

74 In the course of this month several female scholars  
absent in order to get their lips and chin marked  
in the New Zealand fashion by an artist from  
Wangaroa. Each of them had to pay for their Tattooing.

The girls on their return from the Potatoe grounds  
employed in the school in making their clothing -

From 10 March to April 4<sup>th</sup>. I determined on account  
of constant Interruptions, weariness and indisposition to  
rest and endeavour to recruit my spirit. I had not  
been able to form the Children into classes, but had each  
of them to learn the same lesson daily. This was therefore  
a tedious work. If it shall please God to bless my  
endeavours, I shall, as soon as I can arrange the  
School to my satisfaction, be considerably relieved.  
But this I do not expect to be able to do until I am  
better acquainted with the New Zealand Language, and my  
books of instruction are more suitable to our purpose.  
April 14. Several parties of Native at the Settlement  
with Indian Corn, Sweet potatoes &c. omitted teaching  
the Children this day.