

*Introducing Our*

**BOARD  
OF  
TRUSTEES**

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, TAUPO

MARCH 2023



## **FIONA MANNINGTON**

### **Proprietors Appointee, Chairperson**

I am married to Warren and we have three children, two are student's at St. Patrick's and one is a preschooler. I am very honoured to be a proprietors representative on the Board of Trustees. I am a passionate supporter of the unique, dynamic and hugely positive relationship that exists between the parish and school Whānau. I believe that this special character is at the heart of what makes St Pat's such a special place, and it contributes immeasurably to our children's learning experience and overall development. Professionally I am a registered Social Worker with a background in working in the field of Mental Health, including time working in Child and Adolescent Mental Health specifically. I am looking forward to being able to contribute in what ever way I can to the school community that is giving so much to our family

## **ADELE THRULOW**

### **Parent Elected Trustee, Vice-Chairperson**

My husband Brent and I have two children at St Patrick's. As a family, we're impressed with the calibre and commitment of staff, the array of opportunities a school of this size manages to offer, and the sense of community within the school.

I believe that a great education starts with the staff. As a trustee, I aim to ensure they have the right environment, tools and support to provide our children with a quality primary school experience. I believe well supported teachers with good morale combined with sound leadership and a supportive board are key to St Patrick's ongoing success. Professionally, I am a self-employed communications consultant with a background in broadcast media and magazine publishing. I also am co-director of a family business. It is a privilege to contribute to the capable governance of the school and to help ensure a strong partnership continues between St Patrick's School and its families.



## **PAUL MARSHALL**

### **Parent Elected Trustee, Treasurer**

My wife Rebecca and I have two children Emma and Matty who both attend St Patricks school. I grew up in a strong community out in Reporoa, it is something that is extremely important to who I am. Being on the Board gives me a real sense of what is needed and has peaked my interest to serve the school and community to reach new heights.

We have owned a few businesses over the years in Taupo, through this I have gained numerous qualities and experiences to help grow and improve what is at hand. Part of this I believe is to give back to the community in the way of sponsorships, and looking after our young people to feel like they belong.

I love being able to give back in other ways that I can through investing time into the school and trying to make the schooling community a better place for everyone.



## **MAUREEN HARRIS**

### **Principal**

I have been blessed to have joined St Patrick's School at the beginning of 2022 and have felt supported by this wonderful school and community. Previously I was Principal at St Leo's Catholic school in Devonport, Auckland and before that, an AP at St John's Mairangi Bay. I have had many years of leadership in Catholic Schools. I believe our school provides an holistic education with Christ at it's centre. Together with the Staff, Board and wider community, we looking forward to providing the best education possible for our students. I am married to Willie, have 4 adult children and 12 grandchildren. I am lucky enough to have had one of my daughters and her family move to Taupō this year too, so Emilia and Victoria now attend St Pat's with Harry due to start early this year.



## **TABITHA POOL**

### **Proprietors Appointee**

I am honored to have been asked to be a proprietors representative for the board of trustees. I went through the RCIA program that the church provides in 2017/2018 and was received into the church at Easter 2019. I love our school's special character and the formation of faith that that it provides the students with. I am married to Phil and we have 3 children, one who finished in 2022, and two who attend St Patricks School.



## **GABRIEL TAEWA**

### **Proprietors Appointee**

I am a wife, and a mum to 4 little people. I have 3 children that attend St Pats. My family moved to Turangi in 2011 and we have been part of the parish since then. I feel privileged to be chosen as a Proprietors Representative for the BoT and look forward to contributing to the governance of the school and supporting our children in the catholic faith.



## **SHANE HANCOCK**

### **Proprietors Appointee**

I have 2 children at St Patrick's, and 1 who finished in 2022. I have been privileged to be chosen as proprietors representative with the Board of Trustees since August 2017. It is a role which has really highlighted to me the complexities of school management and while we all want the best for our children reviewing, monitoring, planning, prioritising, challenging the norms, balancing the staffing and how it is all funded can be problem shared between the BOT and hopefully offer strong support to the St Pats staff. For me the Catholic Character is central. Put Christ front and centre in the life of our children and the school and the action will flow. The young people that St Pats have produced to send onto secondary education appear to be confident and smart. They are inspirational.





**RENIE ARCEGA**  
**Parent Elected Trustee**

I am humbled to be elected a parent representative on the Board of Trustees. Me, my wife (Anali) and our daughter (Emma) are active members in our parish. Our daughter is a student of St. Patrick's and we are very pleased with the way she has been taught, not just academically but spiritually.

I have always believed that children are the light bearers of the church, and they should be encouraged to service the church and community. I advocate for and am passionate about our school's characters and values. I want to see the students of St Patrick's go out into the world full of confidence, kindness and compassion.

I'm an IT systems analyst by profession who loves outdoor activities.

**STEPHEN JOHNS**  
**Parent Elected Trustee**

I attended St Patrick's Catholic School as a student, and had the great pleasure of being a Student Leader, and a Peer Mediator. I have three daughters, and I want to ensure that their experiences, and the experiences of all students at the school, are as powerful and memorable as my own experiences were.

I work for the Taupo District Council as a Building Management Officer (building consents) and enjoy being part of the greater local government team, seeking to make Taupo the best place to live. I am a technically savvy person, with a passion for Taupo and the Catholic Faith and I am very enthusiastic and eager to ensure that St Patrick's School flourishes.



**GEORGIE DAY**  
**Parent Elected Trustee**

I have two children attending St Patrick's and have been a proactive member of the PTFA for the last two years. I also love netball and have been coaching our school netball teams for the last 3 years. I am currently coaching 3 teams this year, which I enjoy giving my time to.

**ELAINE HANFORD**  
**Staff Elected, Staff Rep**

I am proud to be the New Entrant teacher and Koru Hub team leader. I love teaching our youngest members of St Patrick's. They are excited to be at school and they are so keen to learn. I am married to Steve and we have a grown up son, and a daughter in her first year at Victoria University. I have been at St Patrick's for thirteen years and love seeing the children I have taught as five year olds graduate as amazing, responsible young adults. To me that is a fabulous honour and pleasure.

