



Dear Tauhei community families,

My name is Chris May, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new principal of Tauhei Combined School. I am honoured to have been appointed principal and am looking forward to joining the Tauhei community in term four.

Over the past 10 years I have taught at St Columba's School in Hamilton. I am married to Julia May, who is a Year One teacher at Te Totara Primary School. I attended

Morrinsville College in my youth, and have family working and living in Morrinsville. With my goal of continuing the traditions and values of the Tauhei community, I am committed to exploring new ways to meet the needs of all learners and effectively communicate with parents and community members. I believe every child possess greatness within them. The skills and talents to be realised, developed and harnessed to make a difference in their world.

I consider my most important job to be that of a child advocate. Over the upcoming term, I will spend a lot of time with your children, getting to know their personalities, learning styles and interests. Not only am I excited to begin working with your children and their dedicated teachers, I look forward to the work we will do together. As the saying goes, 'It takes a village to raise a child.' The community-school partnership is vital to the success of Tauhei School moving forward. My aim is to ensure all children are healthy, happy and safe, so they may learn as much as they can.

Once again, I am so thankful to have the opportunity to join the Tauhei community. I look forward to meeting you and your children.

Sincerely,

Chris May