

TULLYFROME SCHOOL

In June 1902, Mr Pelham, on behalf of the local residents, applied for a provisional school to be established in this area. On the official application sent in July, the following children were listed as being able to attend - John McKenzie's John (10), Colin (7) and Thomas (12); Bernard Cassidy's Winifred (6) and James (5); John E Quinn's Alice (5½) and James (4); John Kilo's Agnes (13), Charles (11) and Minnie (5); George Sutherland's Donald (7) and Ralph (5); CF Semmler's Herbert (8), Hilda (7) and Emilie (5); Denis O'Keefe's Con (13), Dan (11) and William (7); and George Harris' George (10), William (7) and Amy (5). William White's three children were also mentioned, although they were not named on the application.

The school building was 18' by 16' by 10', with walls of rusticated colonial pine weatherboards, and a galvanised iron roof. It was built by Mr T McPherson of Trungley, at a cost of £53/10/0, on two acres of Messrs John Edward Quinn and Bernard Robert Cassidy's property, purchased by the Department of Public Instruction for £12/16/0. As there was already a school named Duck Creek, School Inspector, Mr Friend, suggested "Tullyfrome", the name of an adjoining property. School supplies, including four desks and forms, were sent in April 1903, and the school opened in May of that year.

Unable to maintain a minimum enrolment, the provisional school closed in December of 1910. It re-opened as a subsidised school during 1911 and 1912.

In November 1916, the tender of £10 for the removal of the old school building, from Mr J Hayhurst of "Sheila Park", Reefton, was accepted.

The teachers were:-

Daniel C McCormack	28-5-1903 to 30-9-1903
John B Mullany	2-11-1903
Edwin J Evetts	25-5-1910 to 19-1-1911
Mary E Wright	1911-1912



Tullyfrome School, 1905 - Mr Mullany (teacher), George Harris, Charles Kilo, Herbert Semmler, William Harris, Don Sutherland. Centre: Ralph Sutherland, Amy Harris, Alice Quinn, Minnie Kilo, Emilie Semmler, Hilda Semmler, Jack Harris. Front Keith Sutherland, Jim Quinn