

Board of Trustees Newsletter



Greetings from your new Board of Trustees! We are all thrilled to be actively involved in supporting the Mission and Vision of the school, where the ethos of "Respect, Resilience and Responsibility" provides a lifelong learning platform for students to become influential citizens in our global community. We are committed to continuing the great work done by the previous board and look forward to any challenges ahead!

From left to right: Jade Morgan, Karen Lind, Holly Barron, Rhona Fraser, Phil Sherwood & Jason Tapper (Chairperson)



➔ Holly Barron

I have two children currently at Hinuera, Archie in Kowhai and Olive in Pohutakawa. Our youngest daughter Florence is set to start in 2020. While I am originally from Christchurch and a self-confessed city-kid, I have spent the last 12 years here in Matamata. Prior to this I completed degrees in law and political science at Otago and Canterbury Universities. My husband James and I farm in Hinuera, and I am a solicitor at Edmonds Marshall.

In my spare time I am a proud member of the "Rough Diamonds" netball team, who although short on points, are big on enthusiasm! I am excited to be part of our great Board of Trustees and the Hinuera School community and look forward to contributing to the growth and development of our fantastic school.

➔ Rhona Fraser

Originally from Scotland, I have been lucky to travel all over the world, especially to New Zealand where I met my Kiwi husband, Grant. Once he had completed his OE, we moved back to New Zealand and have settled in Matamata with our son Angus, age 5 in Rimu.

I work as a Senior Production Animal Vet at Matamata Vet Services (MVS). Facilitating project work is a passion of mine and I enjoy, and am involved in, the strategic development side of the business.

I am a firm believer that every child should be supported to reach their potential. Education has always been a passion of mine, and after attending the Hinuera School Mission and Vision meeting earlier this year, I am keen to take an active role in supporting the strong, professional leadership at Hinuera School.

➔ Karen Lind

I am thrilled to be a part of what Hinuera School has achieved over many years. This is my second term on the board. I am excited and enthusiastic about the direction it is heading in the future. I believe I can help continue to shape this direction positively. I am passionate about ensuring the needs of all students are met.

I originally graduated as a Radiographer in 1997 then followed this with a Bachelor of Applied Science in MRT in 1999. I am a qualified MRI technician and work one day a week at Pacific Radiology in Hamilton.

I grew up in Matamata and married Andrew, a Secondary School Maths teacher from Feilding, we have 2 daughters and 2 sons. Our eldest daughter is in year 10 at Matamata College and our second daughter is year 7 at Matamata Intermediate whilst our 2 boys are year 4 and 2 at Hinuera School.

I am involved at a community level with the A&P show, Matamata Calf Club Groups, Matamata Netball Club, Intermediate Sports Camps that Totara springs runs, and I am on the board of the Kenwyn Village Trust in Te Aroha. I like to see things completed to a high standard and prefer to get practical things done.

Jade Morgan

My family and I have been part of the school community for the last 6 years. Kerri, my wife, and I have 3 children, Hayley (year 6), Lachlan (year 5), and Laura (preschool) and are currently dairy farming at Hinuera.

Hinuera School has a very supportive community as well as strong values; through my involvement with my children's classes, school trips, sports teams and assisting with the odd maintenance job, it has given me an appreciation of school dynamics and the strong partnerships between school and community. I applied for the board role as I feel I can assist with governance, continuity and help navigate challenges that arise to enable Hinuera School to continue to learn and grow.

Phil Sherwood

Along with my wife Marlene, and two boys Tommy and Locky, we are third generation dairy farmers, milking 500 dairy cows over two properties in Matamata.

As an ex 'Hinni kid' along with my siblings, and I am passionate about my children being part of this dynamic school now and into the future.

My current role as a parent, dairy farmer, BOT seat, chairperson of the PTA, 'Rabobank upper North Island' client council member and currently leading "food for thought" Agri-leadership programme certainly keeps my days full, and I wouldn't want it any other way!

Feel free to come have a yarn with me on the sideline.

Jason Tapper

I was born, raised and schooled in Matamata, with my final year at Matamata College as Head Boy. I left to study Architectural Technology at Otago Polytechnic for 4 years. Having strong ties to the local community with family and friends within the area, I returned for a holiday after completing my studies, and have remained in Matamata since. I am married with three children all being 3rd generation Hinni kids. Emily finished year 6 in 2018, Olive is in year 5, and Billy in year 2.

I have been working with Rocktec for 19 years now, leading the design and delivery of large projects in both New Zealand and Australia. I enjoy problem solving and developing practical innovative solutions, engaging in constructive discussions, while always challenging the normal with creative ideas.

In my spare time I enjoy the outdoors and challenging the family to experience new and exciting things in our amazing country. Camping and mountain biking are two things that we currently spend a lot of time doing as a family.

Many thanks for your continued support in 2019

Your Hinuera School BOT