

**BHIKHA, Raj**



My name is Raj Bhikha and I am re-standing for the Board of Trustees at Mt Albert Grammar School. In 2016 I was co-opted onto the MAGS Board and have since been active on the board as the Property Chairperson. For the betterment of our school community, I can apply my 12 years of experience from being Chairperson on the Board at Mt Roskill Primary School, and a further 6 years of contribution to the Mt Roskill Intermediate Board. I am a 3rd generation NZ born Indian and I am also a very proud MAGS old boy. I am happily married and have three children. My oldest daughter is currently attending the University of Auckland studying Law and Property. My two younger children are currently studying at MAGS in years 11 and 13.

After leaving MAGS in the early 90's I gained multiple qualifications including a Diploma of Architecture, Bachelor of Construction Management and finally a Bachelor of Quantity Surveying. I am a member of the New Zealand Institute of Builders (NZIOB) and the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS). I am currently working for C3 Construction on various commercial projects in Auckland. MAGS is currently experiencing increased demand for classrooms and other educational facilities due to the ever-increasing roll growth in the last few years. I believe I can use my 25 years of experience in the construction industry to continue providing guidance on the current and future property and infrastructure developments at the school.

I believe that I bring a unique background and previous school board experience to ask the right questions and make informed decisions to help your child excel in the four pillars at MAGS encompassing academics, sporting, arts and community service. Students, staff, finance, property and employment matters are amongst the biggest governance responsibilities that the Board of Trustees hold. I believe my past 12 years of experience on various school boards and the extensive range of skills and experience I have in construction project management, will help me contribute and make informed decisions for the benefit of every student at the school and community at large. I would be very proud and honoured to receive your vote. Thank you.

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**BRISLEN, Paul**



The dramatic changes to the education system proposed by the Ministry mean we're about to see a major shake-up in the way Mount Albert Grammar School is governed, and it is important that parents have their say in any such changes.

As a former school board chair (at both Dominion Road School and Waikowhai Intermediate) I have had a decade of experience working with the Ministry on a variety of projects including building and planning work, disciplinary action and school zoning issues. We chose to join the Mount Albert Grammar family because of the school's tremendous reputation in academic success and in producing well-rounded individuals, rather than simply focusing on passing tests and rote learning. Our daughters are thriving in an environment where they are challenged and where expectations are set high and I want to play my part in ensuring that same opportunity can be had by the next wave of students coming to our school.

I am a huge supporter of the arts and have been delighted to see the spotlight MAGS has brought to bear on our cultural pillar in recent years. I would like to see that pushed out even further - culture really is the heart of any community and our arts programme should reflect that.

My day job is in communications and public affairs and largely revolves around reputation management for my clients. From new start-up innovators through to corporate giants, telling their story well and ensuring they take advantage of the opportunities in front of them is key to a successful relationship and is a skill set that I hope will be of use to MAGS in the coming years.

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**BROOK, Michael Roger**



Both my daughters are at MAGS. I could not be more impressed with the balanced environment that the school provides for students to develop, succeed, feel safe and enjoy themselves. I am standing for the Board of Trustees because I believe in making a contribution to continuing and progressing such an environment for all our children.

I have worked in the screen industry for the last thirty years and I am currently Creative Industries Manager

at Auckland Tourism Events and Economic Development (ATEED). I look after the Screen Auckland team, the film commission for the Auckland region, as well as developing opportunities for creative sectors to grow in Auckland, bringing prosperity and quality jobs to Auckland.

Recently I spent eighteen months working on projects as Culture Development Lead for ATEED – the economic development agency for Auckland. I was leading a programme working on internal culture, organizational development and managing an emerging leaders programme. I am also an accomplished Executive Coach accredited through the ICC.

I have rich experience in education. For several years I have been an external examiner at the Auckland University of Technology in Art and Design - post-graduate, and I am on the Advisory Board for AUT's Masters of Cultural and Creative Practice. I have also enjoyed participating as a mentor on the YES (Youth Enterprise Scheme) and more recently coaching students at the University of Auckland.

I have governance experience, both local and international - I have just completed two years as Chair of Regional Film Offices New Zealand and have been a board member of the AFCNet (Asian Film Commissions Network) for several years. I have been a board member of the Asia-Pacific Producer's Network (APN) and I was also recently on the Ministerial Film Industry Working Group.

Giving back to the community is also a big priority for me and after playing football and cricket for many years I have since coached both sports for almost 20 years - mostly coaching at a junior level, which is really my passion.

I hope that a combination of my passion for community and for education, enhanced with my experience in business, politics, governance and creative thinking, will allow me to make an effective and positive contribution to Mt Albert Grammar School.

### EVILE, Fritz Napoleone

Nga Mihi Nui Kia Koutou Katoa! Warm Pacific Greetings! Talofa Lava My Name is Fritz Napoleone Evile and I am standing for Mt. Albert Grammar School Board. Having worked as a Senior Adviser for the Ministry of Education and now as a Principal Adviser with NZQA, I know and value the importance of a quality education in order for our children to be the

best that they can be and be this country's next generation of leaders - qualified for the future world. I am new to the Mt Albert family with my son starting this year at School House. I would deem it a privilege to represent our parent voice on the Board of Trustees to strengthen our partnership with Mt Albert staff and community. I bring a wealth of experience in curriculum design, parent engagement and appreciative inquiry for a holistic education approach to the learner experience in order for our children to accelerate, be successful and for our children to realise their aspirations. I would ensure that your concerns, whether small or large, would be brought forward and discussed for a suitable outcome to all parties involved. I would ensure that we continue to provide and deliver a quality education. I would ensure that we grow from strength to strength utilising the information and experience I have gained from working at The University of Auckland, the Ministry of Education and now at the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. I would ensure that our unique diverse and inclusive community continues to be a nation and global leading educational institution. I would be proud to lead, represent and to serve our Mt Albert Grammar Community. Fa'afetai Lava Nga Mihi Fritz Evile

### FLETCHER, Graham Clive



Living in Mount Albert since 1980 I am a research team leader with Plant and Food Research, Mount Albert Research Centre. As a microbiologist/food scientist I lead a team investigating food safety, processing and preservation options for NZ seafood and horticultural products. I am passionate about young people, wanting them to reach their full potential as citizens who make valuable contributions to our communities, our city and our nation. I want MAGS to continue its heritage of producing students who go on to impact both our nation and the nations of the world. I have served nine years as an elected MAGS parent representative, serving on the property, discipline and education (co-chair) subcommittees and as deputy board chair. I am excited about our progress over these years but also very aware of the challenges. With over 3000 students we have become the school of choice in our catchment, excelling in all areas with outstanding examination successes in 2018, well above other Decile 7 schools. Strong results in diverse sports continue our proud sporting heritage and I'm

also very proud to see increasing strength in the arts and cultural expression. The board recently adopted a Māori graduate profile that will see Māori increasingly take their place as Treaty partners and established Komiti Fautautua, supporting Pasifika initiatives. As a 62 year old father of eleven and having hosted youth groups in our home for decades, I understand teenagers! My seven oldest children attended MAGS and have gone onto various tertiary studies and careers. I currently have a Year 12 daughter at MAGS, am guardian for one son enrolled with ACES alternative education (another responsibility of the MAGS board) and have two daughters yet to start high school. With adopted Chinese daughters, Māori foster children and hosting MAGS homestays, my family celebrates ethnic diversity. I understand some of the challenges faced by new immigrants and love the diverse cultures found at MAGS. I want MAGS continue to set an example in affirming diversity, one that reflects and positively impacts the future of Auckland City. Success at school depends on an effective partnership between school and parents. It is about developing a love of learning, forming strong lasting friendships, developing strength of character and excelling in all that we do. I want a school where all students are encouraged and inspired to pursue their individual passions, developing valuable and necessary skills for their future.

### GALLAGHER, Tui

Ko Māmari te waka, ko te Aupouri te iwi. My name is Tui Gallagher, and I have lived in Mount Albert for 30 years. I have raised my family of four daughters, and nephews and nieces who have travelled and still travel the pathway through MAGS. I am fortunate to have been a co-opted and currently elected member to the Board of Trustees, and the current Chair of the MAGS Runanga. The Runanga was established to provide a voice for Maori, directly into the Senior management team, and has been highly effective in this role, evidenced in the Strategic Plan and the academic results of our tamariki. This Runanga has assisted effective governance and partnership for Maori. Prior to being at MAGS, I was on the Board of Trustees at Gladstone Primary for 9 years. I have worked for PARS, People at Risk Solutions, as Housing, Employment and Community Liaison. I have sat at the table of governance for MAGS for 8 of the 13 years I have been involved with the School. I have been

humbled to be able to be a voice for our Maori community especially, but also for the wider school community. I believe I am an effective member of the Board, and can continue to be an effective parent representative because I remain connected to the school, and the wider community. I am a member of the Education Sub Committee, Property Sub Committee, Disciplinary Sub Committee, and when required the Personnel Sub Committee. Like all parents, I want our tamariki to be good global citizens, leading the conversations on diversity and tolerance, practicing the MAGS way in every day life through manākitanga, aroha, hauora and rangatiratanga. I look forward to continuing to serve the Community, that I am proud to live in. Ngā mihi māhana ki a koutou kātoa.

### HALL, Bryce Laurence



My name is Bryce Hall and I am standing for the Mt Albert Grammar School Board. I have 9 years of experience as a member of a Board of Trustees including the last 3 years as Chairperson at New Winds School. Other experience includes being on the Board of Directors of Athletics Auckland Inc. for the past 3 years and running the Junior section of the Lynndale Athletics Club for 4 years.

I have a son (Year 11) at MAGS and a daughter starting secondary school next year.

As a current Board chairperson, I have had the opportunity to interact with people from all walks of life, which has given me insight, understanding and appreciation of many nationalities, cultures and their beliefs. It has also confirmed for me that as parents and caregivers we all want an opportunity for our children to do well and achieve to the fullest of their potential at school, whether that be academically and/or in other areas.

In my 9 years as a school Board member, I have attended many courses on school governance run by the New Zealand School Trustees Association. I have also overseen a range of school projects including new classroom construction, transitioning to a digital learning environment, the development of school policies and procedures, and community engagement initiatives.

I am a Chartered Professional Engineer and operate a New Zealand owned consulting engineering business

based in Auckland. I have post-graduate qualifications in engineering and business management. As an engineer, business owner and school board trustee, I bring a broad set of skills to the role of trustee to deliver successful outcomes for the school and our children including:

- the ability to determine appropriate strategy and work towards its achievement,
- allowing people to contribute and perform to the best of their ability,
- encouraging thinking outside the square to work through a range of challenges,
- encouraging opportunities for our children to achieve to the best of their ability,
- financial management; and
- leading and working as part of a team towards achieving a desired objective.

As a member of the MAGS Board of Trustees I will bring my current Board experience, an open mind, practical pragmatism, and the objectivity necessary to perform all of the functions required of a Board member for the benefit of the school and the education of our children.

### KIRPALANI, Prakash Jethanad



My name is Prakash J Kirpalani and I am standing for Mount Albert School Board as a Parent Representative for the school board of Trustees election.

I have always believed in serving the community and the best way would be to start with children, as they are our future. I feel honoured to have this opportunity to serve if elected to the best of my ability.

Here is a summary of my profile:

A highly experienced and qualified IT Professional with several IT qualifications, specializing in computer hardware and networking. I possess Business skills in project management and customer relations and have the experience to provide consultation in Operations and Service Delivery for ITO's.

I currently own and manage my company Boffo Services Ltd as the Director. In addition, I work with Lixel Systems as a vendor company providing technical support to Sky TV.

Prior to joining Lixel, I was the Head of a training division at Vista Infotech Training Academy Ltd as their Academic Director. I have taught IT to International students at levels 5 and 7 and have

developed online training packages and been active in staff training with various organizations, including ones in NZ.

Finally, my life and career has taken me to many places around the world. I was born in Liberia (West Africa) and have had the opportunity to work and live in India, United States of America and Suriname (South America). Since 2007, I have made New Zealand my home.

Besides business and management skills, I am a cricket coach for both Indoor and Outdoor versions of the game. I also coach for Mount Albert Grammar year 9 team.

### MARSH, Edward John



I moved to New Zealand from the UK almost 30 years ago, and after finishing a PhD at Auckland University in Civil Engineering I put down my roots in NZ and stayed for good. I am married to

Heather Gamble, and have two daughters Isla and Fleur Marsh. Isla is currently enjoying Year 11 at MAGS, and Fleur will look forward to attending in a few years. Our family has lived in the Sandringham area for the last 20 years, and loves the community and its huge range of food and cultures, and the proximity to all the amazing activities Auckland has to offer.

I am a professional Consulting Engineer, and have worked at Beca, NZ's largest employee owned engineering consultancy firm, for the last 25+ years. My current work passion is airports, and I've been lucky to design runways and associated facilities at Auckland, Wellington, Melbourne, Brisbane and Hong Kong airports. At Beca I have mixed technical expertise with people management, leadership and strategic planning, and as well as leading and delivering airport projects I was a General Manager of our NZ business for over 10 years, managing over 150 staff with a turnover of around \$20 million a year. I served as a parent representative on the Board of Trustees at nearby Edendale Primary School for nearly 7 years, and learnt a lot about the school finances, property development, planning and governance in that time. I chaired the Finance sub-committee, and was involved in the upgrades to the school grounds and the development of the new 10 classroom school block.

I'm now keen to give service again to the MAGS

School, Community and Board of Trustees as a parent representative, and if elected I look forward to bringing my broad engineering, finance, project management and people skills to the Board.

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**MITCHELL, simon**



My name is Simon Mitchell. I am standing for the Board of Mt Albert Grammar School. I am currently the Deputy Chair of the Board, having been co-opted for this term.

I have a son attending MAGS at year 11. His brother left MAGS in 2018, having completed year 13. I have previously served on the Board of Balmoral Primary School, including a period as Chair. I work as a barrister, with special interest in employment, education and family law. I regularly speak at conferences on all areas of law, including education law. I have been Chair of the Education Law Association. I have found my legal experience in employment and education law, very useful in my work as a Board Member.

The school is progressing well under the current Board and Management Team. I am keen to remain involved in the Board for another term, working with Management and Board colleagues to address issues, including the large size of the school. The school has benefited from a board that works well together. The Board has also established great relationships with our management team.

I believe that MAGS provides excellent opportunities for our students, and I am keen to contribute to provide an environment where this may continue. Certainly, my children have been well served by the staff at MAGS, and I believe the school offers excellent opportunities to students. The school draws well on its traditions, while being future focused. Both benefit our students.

The success of the school is clear from its excellent academic results, and outstanding sporting and cultural success. I believe I can contribute positively to ensure this continues.

I ask for your support to continue to serve on the MAGS Board.

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**MOON, Paul**



I am a Professor of History at Auckland University of Technology, where I have taught for the past 26 years, and in 2003 was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society at University College, London. My job involves lecturing, supervising Masters and Doctoral students, and research and publishing. I have a Doctor of Philosophy in economic history, a Master of Arts, a Master of Philosophy, and am currently undertaking a Doctor of Literature degree. I am also on the boards of various voluntary organisations, and manage a successful family business.

I have had two children go through Mount Albert Grammar School already, one who is currently in Year 10, with one more on the way. My wife, Milica, is Head of the school's Arts Faculty and Music Department. I have enjoyed being a parent representative on the Mount Albert Grammar School's Board of Trustees since 2004. Over this time, the Board has functioned very effectively as a team, and has helped the school to flourish in numerous ways. I have also been Chairman of the Board's Discipline Committee for the past eleven years. Discipline matters are critical to the character of any school, and we have ensured that a 'firm but fair' approach is applied for the best interests of everyone concerned.

Having taught in the tertiary sector for more than twenty-five years, I have a great deal of insight into what Mount Albert Grammar School students will need when they undertake the next stage of their education, and am committed to working with the rest of the Board and the school's management to ensure that academic standards are being constantly enhanced, and that the school offers every student the opportunity to perform to the best of their abilities. I believe that one of the current Board's greatest achievements has been to oversee the steady ascent in academic standards at the school.

Mount Albert Grammar School has a deserved reputation as one of the country's premier schools, and the current Board has worked particularly well with the school to bolster this standing. There are several important matters in the school's development that the Board will be involved with in coming years, and I welcome the opportunity to continue to play a role in this process.

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**MOYLE, Gregory James**



My name is Greg Moyle and I am standing for re-election on the Board of

Trustees at Mt Albert Grammar School. I am the current Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and have been a Trustee for the past 21 years. My association with MAGS spans the last 50 years as I was a pupil at the school from 1968-1972, a past President of the Albertians Association, Albertian of the Year in 2007, and a member of the MAGS Hall of Distinction in 2012. My older children, Daniel and Rachel, attended MAGS, and my younger daughter, Eva, is currently a year 9 pupil. My younger son, Luke, will attend MAGS in two years' time. Since I have been on the Board, MAGS has continued to grow and prosper to become the school of choice in our area. During my time on the Board we have benefitted by having excellent principals in Greg Taylor, Dale Burden and Patrick Drumm; a strong senior management team; and motivated, competent teachers. The glue that holds this together is a stable team of committed Trustees on the Board of Trustees. I am committed to working alongside my fellow Trustees to ensure that the unique culture of MAGS is maintained, that our students receive an education second to none, and that the school is properly resourced in property and equipment to achieve this. The new science block is nearing completion, and plans are well underway for new teaching facilities on the MAGS farm and a performing arts auditorium. In 2022 we will be celebrating our centenary, and having been a pupil at our 50th in 1972, I am keen to ensure that the 100th is very special for our students, Albertians and the MAGS community. Outside my involvement with MAGS I am a self-employed Authorised Financial Planner with qualifications in both law and accounting. If I am re-elected to the BOT, I am committed to working with my fellow Board members to assist the principal and his senior management team in providing our children with the best possible preparation, as they leave secondary school to continue their journey through life.

**MURPHY, Catherine**



My name is Catherine Murphy and I am standing for the Mt Albert Grammar School Board I have lived on the fringes of Mt Albert all my life and made the conscious decision to send my children to MAGS as it was a community I wanted them to be a part of. As a family we have had a long standing relationship with MAGS with my father attending the

school from 1956-61 before heading off to Oxford University on a scholarship. He remained all his life an extremely proud MAGS old boy. Fast forward to today and all four of my children will be educated at MAGS. My eldest son having left last year, a son and daughter currently attend and my youngest son due to start in 2020. I have been an active member of the MAGS community since 2013 where I was instrumental on the Friends of MAGS committee for three years mainly involved in setting up and securing an important place on the Mt Albert community events calendar – The MAGS Art Show. Since then I can be found on the side of a field on Saturday's or dropping kids at early morning practices! As a family we believe in embracing our local schools as they are an important and contributing part of the whole community. This is a belief and expectation we instil in our children to be proud and active members of their school and in their case it has mainly been in the sporting arena. My vision as a Board member is to help set the platform for the MAGS of tomorrow by supporting the Headmaster and the school senior management team in achieving this. Embracing the diversity this school offers and is unique to MAGS and is something to be encouraged and celebrated. In my day job I am the NZ Country Manager and Director of a large global business and have recently joined the NZ Institute of Directors. I also have a degree in Architecture, and qualifications in Marketing and Management. I am looking forward to the opportunity to provide fresh enthusiasm and some new ideas to the MAGS Board of Trustees and to help them build on the great work that they already done to set the school and its students on the ever evolving path to be the best they can be, both now and for the future.

**NASH, Martyn**



Kia ora koutou katoa. How lucky we are to be part of the Mount Albert Grammar School Community. Since their first days at MAGS, our children (currently in years 9 and 11) have enjoyed, excelled and benefited from the dedication of staff, integrated organisation, and rich variety of extra-curricular opportunities available at MAGS. It is great to see students, encouraged through a high expectation environment, striving to realise their full potential across the four pillars at MAGS. My name is Martyn Nash and I am a Professor of

Biomedical Engineering at the University of Auckland. I am a principal investigator at the Auckland Bioengineering Institute, and have taught in the Department of Engineering Science since 2003, following six years as a postdoctoral research scientist at Oxford University (UK). I teach maths, computing, design and physics courses to engineering students, and I supervise postgraduate research students in bioengineering. My research role involves leading teams of scientists, developing innovative projects, raising competitive funding and translating research outcomes. I also assist with staffing, promotions, mentoring, budgeting, reviewing curricula, and community engagement.

I am keen to join the Board of Trustees of MAGS to help extend the quality of teaching and learning to enable all students to find their passion, to achieve to their best abilities, and to be well equipped for the next stages in their careers. I have been fortunate to serve as an elected Trustee on the Boards of our local schools, Gladstone Primary (2013-6) and Kowhai Intermediate (2016-9), and have supported strategic developments in innovative teaching, infrastructure, resourcing and partnerships, while addressing the variety of challenges (e.g. roll growth, zone changes, disciplinary matters) that all schools continue to navigate.

My knowledge of the education sector, abilities in critical thinking, skills in strategic planning, and experience of six years on school boards should assist the Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team of MAGS to navigate the challenges and opportunities that face our school. Most importantly, I hope to be able to contribute to raising achievement levels for all students, and further developing the safe and inclusive learning environment that our children enjoy.  
Ngā mihi nui.

OXENHAM, Catherine Louise

My name is Catherine Oxenham and I am standing for the Board of Trustees at Mount Albert Grammar School. Service to the community, participation in the Arts and a passion for people and knowledge are what drives me to represent our parent community on the MAGS Board of Trustees. My values and professional skills align with MAGS arts and community service pillars and it would be a privilege to represent these interests on the Board. Like many of you our family are part of the growing community of new Albertian's. We

are encountering the heritage, strong academic results and sound sporting programme that are core to the MAGS way. Our family has been welcomed into the MAGs community and I have two proud Albertians. I am actively supported by my immediate and extended family and my home for the last 25 years has been in the Sandringham and Balmoral communities. I was raised and went to school in West Auckland. I have been married 22 years and have a son and daughter in years 10 and 12 respectively. My values are demonstrated by recent Board of Trustee experience, serving two terms on the Board at Edendale Primary School. During that time I was the Board's representative to the Ministry of Education building project team, overseeing development of a new teaching block valued at \$4M. Professionally, I bring a 20-year career as an Occupational Therapist, serving in both the public and private health sectors. I have developed skills in understanding and balancing the statutory requirements of a large Government Ministry with the interests of many stakeholders. In the past five years, I have been focusing on a period of work and study within music. I am Chair of the West Auckland Performing Arts Committee, which organises competitions for young music and speech and drama students in West Auckland. In 2018, I completed a diploma in performance (Piano) via Trinity College of Music. I have had the pleasure of meeting many MAGS families old and new through my previous Board experience, professional and volunteer work and my involvement in the Arts. We share the common purpose of wanting our kids to succeed academically, be treated inclusively, feel secure in their heritage, and challenged to be active participants in their community. It would be a privilege to be your parent representative on the Mount Albert Grammar Board of Trustees.

PICKERING, Samuel



Samuel Pickering Candidate Statement  
My name is Samuel Pickering and I am standing for the Mt Albert Grammar School Board. I am a registered Chartered Accountant with 30 years' experience in Financial and Management accounting in the corporate sector. I have been a member of the MAGS Board since 2018 (co-opted) and sit on the Finance Committee. I have 2 sons, Jordan completed year 13 last year and is now studying Engineering at University of

Canterbury and Andre is currently in year 12. Both boys have benefited from the whanau environment of Te Puna o Wairaka. My wife and I are active in the MAGS community through the Board, the MAGS Runanga, and Te Puna o Wairaka Kapa Haka. One of life's tenants for me is to Facilitate Positive Change. Change is best achieved by being an active participant within the decision-making process and I have found from the past 16 months on the Board and Finance Committee that this is the best position to make that change at MAGS.

Where possible I have been involved in other school activities. In the last 5 years I have supported the MAGS Ski team at the North Island Secondary School Championships. I have also been allowed to be parent support for a couple of Outdoor Education away trips.

When not in a Moon Boot I enjoy being outdoors mountain biking some of the amazing trails around New Zealand or chasing my boys around a mountain on my snowboard. The days of finishing first here have long since departed.

Other interests include cooking (currently exploring Japanese cuisine), collecting and drinking NZ Aged Red wine and searching for the perfect Chocolate Brownie recipe (current development is White Chocolate and Raspberry).

I have recently returned to my family roots in Northland and become a Trustee and Treasurer on the Whatitiri Marae Reserves Trust Board of my family marae. I am thankful for the governance experience that being on the MAGS Board has given me and have been able to use this knowledge to support one of the many struggling Northland Marae.

I would be most grateful for your support to continue to be involved in the MAGS Board and by doing so help facilitate Positive Change both at MAGS and in our communities.

### PURCHAS, Rose



I wish to become a parent trustee to help make a positive difference for all students at MAGS. I am interested in engaging with the broader school community through open communication. I'm keen to foster and enhance the work already done by the Board and school management, that has made MAGS the successful school it is today.

To the position of parent trustee for MAGS, I would bring my ability to work collaboratively; my enthusiasm for working with all types of people; my interest in NZ children's education and futures; a commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and a desire to see all children reach their potential best.

I am committed to MAGS. My partner and I have a son now in Year 11 at MAGS and a daughter in Year 8. With the children at school, I have been an active parent volunteer. I have coached and managed sports teams - including managing my son's football team at MAGS for the past three years. I've contributed to Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC), including trips and camps away where I've enjoyed being involved in supporting all students to develop their confidence to take on new challenges. During pre-school for over five years (within the NZ Playcentre Organisation), I was part of the parent educator team running Morningside Playcentre. As part of Centre governance, I participated in Strategic Planning, maintenance of Education Review Office (ERO) requirements, education and the on-going health and safety of our centre.

Having practised as a Registered Midwife for the past 25 years, I am currently employed part-time by Auckland DHB where I particularly enjoy working with the diverse groups in our community. As a midwife I most loved the many years I worked on-call providing continuity of care for women, babies and families. In my own time I enjoy family time, travel, movies, the company of dear friends and I am also learning the art of bee-keeping.

### SAVELIO, Anita



Tulou atu I tagata whenua mo matou mai le pasifika. Acknowledgement to the People of the Land from those of us from the pacific. Talofa, my name is Anita Savelio. Married to James with our son Marcus Savelio in Yr11 and our daughter to join next year in Y9. We are Samoans. Our kids have been bilingually educated and MAGS is their first mainstream school.

I have been working with the MAGS Faufautua Komiti with the aim of increasing Pacific Island students achievement rates. I have a passion for cultural identity. I worked as Chairperson of the Aoga Faasamoa preschool, a board trustee for Richmond Road Primary School, Kowhai Intermediate Gafoa le



Ata bilingual unit secretary for the last 2 years. I have served on the board for the Sainz Up Performing Arts Trust for 9 Years - caters for 5yr to 15yr old in the arts of dance, drama, vocals, guitar. My son still teaches dance at their West Auckland branch.

I have served on the board for the Boys Hut Trust and still a Girls Hut Leader for young girls - the Trust caters for Pacific Islanders and Maori youth.

I work as a Senior Quality Assurance Advisor to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. I have a B.A Degree double major in Education and Management and Employment Relations from the University of Auckland.

We are also christians and we fellowship at Community Christian Fellowship which is non-denomination.

I am an active member of the Mana Pasifika Alliance which is a working group lobbying government to fund pacific languages in schools.

What can I offer? I offer my quality assurance skills to the board especially in the area of policies and procedures, performance measurements and continuous improvement systems. But to be blunt I intend to lobby for more resources for our Pacific Island education programmes. My approach is humble and respectful.

Fa'afetai mo le lagolago mai. Thank you for your support.

### SOLOMONA, Joseph Fareti



I am a proud former student of this school which my brothers, extended family and I attended. The pride in attending this school is something I share to this very day. My children now attend the school and it has always been my intention to give back to the school that has given me so much. As parent representative, it is an important advocacy role to share concerns and/or feedback from important and valued voices. With our growing school roll, the diversity of our student base is clear. To understand and represent that diversity amongst parents is vital. I believe that this role is crucial in doing just this. Being a parent, the position itself takes on much more meaning and requires a patience and an empathy to listen and and acknowledge. To work in collaboration with other members of the Board is important. With different backgrounds and understanding, the role of

parent representative is a small part of the wider desire to maintain and exceed excellence for our school through open discussion and the will to be successful.

### SOSENE, Lemauga Lydia



I have been involved with the Mags Board of Trustees co-opted in 2007 and elected since 2010. I am a Pasifika representative. I am co-chair of the Education Subcommittee and a member of the Disciplinary Committee. My outside involvement of Mags I am Chair of the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Auckland Council having held this role since 2013 and a member since 2010. My specific duties are to lead the team of seven members making decisions of civic leadership fronting media enquiries and representing at the Auckland regional level. My eldest child has been through Mt Albert Grammar School and my youngest child is a Year 12 student. I have contributed throughout the Trustee terms supporting strategies of increasing students' academic results and parent involvement initiatives. In 2007 as one of a small group of parents we brought forth the Pasifika parents committee for five years, now evolved into the Pasifika Parents Network. I am the Trustee representative of the Komiti Faufautua (Pasifika Advisory committee) formed in 2018. This committee is made up of a trustee senior staff student leaders and parent representatives providing advice to operational matters within the school. Komiti Faufautua co-facilitated the Teachers' only day January 2019 focused on better understanding pasifika learners. I am passionate about supporting young people that they would enjoy their time learning at Mags be successful and excel in academic sports and arts. I am a strong believer in the effective partnership between school and home. Our strategies to date have helped engage and equip parents how to provide ongoing support for their student to succeed. I am keen our students are encouraged to learn and be confident in Te Reo as it will be useful for future study pathways and career prospects. I strongly support the Headmaster senior leadership and teaching teams. With the demands of a growing school population It has been critical to ensure school policies are reflective of student safety and wellbeing student daily learning and operational matters are dealt with appropriately within our governance capabilities. It has

also been necessary to progress ongoing upgrade building projects to cope with the growth. I am pleased the Trustee team has maintained the Mt Albert Grammar culture of strength prowess and stability. I wish to continue serving our school community. Thank you for considering my nomination.  
Per Angusta Ad Augusta

## TAYLOR, Adam



As a father of three sons and as someone who has benefited immensely from a wonderful education, Adam understands the importance of our children's learning in this dynamic and evolving world.

After his trade qualifications and consulting, Adam completed a Bachelors degree (with honours), a Masters degree, and a PhD, on top of studying business and te reo Māori. He currently lectures in the Engineering Faculty at AUT University and leads research in wind turbines, magnetic levitation technologies, and power electronics. In his role on the University's Ethics Committee, Adam consults on the ethics of research undertaken involving people to protect the participant, the researcher, and the University.

Adam was elected to the Board of Trustees for Epsom Normal Primary School in 2011 and re-elected for a second three-year term in 2015, and he served as Chairman for this second term. In addition to this, he was also a Leader for Balmoral Cubs, and he has just joined the Unit Support Committee of the Air Cadets' 19th Squadron based in Mt Albert.

His vision for MAGS is one of celebrating the successes and uniqueness of the school, while continually reflecting on and challenging for what can be done better.

Ki te taha o tāna whaea, ko Ngāi Tahu me Te Ati Hau āna iwi.

When not working or helping, Adam is often found out fishing or in the bush: ideally with some or all of his sons.

Whāia ti iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

(Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it you will hit a lofty mountain)

## TEOFILO, Apelu

I've worked with and led community, youth and school groups over many years and I'm currently working for Christians Against Poverty as a Church Leader Relationship Manager. I'm a proud former MAGS boy and have my son in his first year there. I want to be a voice for my pasifika community that have deep roots embedded in our wonderful school history and I hope to contribute to the continuation of success from our pasifika students and our school as a whole. Thank you for the opportunity, Fa'afetai lava.

## TIMALOA, Leilua Winston



One of the most significant, challenging but rewarding responsibilities I have is being a parent and raising three children. As an old boy and prefect of MAGS I have experienced first hand the MAGS tradition and rewards from hard work. My desire to be on the MAGS board is to be a part of a school that will develop young women and men to fulfill their purpose and potential, especially those that need more support and self belief to achieve. I believe every child aspires to do well in life and the Board of Trustees can help facilitate a pathway and affirm each student to pursue their hopes and dreams, as MAGS did for me and my family.

## WAKA, Neil



My name is Neil Waka and I am standing for the Mount Albert Grammar School Board.

My daughter Breanna is in year 11 and I have another daughter who will be attending MAGS in 2020.

A little about me.....

I was a Television News Presenter for 22 years, one of the first of Maori heritage to ever work as a News Anchor in mainstream television and one of the longest serving.

My first 11 years was with TV3, the second half of my television career was at TVNZ on TV One News. Over more than two decades of television, I was fortunate to present and report from locations around our beautiful country and all around the globe, meeting and interviewing some amazing and fascinating characters. I was privileged to front the Olympic

Games from Greece, the home of the modern-day Olympics. My career was everything I had ever dreamed it could be and more.

Although it was an absolute privilege being one of the first Polynesian News Presenters on mainstream television in New Zealand, I felt that after 22 years it was time to set new goals and challenges for myself and step away from my broadcasting career.

In 2010, I became the Head of Corporate Affairs for auto giant, Holden General Motors NZ, where I also had the opportunity for further development with Holden Australia and General Motors Europe.

After five years and looking for further challenges, I accepted a new role as Head of Corporate Affairs with Coca-Cola Amatil NZ and Fiji, where I am currently working today.

I've been fortunate to have played four representative level sports, although I suspect I was more lucky than talented, but I did enjoy the experiences .

I've run two marathons and completed in 16 triathlons. Not because I am a long-distance runner or a triathlete, but I've always loved to challenge myself. To be clear, I was never ever in with a chance to win.

My strengths and interests for the Board? Media, Public Relations, Sport and the well-being of our Maori and Pacifica students. I'm big on developing robust strategies for great outcomes, fostering good relationships and integrity is very important to me.

Neil Waka