

**We have 12 candidates for six Parent Representative positions  
Please vote for up to six candidates and return your voting paper to  
Waitākere College or in the enclosed return envelope  
Voting closes at 4pm Tuesday, 9 September 2025**

## **Angela Clarke**



Kia ora koutou, my name is Angela Clarke. My son Louis recently joined as a year 10 student at Waitākere College following a challenging period at another school. That experience emphasised to me the importance of having an engaged and inclusive school board. My husband Luke and I also have a daughter, Evie, currently year 5 at the primary in Henderson Valley where we live.

I currently work as the Head of Service Investment and Programming at Auckland Council. My unit provides advice to elected members on how to invest or manage the assets they govern to deliver the best outcomes and services to their local areas. This includes all parks, libraries, pools and leisure, community centres, and arts facilities.

My work centres around equity and accessibility of community services. Many communities in Tāmaki Makaurau are significantly deprived, including parts of Waitākere. I want to ensure that every student receives the same opportunities and manaaki as their peers. Ensuring that not only are there robust policies in place, but that kura kaimahi are supported to respond to individual needs of rangatahi. Inclusiveness is extremely important to me, allowing our kids to express who they are without judgement. Our tamariki are growing up in world that is so loud, with social media allowing platforms to anyone who cares to share their thoughts. Navigating this world as a teenager is much more challenging than it was in the past. Bullying can be more covert and therefore dangerous, so being attuned to what might be happening in our teens life is as important as ever.

Since joining Waitākere College and going through the enrolment process, we have been overwhelmed at the kaitiakitanga that has been shown to us as a whānau. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute my experience and manaakitanga to our community. The kura kaimahi are integral to delivering the best education for our tamariki. To do that they need to be supported with their own education, have the necessary tools and be able to recognise the collective and individual needs of our tamariki. If elected to the board, I would be committed to making decisions that benefit and support both kaimahi and ākongā and protect their hauora. From a song on the assembly playlist in my youth – I believe the children are our future, so we need to look after them and the people who teach them!

## Toni Clifflin



Tēnā koutou e ngā rangatira,

I tipu ake au ki Te Whenua Roa o Kahu; e noho ana au ki Onekiritea. Neirā taku mihi ki Te Kawerau a Maki me ngā mana whenua o te rohe nei. Ko Toni Clifflin tōku ingoa. Nō reira, tēnā tātou katoa.

My name is Toni Clifflin. I have 3 teenage daughters and a teenage son. I grew up on the beautiful North Shore, and for the past 8 years have lived in Hobsonville Point, where I also work as an English teacher at Hobsonville Point Secondary School. For the past 3 years, my son has been learning in the Inclusion Support Centre at Waitākere College, and what a fantastic job they do! My son has grown and developed immensely here.

I am standing for the board for our school because I can see how our school values the inclusion of everybody. Those with learning needs are well looked after, and on my visits I see students in mainstream engaged in their classes. I teach at my daughters' school; I'd love to contribute to my son's school too.

I have worked in education for nearly 20 years. I've worked as a classroom teacher at Long Bay College as well as my current position at HPSS. I have worked for Massey University as an initial teacher educator, training pre-service teachers for our New Zealand work force - including one of the members of staff at Waitākere College. I have worked in alternative education with students who need a different approach to learning. I hold several contracts with NZQA which means I understand the new assessment models coming through very well. I am currently the teacher in charge of EOTC at my school, meaning that I am very aware of the health and safety requirements that schools are responsible for when taking our kids out on trips.

The education climate at the moment is shifting regularly and sometimes very rapidly. I'm standing for Board Rep to contribute to seeing our school navigate these changes calmly, confidently, and with the best interests of our kids in mind. My education background means I have a very clear idea of what I'm looking at. Being a parent means I'm very keen to hear from you so that I can bring our collective voice to the table. We're important to our kids' education, and we know what's important to their success.

## Raj Maharjan



Kia Ora,

As a parent of two children, I respect the value of education in their development. Our schools shape our children's future. I have been on the Waitākere College Board as a parent representative since 2022.

At high school, a student grows and transforms into adulthood. Our children go through big changes at this stage of their life. They gradually move towards being independent. High school plays a vital role in preparing our children to get ready to face the next big challenges in their life journey. High school is their gateway to going to the University or entering into the workforce.

Town planner by profession, I have two Masters degrees in Town Planning (New Zealand) and International Economics (Denmark). My previous professional experience involves nine years at Auckland Council from 2008. Since 2017, I have been an owner and operator of a consulting firm.

Previously, I have been in school board roles in Primary, Intermediate and High Schools in West Auckland since 2019.

If I am re-elected, I intend to focus mainly on the following two key areas:

1. Waitākere College is inclusive and welcoming towards students and parents from all background. (Reason for this is because West Auckland is getting more and more diverse. With the on-going pattern of housing development and projected future growth, our community is likely to be even more diverse in the future)
2. Every student at Waitākere College is able to achieve academic excellence. (Reason for this is because over the years in school surveys, our parents have said that academic achievement is one of their key goals for their children in school)

## Ace Kipa



Kia ora koutou, tuatahi e mihi ana au ki te mana whenua o tēnei rohe, ko Te Kawerau ā Maki. Tuarua e mihi ana au ki te tumuaki, tēnā koe Mark. Ngā pou me nga kanohi tini o te kāhui whakahaere o te kura nei. Ka whakatatare aku whakaaro ki mahi ki o koutou taha anō, hei whakamahana i mana o tātou kura. Tēnā koutou katoa.

It has been a privilege to serve as the Board Chair of Waitākere College for the past five years, and I am standing for re-election to continue supporting the success of our students, staff, and wider school community.

Since joining the board, I have also served on the Finance Committee for the full duration of my tenure. This has allowed me to bring a strong focus on responsible financial governance and strategic investment in initiatives that support student achievement and staff development. I was closely involved in the recruitment of three of our current five members of the principal's leadership team — helping to shape a leadership culture aligned with our values of care, respect and learning.

Professionally, I work as a software project manager with governance experience, and I bring this lens of strategic planning, accountability, and collaboration to my role on the board. As a longstanding member of our West Auckland community, I'm committed to ensuring that Waitākere College continues to reflect the strengths, diversity, and aspirations of the people we serve.

My motivation remains deeply personal. My eldest son is currently Head Prefect, and my youngest has just started as a Year 9 student. The support and opportunities they've received at this kura have been outstanding, and in return I want to continue giving back to the school community.

Looking ahead, I will remain focused on strengthening achievement in academic, sporting, and cultural domains — and ensuring that Waitākere College is a school of choice for students, families, and staff.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Ace Kipa

## **Errol John Caron**



Hi,

My wife and my son attended Waitākere College, and my daughter is still a student there.

We live in Henderson Valley. I'm a Chartered Accountant and a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.

I have been on the Waitākere College Board and Finance Sub Committee since 2023. I am happy to remain on the school board for another term, if they'll have me again.

Thanks,  
Errol.

## **Tevita Fineeva Afeaki**



I'm 45 years old residing with my wife and 6 kids. Currently pursuing my Bachelor in Applied Science( Biodiversity) Unitec, and a Diploma in Theology at Trinity College. I use to teach back in Tonga at Tupou College and in Samoa at Saint Joseph College. I am a man with vision from a background of Agriculture. I hold a diploma on Agriculture and a diploma of Education. I love gardening, just because I love to give back to nature and I love to nature, irrigated and raise something that will one day grow and flourish to become a beautiful being in the future. Last but not least I have no problem with working as a team player.

## Tara Boreham



Kia Ora, my name is Tara Boreham and I am putting my name forward to continue my role as a parent representative on the School Board of Waitākere College. I have been on the Board as a parent representative since 2022. I have two daughters, one who recently graduated from Waitākere College and another who still attends. Together, with my husband Glenn, we live in the beautiful Waitākere Ranges.

I am currently a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour in Cluster 6, and I work in several schools throughout Kelston, Blockhouse Bay, Green Bay, Glen Eden and New Lynn. I am continuously reflective about my practice and proactive in identifying the needs of the students I work with.

My love of teaching was sparked in 1999 when I started working as a teacher's aide in a special education classroom in my neighbourhood school in New York. Knowing that teaching would be my forever passion, I gained my teaching credential through the organisation called Teach For America.

I have taught in many different schools, both in New Zealand and in America. I have made a determined effort to examine and study quality teaching and leadership practices. I am always willing to further my professional development. Last year I completed a post graduate diploma in Specialist Education and this year I have begun courses to gain a Masters degree which I hope to complete in 2026.

I am an excellent communicator with a supportive, understanding nature. I am passionate about working with different, fabulous, unique personalities and community groups. I am a go-getter who loves to collaborate.

I strive to help others and push them to perform to the best of their ability. I am passionate about coaching and mentoring. I am respectful, kind, approachable, and take pride in being helpful. I am committed to listening to the ideas and concerns of others and then finding positive resolutions.

As an educator, I am passionate about being a committed advocate for all of our students. I hope I will have the chance to continue to utilise my skills as a parent representative and to serve for a second term on the Waitākere College School Board.

Ngā Mihi Nui.

## Ebony-Rose Andrews



Kia ora Talofa Guten Tag Bonjour Malo e lelei Kia Orana Fakalofa lahi atu Goeie Dag Sawadee Croeso  
Bula Failte

Ko Tangihua te maunga

Ko māhuhu-ki-te-rangi te waka

Ko Wairoa te awa

Ko Waitemata te moana

Ko Tirarau te marae

Ko Te Parawhau, Te Uriroroi nga hapu

Ko Ngāti-whātua te iwi

Ko Tatyana, Ella me Lyela ōku tamaiti

Ko Ebony tōku ingoa

My name is Ebony-Rose Andrews, I have three daughters, Tatyana-Rose Rasmussen, Ella Rasmussen and Lyela Rasmussen.

I would love to be able to come onto the Waitākere College and offer my 12 years of governance experience and support my nephews and friends' children at a different level. I have previously been on the board at Henderson Primary School for a term. I am on 3 other boards at St Dominic's College, Henderson Intermediate School and Edmonton Primary School, as well as on the NZSBA te whakarōpūtanga o Tamaki Makaurau tumu whakarae (New Zealand School Boards Association) Auckland Executive Board. We strive to help boards gain the knowledge to be amazing in governance through professional development and workshops and to help them strive to help all children to succeed in life and in whatever pathways they take for themselves. I have really enjoyed my governance journey for the past 12 years and hope to continue for another 6 years once my girls finish school, my nieces and nephews and my friends' children.

As you can see, I love school governance and being on boards across West Auckland and would love to see students succeed to their full potential no matter what that looks like and in the future while I am on the board. Also, I love to weave with the children at the schools I am on the boards at and like to help in any way I can from supporting with gift hampers to raffle. I look forward to meeting you if I am elected on to Waitākere College Board and can't wait to meet you over the term on the board at different forums and events

Nga mihi nui

## Ma'amu Saipele



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Soifua manuia, my name is Ma'amu Saipele, and I am honoured to accept the nomination as a Parent Representative on the Board of Trustees for Waitākere College. I am the proud parent of a student currently attending the college, and I'm passionate about supporting a school environment where all students feel seen, supported, and encouraged to achieve their best.

I am a kiwi-born samoan, and I value the importance of cultural identity, inclusion, and community voice in our education system. I believe my background and lived experience offer a valuable perspective to the board, particularly in representing the rich diversity that makes up our school whānau.

I currently work for the Ministry of Justice in the Family Court. This role has strengthened my understanding of fairness, advocacy, and the importance of systems that protect and uplift families and young people. I'm used to working with people from all walks of life and am confident in dealing with sensitive issues, always aiming to find solutions that are just, practical, and focused on wellbeing. As a parent, I know how much it matters to feel heard and to trust that our children's needs are being prioritised. I am committed to being that voice for other parents and whānau by listening, engaging, and contributing to decisions that serve the best interests of all ākonga at Waitākere College.

I am especially passionate about educational equity, student wellbeing, and empowering rangatahi to see themselves as leaders of their own futures. I also value strong relationships between school, home, and the wider community, and I believe the board plays a vital role in strengthening those connections. If elected, I will bring commitment, cultural awareness, and a collaborative approach to the board table. I will ask the right questions, advocate for balanced and inclusive decisions, and work hard to support the continued growth and success of Waitākere College.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honoured to represent you and our wider community.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Ma'amu Saipele

## Adelma Rimoni



Talofa , Bula Vinaka, Kia ora koutou katoa

Ko whangatauatia te maunga  
Ko Wairoa te awa  
Ko kakirikura te moana  
Ko Wainui te marae  
Ko Te Rarawa te iwi  
No Tamaki Makaurau ahau  
Ko Adelma Rimoni tōku ingoa

Tēna koutou e te whānau o Waitākere College, My name is Adelma Rimoni and I am of Maori & Samoan descent and I would like to be elected as a parent representative on The School Board.

I will be a parent of the school next year as my son will be year 9 he is the second generation in my family who will attend Waitākere College in the 1990's. I am currently a Parent representative of the Board at Henderson Intermediate, and hope to follow my son on to High School and learn more about Boards from a secondary school level. As I have been on different boards for the past 14 years , being a parent representative at Henderson Primary for a 3 year term where my eldest child attended and then on Edmonton Schools Board for 2 Terms as well.

I would bring to the board an abundance of knowledge around governance as I attended a lot of the Workshops that NZSBA (New Zealand School Board Association) have available throughout the year around the Auckland area. Also have attended 3 of the annual NZSBA conferences.

I would like to see our children strive to succeed in their paths of learning, with their passions that they wish to follow on through life. I look forward to being a part of the school community that I have witnessed be supportive towards your children and the school as it grows and thrives.

Thank u for taking the time to read my statement. Nga mihi kia koutou.

## Ruta Tonumaivao



Talofa lava, my name is Ruta Tonumaivao, and I am putting my name forward to serve as a parent representative on the Waitākere College Board of Trustees. I am a proud West Aucklander and the mother of five children, two of whom currently attend Waitākere College. I am passionate about the success and wellbeing of our young people and the strength of our school community.

I bring with me over 20 years of experience in education, community development, and youth mentoring. I currently work in the social services sector, partnering with schools, families, and community organisations to support rangatahi to thrive both in and outside the classroom. My background gives me insight into the diverse needs of our students, especially Māori, Pasifika, and students with learning differences, and the importance of strong school-family partnerships.

As a parent and active member of the school community, I understand the challenges many families face navigating the education system. I believe every child deserves access to high-quality education that nurtures their identity, strengths, and aspirations. If elected, I will advocate for equitable outcomes, culturally responsive teaching, inclusive policies, and safe learning environments where all students can reach their full potential.

I value transparency, collaboration, and listening to the voices of students, whānau, and staff. I am committed to supporting the Board's governance role in upholding the school's values, maintaining high standards, and ensuring sound decision-making on behalf of our community.

I believe in the power of education to transform lives and communities, and I am ready to serve with integrity, commitment, and compassion.

Fa'afetai tele lava for considering me as your representative. Together, we can continue to build a strong future for our students and our school.