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for the amount we enclosed) the sum of £50 sterling, and we undertake to apply it with the grant of £100 now applied for in the erection of the Building, or the purchase of desks and necessary fittings.

We shall immediately advertise for tenders for the erection of the school, on being informed that the £100 is at our disposal and we shall also forward a list of applications for the situations of Schoolmaster and Mistress with their several characters to the Board when the Building is near completion.

We have the honor to be Sir,

Your Obedient servants,  
(Signed) D. C. McCurtain,  
Joseph Hurdon,  
R. Martin,

W. C. Miles Esq. }  
Secretary. }  
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P. S. Will you procure the grant from the Crown of the land on which the school House is to be erected, or are the Trustees to take any steps in procuring it?

The Bank receipt for £50, alluded to above, was enclosed in the <sup>preceding</sup> ~~present~~ letter.

*C. J. M. C. P.*

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Copy of printed schedule or enclosed in the  
preceding letter, viz,

Warrington,  
To the Commissioners of the Board of National  
Education, — — —

The undersigned being desirous of  
establishing a Boys' and Girls' school  
under the direction of the Board of National  
Education, and being willing to act as Patrons  
thereof, have to request that the Board of  
Commissioners will, in pursuance of the  
regulations of 10<sup>th</sup> May 1848 be pleased to grant a  
sum of £100 towards the erection of a school  
house; apportioned to the annexed plan, and also  
a further annual sum of £80 in support of  
the schoolmaster and mistress and the undersigned  
hereby engage to conform to such regulations as  
have been already published by the National  
Board, and to such as may be hereafter  
promulgated by their authority,

(Signed) R. Martin

" D. C. McArthur

" Joseph Hawdon,

Here follows a sketch of the ground plan, and  
A sketch of the elevation of the proposed building

via H. C. G. M.

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Number of children in the District in which  
the school is proposed to be erected,

Boys	Girls	Total
60	117	107

of which 51 are Church of England.

" 29 - Presbyterians

" 27 - Roman Catholics,

Title and extent of the proposed site on which  
the Building is to be erected,

One acre in the village of Warrigal or  
Heidelberg,

Sum proposed to be raised by the  
Local Patrons,

For the building £50, this amount  
is raised,

Miscellaneous Observations,

To be built of Brick with stone foundation,

School room 22 feet by 14 feet,

Class room 13 - - - 12 - -

3 rooms for master and mistress,

ceiling 10 feet high,

If a master can only be obtained at  
present, half the salary requested will only  
be drawn,

J. H. C. M.

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No. 50/39.

National Education office,  
Sydney 25<sup>th</sup> January 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of  
the Board of National Education, to forward  
to you, for the information of the Local Patrons,  
Copy of the Colonial Secretary's letter, relative  
to the land applied for at Warrigal, as a  
site for a National School.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servt

Charles Galloway,

Secy to Local Patrons,

National school, Warrigal, J. Phillip

12<sup>th</sup> January 1850.

Expd W.C. Dr

No. 50/75.

National Education office,  
Sydney 7<sup>th</sup> February 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of  
the Board of National Education to forward to  
you for the information of the Local Patrons,  
Copy of the Colonial Secretary's letter, annexed,  
(respecting

21<sup>st</sup> January 1850

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respecting the land selected as a site for a National school house at Warrungal.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your most obt. servant  
(signed) W. C. Willis,  
Secretary.

To  
Charles Ballou &  
Sec<sup>y</sup> to Local Patrons,  
Nat<sup>l</sup> School, Warrungal  
Port Phillip

Ed. W. C. W.

No. 50/469.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1850.

Sir,  
I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and printed schedule, duly signed by yourself, Mr. Howson and Mr. Martin, as local patrons, applying for the establishment of a National school at Heidelberg or Warrungal, requesting a grant of £100 towards the erection of a school house, and a further annual sum of £80 towards the support of a Master and mistress, annexed plan of the proposed school building,  
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and suggesting an acre of land in the village as a school site,

2. In reply I am instructed to acquaint you that the Board will be happy to grant a sum of £100 towards the school building, on the local subscriptions already raised, (£50) being paid into the Union Bank, Sydney, or expended on the Building, if the former, the money is to be paid to the credit of the "Board of National Education Building Fund", no charge will be made by the Bank for its transfer,

3. The Board will also grant a further sum of £40 per annum in the support of a teacher, whom the Board wish should be a married man, his wife competent to instruct the Girls in reading and needlework, £40 per annum is the minimum salary which has been universally given by the Board for man and wife, subject however to a gratuity at the close of each year according to the recommendation of the local patrons,

4. With respect to the land, I beg to refer you to my letter No. 50/75 of date of 1<sup>st</sup> February last addressed to Mr. Callow, in which was

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Circular No. 3  
enclosed.

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enclosed copy of the Colonial Secretary's  
letter under date 31<sup>st</sup> January last, sanction-  
ing the appropriation of land at Warrigal  
as a school site, viz. Allotments Nos. 11 & 12  
of Section No. 3, as formerly selected by the  
Local Patrons.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obt. servant

(Signed) W. C. Wells,

Secretary.

To

J. Handin &

Ed. McW.

Melbourne, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1850.

Sir,

The local patrons of the proposed  
National school at Heidelberg beg to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter No. 50/469, of date  
September 30<sup>th</sup> 1850.

In this letter you state that the  
Board will be happy to grant a sum of  
One hundred pounds towards the school building  
on the local subscriptions already raised,  
fifty pounds being paid into the Union  
Bank, Sydney, or expended on the building.

In the letter addressed to you by  
the Local Patrons, acknowledged by your No. 50/469,  
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was enclosed a receipt from the Union Bank, for the sum of fifty pounds paid into that Bank, to the credit of the Board of National Education, in terms of Memoranda attached to the book of Regulations circulated by the Board,

We have therefore to request, that you will now be pleased to place at our disposal the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, in order that we may accept a tender and proceed to the erection of the building,

In the book of regulations Section 3 clause 5 it is stated that a minimum salary of forty pounds will be granted to each teacher, whilst in your letter under reply, you state that the Board will grant only £40 per annum, to the support of the teacher, whom the Board wish should be a married man, his wife competent to teach the girls, by which it would appear that the Board require the services of two individuals for the forty pounds,

We feel it our duty to state that, as a married man, who would be competent to undertake the duties, (and possessing the requisite character (and) respectability, could be induced to accept the situation, at the salary named, we confidently and earnestly hope, that the Board will be pleased to award

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a salary of Forty pounds to each, by which really efficient and eligible parties may be procured,

We are, Sir,

Your obt. servants,

(Signed) D. C. McArthur  
" Joseph Howdon, } L. Paterson  
" R. Martin }

*Edm. H.C.M.*

Re Heidelberg or Warrigal,

No. 50/704.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 30<sup>th</sup> December 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ultimo signed also by Messrs. Howdon & Martin, requesting the Board to place at the disposal of the Local Patrons One hundred and fifty pounds in order that they may accept tenders and proceed with the erection of the School building, also requesting that the Board will award a salary of Forty pounds each to the master and mistress of the proposed school.

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2. In reply I am to acquaint you that the Board will place at the disposal of the local patrons, in terms of my letter No. 50/1169, of date 3<sup>rd</sup> September last, for the purpose requested, the sum of £150, that is to say, the Board will permit to the order of the local patrons the above sum either in part or wholly, on receipt of a certificate signed by the local patrons that the moneys asked for from time to time are due and actually expended on the Building, this certificate must also be accompanied with one from some competent Tradesman in the form enclosed.

3. I am further instructed to state, that until the first grand expense is got rid of (namely the erection of the permanent school building) the Board regret that the funds at their disposal will not admit of a larger salary than £40 per annum for man and wife, it is therefore hoped that for the present the school fees & local aid will make up the salary sufficiently to induce a married couple of competent abilities to undertake the duties of Master & Mistress of the school.

Ed. M. M.

D. C. McArthur Esq,  
Bank of Australia  
Melbourne,

I have the honor to be  
Sir, your most ob<sup>t</sup>. serv<sup>t</sup>.  
(Signed) W. C. Wills,  
Secretary,

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New Castle 250

# Wannon River

Wannon River, Port Phillip,

18<sup>th</sup> December 1849,

Gentlemen,

I herewith beg to forward you a copy of the minutes of a Public meeting held at the Bunyip Inn, River Wannon, 6<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1849, James Riley Esq. in the Chair, at which it was proposed to establish a school under the direction of the Board of National Education, likewise a requisition to the Board for a grant of money towards the erection of a schoolroom.

The Inhabitants in the immediate neighbourhood of this place have subscribed a sum amounting to £61, and I have no doubt that with little exertion it would be increased.

The number of children on this spot amounts to 38, whose parents would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of giving them Education, and in the course of a short time children from a distance would be sent when suitable accommodation could be afforded them.

A meeting of the Local patrons took place on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> ult. when the Tender for (the

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The School House was accepted for £140 which perhaps may appear to be a larger sum than the Board will feel disposed to allow for a wooden building, but, on being informed that the Timber was to be brought a distance of 30 miles, the Board will not think that the Local Patrons have been too extravagant in their proceedings.

The Local subscriptions will be immediately collected and lodged in the Bank of Australasia.

A requisition will likewise be sent to Mr. La Trobe to grant a piece of land for the site of the Building.

Mr. Riley will be in Sydney shortly and he desires me to say he will be happy to take charge of any school books.

I have the honor to remain,  
Gentlemen  
Your Most Obedt. servant  
(Signed) Henry Waterman  
Secretary,

To,  
The Board of  
National Education }  
Sydney }

*Ed. H. M.*

Copy of minutes of public meeting held at the  
Banyup Inn, Wannon River, on next page

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Minutes of a public meeting held at the  
 Bunyip Inn, River Wannon on the 6<sup>th</sup> day  
 of December 1849.

Proposed by Mr. John Palmer,

Seconded by Mr. Walker,

That a National school be established at  
 the village on the Wannon,

Carried unanimously,

Proposed by Mr. Waddell,

Seconded by Mr. Walker,

That Messrs. J. Niley, Major Mercer, Lockhart,  
 Waterman, Gadden, McKellar, and Chionside  
 be requested to act as Local Patrons,

Carried unanimously,

Proposed by Mr. N. Woodhead,

Seconded by Mr. Waddell,

That this meeting being aware that no lands  
 have been surveyed by the Government in this  
 neighbourhood, and fearing to incur the delay  
 which would occur if a site should not be  
 chosen for a school house before any land can  
 be surveyed by the Government, do select as  
 a site a sandy elevation situate about 100  
 yards from the Wannon on the South Bank  
 and about 100 yards to the west of Messrs.  
 Palmer & Waddell's Paddock & determined to build  
 thereon immediately having the grant of the site  
 to be obtained hereafter.

Carried unanimously

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Proposed by Mr. Walker.

Seconded by Mr. Brewster.

That the patrons be requested to consent as to a plan for the building, so that the necessary form may be forwarded by the Board of National Education by an early mail.  
Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Walker,  
Seconded by Mr. Bayle.

That the money subscribed now amounting to £61 be collected as soon as possible and lodged in the Bank of Australasia.

Carried unanimously  
(A list of 38 children was produced in the room.)

It was resolved to apply to Mr. La Trobe for permission to build.

(Signed) James Riley  
Chairman.

Expd Mr. W.

At a subsequent meeting held on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> December of the local patrons,  
George Lockhart Esq. in the Chair.

Major Mercer having signified his desire to have his name expunged from the list of patrons,  
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he not being a resident. (and having proposed also that Mr. Walker be requested to fill the vacancy, who consented to act,  
 seconded by Dr. Waterman, & carried unanimously

Proposed by Mr. Cherriside  
 seconded by Mr. Walker,

That as he is about to leave the colony, his name be erased from the list of Patrons, and that of Mr. Phillips inserted, Carried unanimously

Proposed by J. Reby Esq.  
 seconded by Mr. Phillips,

That the plan which he submitted be adopted, Carried unanimously

Proposed by Dr. Waterman  
 seconded by Mr. Phillips,

That the tender of Mr. Woodhead to build the proposed schoolhouse for £140 be accepted, and that a contract be entered into accordingly, Carried unanimously

The thanks of the meeting having been given to the worthy Chairman, they separated,

Ed. H. C. Jr.

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Copy of printed Schedule, accompanying the  
preceding letter &c, viz,

Wannon River, 11<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1849.

To the Commissioners of the Board of  
National Education,

The undersigned being desirous of establishing  
a Boys' and Girls' School under the direction  
of the Board of National Education, and being  
willing to act as Patrons thereof, have to request  
that the Board of Commissioners will in pursuance  
of the regulations of 10<sup>th</sup> May 1848, be pleased  
to grant a sum of £90-6-8 towards the  
erection of a school house, agreeably to the annexed  
plan, and also a further annual sum of  
£50 in support of the schoolmaster, and the  
undersigned hereby engage to conform to such  
regulations as have been already published  
by the National Board, and to such as may be  
hereafter promulgated by their authority,

(Signed) George D. Lockhart

" James Riley,

" Henry Waterman

" John Walker,

" John Phillips

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Ed. H.C.M.

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Here follows a sketch of the ground plan, and  
 a sketch of the elevation of the proposed building.

Number of children in the district in which  
 the school is proposed to be erected,

Boys	Girls	Total
17	21	38

Of which 8 are Church of England,

23 Presbyterians,

7 Roman Catholics,

Total - 38,

NB. These are three married couples each  
 having one child under 12 months not included  
 in the above, —

Proposed cost of the building, £110,

Sum proposed to be raised by the Local Patrons for  
 the building £46-13-4,

Miscellaneous observations,

A weather board building with brick  
 chimneys, and verandah, —

J. H. C. M.

25<sup>th</sup>/<sub>1</sub>

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No. 50/3.

National Education Office,  
Sydney 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of National Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated Warran River, Port Phillip, 18<sup>th</sup> December 1849, enclosing copy of minutes of a public meeting held at the Bunyip Inn, River Warran, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December last for the purpose of the establishment of a National school, and printed schedule, duly signed by the local patrons requesting a sum of £93-6-8 towards the erection of a school house, agreeably to the plan annexed thereto, and a further sum of £50 in support of the schoolmaster.

In reply I am directed to state that the Board will be happy to comply with your request as far as the sum is concerned towards the Building, but that they invariably commence the salary of the Teacher at the minimum sum of £40 subject however to a gratuity on the report and recommendation of the Local Patrons, and the Board will be glad to be informed if there is any married couple in your neighbourhood whom the  
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Local patrons could recommend a competent  
for the situations of Master and Mistress of  
the school,

3 The Board approve of the plan and estimate  
of the Building, and they see no objection  
to the commencement of the schoolhouse on  
the land selected as the site, but you had  
better send me a specific description of it as  
soon as you can, in order that I may make  
application to the Government for an authority  
for its appropriation for National Education purposes,

4. You will please pay the local subscriptions  
into the Union Bank of Australia, Sydney,  
and not into the Bank of Australasia, "to  
the credit of the Board of National Education,  
Building Fund", and, on this being done  
the Board will have drafts drawn upon  
them to the amount of £140. (one third of  
this amount being so paid into the bank.)  
upon receiving a certificate signed by a  
majority of the local patrons, that any sums  
are due and expended on account of the contract,  
and I am to request you will state  
where and to whom moneys are to be paid,

5. I shall be happy to see Mr. Riley on his  
visit to Sydney, in order that the requisite  
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supply of National Books may be forwarded  
for the use of the school,

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your Most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. C. Mills,

To Henry Waterman Esq,

Secretary,

Secretary to the Local Patrons

National School, Wannan River,

Port Phillip.

W. C. Mills

River Wannan, Port Phillip

19<sup>th</sup> January 1850,

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of  
the Local Patrons of the Wannan National  
School to acknowledge the receipt of your  
letter No. 50/3 dated January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1850,  
in reference to their requisition to the Board  
of National Education to enable them to  
erect (and) establish a National School on  
the River Wannan, (and) to tender their  
thanks together with the subscribers for the  
handsome and liberal manner in which  
the Board accede to their request,

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I herewith have the honor of enclosing you a sketch of the village and the relative position thereof of the site of the intended school house (which was taken by Mr. James Farham and presented to the local patrons with his usual great kindness and Condescension) according to your desire in the 3<sup>rd</sup> article of your letter, in order that you may make application to the Government for an Authority for its appropriation for Educational purposes.

The Local Patrons selected this site it appearing to them to be the driest, and consequently the most healthy spot in the immediate neighbourhood of the village, and perhaps it would be an advantage to have the school house in a retired and undisturbed locality.

The subscription will be immediately collected and paid into the Union Bank of Australia, Sydney, to the credit of the "Board of National Education Building Fund" in compliance with your instructions.

A highly respectable and well qualified person who is married has made application for the appointment of schoolmaster who I have no doubt will meet with the approbation of the Local Patrons, but as one or two are at present

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present from home. This matter must rest until their return when a recommendation will be forwarded to the Board in due form.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

To  
W. C. Mills Esq,  
Secretary  
National Education Board  
Sydney.

(Signed) Henry Waterman  
Secretary to the  
L. J. Wannon N.S.

*E. J. C. W.*

No. 50/87.

National Education Office  
Sydney 19<sup>th</sup> February 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor by direction of the Board of National Education to forward to you for the information of the local parties of the proposed National school at Wannon Copy of the Colonial Secretary's letter respecting the land applied for at that place as a school site.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Henry Waterman Esq,  
Wannon N.S. School,

your most obedient servant,  
(Signed) W. C. Mills, Secy.

*E. J. C. W.*

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Warran River, Port Phillip,  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 50/87 dated 19<sup>th</sup> Feb'y, 1850, containing a Copy of the Colonial Secretary's letter respecting the Land applied for in this place as a school site.

I am directed by the local patrons to forward you the enclosed letter to the Commissioners, recommending Mr. John Browning of Melbourne as a person well qualified to fill the office of teacher to the Warran National school, likewise the Copy of a letter from the Rev. A. M. Ramsey addressed to the local patrons in Mr. Browning's behalf.

The Local Patrons are desirous of ascertaining whether Mr. Browning on receiving the appointment of teacher would be allowed to preach on Sunday at the different stations in the neighbourhood provided it did not interfere with his school duties.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant  
(Signed) Henry Waterman

Secretary to the  
Local Patrons

W. C. Wells }  
Secretary, &c. }

E. J. P. M.

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Copy of letter enclosed in the preceding.

Wannon River, Port Phillip  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 1850.

Gentlemen

We the undersigned Local Patrons  
of the proposed National School at Wannon  
beg to recommend to your notice Mr John  
Browning of Melbourne as a fit and proper  
person to undertake the duties of teacher to the  
above school;

We believe him to be well qualified for  
the Office and trust you will be pleased to  
appoint him to the same,

We have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servants  
(Signed) James Riley  
" John Phillip  
" George D. Lockhart  
" Simon Cadman  
" John Walker  
" Thomas McMillan  
" Henry Waterman

To the Commissioners of  
the Board of  
National Education

Ed. M. L. W.

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Copy of Letter accompanying the preceding letter,

Melbourne 24<sup>th</sup> December 1849,

Gentlemen,

Permit me to introduce to your notice Mr. John Browning, whom I beg to recommend as a properly qualified person to conduct the school which you are about to establish,

Mr. Browning arrived here a few weeks ago by the "Indus" from Glasgow. He is a regular licentiate of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. This of course implies that he has attended the full course of study at the University and Theological Hall. He brings with him credentials of his college curriculum and of his license to preach the Gospel. He has also brought recommendations from ministers in their private capacity with whom I happen to be acquainted. Last night he preached in my pulpit and gave an excellent discourse. I should think he will prove a blessing to any district that may be happy enough to secure his labours. Mr. Browning I believe will study to preach every sabbath at some station or another provided his other engagements will admit of the necessary preparations. Hoping, Gentlemen that you will succeed in  
Yours