

OPAHEKE SCHOOL PARENT BOARD

ELECTION CANDIDATE PROFILES

CHAN, Raymond



Hi, my name is Raymond, and I'm putting myself forward for election to the Board of Trustees. As a proud parent of two children currently attending our school – one in Year 8 and another in Year 3 – I have a direct interest in fostering an exceptional learning environment for all our students. My professional life has been dedicated to the field of information technology. I've gained extensive experience working with large international hotel groups, and more recently, I've had the privilege of serving as the Head of Technology for a prominent New Zealand blue-chip company. These roles have honed my abilities in strategic thinking, financial oversight, risk management, and implementing effective technological solutions. In an increasingly digital world, I believe my expertise can significantly benefit our school. I can provide valuable guidance on how we can optimise our technological resources, ensure data security, and explore new digital learning opportunities that will equip our children for the future. Beyond the technical aspects, my experience in large organisations means I understand the importance of good governance, transparent communication, and collaborative decision-making. I am passionate about ensuring our school remains a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-thinking place for our children to learn and grow. I am dedicated to working constructively with the Board, staff, and the wider community to maintain high standards, support our educators, and ensure our school continues to meet the evolving needs of our students. Thank you for considering my candidacy. I am committed to making a positive difference.

FRANCIS, Jonathan



My name is Jonathan Francis (Jono). I am born and bred in South Auckland and have lived in the Papakura area for a number of years. I am an electrician and have run my own business for over 12 years, and enjoy contributing to my community. Some of you may know me from my time coaching at Papakura Sea Eagles Rugby League, or out and about making free veggie gardens in the community with Whenua Warrior Charitable Trust. I have two kids at Opaheke School, Harrison (year 7) and Ivy (year 3). My philosophy of parenting is Growing adults while letting them be kids. When it comes to education, I believe achievement and attendance go hand in hand.

HARRIS, Kirsty



Kia ora koutou My name is Kirsty Harris and I am standing as a parent representative on the Board at Ōpaheke School. I have one son (Elliott) in Year 4 and my younger son (Cameron) is still attending preschool. I have lived in the Papakura and Takaanini area my whole life, and have lived in Ōpaheke specifically since 2013. I feel proud to be raising my whānau in this community. I am a secondary school teacher at Rosehill College where I have taught in both the English and Social Science faculties. I am passionate about education and have a strong interest in student wellbeing, inclusive practice and culturally responsive teaching. I would love the opportunity to support the great work that Ōpaheke School is already doing and help ensure that all tamariki continue to thrive. While this would be my first time on a school board, I bring governance experience from a previous role on the committee of the Counties Manukau Rowing Club, as well as years of professional experience in education. I understand how schools work, the challenges they face and the importance of whānau-school partnerships. I would be honoured to bring my perspective, skills, and commitment to the Board and represent our school community. Ngā mihi nui, Kirsty Harris

JOHNSON, Doug



Hello everyone, I am currently on the Opaheke School Board as the presiding member and standing for re-election. I have enjoyed my time on the Board and would like to continue the work that we are doing to maintain Opaheke great reputation within and outside of the community. I am a high school teacher and live with my wife Abi who many of you see picking up our daughter, Aurora Johnson with our Greyhound Effi. Ngāa Mihi Doug Johnson

OLAGO, Norman



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