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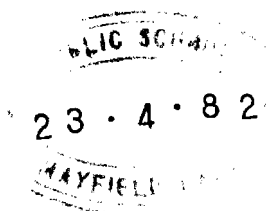
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Dear Mr Duncan,

I refer to your letter of 26 March 1982 regarding certain historical details of your school.

As you mention, an application for the school, under the name of Waratah, was made on 5 May 1858. The school applied for was the non-vested type in which the local community was responsible for providing the building, and the education authority, the Board of National Education, would provide a subsidy in the form of a teacher's salary. Usually, as an indication of the school's viability, the Board expected such schools to be in operation prior to aid being granted. According to records of the Board, Maria Christie was formally appointed to the school on 9 August 1858, but it would appear that as she had already been teaching at the school the Board backdated her salary to 1 July 1858. It is from this latter date that we would recognise Mayfield East as a government school. An inspector of schools visited the school on 8 September 1858 and commented that the school had been "only a short time in operation".

The school was known as Waratah until 8 March 1912, Mayfield until 9 August 1923, and its present name thereafter. It may have been locally known as the "Folly" school (after Cecil Foley) but certainly not officially.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. Fletcher
for

D. Swan

Director-General of Education

19/4/1982

MAYFIELD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

HEAD TEACHER

DATE APPOINTED

Maria Christie	9.8.1858
Alexander Magnay	12.1861
Mrs Emma Magnay	sometime in 1860s
<i>? there may or may not be a tchr missing here.</i>	
Reuben Hayter	there by 1869 (+ probably earlier)
John Walker	11.1871

School closed 9.1872 - 8.1873

James Kilgour	8.1873
Robert Mc Cormick	5.1876
William Broom	1.1877
John Gillespie	11.1878
Donald Robertson	1.1892
Francis Wigg	5.1917
Torrington Pincombe	12.1918
Robert Shields	5.1921
Stanley Callaghan	11.1924
John Adam	5.1927
Leopold Allan	8.1928
Joseph Learmouth	12.1930
Vincent Murray	12.1932
Robert Stove	11.1938
Charles Cash	11.1939
Maurice Hale	5.1940
Charles Ebert	12.1943
Cecil Foley	12.1944
Clement Hill	12.1946
Cyril Jopling	1.1951
Victor Ainsworth	1.1958
Robert Wallschatz <i>isky.</i>	1.1968
J.D. McMahon <i>Wallschatz's by</i>	1.1974
Norman Duncan	2.1977