

## CANDIDATES STATEMENTS

### Karen Dunford

I am a co-parenting parent to one daughter at W.H.S (Yr 9) and her younger sibling at WPS.  
My background is Oral Health, being a, Registered Senior Maxillofacial Prostheses Technician in the Hospital sector in UK and NZ, and Orthodontic Technician in private Sector.  
Emigrating to NZ in June 2000.  
I have also been a joint Owner /Director of I-Mech Machinery Ltd on Waiheke Island 2004-2011.  
Using my business skills to create a good home/work balance and I was so grateful to have been able to have this experience.  
Networking and getting to know the diverse and talented Community of Waiheke being an added bonus.  
I believe my varied and global work experience would be an asset to helping the WHS and Principal and staff navigate through this changeable and technological dominant time we now live in.  
Schools need governance now and in the future to be able to teach students to be creative and adaptable if they are to succeed in the marketplace and in life.  
Gone are the days of most students staying in one profession, job for life.  
I do have a vested interest in committing my efforts and helping Waiheke High School be an excellent school to its staff, Principal and importantly its students and parents.  
I feel if we work collaboratively parents, teachers and community this will lead to wise and long term strategic decisions that will enable our students to leave school with confidence in their talents and abilities to succeed in whatever their chosen work/career paths. Don't we all just want well rounded, happy educated students that that are confident to take on life?  
If so I would love to have the opportunity to be on the Board of Trustees.

### Grant Duffy

I've always believed in kids going to their local school. It's good for education, social development and community. Waiheke is a great community and we have a High School which achieves good results across the curriculum. It takes care of our young people, with great teachers leading great learning and is inclusive. It's a vital part of our community.  
The Board of Trustees needs to ensure that our young people have a rich school experience that equips them to make the most of their unique talents and contribute to their community throughout their lives. While doing our best our children who are exceptional learners, we also need to be especially careful to nurture and fully develop those kids, young people and families facing challenges.  
The Board of Trustees has a governance role – setting the direction and culture of the school. I'd bring over 25 years' experience in public service, governance, advocacy, and working with conflict to the Board. With that comes over 15 years' experience in worker engagement, workplace performance and innovation, and my training and qualifications in Social Work and youth counselling. It's a collective responsibility, Trustees working as a team with the other key teams in the school; the leadership of Jude as the senior staff, and the teaching and administration staff and parent bodies.  
I suspect we all know of kids who leave our school too early, some to exit education altogether, others to go to other schools that seem to offer them more. The Board needs to ensure that the school is doing all it can to deliver to all the kids of our community – providing wonderful teachers, great facilities, and a safe, creative, stimulating and welcoming school environment.

Caring management and good governance are also essential.

I really enjoyed serving on the Te Huruhi Board for two years and my current involvement with the football club and scouts. I have lived on Waiheke Island for 15 years with Louise, our son Bryn is in Year 8. I can be contacted on 09 372 5642 or at [grantduffy@hotmail.com](mailto:grantduffy@hotmail.com)

### Danny Codling

Talofa, Kia Ora and Gidday. I'm not a corporate warrior or a rich guy. I didn't go to Uni and I don't get preoccupied with GDP or MMP. Instead you'll find me at home whipping up a family dinner or running the kids to after-school activities. My name is Danny Codling and I grew up here on The Rock. I was schooled at Waiheke High and you may have seen a photo of me in the school lobby wearing my Manchester Commonwealth Games boxing bronze medal. That picture was replaced a few years ago by my sister Monalisa, wearing her Black Fern jersey. Got to hand it to the big sis!  
In my time I've trained David Tua, Shane Cameron, the Warriors and Waiheke High School's own super gal Charlotte. These days I hang out with some of you at the local gyms or around a boxing bag. In summer you can sometimes catch me and my guitar at a local restaurant.  
The kindy Kaiako have got me teaching the occasional Samoan Siva and Haka for our future world-leaders-in-training at Piritahi Childcare and I'm just loving contributing in this small way to keeping the original, laidback and friendly vibe of our island.  
That's why, as a NZ-Samoan home-super-dad I feel I can bring a diverse perspective to school governance. As a father of three kids and their mates, and a big kid myself, I know a lot about teenage mentality. This insider knowledge could be of great value to the Board, especially when it comes to ensuring we are meeting the needs of our Maori and Pasifika boys who remain at the tail-end of the NZ

education system. While I don't take life too seriously, I do take kindness extremely seriously. I want to promote a safe learning environment where everyone feels they can excel – be that at sports, academia, comedy, teamwork or just being recognized for having good old-fashioned manners.

There's a saying that culture eats strategy for breakfast. Allowing others to lead on structure and strategy, I would make it by business to champion a school culture based on kindness, Whanaungatanga, respect for diversity and openness to innovative learning. I want to pass on to our kids my own motto in life:

Don't try to change the environment, be the environment!

Thanks for reading and if you really care, please make sure you vote so your voice counts!

### **James Petronelli**

Kia ora!

Ko te manu kai i te miro nōna te ngahere,  
ko te manu kai i te matauranga nōna te ao.

It is with pleasure that I submit hereunder my application for the position on the Waiheke High School Board of Trustees. This position presents an opportunity to offer my extensive educational experience and expertise in supporting the Board in its function of governance.

My background and work history are unique in that I have served on two school boards as a Principal which also includes an Establishment Board, in my role as a Foundation Principal. In 2015 and after 10 years of principalship I left the education sector to work for a global multinational company.

At Apple Inc. I hold the position of National Business Development Executive for Education. My role is to support schools with their technology strategy and to ensure technology is used to transform learning for students.

My personal and professional philosophy is characterised by innovation, passion, achievement and centred around a model of continuous improvement. Attributes I believe are essential for being a Board member.

Furthermore, I can offer the Board:

- Extensive experience and understanding of a complex organisation
- High quality preparation, presentation and project management skills
- A sincere commitment to providing the best service outcomes
- The ability to lead change and manage the process effectively and efficiently
- Extensive knowledge of the New Zealand education landscape

My qualifications include a Bachelors Degree and I am a fully accredited Organisational Leadership Coach, through the Sydney Institute of Executive Coaching and Leadership. On a personal level I am married to my wife Emily who is also a teacher. We have three primary school aged children.

I am an avid fisherman and water skier which is enjoyed by all in our family. Our family love Waiheke Island and its strong sense of community.

I am confident that I have the necessary skills, experience and ability to be able to support Waiheke High

School in this governance position. Should the Board require any further information about my suitability please do not hesitate to contact me.

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