

KOMITI FAUFAUTUA

Mission Statement

To ensure Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS) is aware of the needs of all Pasifika students. This will be achieved through listening to the Pasifika student reps and working alongside Pasifika parents and staff to turn ideas into reality.

Objectives of Komiti Faufautua

- To provide recommendations to MAGS BOT
- To create, facilitate and review Pasifika Initiatives
- To engage with Pasifika Student representation (student voice)

A Brief History

Komiti Faufautua was founded in term three of 2018. The drive to create the Komiti Faufautua was to implement a Pasifika working group comprised of parents, students and staff. The aim of this group is to discuss Pasifika Initiatives that would improve and enhance the experience of Pasifika Parents and Students attending MAGS.

Monthly Fono

Our fono takes place on the second Tuesday of each month usually held in the MAGS staff room and occasionally by Google meets. All emails to the Komiti

Faufautua should be directed to the Secretary (AnitaSavelio@gmail.com) and Va Anisi (Vanisi@mags.school.nz)

Staff Representatives

Corey TODD

Senior Staff Rep since 2019

Background: Maori

My connection: MAGS Deputy Principal



Vaitaua (Va) ANISI

Staff Rep since 2018

Background: I have been at MAGS since 2012. I oversee Pasifika achievement and I am part of the Pasifika Initiatives team with Ti'a Danny Liuliu-Afoa and Corey Todd. I also teach English and Music.

My connection: My three adult children all attended Mt Albert Grammar School, as well as my brothers.

My why: As a teacher, a senior dean, Pasifika co-ordinator and parent, my job has evolved from focussing on raising achievement for our MAGS Pasifika students to now effectively growing Pasifika leadership, implementing initiatives to support students to choose options that link with career pathways, to producing top Pasifika academic who gain top endorsements and university scholarships.

My objectives:

- Our objective is for MAGS Pasifika to leave our school with a clear direction of either wanting to pursue further tertiary studies, apprenticeships, or employment.
- Our team advocate for our Pasifika students through having a clear link between school, students, and our Pasifika community.

Ti'a Danny LIULIU-AFOA

Staff Rep since 2019

Background: I am of Samoan Descent. My background is working in communication with Families -MAGS SMT - young person's wellbeing support.

My connection: My son attended MAGS (yr 13-2023) and now my nephew is a yr9 student.

My why: To work along side a team of like-minded people in completing the objectives of supporting MAGS pasifika young person's needs in well-being and academics quality of learning.

My objective:

- Parents wide support and knowledge of what Komiti Faufautua is about
- Have a data base of businesses who support and fund Komiti Faufautua financial objectives



- Get the Ex MAGS [Facebook] buy in of what we need in fund raising and sponsor donate

Trust Board Representative

Luann TAPU

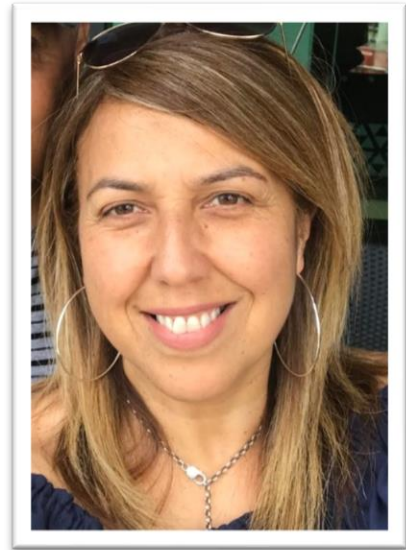
Trustee Rep since 2022. Current Board Member.

Background: I am Maori (Ngati Whatua Orakei), my husband is a MAGS Old Boy of Samoan descent, from the village of Satuiatua. I have more than 20years of media advertising experience and I currently work as a Marketing Strategist at Stuff Media. Our family had the privilege of raising two boys through the Samoan bilingual education pathway since Aoga Fa'aSamoa, where I have made life time friendships. The journey has been rewarding and I will continue to advocate this educational pathway.

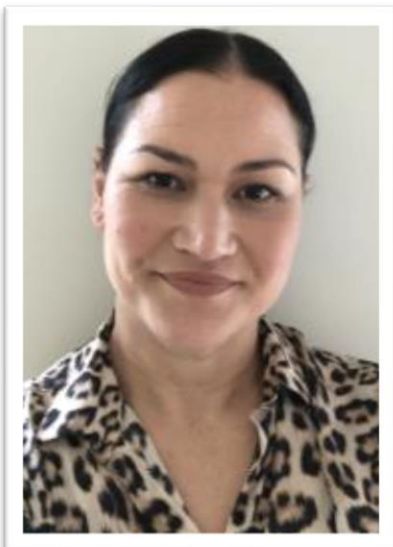
My connection: I have a year 13 son and I am a Board of Trustees member.

My why: To assist in student pasifika initiatives, leadership and mentoring, participate in providing opportunities for our youth to serve others, and activities that will benefit their overall mental health and wellbeing. I believe that if our youth are inwardly strong, they can be outwardly effective.

My objectives: To support MAGS Pasifika students and spearhead a quit vaping campaign with the support of a sub-committee, and to support our senior leadership with the mental health and wellbeing of our students. I am always on the look out for resources needed to support our youths' learning, grow our calculator bank and raise funds for our team. I am also a big fan of our MAGS Premier Basketball team, and I understand the benefits and positive learnings from participating in a team sport can be transferred into everyday life.



Parent Representatives



Terangi BROWN

Parent Rep since 2020. Current Chairperson

Background: I am a proud Cook Islander. I have run my own financial services business for 12 years, helping young professionals and families achieve their goals.

My connection: My son was a yr13 student in 2023 and I now have a son as a yr9 student.

My why: To be of service to our school community and contribute to the Komiti in their goal to enable pasifika students at MAGS and their families to make the most of their school life at MAGS and beyond.

My objectives:

- A communication campaign that enables school wide understanding and support of the Komiti
- An induction pack for Year 9 Pasifika students and their families

to assist with the transition to college

- A communication strategy to celebrate pasifika students and their success.

Anita SVELIO

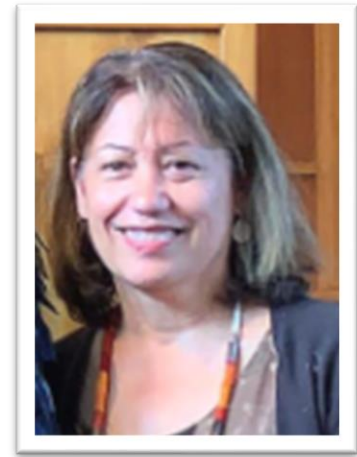
Parent Rep since 2018. Current Secretary

Background: I am Samoan from the village of Falefa. I work as a Senior Quality Assurance Advisor to MBIE. My children were raised through bilingual education where I have been involved on the board of trustees or as a parent rep.

My connection: I have a yr13 (2024) daughter in MAGS.

My why: To get involved in my children's education and the desire for MAGS to acknowledge and embrace our Pacific languages and cultures.

My objectives: To support MAGS with its work with Pasifika students with the hope that it will one day teach at least teach one Pasifika language.



Ashley QUENSELL

Parent Rep since 2023

Background:

I am 1st generation Kiwi born - Tongan on my mother's side descending from Niufo'ou, and Samoan on my father's side descending from Vaiala (Upolu). I am married to Lee-Anne Quensell and we have 3 beautiful daughters. I work in the Private Security Sector at Red Badge Group, specialising in Major Event consultancy and operations.

My Connection:

Khalen and Makaia are currently attending MAGS. Layla will arrive in 2027.

My Why: To advocate, guide, and support our Pasifika students and their families with the best available opportunities to make

informed decisions about their futures. To serve our Pasifika school community and to add value to Komiti Faufautua goals, initiatives, and programmes.

My Objectives:

- To attract more Pasifika students to our School who want to work hard and excel in the Four Pillars of MAGS.
- To express the true value of Komiti Faufautua within the School Community and at the School Board level.
- To ensure Pasifika students have the best opportunities and pathways towards achieving their goals and career aspirations.

Albertian/Old Boys representative

Thomas Tarurongo WYNNE

Old Boys Rep since 2020

Background: Cook Islands /Irish

My connection: Part of a now third generation @ MAGS, and was on staff 2006 to 2008

My why: To support and advocate for our Pasifika students to be the best they can be and for their time at MAGS to be the best that it can be.

My objective: To see greater representation of Pacific student voices in the school beyond sport and for Mt Albert to create opportunities to continue its legacy of Pasifika excellence on and off the field. And to create a safe space for our Pasifika parents and students to share their ideas and influence Mt Albert Grammar as the best school in New Zealand



Student Representatives



Stanley FIFITA

Tongan – Student rep since 2022

Background: I am a proud Tongan from the villages of Ofu, Vava'u and Pangai, Ha'apai. I am the eldest sibling with 2 sisters.

My Connection: I am currently a Year 13 prefect at MAGS and I'm also part of the SIAPO amp class. I'm currently involved with the MAGS Tongan Group, Centennial Boys Choir, and Theatre Sports.

My why: I want to help impact the lives of MAGS Pasifika students. I want to ensure that Pasifika students at MAGS are free to be who they are, free from discrimination and prejudice.

My Objectives:

To help to create a safe place/area within the school where P.I. students can utilise as their own, to connect with each other, and to be comfortable to be who they are.

- To help increase Pasifika participation across all MAGS pillars and to be a voice for ALL Pasifika MAGS students.
- To have a designated area/place for ALL PASIFIKA CULTURAL GROUPS to use for practices.

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Samoan – Student rep since 2022

My Background: I am of Samoan descent. I come from the villages of Vailima and Vaiusu. I'm the second youngest of six children. I play rugby and I'm part of the Mags Megacrew. Also was part of the Samoan group and boys dance.

My Connection: I am currently a prefect at MAGS (yr 13) and in the Pasifika Health Science Academy. In 2022 I had a brother that was a year 13 MAGS prefect. I also had a brother and sister that have attended MAGS and all blessed to be prefects and a part of this Komiti in their years of attending MAGS.

My Why: I joined the Komiti Faufautua to help our people. Creating a positive and safe environment that supports our community/Pasifika students is my number one priority. I also wanted to create a voice for all our Pasifika students. By joining the Komiti I am able to come closer to my roots. As a young Polynesian student it is important to me to indulge within my culture and set an example for all our Pasifika students. I want to display pride for all our Pasifika families. I want to show that we are much more than sports and dance but that we are the leaders for the future. I'm blessed to have Jehovah God in my life and to have that respect carried from home to school.

My Objectives:

- To promote a strong, supportive partnership between Pasifika families and the school.
- To provide an educational program that develops Pasifika students' education and leadership skills.
- To create a 'feel good' factor, so that each Pasifika individual feels good about themselves, about what they do and about the school.
- To encourage our Pasifika students to carry on their respect from home to school.



Brendan AKELI

Samoan/German/Chinese – Student rep since 2023

My Background: I am of Samoan, German and Chinese descent and hail from the beautiful villages of Vaiusu and Saleufi in Samoa. I am the youngest of four children. I play volleyball, rugby and I also do a lot of dancing throughout the school like the MAGS MEGACREW. I am a strong catholic believer making God the centre of everything that I do.

My connection: I am currently a year 12 student studying at MAGS and am part of the SIAPO form class. I had two siblings attend MAGS and one of them being a prefect in 2019.

My why: To be able to create a safe environment where Pasifika students feel comfortable in coming to school, asking for help, etc. To help raise awareness of the vast majority of issues and barriers that Pasifika students face in their day-to-day lives. I also want to emphasize cultural pride and what it means to be a Pasifika individual.



My objective:

- To emphasize the understanding in which most Pasifika kids have lives outside of school and have to control their work life balance.
- To increase a positive involvement, participation, and engagement of Pasifika students within all 4 of the MAGS pillars.
- To encourage for more designated spaces where Pasifika students can use for homework clubs and group practices.



Catherine MAKASINI

Ethnicity: Tongan/Maori

My Background: I am a proud Tongan Maori from the villages of Tofoa, Ha'ateiho, Kolomotu'a, Utungake Vava'u and the iwi of Ngapuhi. I am a strong believer in God and I am the 2nd youngest of 5 children.

My Connection: I am a year 12 student at MAGS and I am a part of the yr12 Pasifika Health Science Academy. I serve in all four pillars at MAGS, including Interact, MAGS 1st XV girls rugby, MAGS Tongan group, and holding myself to a high standard academically.

My Why: I want to be a part of Komiti Faufautua because I want to be able to express the needs of our PI MAGS youth from a different perspective. I want to be their voice to express what barriers they are facing that are stopping them from being great leaders of the future. I want to be able to uplift our PI youth who don't think that they are good enough to be at the top. I want to help inspire them to pursue great things. Alongside the Komiti, I believe that our PI youth will have all the resources and support that will help them during their time at MAGS.

My Objective:

- To enhance the wellbeing of our Pasifika youth at MAGS, by speaking up about the barriers that they face in their day to day life.
- To help increase the involvement of PI youth within the 4 pillars of MAGS and strive in their endeavours.
- To give back to our community, through service to our school, staff and students at MAGS.

- To create a learning environment with resources and opportunities, for the betterment of our PI youth at MAGS.
- To strengthen our pasifika identities within the MAGS community and strengthen our values and morals during our time at MAGS.

Khalen QUENSELL

Ethnicity

Tongan, Samoan, Cook Island

Background

I am 2nd generation Kiwi born – Tongan and Samoan from my Dad’s side descending from Niuafu’ou (Tonga) and Vailala (Upolu, Samoa), and Cook Island from my Mum’s side descending from the islands of Aitutaki, Manihiki and Rakahanga. I am the oldest of 3 daughters (Khalen, Makaia and Layla)

My connection

I am currently a 12 year student attending Mags and I am apart of 12HSA form class. I currently have one of my younger sisters attending Mags with me (in year 10) and the other is yet to start in 2027.

I serve in all 4 pillars at Mags including...

- Service Pillar - Interact club, Health committee, Relay for life and a Netball coach for Mags Year 10 Vixens.
- Sports Pillar - Prem development and Senior A netball team, Premier swimming team, Cross country team.
- Arts Pillar - Mags Mega crew, YouDance and Level 3 Dance student (12DNA - Dance accelerate)
- Academic Pillar - Currently holding 55 excellence credits resulting in an excellence endorsement for level 1.

My why

I would to be apart of Komiti Faufautua to become a voice and representative for young Pasifika students, as well as open up new learning doors and opportunities to help them excel further in school and after school. To emphasize cultural pride of being a Pasifika student, as well as inspire our PI students to aim to achieve beyond they’re comfort zones. I also want to give back to my community as well as connect with the wider Pasifika community at Mags. Furthermore, I would also like to extend and challenge my personal skills such as leadership, hard work, time management and consistency in preparation for my senior years at Mags. I would also like to dig deeper into my roots and connect closer with my Polynesian roots.

My objectives

- Promote new opportunities within the 4 pillars to get more PI students involved with co-curricular activities.
- Connect with the needs for Pasifika students in regards to academic help or mentoring, such as creating a learning space containing suitable resources to benefit our PI youth.
- To create a strong relationship with other PI students and get feedback from a different perspective.
- To put my best foot forward for the future of Pasifika students at Mags.

