

NEWLY APPOINTED AORANGI PRINCIPAL - STARTING 2025

The Board of Trustees would like to announce the appointment of Billie-Lee Browne as our new Principal, starting at the beginning of Term 1, 2025.

We hope our school whanau will welcome her and support her in her role as Tumuaki.

Here is some information Whaea Billie would like to share

*Tēna koutou katoa
Ko Tairahia te maunga
Ko Whakatane te awa
Ko Mataatua te waka
Ko Tūhoe te iwi
Ko Ngāti Koura te hapu
Ko Rewarewa te marae
Ko Turoa tōku whanau
Ko Billie-Lee ahau*



My name is Billie-Lee Browne.

I grew up in South Auckland where I attended Homai Primary School. It was here that I had a fantastic Year 6 teacher and since then, wanted to be a teacher myself. At 18 years old I headed to Australia for a change of scenery. I took up a huge variety of employment opportunities including tobacco farming, vineyard work, and financial planning. It was in Australia that my eldest child was born, who is now 21 years old. When she was 8 months old I came home to Auckland and not long after moved south to Reporoa on a dairy farm. This is where I began the journey of becoming a teacher. During this time I worked, studied and welcomed my second child into the world.

I completed my degree in 2009 and landed a job at Rotorua Intermediate teaching year 8's. In 2013 I married my husband and a year later we welcomed our third child, a boy, into the world. From here I worked in a couple of other schools around Rotorua and just outside of Rotorua, most of them small schools with under 100 students. I now look forward to becoming part of Aorangi School's whanau and working with the community, Board of Trustees, whanau, staff, and most of all, the ākongā.

I look forward to meeting you all soon, and starting in 2025.

Ngā mihi nui

Whaea Billie

He aha te mea nui o te ao! He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!