

Rachel Lotter



Hi there. I'm Rachel Lotter. I teach in the junior part of our school; mainly Year 2, but also Year 0/1 for part of our school day. I have been at St Joe's for the past 10 years and I love working coming to work every day to work with our awesome students. I live in Te Aroha with my husband. I am also blessed to be mum to two sons Michael and Josh.

"Children are wonderful, and we can learn so much from them.....if we just take the time to listen."

Paul Keogh



Hi, I'm excited about teaching the Year 5/6 class. I have many years of teaching experience at this level, whilst teaching the middle to senior age groups. We are blessed to have a special group of students here at Te Aroha St Joseph's, and all are looking forward to the changes ahead. I reside in Morrinsville and have two children at primary school over there. My wife Jo, is a teacher also, so we try not to talk too much shop at home.

Amanda Sayer



**The MORE that you READ,
The MORE things you will KNOW.
The MORE that you LEARN,
The more PLACES you'll GO.
-Dr. Seuss**

This quote strongly resonates with how I would love my students to approach their learning. I am passionate about using literacy and numeracy to open children's minds to new experiences and capture their enthusiasm for learning. I am married, with two primary aged school children and have recently moved back to Patetonga after living abroad and in the South Island for many years. As a career changer I bring a wealth of experiences and knowledge from many areas which I use in my classroom to capture children's imagination and develop a lifelong love for learning.

Jill Cocksedge



Hello, my name is Jill I am also known as Mrs C or George's Mum. I have been very lucky to be welcomed to St Joseph's as a teacher aide. We moved from the UK to beautiful New Zealand four years ago. Te Aroha is now our home, we couldn't have chosen a better town and school.

Sarah White



Hi I am Sarah White I moved here from South Africa in 1995 and have lived in Te Aroha since. I have 3 beautiful children Nick 16, Sami 12 and Michaela 8. I really love sports and seeing my kids succeed in the sports they play.

I am really looking forward to being part of St Joseph's Team.

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Kristine Osburn



I have been Principal at St Joseph's for 10 years. It is a great school focused on excellence for every child. I enjoy being in the classroom and take every opportunity to teach, particularly mathematics, which is one of my passions. I live in Te Aroha on a 3 acre block with an interesting garden and 2 beef animals. My two children spent the majority of their primary school years at St Joseph's and have some great memories of life at school here.

Lynmarie Gray



I have worked in the office at school now for 4 years, it is the best job ever. I really enjoy the company of the people and children that I come in contact with every day. I am married with grown up children and 4 grand children living over seas. Our youngest daughter has moved back home after being away teaching overseas.

Emalene Cull



Kia ora koutou! My name is Emalene Cull, known as Whaea Em. I have been teaching for 12 years, and 9 of those years I have spent at St Joseph's here in Te Aroha. This year I have a lovely class of keen learners in Year 3 and 4. I live locally in Te Aroha with my husband and my three children aged 7, 3 and 8 months. My curriculum strengths lie in The Arts, Science and Technology, as well as of course, having sound understanding of core subjects - Reading, Writing and Maths. I have much knowledge in terms of Te Reo me ona Tikanga Maori, and have in the past participated in and tutored Kapa Haka. I'm a self taught guitarist and play often in our parish on a Sunday at Mass. No reira, tena koutou.

Nicole Koolhoven



Hi, my name is Nicole Koolhoven and I am the New Entrant Year 1 teacher. I have been at St Joseph's since 2010. I live in Matamata with my husband who is a local vet and we have a three year old daughter.