

INTRODUCING

Mrs Fiona Sutherland



Welcome to Room 14.

My name is Fiona Sutherland and I am delighted to be teaching Year 2 & 3 in 2018. I've been a primary and intermediate school teacher since beginning my first teaching role in 1998 at a rural school in Hawkes Bay. Since then I've worked full time at a number of schools as well as doing relieving work when I was raising my son James. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching for two terms in the Year 3 & 4 syndicate at Whenuapai School last year and I'm very pleased to be back for all of 2018.

Prior to undertaking my Diploma in Teaching I completed a Bachelor of Science in Zoology. My love of animals is reflected in the 'mini zoo' that seems to have developed at my home, which includes chickens, guinea pigs, a quail, numerous goldfish in ponds, and an exuberant Australian Terrier dog called Tessa who is well-known to many at the school. Before becoming a teacher I worked on an emu farm and also in the NatureSpace Discovery Centre at Te Papa in Wellington.

Another passion of mine is acting and I've been in several short films, television shows and theatre plays. A highlight was a starring role in the short film *Broken Glass* which was screened at the Embassy Theatre in Wellington. In recent years I've found myself being cast most often as a mum, which doesn't always require a lot of acting on my part!

My approach to teaching is to provide a quiet, safe learning environment where children work together like a family. Having fun and living the school's values is also critical to success. Parent help is welcome in the classroom.

You can contact me personally at fionas@whenuapai.school.nz

I look forward to all the fun and learning we will achieve together.

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