

**TE KURA O HAU KARETU
formerly MAORIBANK SCHOOL**

30-32 Hillside Drive Maoribank
Phone 04 5269552 – website www.maoribanl.school.nz
Opened 1969

<i>Time Line</i>	<i>Maoribank School</i>
1969	School opened
1981	Brian Welch principal & Pat Healy teacher
1994	25 th Jubilee
2021	School renamed Te Kura o Hau Karetu

MAORIBANK SCHOOL STORY

Maoribank School was opened in 1969 but other publications record that it was opened in 1967. It had to be defiantly opened in 1969 as 25 years later the school held their 25th jubilee in 1994.

Maoribank School was built on part Section No 221.

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(Reference Upper Hutt the History y J A Kelleher 1991 page 236)

MAORIBANK SCHOOL STAFF

Principal – Teachers – Dental Nurses – Caretakers – Support Staff

<i>Time Line</i>	<i>Maoribank School staff</i>
1969	Brian Welch principal
1981	Pat Healy principal
1985	Rene Werkhoveb principal
1986	Jim Douglas principal
1987	Beryl Yoeman principal
1994	Beryl Yoeman principal
1995	Ruth Nicholas principal
1996	Andy Lawton principal
1999	Jill Ferguson retired office manager (1983-1999)
2000	Helen Corby Teacher
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2002	Ruth Nicholson principal
2023	Karen Wellington principal

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A TO Z STAFF

Helen CORBY Teacher 2000

Perhaps #Kathleen Helen Corby 19 Dakota Grove Teacher & Murray Helen Corby 19 Dakota Grove Sales Rep 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

Jim DOUGLAS principal 1986

Jill Irene FERGUSON retired office manager (1983-1999)

#Jill Irene Ferguson 30 Maori Road Housewife 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

Patrick Bernard (Pat) HEALY principal 1981

#Patrick Bernard Healy 9 Pempsey Street Teacher & Margaret Anne Healy Teacher & Denise Margaret Healy 9 Pempsey Street Receptionist & Desmond Paul Healy 9 Pempsey Street Student 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

Andrew Martin (Andy) LAWTON principal 1996

#Andrew Martin Lawton 18 Narbada Crescent Teacher 1981 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

Ruth NICHOLAS principal 1995

Ruth NICHOLSON principal 2002

Brian Edward WELCH principal 1969

#Brian Edward Welch 16 Whakatiki Street school teacher & Julia Maud Welch 16 Whakatiki Street married 1969 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

Karen WELLINGTON principal 2023

Rene Alexander WERKHOVEB principal 1985

#Rene Alexander Werkhoven 91 Kingsley Street Teacher & Geraldine Marguerite Werkhoven 91 Kingsley Street housewife 1981 Eastern Hutt Electoral Roll

Beryl Joy YEOEMAN 1987 & 1994

#Beryl Joy Yeoman 53 Bridge Road Teacher & William Mary Yeoman 53 Bridge Street Foreman 1981 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

MAORIBANK SCHOOL PUPILS

Timer line Maoribank School pupils

1969	Roll 283 pupils
1990	Roll 210 pupils
1994	Roll 154 pupils
1995	Roll 179 pupils
1996	Roll 171 pupils
2000	Roll 154 pupils
2006	Roll 146 pupils

A to Z PUPILS

**MAORIBANK SCHOOL
Places of Interest**

Awakairangi Park is situated in the Totara Park district.

Brown Owl tearooms that was once situated on the corner of Akatarawa Road and Main Road North. One of the original buildings is part of the Baptist Church complex on the same piece of land.

Harcourt Park borders Akatarawa Road in the Birchville district.

Maoribank Bridge was a suspension bridge that was privately built by farmers giving access to their land over the river (now Totara Park)

Maoribank Tearooms and Store once situated on Fergusson Drive overlooking the river

Native Reserve Section No 175 Te Haukaretu also referred to as Maoribank. Wi or Te Kumete & Wiremu Pakata & Marino Rokino & Harata Kione & Pirihiira Nguru & Pirihiira Tarewa & Katerina Apiphai & Te Rina Wharataaka & Pirihiira Nguru & Tawhi Tuaropake & Horate te Kiori & Keno Moses & Pirihiira Tarewa

Ngati Tama Park is situated between Awakairangi Park and Larchmont Reserve.

Streets = Oregon Grove was named after the Oregon pine tree commonly known as the Douglas fir. The tree is an evergreen conifer species native to western North America. One variety, the Coast Douglas fir grows along the Pacific Ocean. Maoribank district used the street naming theme of trees and include Ponderosa, Sequoia and Oregon.

Prestige Place was named after Prestige Homes Ltd. a subsidiary of C & A Odlin Timber & Hardware Co Ltd. In 1964 they applied to erect a temporary timber depot and hardware store on two areas of land at the corner of Moeraki Road and Main Road North. Moeraki Road is very close to where Prestige Place is situated in the Maoribank district. Prestige meaning is a respect and admiration for someone arising from their achievement. A different company the Parapine Timber New Zealand Limited in Park Street, opposite Maidstone Park, was established in 1970 and sold in 1995. It was once Wellington's largest sawmill employing around 56 people. There's now no trace of the former mill or the Prestige Homes Ltd.

Remutaka Tavern situated on Fergusson Drive

St Joseph's farm used to supply meat and vegetables for the orphanage / convent in Upper Hutt central

Streets - Cederholm Grove was named after Wilfred Theodor Cederholm. Gunner Wilfred Theodore Cederholm 24978 served with NZ Field Artillery during World War One. Wilfred (1876-1967) was a farmer who owned land in the Maoribank district. Wilfred's sister Hildegard Pauline Cederholm (1881-1961) resided with him. A suspension bridge was once built over the Hutt River at Maoribank by W Cottle and the Whiteman brothers. North-east of the former bridge was the property of Wilfred Cederholm. In 1988 the bridge was demolished.

Streets - Hillside Drive was named as the road runs along the hillside at Maoribank. The laying of the first foundation stone for a Buddhist temple to be built on the corner of Moeraki Road and Hillside Drive happened in January 1999 but by 2020 the temple still was not built. Maoribank School is situated on Hillside Drive.

Streets - McCarthy Grove was named after Eric Donald McCarthy. Eric (1928-1956) a carpenter and wife Fay Dorothea (later Cook 1926-2013) resided in Cruickshank Road in the 1950s. McCarthy Grove comes off Cruickshank Road. Eric Donald McCarthy was struck by a car and died on 01 December 1956 leaving his widow with three children. He was buried in Akatarawa cemetery with his mother Phyllis Margaret Langdon (1906-1982). Eric's father was Eric Eugene McCarthy (1906-1982) a farmer of Whiteman's Valley and his uncle was Winston John McCarthy of rugby broadcasting fame. Around 1992 the McCarthy Terrace Trust developed McCarthy Grove.

Streets - Mangaroa Hill Road was named as it is the road that leads over the hill into the Mangaroa Valley. Mangaroa means *mang* (a small river or stream), *roa* (long). Mangaroa Hill Road was recorded in the Wises NZ Post Office Directory 1961-1962. The farmers in the valley for many years had to contend with early dirt road but eventually it was sealed making for an easier journey over the Mangaroa Hill Road

Streets - Maoribank Grove was named after the early Maori kainga (village or settlement) situated below the bank in Maoribank. The area was previously known as Te Hau Karetu. Te Hau-karetu means *te* (the), *hau* (breath or scent), *karetu* (sweet scented water plant). The Maoribank Grove looks toward the area where the early Maori kainga was once situated, below the bank at Maoribank near the bend of the river in Totara Park. Prior to 1912 the last Maori residing in the Te Hau Karetu kainga were Becky and Kino.

Te Awa Kairangi / Heretaunga / Hutt River

Totara Park subdivision developed using an American style plan

Wairoa Cottage relocated to the Silverstream Railway Museum in Silverstream

<p style="text-align: center;">MAORIBANK SCHOOL Record collections & miscellaneous information</p>
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Maoribank School collection

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

Publications

- Genealogy Resources in the Hutt Valley edited by Peggy Crawford for the Hutt Valley Group NZSG 1992
- Upper Hutt – the History by J A Kelleher 1991 pages 236, 337
- List of Names and Places from the book Upper Hutt – the history compiled by Janet Doyle June 2005
- Maoribank A Local History by B Welch 1985

Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website

- Archives 9 items
- Manuscripts 8 items
- Organisation 1 items
- Photos 58 items
- Publication 58 items
- School newsletter from Maoribank School 1999 reference publication 38
- Maoribank A Local History c1985 reference Publication 176
- Rimutaka District Ratepayers Association 1953-1977 scrapbooks etc. reference 16
- Various articles and photographs by Upper Hutt Leader newspaper, Yvonne Airey and Wilfred Revelle Jackson

Archives NZ Wellington Office (26 items)

- R10371344 date 1964-1969 Education Schools Maoribank Primary School box 273 record number 31/2732 = **access open**
- R10371528 date 1967-1973 Education Schools Maoribank Secondary School box 281 record number 31/2936 = **access open**

- R21567273 date unknown Maoribank New School Heating box 906 = access may be restricted
- R21567278 date 1972-1977 Maoribank School additions box 907 record number 73/63 Map/Plan = access may be restricted
- R21560790 date 1973-1973 Contract Maoribank School Additions box 232 record number 73/63 = access may be restricted
- R8827669 date unknown Report on Primary Schools Wellington Maoribank box 92 = access may be restricted
- R21565548 date unknown Photographs Schools (black and white) Maoribank box 492 = access may be restricted
- R21559306 date 1968-1974 Contract Maoribank New School box 199 record number 68/41 = access may be restricted
- R21560788 date 1980-1980 Contract Maoribank School Ground works box 232 record number 80/087 = access may be restricted
- R21558099 date 1987-1989 Architectural Contract Files Maoribank School Ground works box 166 = access may be restricted
- R21567271 date 1967-1967 Maoribank School learners pool box 905 record number 77/56 Map/Plan = access may be restricted
- R21559303 date 1967-1968 Contract Maoribank New School box 199 record number 68/41 = access may be restricted
- R21559304 date 1967-1967 Contract Maoribank School Sit Development box 199 record number 67/90 = access may be restricted
- R21560789 date 1976-1977 Contract Maoribank School Learner's pool box 232 record number 77/56 = access may be restricted
- R21559305 date 1966-1966 Contract Maoribank School Site Clearing box 199 record number 66/37 = access may be restricted
- R21558096 date 1977-1980 Architect Contract Files Maoribank School Swimming box 166 = access may be restricted
- R21560787 date c1987-c1987 Contract Maoribank School Upper Hutt Utility Room Conversion box 232 = access may be restricted
- R21560791 date 1975-1976 Contract Maoribank School box 232 record number 76/35 = access may be restricted
- R21559307 date 1968-1968 Contract Maoribank School Type B Dental Clinic box 199 record number 69/105 = access may be restricted
- R21558098 date 1973-1982 Architectural Contract Files Maoribank School Two Classroom and Library Additions box 166 = access may be restricted
- R21558097 date 1975-1980 Architectural Contract Files Maoribank School Two Classroom Additions and Administration box 166 = access may be restricted
- R25632503 date 2000-2000 ET59299 12 06 2000 Maoribank School image scanned IE35909746 available on website - Accountability Review Report – [roll 154 pupils](#)
- R25632490 date 1995-1995 ET59284 19 07 1994 Maoribank School image scanned IE35625979 available on website – Assurance Audit Report – [roll 179 pupils](#)
- R25632497 date 1996-1996 ET59292 14 10 1996 Maoribank School images scanned IE35909727 available on website – Effectiveness Review Report – [roll 171 pupils](#)
- R25632509 date 2006-2006 ET 5.9306 15 06 2006 Maoribank School images scanned IE 35909761 available on website – Education Review Report – [roll 146 pupils](#)

Archives NZ Wellington

- R17923076 date 1969-1975 Education Pre-School Service Child Care Centre Maoribank Kindergarten (Mrs Thompson) 14 Mangaroa Hill Road Upper Hutt box 2050 record number 1541 = access restricted expiry 2050

Suggested Additional Research

- Land = Section No - Street Origin - Maps – Plans – Land development

- Buildings = School – Hall – Sheds – Baths – Dental rooms - Recreation – play grounds – sports grounds – reserves - Classrooms named after Early Settlers or other connections to Upper Hutt's heritage
 - Events and Activities = Fires – earthquakes – floods - Sports – Clubs – Camps – Outings – School banking – Red Cross Club - Reunions – Before and Afterschool care
 - Parents & Education Board - Parents teachers Association – Board of Trustees – Home & School Association – Home & School Committee – Parents helpers – Education Board Policies and Acts
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