MEET OUR SCHOOL BOARD



Our board is a team of dedicated staff, parents, ex-students and long-standing community members who are committed to our school, tamariki, and community. Our vision is to inspire lifelong learners through building a strong connection to Taoroa, providing engaging experiences unique to Taoroa, and empowering our Taoroa students to reach their full potential. Please read on for more information about our board members and their contact details.



Principal: Lara Stevens (Curriculum, HR, Well-Being)

A true southerner at heart, Lara feels a special connection to Taoroa as it reminds her dearly of where she grew up. Lara brings together a strong background in education both nationally and internationally alongside a passion to set our students up for educational success.

Email: principal@taoroa.school.nz



Presiding Member: Katerina Kupenga (Curriculum, HR, Well-Being)

Hailing from Gisborne, Katerina works with school principals supporting with strategic planning and leadership. Having been to a rural school herself, Katerina is passionate about bringing to life the dreams and aspirations of our school community through our governance and management structure.

Email: katerina@arahina.co.nz



Board Member: Brylee Bond (Whānau and Community)

Taoroa Alumni student, Brylee grew up in Mokai and continues to live there today. Brylee leads our Whānau and Community portfolio which is responsible for creating opportunities that are unique to Taoroa with the support of our whānau and community. Email: brylee anne@windowslive.com



Board Member: Sarah Wells (Whānau and Community)

Another ex Taoroa student, Sarah Wells, is very passionate about rural schools. Sarah's dedicated to support the delivery of inspiring learning programmes and ensure that our school continues to thrive for future generations to come.

Email: sarabatley@hotmail.com



Staff Representative: Liz Taylor (Property and Grounds)

With over 14 years experience in education Liz is wanting to provide a safe and exciting learning environment where our tamariki can flourish.

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Board Member: Dawn Fitzgerald (Property and Grounds)

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Secretary: Hannah Totman (Whānau and Community)

Hannah is our Office Administrator and has close ties to the Taoroa community. She hopes her experience can support the schools visions in creating the best learning opportunities for the current and future students at Taoroa.

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