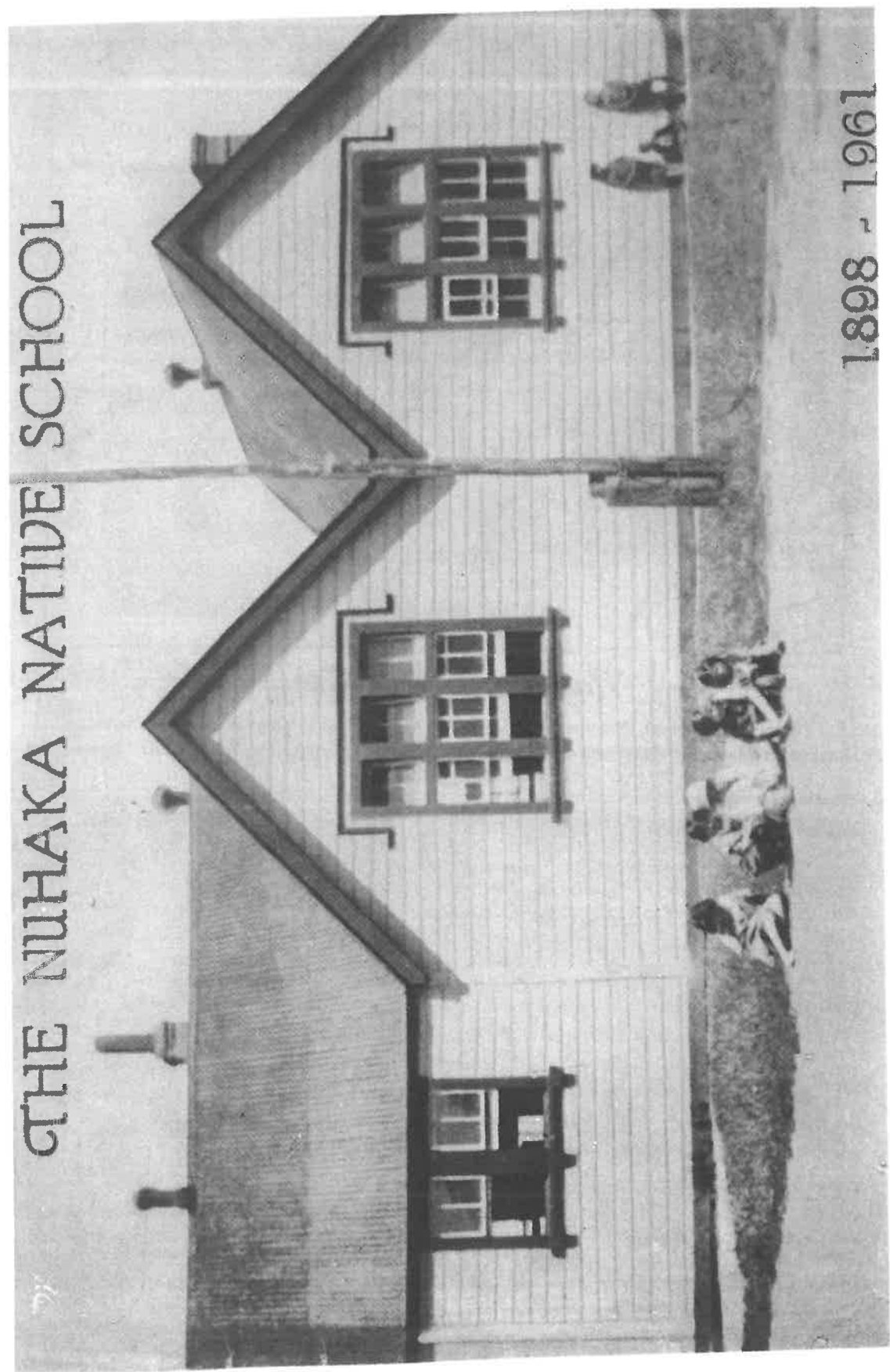


THE NUHAKA NATIVE SCHOOL



1898 - 1961

THE ORIGINAL NUHAKA NATIVE SCHOOL BUILDING JUST PRIOR TO BEING REPLACED BY THE PRESENT JUNIOR SCHOOL BLOCK BUILT TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASED ROLL DUE TO AMALGAMATION

In 1946, the S3-S4 classroom was the first room on the left; the centre room was the S5-S7 room, the third room to the right was the S1-S2 room.

Centennial Year 1998



Nuhaka School Staff

STANDING: Kenross Campbell, Principal Nick Chapman, Mere (Waaka) Karekare, Reweti Brown

SEATED: Pauline (Hoetawa) Symes, Lynn Christy, Margaret Hayward, Jenny Harvey, Manu Karangaroa, Cindy Smith, June Rough



"The Faces of Nuhaka School. Towards 2000 A.D."

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

February 1998

The Nuhaka School Centenary celebrates education on the current school site. It celebrates the foresight of the founding members one hundred years ago. Congratulations! The results of their efforts survive, even today. While buildings, pupils and staff change, the site of the first official school remains and the philosophy of education remains even into the 21st Century.

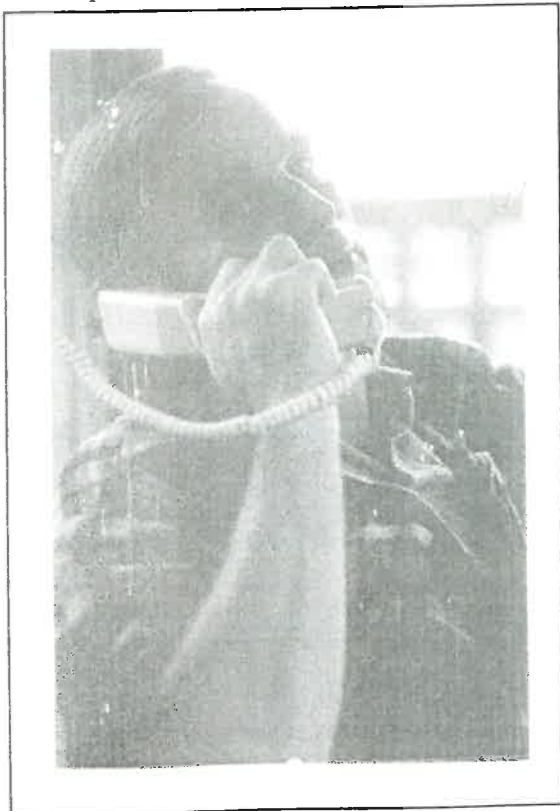
In any jubilee, the fun part is running across your year group, visiting whanau, enjoying shared memories that come flooding back, memories of faces, incidents, and "Nuhaka as it used to be!". You, no doubt, will make comparisons between 'the way it used to be' and 'the way it is today'. You will reflect on the teachers, headmasters and principals who shaped your view of schooling. You will recall classmates and shared experiences. Some of you will probably reflect on the impact made on our district and its schools by the present day economic and education policies.

Through my association of almost twenty years with the school community, it is my pleasure to commend to you the community involvement, and industry in support of the school and all its activities-curriculum, sporting and cultural. I commend to you the School Board of Trustees and the current staff who work unstintingly to meet the demands dictated by present-day economic and education policies.

I wish you well and I look forward to greeting the staff and committees that served you well. I look forward to greeting ex-students and friends, and those who have travelled considerable distances to celebrate this occasion.

Have a great jubilee and cherish the friendships that will be rekindled.

Nick Chapman
Principal



Nick Chapman was appointed Principal to Nuhaka School in 1995. He has lived in the Nuhaka-Mahia District since 1979 when he taught at Opoutama School. He won the position of Turiroa School Principal, then moved back to Mahia where he served as Principal for eight years prior to coming to Nuhaka. Nick is married to Maraea (nee Symes) and they have three children.

Since his appointment to Nuhaka, many changes have taken place. Staffing entitlement has dropped from five to four. Local persons presently employed at the school include Pauline Symes (nee Hoetawa) of the Valley who teaches the Te Reo Maori Immersion Class; School Secretary Lynn Christy; Teacher Aide Margaret Hayward; Teacher Aide Staff Support Manu Karangaroa (nee Hema); Iwi Liaison Contract Person Reweti Brown; and Caretaker/Cleaner Tipene Raroa. Also employed at the school are Donna Jane (currently on maternity leave); long-term reliever Cindy Smith; Scale A Teacher from South Africa, Jennifer Harvey; and Kaitarahi I Te Reo Kenross Campbell of Te Mahia.

Several upgrading initiatives are being planned for - swimming-pool changing facilities; Morere Hall kitchen and bathroom facilities; whiteboards for all classrooms and a face-lift for the exterior.

Headmasters/Principals 1898 - 1998

"One Hundred Years of Education"

NUHAKA NATIVE/MAORI SCHOOL	PUBLIC SCHOOL (1911 - 1961)	TANGITERE (1909 - 1926)	MORERE (1899 - 1912)
1898 Mr A Pinker			
1902 Mr J A Mc Gavin	1911 Mr Shaw	Mrs Fryers	Miss Seymour
1908 Mr M South	1914 Mr Sweet	Miss Burge	Miss Siddells
1931 Mr F T Woodley			
	1926 Miss Glass	A Stevens	Mr E Mayo
1940 Mr A F Roland	1931 Mr Munro	Arthur Kerr	Mrs Fryers
1944 Mr A S Telfer		Dorothy Torr	<i>School Closed</i>
1950 Mr R W Bates	1935 Mr Hankin	Hugh Mangan	(1926 - 1943)
1952 Mr H C Cullen	1956 Mr Hoskings	Beatrice Bluck	Miss Magill
	1957 Mr Whelan	Edith Mears	Mr Hankin
1955 Mr C M H Nicholls		E. Drummond	Miss L. North
1960 Mr W A Findlay		S H Albreichtson	<i>School Closed</i>
			(1950 - 1961)
			Mr Knighton
			Mr Watson

Nuhaka Maori School and Nuhaka Public School Amalgamate

1962	Mr W A Findlay
1964	Mr J Bonnevie
1966	Mr H Miller (Reliever)
1967	Mr J Bonnevie
1968	Mr I A Anthony
1971	Mr W Johnson (Reliever)
	Mrs E Reo (Reliever)
1972	Mr M M Tawhiri
1978	Mr R F Brown
1983	Mr G Price
1987	Mr A Shaw
	Mrs H Whaanga (Reliever)
1989	Mr C F Offord
	Mrs H Whaanga (Reliever)
1995	Mrs D Karangaroa (Reliever)
1996	Mr N Chapman

NATIVE SCHOOLS.

Memorandum.

To The Secretary for Education,
Wellington

Nuhaka,
Hawke Bay,
16th Dec^r, 1898

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Sir,

In accordance with instructions contained in your memorandum of the 14th November to open school as soon as I could possibly do so, I opened school on the 12th December. The Contractor has got some small matters to complete.

The opening day was wet. The parents, however, brought 45 children. The adults informed me that children who are now away visiting will be brought at the re-opening next year. Since the opening 5 additional children have been enrolled. The roll number is now 50.

Alfred Pinker
Teacher.

Copy of letter to the Education Department regarding the School Opening

... On September 26, 1879, the Resident Magistrate, Wairoa Bay, wrote to the Education Department enquiring upon what terms the Government would establish a Native School in the District. Both Maoris and Europeans were anxious to have a school started and indeed a petition signed by 87 Maori parents was forwarded to the Department...

... In August 1883, the Resident Magistrate reported that there were very good opportunities for a school at Nuhaka because of its compactness as a settlement and the large number of children of school age ...

... Not until 1897 did anything further crop up and then a request for a school from some Maoris of Nuhaka was received. After some haggling, a 5 acre site was gifted by the Maoris and the construction of the school was under way by September 1898. The school opened on December 12, 1898 with an attendance of 45 children, which by closure for the summer had increased by another 5. Mr Pinker was appointed headteacher with his daughter Miss Pinker as his assistant.

28th Marj, 1900.

The School Committee met this evening.

Present:-

Mr. Ihaka Whanga, (Ch.)

.. Tame Mete,

.. Karepa Mataira and

" .. Iharaera Hemipo.

In connection with circular from The Secretary for Education re firewood for school; the Committee decided to supply it during this year. Three cords are already delivered and three more cords are to follow.

It was decided to send a notice to Tame Pakee to send his daughter to school, or give his reason for not doing so, otherwise steps would be taken in the matter.

The Teacher was requested to apply to the Department for a copy in English and Maori of "School Attendance Act."

Alfred Pinker,
Teacher.

Excerpt from Native School Committee Book

(School Committee 1900: Ihaka Whanga, Tame Mete, Karepa Mataira, Iharaera Hemopo, Hata Wehi, Matenga Waitaniwha, Honiana Karangaroa, Te Waaka Toroaiwhiti)

... By March 1899 there were 78 children on the roll and as the accommodation was inadequate a request for an additional classroom was approved.

... In 1902, 3 additional acres adjoining the school site were gifted to the school by the Maoris. The Department decided to lease the land over a short period of time.... In September 1906 a new classroom was ready for occupation.

... Between 1915 and 1918 the roll rose steadily (112), and a complaint was made by the Native Health Nurse about overcrowding in the infant department. That did not lead to better accommodation, however, merely to a rearrangement of classes. ... During the early twenties the roll rose steadily and by altering a small room, an additional classroom was gained.

... In 1925 the roll was 132; in 1929 it was 167; and in 1930 the provision of a new classroom (Play Centre) and alterations to the existing buildings were completed." (Amalgamation Booklet, 1961 "The Nuhaka Native School 1898 - 1961" Pp3-5)



A GROUP OF FOUNDATION PUPILS IN 1992

LEFT TO RIGHT: Ladies: Mrs Maata Ryan, Mrs Newa Mete, Mrs Ellen Mataira, Mrs Topsy Tapine, Mrs Mere Tinia
Men: Mr Tom Hapi-Smith, Mr Tamahau Haronga, Mr R Hook, Mr Hira Nepia, Mr Joseph Smith

Reprinted from the 1992 Amalgamation Booklet

4th September 1905.

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It was decided to summon the parents to the Maori Court, and to fine the parents if the children do not attend more regularly.

Present at meeting
Waaka Toroaiwhiti (Chairman).
Karepa Mataira
H. Karangaroa.

Waaka Toroaiwhiti
Tiamana
J. M^c Gavin.
Teacher.

Obviously, the early Maori Court, wielded great power!

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NUHAKA NATIVE SCHOOL "THE BEST SCHOOL OF ALL"

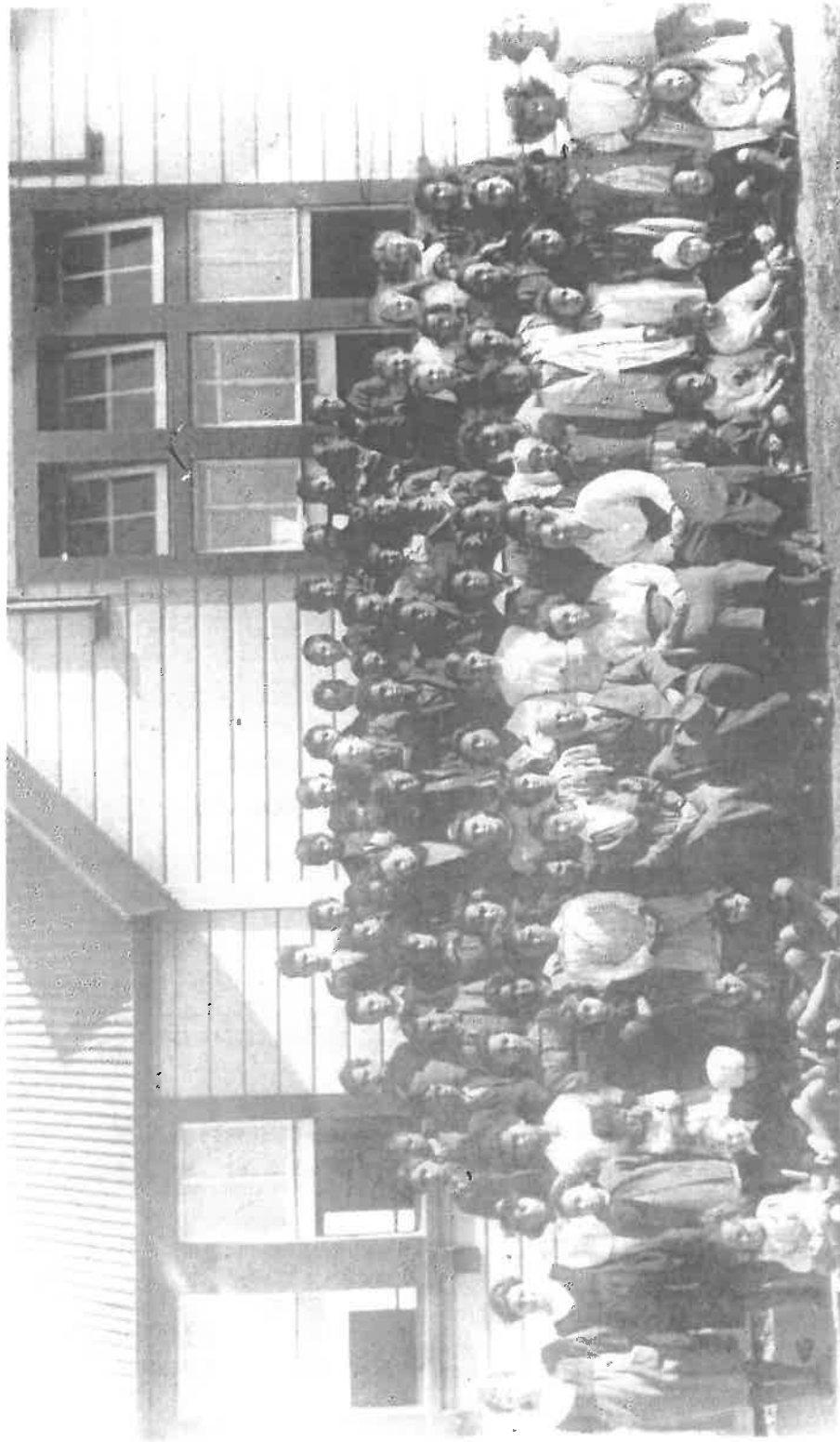
As records show, the school was officially opened on the 12th December 1898 by Mr Alfred Pinker. He was followed in 1902 by a Mr McGavin. The following items are excerpts from an account by ex-pupil, the E. L. Cullen, a former MP.

"...The period from 1905 - 1907 with the late Mr McGavin as Head Master of the Nuhaka Native School can be regarded as a great development in Nuhaka District. This was particularly so in the education of the Maori children and in the improvement of roading and general farming industry."

- Teachers were Mr and Mrs McGavin and the two Misses McGavin.
- Mr McGavin was a great disciplinarian, both in the school and playground. He insisted that the children speak English at all times. Nevertheless, he strongly advocated the teaching of formal Maori grammar in the classroom. He took great interest in military drill which stood many ex-pupils in good stead during their period of service in the 1914 - 1918 War.
- Academic studies prepared students for secondary education at Hukarere Girls' College, Napier and Te Aute Maori Boys' College at Pukehou.
- Sports were hockey for girls, rugby for the boys.

His final comment was that "...the pupils who attended school during Mr McGavin's time as Head Master, look back and say that it was the best school of all. With justifiable pride and conviction, they also claim that the Nuhaka Native School was all the better for his unstinting services. [E.L.Cullen, 1961]

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MR MOSES SOUTH AND NUHAKA NATIVE SCHOOL CHILDREN (Soon after 1908)

Photograph provided by Mrs Val Hirst. Tauranga. daughter of John Scott *(See Page 18 for names)

MR & MRS MOSES SOUTH 1908 - 1930

Who hasn't heard of Moses South? His name is synonymous with the excellence in singing and music which has passed on from one generation to the next at Nuhaka Native School. Those few ex-pupils who still remember "Mohi" recall him as a hard task-master, small in stature but demanding and winning respect from his students. They speak of their involvement in the many excellent stage performances. What we don't hear too much about is Mrs Emma South, who throughout the twenty-two years of their tenure at Nuhaka Native School, worked side by side with her husband and the other teaching staff to achieve the standards demanded. Her daughter, Joyce Hickling, recalls how her mother designed and sewed all the costumes needed for each production, be they operettas, variety show or plays. It is interesting to note that one of the teachers who worked at the school and was also able to draw talent out of the young 'natives' was a Miss Roseveare. She too must have impressed as her name 'Roseveare' remains in the area. The late Vera Roseveare Trass carried Miss Roseveare's name, and this name was passed on down to Roseveare (Daughter) daughter of Daniel "Bully" and Nana Smith.

Mr and Mrs South had four children, two boys and two girls. The late Laurie South married and was a well-known identity of Morere. Son Les (92 years) lives in Auckland. The youngest daughter, Muriel (late eighties) resides in Hastings. Daughter Joyce, this past January, has just celebrated her 90th birthday. She is the eldest living pupil of the Nuhaka Native School. She not only attended the school as a pupil but also served as a junior teacher for two years with Mr Woodley after her father's retirement. Mr and Mrs South, after their retirement, lived a few years in the Presbyterian residence on the North side of Nuhaka River. They moved to Napier for a while, then finally retired to Gisborne.



JOYCE (SOUTH) HICKLING Celebrates her 90th year with her husband Frank Hickling and their three children. WARREN, JOY and TERRY.

(The three children attended the Nuhaka Public School. Terry served on the Nuhaka School Committee for several years before he became a member of the first Board of Trustees of Nuhaka's "Tomorrow's School" He served from 1989 - 1994)

Mrs Joyce Hickling has kindly identified the following persons in the photograph on the opposite page, starting from the top left:

Back Row: 7th John Nepia: 8th Friday Whaanga:

Row 2: 6th Frank Scott:

Row 3: 5th Pango Mitchell, 7th Nocma Potatau. *10th John Scott

Row 4 from Top: (1-3) Joyce South (Hickling), Jessie Boyd, Riripeti Mataira, (5) Mihi Christy, (7-9) Ahenata Whaanga, Nellie Nepia, Rauangi Nepia

Row 5 from top: (3 & 4) Manu Mataira, Kerenapu, (6) May Boyd, (8) Bella Christy

Seated: Mrs South, Mr South, Margery Pond, Ethel Roseveare



Joyce (South) Hickling 90yrs - Oldest Student and Teacher of Nuhaka Native School at 90th Reunion, 1988

FAMILY LINKS WITH NUHAKA SCHOOL

NUHAKA NATIVE SCHOOL
 "Mohi" South Headteacher 1908 - 1930
 Joyce (South) Hickling - Pupil and Teacher

NUHAKA PUBLIC SCHOOL
 Terry Hickling, Warren Hickling, Joy Hickling

NUHAKA SCHOOL
 Derek Hickling, Hamish Hickling,
 Lynne Hickling

*Heeni (Bluck-Smith) Christy 89 yrs in May
 Oldest Native Pupil of Nuhaka
 Native School*

LINKS WITH NUHAKA SCHOOL (Six Generations)

- Grandfather Matenga Waitaniwha Member First School Committee Member, Nuhaka Native School
- Te Ruihi Matenga attended Nuhaka Native School
- Heeni (Bluck-Smith) Christy attended Nuhaka Native School
- Children: Huia, Sidney, Kay, Myra, Jewel, Eia, Rufus, Tina, Gloria attended Nuhaka Native/Maori School
- **NUHAKA SCHOOL**
- Grand-children Jeanine, Philip, Leo, Lisa, Sidney, Jared, Myra, William, Larry, Debden, Avon, Shane, Michael
- Great-grandchildren Christy-Lee, Renee and Maraea are students there today.

