

Meet the Rangitaiki School Board.



Andrea Haycock
Principal/ Teacher

It has been a privilege to be Principal at Rangitaiki School for the past six years. Prior to 2013 I had the position of release teacher here for two years. I have seen many families come and go through the years. It has been a delight to be able to teach children from 5 years old, right through until they move on to Intermediate or college. Every student has their own strengths and interests, a small school can identify these early and use them to make teaching and learning high interest and relevant. When I am not at school I like to ride my bike, participate in amateur theatre, socialise with friends and family and look after my two grandchildren. I am excited about our new board and the passion they have to make our little country school the best it can be.

Christina Bunny
Parent Elected Trustee, Board Chairperson



It is my privilege to serve as a trustee on the Rangitaiki School Board. I have been a board member for the past four years and have taken the opportunity to learn about effective governance during this time, taking pride in our board's role to govern our school. I have had all three of my children attend Rangitaiki School over the past six years and remain passionate about ensuring quality education is available to all children, particularly ensuring location does not become a barrier. I am excited about our Strategic direction, the future of our school and watching all students achieve great results and work hard as they grow into resilient children.

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Lorraine Fawkner
Office Manager

Myself and husband Leigh returned to New Zealand after a 9 year stay in Australia. We have lived in Taupo for 8 years enjoying the great lifestyle that Taupo offers. I took over the role of Office Administrator in 2015, also becoming the staff representative on the Board of Trustees. What an awesome privilege to be part of how the school should be governed. I believe our school provides an excellent, well-rounded education that develops each student to reach their full potential. I believe Rangitaiki School is a valuable asset to the community.

Nelson Tanner
Board Member

My wife Sylvia, our two boys- Steven and Robert and I moved to join the Rangitaiki community in 2012 after I gained employment at the Rangitaiki Station progressing to the role of Technical Manager. My family enjoy being part of the Rangitaiki farming community, taking part in crutching days and other fundraising events. We have made long lasting friendships and appreciate the value the Rangitaiki School has in our community. Being on the school board enables me to take an active part in the decisions that will impact on the school. I take this responsibility seriously. My boys and I have experienced time learning in country schools and realize the support that is needed to ensure the school stays open for our future generations.

Claire Hall
Board Member

I have had one child start and move on from Rangitaiki School to intermediate and another currently at the school. My husband Ben and I have lived in the community for 18 years but it wasn't until we were ready to investigate school options in the area did we get to know others in the community and make some fantastic friends. My strong desire to be informed of my children's education lead me to

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become a board member. I have enjoyed all aspects of school life, class visits and feeling welcome to join in, supporting many aspects of a small rural school including drawing the wider community in through financial initiatives. Knowing the teachers that are teaching and inspiring my children has been one of the best parts of being involved with Rangitaiki School. My children have had an amazing start to their education and both are confident, nurtured learners. Being a board member is a privilege and ensure my children and our school families have the opportunity to be part of and included in the decisions of the board.

Lindsay Donoghue
Board Member

My name is Lindsay Donoghue and I recently joined the Rangitaiki School Board of Trustees as a parent representative. I have 2 young children and as both a parent and a farmer, I see the value that country schools have for the local community and the kids that grow up there. Rangitaiki School is a fantastic rural school that has a lot to offer its pupils. I am excited to have the opportunity to be involved in the current running of the school as well as helping to sustain it for future generations coming to the area.

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