

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 life-long 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.

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**Presiding Member: Sarah Wells
(Elected Board Member & HR Rep)**

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.

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**Staff Representative: Liz Taylor
(Curriculum, HR, Well-Being)**

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: Brylee Bond
(Co-Opted Fundraising Committee Rep)**

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.

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**Board Member: Dawn Fitzgerald
(Elected Board Member)**

Dawn is our caretaker/groundskeeper and moved here in late 2021. Both of my children now go to the school and we really love being part of the school whānau and the Taoroa community. In my spare time I enjoy tending to my veggie garden, my kunekunes and chickens..

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**Secretary: Hannah Totman
(Funding & Grants)**

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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