further responsibilities on the family farm, and who had received a scholarship, might be lucky enough to attend one of Christchurch’s schools. The first pupils at Rangiora High paid eight guineas (boys) and ten guineas (girls) to attend. Courses included practical agriculture, dairy science, dressmaking, cooking, along with English and Mathematics etc.

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HIGH TEA (AS CELEBRATED IN 1873)

Friday 8th November at 3.30pm

The Menu

Bottomless Tea from Dilmah



Coffee by Caffe L'affare



Lamingtons

Scones

Pikelets



Club Sandwiches

Asparagus Rolls

Lemonade

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Entertainment - NZ's 'Mulletman' & Pedalmania



Nathan Bonner (a.k.a. Mulletman) will perform at the Gala Market at 10.30am. - a must-see event. Check out his website: nzmulletman.com



Pedalmania will be there - try out their wacky bike creations!

"Mulletman. Canterbury's best busker. Funny, natural and energised."
The Press Jan, 2013

WAIKUKU SCHOOL GALA MARKET

SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER 9.00am - 12.30pm

Massive Lolly
Scramble (12pm)
\$100 worth of lollies
must go!



Treasure Hunt
with 1st Prize Draw
(Family Return trip on the
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value up to \$600)

Donkey and Pony Rides

Coffee and Food

Limousine Rides

Huge Bouncy Castle

Chocolate Wheel ● Sausage Sizzle ● Face-painting ● Merlesque ● Tupperware ● Ken's Pencil Art ● Tori's Naturals ● Karikaas
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FAREWELL WAIKUKU

Farewell Waikuku I love you so,
I'll miss you dearly from head to toe,
From class to class,
You are my soul.

When I first started I was only little,
Mrs Chetwin was my teacher,
Mr Robinson was the principal.

Stevie, Renee, Joanna, Emily and myself,
Would play in the hedge and on the playground.
Together we would run and climb,
Side by side,
Together forever.
We had so much fun and that fun still goes strong.

Then after Year 4 I moved to Rangiora,
But I always longed to come back.

So two years and three terms later I made the move,
I came back, and I was amazed at how things had changed,
The classrooms, the field, the top court, and even the hedge!
It had all changed, but I still loved it all the same.

But the thing I love most of all is the kind and caring atmosphere.
The community is with you through thick and thin.
In good and bad, in rough and sad.

And now it is time for us to let you go.
Our eyes and hearts are filled with sorrow,
For we know that the school we love,
Has no tomorrow.

We will never forget the times that we had,
And the memories that are still right there in our hearts.

I love you Waikuku,
And I don't want you to go.

XOXO

By Miss Blair Currie

1860 1899

1860

1860

William Orchard, one of Waikuku's earliest settlers, puts a punt on the North Road over the Ashley, calls the punt the 'Wycucu' ferry. He was not allowed to have an accommodation house there, presumably due to Thomas Wilson's prohibitionist stance. Farmers in the district (1866-1867) Charles Allen, Charles Clark, Richard Cousins, Job Griffiths, William Hare, Joseph Hessey, Henry Hodge, Francis Kelsko, Patrick Maher, George McQuillan, William Morris, Charles Skevington, John Stokes, Thomas Veysey, and Thomas Wilson.

1870

1872

Thomas Wilson gifts one acre of land on the provision that a school be named Tarnbank school after his property.



Mr Thomas Wilson, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Sunday School (Woodend) continuously between 1861 - 1905

(Photograph courtesy of John Harris collection)

29 April 1872 The Christchurch to Kaiapoi section of Railway was opened, reaching Rangiora on the 6th of November. This revolutionised transport and travel in the District as roads were rare and often either survey lines or dray roads. Washouts were common, rivers were unbridged and the vast swamplands were yet to be drained.

1873

Waikuku Community School Opens



(Photograph courtesy of John Harris collection)

The Chairman said the sixpenny rate levied in the Waikuku district had not produced the one-sixth of the cost of school buildings which the district had to provide.

The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board will sanction the acceptance of a tender for the buildings, immediately upon one-sixth of the estimated cost being paid into the treasury.



First School (Year Unknown). Mr Tomlinson is the Master
(Photograph courtesy of Waikuku School)

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1878

CRICKET.—A match was played on Easter Monday between the boys of the Woodend and Waikuku district schools. The game was a very closely contested one, resulting in a victory for the Waikuku boys by one run. The following were the scores:—Waikuku, first innings, 57; second, 39; total, 96. Woodend, first innings, 50; second, 45; total, 95. The highest scorer for Waikuku was Alfred Peat, who, in two innings, made 32. For Woodend, Arthur Bramley made 29.—

1880

WAIKUKU.—The children attending the Waikuku Wesleyan Sunday school, were yesterday kindly treated to an outing in Mr Ashworth's bush, Mount Grey Downs, by Mr Stevington, the Superintendent. The party, numbering about fifty, proceeded in traps from the Waikuku school, at about eight o'clock, reaching the bush at about half-past ten. They partook of refreshments, and then dispersed over the downs, catching wood hene, chasing pigs, &c. Assembling again at one o'clock, they had lunch, when, after another good ramble, they started for home, which was reached at about five o'clock, all having had a most enjoyable treat on one of the pleasantest of days.

CHRISTCHURCH, MONDAY.

Heavy rains have been experienced here on Saturday and to-day, but no damage from floods is reported.

The rain has done immense good to all kinds of crops.

On Friday, a ploughman on Mr Little's farm, Waikari, was killed under a disc harrow, through the horses bolting.

On Saturday night the Christchurch agents of Gulcher and Co.'s Electric Light Company commenced lighting a portion of Lyttelton Harbor with electricity. It was a great success.

On Friday, the Waikuku flour mills, occupied by Mr Drew, were destroyed by fire. The insurances were—£500 on the stock, and £400 on the plant: office not stated. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The weather which was fine on Sunday has again broken, and has been showery all to-day.

1873

Waikuku Wesleyan (Methodist) Church uses the Schoolroom for worship **until 1900.**

Waikuku Post Office established 1st June under William Cox, school teacher, in the school house.

A petition for a post-office at the Tarnbank school, Waikuku, has been forwarded to the Chief Postmaster. The district includes about 26 houses, and the mail coach passes the school daily.—An extraordinary grape

1877 to 1883

There is a rapid increase in cereal crops from the Waikuku District.



1880

A new reaper and binder is developed. This led to a high demand for binder twine from the Waikuku Twine Mill.



WAIKUKU FLAX, NOW AND THEN MILL.

1882

“Dunedin”, the first ship to successfully transport a refrigerated cargo of meat, arrives in England. This revolutionises NZ's exports and brings big benefits to Canterbury farmers.

1884

Twine Mill in Waikuku exhibits new blended twine (from flax and hemp).



Aerial view of the Twine Mill. (Photography courtesy of John Harris collection)

1888

WAIKUKU.—The annual concert in aid of the Waikuku school prize fund took place in the woolshed on Friday evening. There was a large gathering, the audience numbering about three hundred. Mr T. M'Donald, Chairman of the School Committee, presided. A varied programme was gone through and was much appreciated by the audience.

1889

WAIKUKU SCHOOL.—On Friday evening an entertainment was given in aid of the prize fund, and, without doubt, was the best ever given in the district. The weather being fine, there was a crowded attendance. The scholars having been examined during the day, the prizes were distributed by Mr M'Donald. The first items on the programme were given by the scholars in a manner which showed that much care had been taken in training them; the whole part song, "The Village Chorister," and a piano duet by May and Nellie Pear, being particularly well done. Then followed vocal duets and songs, serious and comic, a cornet solo, pianoforte selections and duets by the following:—Mrs May, Misses G. Gates, Adams, Hammond, Dr Parsons, Messrs Hammond, English, De Vernet, Sharland, Whitehead. Mr Crookson, of Templeton, acted as accompanist. Votes of thanks and the National Anthem brought to a close a most enjoyable entertainment.

1890



The annual concert in connection with the Waikuku school prize fund was held in the Waikuku woolshed on Friday evening. Mr T. M'Donald presided. There was a large audience in spite of the inclemency of the weather. The principal performers were Misses Wilkinson, May M'Donald and Thompson; and Messrs H. Foster, W. Gray, Allan and Moore; while Mr W. Parsons supplied the comic element. Masters Robert Peterson and George Tomlinson gave two recitations. The following is the prize-list—Standard VII., Henry Archer; Standard VI., William Tomlinson 1, Alice Peterson 2; Standard V., Frederick Morris 1, Beadie Pear and Amy Archer (equal) 2, Arthur Procco 4; Standard IV., Joseph Gibbs 1, John Gill 2, Kate Trakler 3; Standard III., Ethel Gill 1, Lucy Gibbs 2; Standard II., Frank Skervington and Emmie Thompson (equal) 1; Standard I. (upper), Kate Archer 1, Fanny Procco 2, Frederick Booth 3; Standard I. (lower), Millie Pear 1, Maud Skervington 2. Attendance prizes, Frederick Morris, George Tomlinson, Joseph Gibbs, Harry D. Tomlinson and Ethel Gill. Sewing prizes:—Elsie Archer in Standard VII., Amy Archer in Standard V., Emmie Skervington in Standard IV., Maud Procco in Standard III., Emmie Thompson in Standard II., and Fanny Procco in Standard I.

1887

Average attendance 30.

1888

Attendance between 35 and 44. In May, there were 18.2 boys and 18.3 girls. By June, the attendance had fallen badly to 32. Salary of the sewing mistress increased to £8 per annum.



1889

Washing copper put in the school house outhouse.

Roll 38-39 average. Weekly attendance 26-31. School closes on Rangiora Show Day and on Prince of Wales' birthday, which was observed on Friday, 8th November (the holiday fell on the Saturday). Standards 1, 2 and 3 had all passed exams with only 5 failures in the upper Standards.



1890

Roll affected by the harvest. Roll varies between 26 and 32. New fence erected.

1891

School closed for a fortnight due to the prevalence of whooping cough. Annual concert in aid of the prize fund held on the 10th of July.

1893

Confirmation classes held at 3.30pm and 7.30pm on Mondays.

Roll is now 34, with an average attendance of 29.1. This dropped, during the measles epidemic, to 27.

1895

A number of insulators on the telegraph lines between Woodend and Leithfield go missing. Waikuku School children are given a warning.

Children's concert 31 August. £7 spent on prizes.

Roll varies between 32 and 39.

1896

Average attendance of 33-34. Annual concert held on Friday, 19th of June.

1897

Waikuku Social Society uses the school on Saturday evenings. Concert takes place on the 8th of October. Average weekly roll is 33 out of 39.

Average attendance 35 with 40 on roll. 4 ½ chains of pines and 2 ½ chains of macrocarpa (180 and 120 respectively) planted out along fence in schoolground. Afterwards all children conveyed to Domain reserve in spring drays. The concert took place on the 14th of October with £7 in book prizes.

1899

A very successful concert was given at Waikuku on Friday, in Mr McDonald's woolshed, in aid of the district school prize fund. The performers were Misses Young (3), Jennings (3), Simmons, McDonald, and Sutherland, and Messrs Essor, D. Bailey, R. McDonald, Featherstone, Holland, Lovelot, Lewis, E. Jennings, W. Parsons, and Evans. An item was also given by some of the school children. A dance was held at the close of the concert.



1899

The roll is 45 (then drops to 37).

Average weekly attendance varied between 32-34.5. This reduced to 31 by June due to a measles outbreak.

Much of school is repaired due to draughts.

George Gibbs removed his children to Woodend School because he considered that his son had been unduly punished. The Master explained the case and the Committee unanimously agreed to exonerate the Master from all blame. They thought the boy had deserved the punishment.

26 passes, and 6 failed their exams.

£6 spent on prizes but there were none in Standard 7.

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A hymn was sung and prayer offered by the Rev. Mr. Homer (Presbyterian).

The CHAIRMAN then said he was sorry to inform the meeting that the leader of the singing class, Mr. Stuart, was not able to be present owing to the illness of his wife. He regretted also that the Revs. J. W. Stack and F. Knowles could not attend, so that the Church of England would have been represented. The Rev. R. Eavin was also absent, having to attend a meeting for the election of chairman of the Kaipoi school committee. As it was the best opportunity possible he would read to these present a statement of the financial affairs of the school. The entire cost of the buildings and fittings as paid to the contractor, Mr. Rankin, was £353. The amount raised by the rate was £38 16s, but when this had been collected and paid into the Treasury the Board of Education intimated that they required a further sum of £15 13s 9d. The committee opened a subscription list to meet this, and he would read the names of the subscribers.—M. Dixon, Esq., M.C.P., £2 5s, his Honor Justice Gresson, £2; Messrs C. Skivington, £2; Morris, £2; Griffiths, £1; G. Jones, £1; Nettleton and McDonald, £1; Du Mergue and Place, £1; J. Macfarlane, £1; leaving a deficiency of £1 12s 3d, which, added to the costs of the printing and tickets for the tea, made a debt of £3 6s 3d; against this the proceeds from the tea were £5 5s. [Applause.] In addition to the contribution of one-sixth toward the Government grant, a sum of £20 had been expended on maps and books for which the Board of Education took over the school premises as security. The committee were desirous to carry out further improvements for the convenience of the master, and sink a

well, which he hoped they would soon accomplish. In conclusion, though he would not probably reap any benefits from the school, he was anxious to do as much as he could to assist it, and carry out the Divine precept—"Train up a child in the way he should go." [Applause.]

Mr D. GRAHAM next addressed the meeting on the advantages of education, congratulating the district on having obtained the services of such a competent master as Mr Cox. He urged the parents present to try to send their children to the school rather than keep them at home, on the excuse that they could not do without their assistance.

The Rev. Mr. HOMER wished heartily to congratulate the residents of the district on the efforts made to supply a want which was met by the erection of this school, so elegant in construction, so comfortable and so commodious. He was a stranger. He had just arrived in the colony, hailing from the Green Isle—[applause]—but as a stranger he could nevertheless express his pleasure at seeing the advancement of the country, at seeing this school standing in a green field where once only the tussock grew, and where fetid swamps covered the country. He was pleased to see here the union of a number of nationalities; and on the principle that iron sharpeneth iron this was tending evidently to the promotion of industry. This was a country he thought in which if a man could not put out his energies he might as well go home again. [Applause.] He then pointed out that not only did their energies appear to be employed for this work, but he hoped that they were earnestly striving to promote the kingdom of God upon earth. He referred to the advantages of education as tending in this direction; to the active mind of England's present prime minister, and to a number of instances where men had obtained greatness through their education, and as, in the case of Livingstone, adding realms to the cause of science. He resumed his seat amid applause.

Mr R. MURDOCH delivered a somewhat lengthy address on the history of education. He pointed out that the promotion of education would lessen the special cost of the administration of justice, quoting a number of instances in support of his argument.

The Rev. T. F. REEVE next spoke, stating he almost gave the Education Ordinance his unqualified support. However imperfect some persons might consider it to be, the imperfect clauses would in time be amended. As evidence of its success was their present meeting, for in such a district as that of Waikuku, without such an Ordinance, they would never have been able to establish a school like the one they were now opening. His approval of the semi-compulsory action of the Ordinance in compelling parents to send their children to schools, and he congratulated himself that in time even the bachelor householders would acknowledge its advantages. This gentleman concluded an interesting speech by referring to the fact that he hoped ere long they would be able to have Sunday services in the present schoolroom for the convenience of those resident in the district who were a long distance from any place of worship.

During the evening several of the children of the Woodend school, at the interval between the speeches, sang selected hymns, under the leadership of Mr Wm. Salkeld.

At the conclusion of the meeting unanimous votes of thanks were passed to the ladies who provided the tea (proposed by Mr. Thompson, Ashley Basin), to the speakers, the choir, and the chairman. The doxology was then sung, and the benediction pronounced, when the meeting terminated.

The site upon which the school buildings are erected is an acre of land, the gift of Mr T. Wilson of Tarnbark. It abuts on to the North road, and from its situation on a terrace, commands a fine view of the district. The site when planted with ornamental trees will form a pleasing feature in the landscape. The school is a building, apparently about 20ft x 30ft square, with a stud of 1ft in height entirely built of wood, weather-boarded and shingled outside, and lined with T and C. boards inside; light is admitted from the north aspect by three large mullioned windows, and over the entrance door at the east end there is a neat porch erected. A few yards from the model school stands a six-roomed house for the master. Both are in every way well built, and creditable to the district.

1900 1919

1900



St. Andrew's, Waikuku.

1900

Master had the discretion to extend holidays in May due to an outbreak of whooping cough.

Flag pole is made – it stands at 70 foot high.

The annual concert took place on Friday, 19th October in the Woolshed. 2s/3d balance from this given in honour of Trooper Morriss.

Waikuku Methodist Church was completed for a total cost of £245. It accommodated 80 and was built on land donated by Charles Skevington. It was opened by Rev. President Orchard on the 5th of February.

A note was received from Dr Murray recommending the school be closed for 6 weeks on account of the prevalence of diphtheria. The school was closed early for the year from the 8th of December.

1901

The Census shows Waikuku's population is at 86.

A letter from the Board was received – Medals had been prepared to commemorate the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York. They were to be given to every child attending school on the 31st of March. Thirty-eight were allocated to Waikuku School.

The Annual concert on Friday, 23rd August. £5 on prizes.

Roll 34-37 with an average attendance 30-32.5.

The Board gives a bookcase to the school for the purpose of a community library, on the proviso that there be no smoking in the building.

It is compulsory for every child aged 7-14 to attend some public school 4 times per week.



First School 1905 (Photograph courtesy of Waikuku School)

1911

CHRISTCHURCH, July 24.
The Waikuku School, a small wooden building with porch attached, was destroyed by fire on Friday night. Mr Penlington, the architect to the Education Board, has gone to Waikuku to make investigations, and an enquiry will be held later by the Board.

1911

SCHOOL FIRE

The following report appeared in "The Lyttelton Times" of Monday, 24th July, 1911.

"On Tuesday morning the Waikuku School, a wooden building 33 by 18 was completely destroyed by fire. The building was first noticed at 8.30 a.m. when the flames had obtained a firm hold, and nothing could be done to check their progress. It is not known how the fire originated."

The Education Board held an enquiry, but no details of its findings were ever made available. However some local residents have some interesting theories as how the fire began.

Traders were called for the new school and an acre of land was bought from the late Mr S. Griffiths for £30 to enclose the school grounds. School was held in the hall and desks were obtained from Rangiora. This school served the children of the district till November, 1912 when the present new building was completed. Traders were called for the removal of the old building but none were received, so in February, 1913 it was demolished.

1910

Committee Meeting - Monday, 24th July 1911

Present: Messrs J Henshaw (Chair), R. MacDonald, K. N. Stokes, T. McMillan, C. E. Skevington, A. Tomlinson.

Owing to the Minute Book having been burnt in the School fire no minutes were read.

The Chairman reported that the school had been burnt down on Saturday July 22nd at 6.20a.m: that he had notified the Board as soon as possible: that desks had been obtained from Rangiora, and that Books were already ordered.

Correspondence was read from the Education Board saying that an official enquiry would be held on Tuesday 25th July the Chairman requested that as many of the members of the committee as possible should attend.

It was decided to ask the Education Board to enlarge the school ground and that the Chairman should ascertain whether a new ground could be purchased and at what price.

The meeting then closed.

1903

Roll currently 43-46 with an average attendance of 38 - 41.5.

Empire Day celebrated a day late with the Master addressing the children and saluting the flag.

Annual concert is held on the 2nd of October.

The barbed wire fence is covered over, at the request of old boys of the school, whose footballs were commonly shredded.

1904

Mr Tomlinson, school teacher, retires to run the local store. The Post Office moves away from school house.

The Postmaster-General has authorised the extension of the telephone from Woodend to Waikuku.

1909

26th of May. Post Office resumes at the school house under Dave Adamson. It moves again in 1910.

1911

Fire destroys the first Waikuku School. All records are lost in the fire.



1912

School concert held 18th of October. School Picnic was proposed for Wainoni Park on 20th of December by special tram from Papanui to Wainoni for £1-13-6. However, because the Railway Department didn't run school excursions during the Christmas holidays, it was held at Waikuku Beach instead.

1913

On the 14th of March, the School house was condemned.

Standards 5 and 6 go to Kaiapoi for wood carving and cookery.

The school bell was purchased from Flaxton School for £3

School picnic was held at Waikuku Beach on Labour Day with all the district invited.

1916

New well sunk for £8 / - / -

1917

Roll is 42

1919

Caretakers salary £16 / - / - per annum

Arrangements made for children to attend peace celebrations in Rangiora.

1920 1939

1920



Waikuku School in 1919 (Photo courtesy of Janice Musson (née Morriss))

1922

Roll is 55

1923

Education Board again petitioned for a new school house for the Master.

Roll is 53 – 27 boys and 26 girls.

1924

Letter written regarding a new house for the Master. Letter given to Mr Budds MP to 'give it the necessary push in the house of parliament'. Unfortunately, there were not enough funds available.

School picnic to Ashley Gorge on Labour Day in 1924. A motor bus was hired and hot water and lollies were provided for the children.

New flagpole erected.



Waikuku School picnic at Ashley Gorge in 1924 (Photograph courtesy of Olive James)

1925

School affiliated with the Canterbury School Committee Association.

1927

18 acres added (16 of which are from the adjoining Griffiths property).

1929

Waikuku Beach numbers 166 houses and 27 permanent householders.

1930

1933

The local school picnic was held recently at Waikuku. There was a very good attendance of parents, children and friends. The weather was ideal, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

1933

To terminate the school activities for the year, an afternoon party was held at the school on Thursday last, when Father Christmas distributed presents to all the children. An opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Miss Harper, infant mistress, who has been transferred to Waikuku. Reference was made to her good work among the children and she was asked to accept a pair of green marble book-ends. Good wishes for her future were expressed.

A letter was read from the chairman of the Waikuku school committee, asking what the schoolmaster should do when the parents of a majority of the children objected to their receiving instruction in drill.

The letter was referred to the Drill Instructor for a report.

The secretary was instructed to inform the school committee that the master must keep up the drill in the meantime.

1938

Donaghy's purchases Andrews Twine Mill. The mill produces a special linen fibre for military use in World War II.



The second school in 1939. The teachers are Mr W. Hampton and Miss M. Dykes.

Did you know?

Dean Brettschneider the Global Baker - professional baker and patissier, TV judge, and award-winning author of nine best-selling books on baking.

Todd Blackadder - Former Canterbury Rep, All Black Captain and Local Legend.

Brian Stokes - NZ Rally Champion 1985, 1988

Neil and Lois Kerr - Farmer of the Year 1998

Jill Creamer - QSM 1999 (Queen Service Medal in recognition of voluntary service to the community)

...were all past pupils of Waikuku School

1940 1959



Photos of pupils from the first school (1st decade) taken at the 75th Jubilee Celebration. (Photo courtesy of John Harris Collection)



Photos of pupils from the first school (second decade) taken at the 75th Jubilee Celebration. (Photo courtesy of John Harris Collection)



Inside the Waikuku Woolwash building. (Photo courtesy of John Harris Collection)



1933 Rubber Mill burns down.



1940

Waikuku Twine Mill is the last of its type in North Canterbury.

1948

75th Jubilee Celebrations.

1948

Waikuku Woolwash ceases trading. Buildings are purchased by Empire Rubber Mills (part of Skellerup) and then used to make latex foam rubber (for mattresses, pillows, rubber gloves and even balloons).



Workers assembled outside the Waikuku Woolwash (Photo courtesy of John Harris Collection)

1952

30th of December, the Rubber Plant is burnt down. The Lavender Farm begins on Beach Road by Ivan and Sam Humm, and Clem Lindsay.

1957

Netball court (at front) is laid—6 inches thick.

1958

School by now occupies 0.5329 Ha.

1959

Roll is in the 60s

1960 1979

1960



The sandpit has always been a hit. This is from 1960.
(Photo courtesy of Waikuku School)



The Jungle Gym—taken in the 1960s.
(Photo courtesy of Waikuku School)



1970



WAIKUKU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Above: 1970s School letterhead

1960

School dental clinic opens in Woodend.

1962

Mr Hartley (Head Teacher for 6.5 years) resigns.

1962

The King family have a rather unique record in having pupils at the School continuously from 1908 to 1962. Mr Harry King's family started this record in 1908 and before his last child had left his eldest son Ben's children had become pupils. Mr Ben King's family had a long association with the school and then Mr Ted King's children finished the association in 1962.

Children travel to Lancaster Park for the visit of Queen Elizabeth II on Saturday 16th of February.

Annual School Picnic at Ashley Gorge.

1965

5-minute break taken during a Committee meeting to watch the Cassius Clay/Sonny Liston fight on TV. (Cassius Clay wins by a knockout).

1966

Milk in Schools programme debated.

1969

Letter sent to the Transport department requesting a change to a 40mph zone outside the school, in the interest of child safety.

1970

Roll of 45-55

Discussion over long pants in winter—whilst not banned, longs were not approved and were discouraged.

Shell Oil gives permission for Committee to use section north of the store to grow crops for fundraising.

Committee grow barley and pumpkins on Mr P. Stokes' and J. Weld's properties.

Dirt money of 39c per day paid to caretakers for the cleaning of flues and ash arrestors of central heating systems.

Tractor donated by Barry Tull for the school playground.

1971

Roll 45-62

Questions asked about a new school to replace the building constructed in 1912.

A calf fattened with the proceeds of the sale to go towards the Community schoolroom.

Porters Pass picnic.

The new school is budgeted at \$29,000—a relocatable type with a wooden floor on piles, similar to Broomfield and Swannanoa.

1970



1973 Centennial Celebrations



Decade photos took place outside the new school block. This one is of the 8th decade of pupils.

1971

Oil-fired heating used in the classrooms.

John Dymock gifts a calf for the Community Room project.

2 ½ acres of malted barley is used for fundraising, with an additional 8 acres from Donald Stewart.

Calf-fattening by Mr Stokes.

1972

Roll of 61-68

11th of November—the new school has its official opening.

Swimming Pool costs \$2 per family to use during the summer.

School occupies 0.8093 Ha, with a total site area of 1.3422 Ha.

1973

Roll of 64-82

Second School demolished. Prefab goes to Kaikoura.



Housie evenings for fundraising continue at the Waikuku Beach Hall.

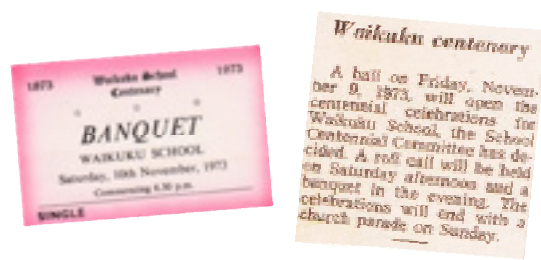
Problems found with the new school—the verandah didn't extend over the staffroom and library. Water penetrated under the door and onto the carpet.

Netball club uses the grounds, along with indoor bowls (Saltwater Creek Bowling Club). This is due to its open plan nature.

Waikuku Methodist Church and Woodend Oddfellows Lodge use the school.

Centennial Celebrations took place.

Cutting of the cake, afternoon tea, decade photos, viewing of the school, a dinner, and a ball.



The Centennial Committee

Kaye Hegan, Eva Brown, Mrs M. Merrin, John Dymock, Ted Stokes, Bob Humm, John King, Allen Petrie, Mrs Dymock, Barbara Brown, Bevan Tull, Margaret Petrie, Ken Stokes, Gordon Stewart, George Lovegrove, Estelle Tull, Doug Morriss, E. King, Edgar Allison, R. W. Manning, Margaret Bovett, E. Brown, Avis Hallinan, N. Moles, Peter King, R. H Manning (Sec), J. C. Mathers (Treasurer), K. J. Stokes (Registrar)



1974

Extensions to the school pool (Learn to Swim Pool) measuring 9.1 x 4.6m are tendered.

Roll of 71-82

1975

Roll of 88-97

\$487 donated by the Centennial Committee—this was to be put towards encyclopaedias, photo albums and an adventure playground.

Long service record given to Mr Ken Stokes for 15 years of service.

School levy \$3 per year, plus a paper towel levy.

Discussion over the new pre-fab and extension.

Estelle Tull becomes Secretary Treasurer of No. 2 Ward of the School Committee Association. Ken Stokes becomes a life member.

Edgar Brown manufactures a new adventure playground from the proceeds of the Centennial celebration.

The school becomes a 4-teacher school in October 1975.

1976

20th March—a carnival takes place with a Noddy train, a merry-go-round, ponies, auctions, raffles, cake stall and steptoe auction.

Swimming pool costs \$4 per family to use.

Roll 82-104

Two new classrooms arrive and are in use from July 1976

The prefab (known as the art room or later the community room) is deemed property of the school

1977

Fields ploughed, grubbed, rolled and sown by Barry Tull and Doug Morriss

Roll 91 – 110

Swimming Pool extension officially opened 3rd of December, 1977. Lessons are held daily from 3pm to 3.45pm. Extension costs \$4571.02 for materials only. Estimated labour of another \$2000.

1979

Roll 95 - 98

Waikuku Beach Gala takes place on the 21st of January, with the main attraction being “Waikuku Beach Girl” competition.

More land acquired from Robinson estate.

Oil Burners replaced in rooms.

1980 1999

1980

- 1980** Roll 103
Clarification that the Community Room is owned by the Canterbury Education Board. Committee 'may use and maintain'.
- 1981** Roll 100-107.
Estelle Tull completes 11 years on Committee (July 1970 – April 1981) and receives long service certificate.
"Children to be kept off slide when wearing rugby boots".
- 1982** Roll 95-109.
R. E. in School.
Housie at Easter.
Snow Picnic.
Car Rally & BBQ with 50c per car. Winner takes all.
- 1983** Roll 98-108.
Picnic at Waikuku Beach.
Edgar J. Brown receives long service certificate (1973-1983) for 10 years on the Committee.
Senior Room and library completed.
Purchase of first photocopier.
30 trees purchased to complete hedge.
- 1984** Roll 103-111.
First computer delivered 17th April.
Floodlights installed on netball courts.
- 1985** Roll 99-103.
Video & Monitor purchased for \$780 & \$630 respectively.
Cycleway proposed between Waikuku Beach and Waikuku School.
- 1986** Roll 83-97.
Fees \$8/child or \$10/family.
Encyclopaedias purchased for \$998
- 1987** Roll 93-102
Fees \$10 or \$15/family
Twine Mill ceases production
Possibility of losing 5th teacher if roll falls below 98.
Solar panel purchased for pool
- 1988** Roll 100-103
School receives a rapid number (called the Brazilian system) of 1445. School house 1439.
Toilet Block at beach painted by Rooms 4 & 5
Susan Devoy walks past School on 14th of November, walking for muscular dystrophy.
Potatoes planted at Barry Tull's for fundraising.
Garden City Caravan Club uses grounds.
Money Trail for Telethon raises \$51.
Trips to Hanmer Springs and Arthurs Pass.
- 1989** Tomorrow's Schools introduced.
Roll 91-96
Dennis Musson resigns after 9.5 years as Chair of Committee.
School Charter written.
School camps to Wainui.
School Fees \$15/child or \$20/family.



Former pupil Todd Blackadder makes his mark in New Zealand rugby.

1990

- 1990** Roll 91-100
Renowned Children's author Margaret Mahy visits.
Edgar Ellison – longstanding principal (18 years) resigns.
Peter Simpson appointed as new Principal.
Uniforms optional.
Jeni and Paul Sanderson purchase Twine Mill.
Honours Board arrives from Church.
Quail Island and Kaiapohia Pa Site visits. Hanmer Springs camp. Kayaking and Windsurfing at Corsair Bay
School represented in Winter Sports Tournament with 2 rugby teams, two soccer teams, two netball teams and one hockey team.
PTA asked to arrange working bee to paint pool.
Pet Day November.
Stamp Club set up.
PD workers help with playground.
- 1991** Roll 84 – 94
Ashley gorge School picnic.
Car Rally November.
A & P Show, M. V. Tuhoe, Waikuku Estuary and Willowbank trips.
Ski Training comprised dry land practice in School grounds.
Corsair Bay Windsurfing Trip.
Fees \$30 & \$45 (Family).
School then comprised 1.5446ha, 5 classrooms, 1 library (with 1700 volumes), 1 storeroom and 1 office. 5 teaching staff, 1 teachers aide, 1 school secretary, release teacher, Swimming pool 20m x 6m and School House.
New Brother Typewriter and Cassette Stereo purchased.
Houses— Ashley, Pegasus, Grey, Thomas.
Pet Show.
- 1992** Roll 89-99
Fees \$35 and \$50 including photocopying
A fax and cordless phone, Overhead projector ('OHP'), headphones for listening post and video camera purchased. Fax, reputed to be one of the first in North Canterbury School District.
School picnic held at Ashley Gorge.
Waikuku Beach Gala raises \$2000.
Car Rally.
Waikuku Beach Gala.
Art Gallery, Living Springs, Hanmer Springs and Ferrymead trips.
Music Group held mornings prior to School opening.
Clubs included drama, harriers, box making, stamps, art, indoor bowls and hockey.
Murray McLeod resigns after 12 years.
- 1993** Roll 90-100
Fees \$40 and \$60 (Family).
School offers School House to Ministry for Sale. Put on hold by Ngai Tahu.
School holds flower show.
Firewood is needed for pot belly stove in Art (Community) Room.
Peter Simpson resigns as Principal.
Beach Gala again raises \$2000.
Art Room \$42,000 replacement cover insured for \$305.49
- 1996** Trivial pursuit evening.
187 books go missing from school library.
Discussion of purchase of school bus to overcome size of carpark.
- 1997** The Great Debate "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" held April 5
Decided to turn the Art room into an assembly room and gym. \$9000 put aside from BOT from rental of old school house, however Ministry decided the funds were theirs.
- 1998** Colin Kennedy opens "Community Room". Scott Williams, Amy Stokes and Nicole Ross Smith cut the ribbon (*pictured above right*).
Adventure Playground condemned and demolished.





- 1998** Waikuku School 125th Jubilee—140 tickets sold.
RATS school production held at Kaiapoi High School 29th-30th October.
Uniform draft policy presented for consultation.
First mention of the new town (Pegasus) and its impact on Waikuku School. There was to be no new school in the township until primary-aged children in the town exceeded 200.
Ski trip held 17th September.
Craft Fair and Talent Quest 27th August.
Pet Show held on 6th November.
- 1999** \$20,000 needed for new playground.
Water tower removed replaced with ground level tank and 2 pumps.
Fashion Parade held on the 8th of October.
Building commences on current playground Friday 7th May.
Polar fleece added to school uniform.
Pine cones, manure and wine evenings are popular fundraisers.



Tree planting ceremony to mark the opening of new buildings at the school.

2000 2013

2000

- 2000** Tea Towels, muffins, pine cones, car boot sale and Pet Day are all popular fundraisers.
\$15,000 aimed for towards library upgrade in 2001.
- 2001** Carol singing at Ashbridge Rest Home
Calendars and Chocolate fundraisers
- 2002** Juli Tyler leaves after 12 years as secretary.
Car Boot Sale 19th of October.
New administration block and library opening day.

Bookworms celebrate new library

Waikuku School pupils Laura Racle and Michael Price (pictured right) enjoy reading books in the school's new library which will be officially opened next week.

The new library is part of a \$400,000 revamp of the school which also includes a brand new wet maintenance building, relocated classrooms together with a relocated adventure playground and new tennis court.

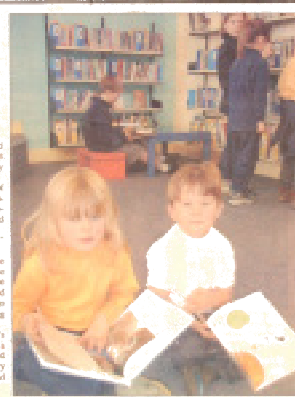
"What we have now is virtually a new school," says school principal Peter Robinson.

Mr Robinson said the new library was a huge improvement over the old facility as it was three times larger and as a result could accommodate an entire class of pupils which the old library could not.

"The new library is a vast improvement in terms of both facilities and its value as a learning centre."

Aside from much greater floor area, the library's collection of books has also been updated at a cost of \$14,000, all made through PTA donations.

While the area size of the new library has provided space for a computer suite equipped with four networked computers.



- 2003** A new junior playground becomes a priority.
- 2006** Double Decker Bus, Rangiora Movies and Swimming at QEII trips.
Maypole permanently removed.
- 2008** Waikuku Beach Affair on the 6th of April.
Barn Dance 12th April.
Roger Hornblow, current principal, starts in May of this year.



New playground at Waikuku School

A playground for the children... with a little help from the adults... has been set up at Waikuku School.

The North Canterbury Standard has the former playground last year when inspectors deemed it did not meet safety standards after it was moved and re-erected.

Carey Taylor, of the school, said this meant the children had been without a playground for several months. After the local council gave forward a committee and within a year raised the money to buy the new facility. Officially opened last week, the bright and attractive feature includes a flying fox, climbing wall and swing bridge.

"Children and parents of the school designed the playground. The children came up with the idea of a ship, which is what the playground is based around. It has been designed for parents and teachers," Mrs Taylor said.

"This has really been a truly outstanding effort on behalf of our community," she said.



2010



Waikuku School on a visit to Pegasus in September 2009.

2013 Waikuku School's roll has risen to over 230 students (October 2013). The district has seen a huge population growth over the last few years, and this trend looks set to continue. The school has outgrown its current site, and the new Pegasus Bay School site will allow the school the opportunity to grow.

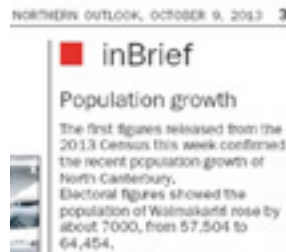


Photo courtesy of Kirsten Leitch

A time to say goodbye...

This year is a time not only to reflect on the past, but to also get excited about what lies ahead. A school is all about its people, and the move to Pegasus—although tinged with a little sadness at leaving the old site—will take with it many aspects of Waikuku's unique culture, values, and sense of fun.



"Steps in Time" - Students and Staff in period costume in early 2013, as a testament to the School's history
(Photograph courtesy of Roger Hornblow)

2014 Pegasus Bay School opens on the 5th of May, with an initial capacity of 420 pupils.

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John Coley 2007

Plaited Quick Breads

(Recipe kindly supplied by Dean Brettschneider – a former student)

Scone Dough

400g	plain flour	1	egg
20g	caster sugar	200ml	milk
25g	baking powder	1	egg whisked with 1 tablespoon of water for egg wash
	good pinch salt		additional flour for dusting
70g	butter, softened		

Sift the flour, sugar, salt and baking powder into a large mixing bowl. Add the butter and rub into the flour using your finger tips and thumbs to form coarse crumbs. Whisk the egg and milk together and pour into the dry ingredients. Using a wooden spoon, mix together to form a soft dough. Tip dough onto a floured bench and knead for 10–20 seconds — don't over-knead or the dough will become too elastic.

Cut dough into 2 equal pieces. Shape pieces of dough into squares. Using a rolling pin, roll out each dough piece on a floured bench to a 25cm square.

Whisk the egg and water together to make an egg wash.

Spread one dough with the sweet filling and one dough with the savoury filling, evenly on top of each dough sheet, leaving about 1cm free along one edge.

Brush egg wash along that edge. Working towards the edge painted with egg wash, firmly roll up each dough sheet to achieve a Swiss roll or log shape. Using a large chef's knife or dough scraper, make a single lengthways cut along the middle of each log, right the way through.

For each log, take one strand in each hand with the cut side of each strand facing towards and twist the strands around each other. Press the ends firmly together to make sure they do not unwind during the baking process. Place the twists onto a baking tray lined with non-stick baking paper keeping them well apart so they don't join together

during baking. Brush the twists with remaining egg wash and allow them to rest for 10 minutes. Bake smaller loaves for 30–35 minutes in a preheated oven set at 190–200°C.

Turn the tray halfway through baking time to ensure an even colour. Remove from the oven and transfer to a cooling rack.

Makes 2 small twists (one sweet & one savoury)

Sweet Filling

100g	Turkish dried figs, stems removed and finely chopped	1	teaspoon of aniseeds, lightly bruised in pestle & mortar to release the flavours
25mls	dark rum or ouzo liquor	25g	softened butter
		1	teaspoon of cinnamon

Mix all the ingredient together in a bowl, ensuring that the figs are broken down a little, cover a set aside for a few hours or overnight, then mix again. You will notice the figs will break up easier as they soften, so the longer the soaking time the better.

Savoury Filling

75g	tasty cheddar cheese, grated	2	tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
10g	parmesan cheese, grated	20g	sundried tomato, finely chopped
1	small egg	30g	olives, chopped
15g	red onion, finely chopped	½	teaspoon smoked paprika
1	clove garlic, crushed		salt and pepper to taste
15g	red capsicum, finely chopped		
15g	green capsicum, finely chopped		

Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl to form a rough spreadable paste. Cover and set aside until required.



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Farmhouse Carrot Cake

(Recipe kindly supplied by Dean Brettschneider)

3	eggs	¼ tsp	salt
170g	granulated sugar	275g	vegetable oil
170g	brown sugar (light or dark is okay)	150g	grated carrot
200g	plain flour	90g	walnut pieces
1 ½ tsp	baking soda	70g	crushed pineapple - from a tin and well drained
1 tsp	mixed spice		
1 tsp	cinnamon		

Sieve the flour, baking soda, salt, mixed spice and cinnamon into a mixing bowl fitted with a beater.

Add the eggs, brown sugar, granulated sugar, oil, grated carrot, walnut pieces and crushed pineapple to the mixing bowl. Beat on slow speed for one minute then scrape down the sides of the bowl. Beat for a further 2 minutes on medium speed.

Pour the batter into a prepared 20 cm round loose bottom spring release cake tin. Ensure that you lightly grease the tin and then line the bottom and sides with non-stick baking paper. This is necessary to avoid over baking due to the long baking time required.

Place directly into a preheated oven set at 150°C and bake for 1 ½ hours. Check the cake is correctly baked by inserting a cake skewer in the centre of the cake, if it comes out clean then the cake is baked.

Allow to cool in the tin for 30 minutes, then remove from the tin and allow to cool completely. Remove the grease proof paper.

Once the cake is cold, spread the cream cheese icing (see recipe below) on the top of the cake using a palette knife, ensure the icing is smooth and evenly spread.

Sprinkle a ring of chopped dried apricots, pumpkin seeds and a sprinkle of poppy seeds on the top of the icing approximately 1cm from the edge of the cake.

Cut into wedges and serve with a nice dollop of natural yoghurt

Cream Cheese Icing

105g	Cream Cheese
90g	Softened Butter
190g	Icing Sugar (sieved)
1tsp	Lemon Zest

Place the cream cheese, butter, icing sugar and lemon zest into a mixing bowl fitted with a beater. Beat on medium speed until the icing is white and fluffy. Use immediately.

Toppings

70g	dried apricots – cut into even cubes
50g	pumpkin seeds
½ tsp	poppy seed



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Lemonade Scones

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Makes: 12 Preparation Time: 20min Cooking Time: 15-20min

Ingredients

4 cups self-raising flour
300ml cream
1/4 cup White Sugar
1 can lemonade
1/2 tsp salt

Hint: Use Regular Lemonade not Diet

Method

Preheat oven to 220°C. Cover an oven tray with a sheet of baking paper or spray well with baking spray. Sift flour. Mix all ingredients in a bowl to a smooth dough. Tip out onto a well floured bench and cut into squares. Place the scones, just touching each other, on the prepared tray. Bake for about 15 - 20 minutes until golden. Check they are cooked through and cool on a wire rack, covered with a clean teatowel (this keeps the scones lovely and soft).

Cut in half and spread with jam or honey when cool enough to eat.

SCONE VARIATIONS:

- Add 1 cup of dried fruit to the mixture e.g. chopped dates, sultanas, raisins or dried cranberries.
- Add 1 cup of chocolate chips to the mixture.
- To make savory scones, replace the lemonade with soda water and any of these optional extras -
 - 1 large onion, finely chopped
 - 1 cup grated tasty cheese
 - 6 rashers lean rindless bacon, chopped
 - 3 tablespoons chopped parsley or fresh herbs



Ginger Gems

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Preparation Time: 20 min Cooking Time 15-18 min

Ingredients

100g butter plus extra 50-60g for the gem irons
3/4 cup White Sugar
2 eggs
2 Tbsp Golden Syrup
1 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp ground ginger
1/2 tsp mixed spice
1/4 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 cup milk
whipped cream for filling
Icing Sugar for dusting

Method

Preheat oven to 200°C and place gem irons in oven to preheat while mixing ingredients. Cream 100g of the butter and the sugar together. Add beaten eggs and golden syrup. Mix in dry ingredients and lastly the milk. Put approx 1/2 teaspoon of the remaining butter in each section for the gem irons to melt, then spoon in the mixture. Bake for 15-18 minutes at 200°C. Cool slightly in irons, then tip out on a wire rack. When completely cool, split and fill with whipped cream. Dust with icing sugar. Gem irons range in size from 12 to 24 moulds. If you have the 12 gem size, just repeat with the second portion of mixture. To prevent irons from rusting, wash then dry in a warm oven, followed by a light spray of cooking oil.



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ANZAC Blueberry Muffins

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Makes 15 Preparation Time: 15 min Cooking Time: 12-15 min

Ingredients

1 cup flour
2 tsp baking powder
½ cup desiccated coconut
½ cup rolled oats
1 cup blueberries or 1 punnet (125gms)
½ cup wholemeal flour
1 cup Soft Brown Sugar
2 eggs
60g butter, melted
1 cup milk
½ tsp baking soda
¼ cup Golden Syrup
Icing Sugar to dust

Tip: Delicious served warm with spiced butter.
Simply combine 50g soft butter with ½ tsp
mixed spice.

Method

Preheat the oven to 190 degrees. In a large bowl combine flour, baking powder, coconut, oats, blueberries, wholemeal, flour and soft brown sugar and stir to coat the oats & blueberries.

In another bowl, whisk eggs then add melted butter, milk, baking soda and golden syrup and whisk to combine. Fold the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix very gently until just combined, spoon into greased muffin pans. Bake for 12-15 minutes until golden and puffed up. Dust with Icing Sugar if desired before serving.



Apple Sauce Raisin Loaf

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Preparation Time: 5 min Cooking Time: 60 min

Ingredients

1 egg
250 ml of apple sauce or pureed stewed apple
3/4 cup of Chelsea Dark Cane Sugar
50g butter melted
2 1/4 cups flour
2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 cup raisins (or sultanas)
1/2 cup walnuts or pecans – chopped

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C

Line a 23 x 13 cm loaf tin with baking paper and grease well.

Mix egg and apple sauce, add Dark Cane sugar and melted butter, add the dry ingredients, raisins, and nuts. Mix well and pour into prepared tin. Bake approx 1 hour until a skewer comes out clean and the sides of the loaf are slightly shrunken from the side of the tin.

Cool in the tin for 10 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely. Slice thinly and the loaf can be buttered if desired.



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Jack married Lucy Bussell
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Two bachelor Stokes boys farming in the sun,
Fred married Winifred Kay
Then there was one;
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Now there are several descendants from these unions living in the district
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The First School. Fred Stokes pictured leaning against the brick chimney



