

Education Institutions in the Upper Hutt District

QUESTION = How many Upper Hutt Educational Institutions are still operating and when were they established?

<i>Name</i>	<i>Established</i>
1. Upper Hutt School	11 April 1864
2. St Patrick College	1885/1886
3. Mangaroa School	1914
4. Silverstream School	02 July 1924
5. Trentham School	February 1929
6. Oxford Crescent School	02 February 1953
7. Pinehaven School	1954
8. Heretaunga College	1954
9. St Joseph's School	1956
10. Fraser Crescent School	1956
11. St Brendan's School	02 February 1961
12. Upper Hutt College	1962
13. Fergusson Intermediate	02 February 1966
14. Maoribank School	1967
15. Plateau School	1968
16. Maidstone Intermediate	1970
17. Silverstream Christian School	1973 or 2008
18. Totara Park School	1977
19. Birchville School	1979
20. Hutt International Boys' School	1991

QUESTION = How many Upper Hutt Educational Institutions were established but are now closed?

<i>Name</i>	<i>Established</i>	<i>Closed</i>
1. Maungaroa School (perhaps confused with Mungaroa or perhaps it was a private School)	1876	1879
2. Mungaroa School (renamed Te Marua School)	03 June 1879	07 April 1913
3. Te Marua School (renamed Brown Owl now closed)	07 April 1913	1973
4. Brown Owl School (1 st Mungaroa School 2 nd Te Marua School)	1973	2002
5. Whitemans Valley School	1882	1936
6. Kaitoke School	1884	c1945
7. Akatarawa School	late 1890s?	1918
8. Wallace(ville) School	1897	Not known
9. St Joseph's Industrial School (orphanage)	1910	1985
10. Karapoti School	16 August 1912	c1938
11. Maymorn School	1951	15 December 1967
12. Brentwood School	1955	c2000

QUESTION = When was the Central Institute of technology (CIT) established and when was it closed?

Brown Owl School - Te Marua School - Mungaroa School



(Reference Google Maps website Upper Hutt)

Mungaroa School was formerly situated Main Road north of Upper Hutt and opened on 03 June 1879. Tenders to build the Teachers residence and school room were advertised in the Evening Post newspaper on 22 October 1878. A following newspaper quoted the contract price for the school as £245 and residence £210. There was also a report of a meeting to appoint a teacher for the school and Mrs Eliza Evans became that teacher. Six months later the children attended a tea fete that took place in one of the paddocks attached to the old Mungaroa Hotel. Mrs Evans retired around March 1911 and Miss Banks was appointed as teacher.

At the beginning of 1913 the Mungaroa School committee asked the Education Board to change the name of the school to Te Marua. The reason was stated was owing to the confusion which arose through the similarity of the existing name with another place. The Committee pointed out that it was usual to name a school after the name of the nearest post office and that they had to address letters for Mungaroa to Upper Hutt. Mungaroa School was renamed Te Marua School on 07 April 1913.

Te Marua School still situated on the Main Road 3 miles north of Upper Hutt was officially established on 07 April 1913. New school buildings were built around 1956 on a different site near to the intersection of Akatarawa and Main road an area known as Brown Owl. In 1973 a decision was made to re-name the school again using the principle of naming the school after the nearest post office. The new name for the school was Brown Owl.

Brown Owl School was officially established in 1973. The school closed its door in 2002 thus ending the history of the three Schools [1] Mungaroa [2] Te Marua [3] Brown Owl.

Eliza Hermione EVANS

School Teacher Mungaroa School & Te Marua School



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Eliza Evans teacher Mungaroa School P2-763-1888)

Mrs Eliza EVANS was appointed as teacher at Mungaroa School when it opened on 03 June 1879. The school changed its name to Te Marua School where Mrs EVANS continued to teach until her retirement on 31 March 1911. Mrs Evans taught at the school for 32 years.

Eliza Hermione/Rebecca LADBROOKE was born 08 August 1852 Hendon Middlesex England. Eliza married James Harris EVANS (1834-1917) date and place unknown. They had 5 children [1] Henrietta Mabel born 1870 [2] Ada Helen born 1872 [3] Arthur Ralph born 1874 [4] Eve Marion born 1876 [5] Amy Hermione born 881 all in New Zealand.

Eliza Hermione EVANS aged 68 years (late of Mangaroa) died on 19 August 1920 at Private Hospital Wellington. She was buried together with her husband and other members of the family at St John's cemetery Trentham Upper Hutt.

Eliza Hermione EVANS	1852 - 1920
James Harris EVANS	1834 - 1917
Arthur Ralph EVANS	1874 - 1942
Ada Helen EVANS	1872 - 1946
Hermione Amy BAYLISS	1882 - 1948
Arthur Geoffrey BAYLISS	1905 - 1979
Eve Marion ROBINSON	1876 - 1968.

Benge Memorial Hall



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Benge Memorial Hall P2-266-455)

The Benge Memorial Hall is situated at 346 Main Road North (State highway 2) Te Marua Upper Hutt. The hall was original Mungaroa School then renamed Te Marua School then later used as the teacher's residence. The building certainly has the characteristics of an old school building. The School was also used as a play group before becoming a hall.

One of the first pupils who attended Te Marua School was Mr J T Benge. Perhaps the hall was named after him although many of the early Benge settlers and their descendants resided in the neighbouring district of the school.

QUESTION – Do you know anything more about the Benge Memorial Hall?

Akatarawa School 1890-1919

Further up the Akatarawa valley was an earlier school named Akatarawa. The Akatarawa School was established in the 1890s and closed around 1919 when the local saw mills began to decline. A 1935 newspaper article made reference to Akatarawa School but I believe the journalist was confused and it was actually Karapoti School which was also situated in the Akatarawa Valley.

Karapoti School 1912 - 1936



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library recollect website Karapoti School P2-414-817)

Karapoti School was situated in the lower Akatarawa valley and was attended by children of farmers and men employed at the saw mills in the district. The school opened on 16 August 1912. Some state that it closed in 1936 but the surviving Karapoti School log book records information about the schools activities up to 06 May 1938.

Maymorn School 1951 - 1967



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Maymorn School P1-1460-3850)

Maymorn School was established by the Education department for the children of those employed in building the Rimutaka Tunnel. The school was originally situated on Old School Road at the former Maymorn Railway Camp in Mangaroa Valley. After the tunnel was opened in 1955 the roll began to slowly decline and was eventually closed on 15 December 1967. The children were transferred to Plateau School which was opened at the beginning of 1968. Many people confuse Maymorn with Mangaroa School which is still operating in central Whitemans Valley. Unfortunately very little history has survived for Maymorn School.

Upper Hutt School 1864 – 2014 (still open)



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Recollect website Upper Hutt School centenary P5-77-794)

Former Upper Hutt school pupils will be celebrating the 150th Jubilee of the school this year. Previous school reunions were held in 1935 and 1964. On the Golders Cottage kitchen wall there is an Upper Hutt school Jubilee photo and also an early school photo.

The Golder children attended Upper Hutt School when it was situated next to the former 'Rose of Sharon' lodge on Main road south (now Ferguson drive) between Quinn's Post and Trentham.

Upper Hutt's first public school was established on Monday the 11 April 1864. The first lesson was held in the Catholic Chapel and was attended by children of all denominations. By 1867 a new school building was erected next to the former 'Rose of Sharon' lodge. In 1879 a two room school house was built on the adjacent property to the North of the Lodge and opened on 13 August 1879. A side school was established in the Upper Hutt Town Hall on 08 November 1906.

In 1908 plans were made to transfer the 1879 school building to the Benzie Avenue, Brown & Martin Street property. According to Education department documents the work was completed on 14 September 1908. Some Upper Hutt locals state that the 1879 building did not survive the journey and a new school was built on the present site of the school and opened on the 28 March 1909.

It is interesting when comparing the photograph and blue prints of the 1879 old school. In the blue print plan of the new school site you can see clearly they intended to not only retain the old school but build a new school with additions. The blue print images were located amongst the Education Department records at Archives New Zealand.

Over the years the school has had various alterations and additions. Some include the dental clinic which opened in 1930, the School Hall in 1935, the school baths on 10 April 1942 and the Assembly Hall in 1957.

For additional information regarding Upper Hutt School we recommend the publications [1] "Upper Hutt School Centenary 1864-1964 Play the Game" by the Upper Hutt School Centenary Celebrations Committee 1964 [2] "Evergreen is our Valley" by Dudley Hercock [3] "Upper Hutt – The History" by J A Kelleher. Archives New Zealand hold various folders and documents regarding the Upper Hutt School and Alexander Turnbull Library hold various school registers.