

## PARENT NOMINEES FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD



### **ANNA O'STEEN**

Kia ora, I live in Waikuku Beach with my husband and three children. We have been involved with Pegasus Bay School for 10 years now. My association with the school began in my own primary school years as I attended Waikuku School having grown up in Waikuku. The beach, river, estuary and our local mountains are our absolute happy place and I am so grateful my children are growing up with such a spectacular environment at their fingertips.

I am keen to take 'parent helper' one step further and become more involved in the future growth of Pegasus Bay School with a particular interest in representing the wider Waikuku community.

My youngest child is in Year 5 so I have a solid understanding of how our school works at each year level and have witnessed first-hand some of the challenges and positive changes that have been made over the years. Sport and recreational opportunities to benefit health and the wellbeing of our school community is also a strong interest of mine. I am proud of my association with Waikuku/Pegasus Bay Schools and look forward to giving back to my community by being a parent representative on the Board of Trustees.



### **LIBBY CUNIFFE**

Tēnā koutou katoa. My name is Libby and my husband, Clinton, and I have lived in Pegasus for the last 10 years. All three of our children attend Pegasus Bay School and are aged 10, 8 and 7.

I am a qualified, registered Early Childhood Teacher and have worked in the Education sector for the last 18 years predominantly in governance and management. We currently own and operate three preschools in Christchurch and also own and operate 4E's Consulting, an ECE Consultancy business that operates nationwide.

I have had the privilege of being on the BOT for the last 2+ years and have enjoyed the intricate conversations and visible growth of the school in the duration of this time. I envisage continuing in my role on the Board for consistency in governance while advocating for our children and our school as an evolving environment empowering lifelong learning within the Pegasus and Waikuku community.



### **DARYL JONES**

Kia ora Tatou,

My name is Daryl Jones. My wife Nic and I have 2 boys, Hadlee and Corban. Corban is still at Pegasus Bay School and Hadlee is now at Kaiapoi High School.

I am very proud to be part of the Pegasus community and have loved watching it develop into a wonderful place to raise the boys.

Through my career as a Civil Engineer I have been lucky to have been in leadership roles and I would love to be able to share my knowledge and help the school grow in the challenging environment we see ourselves in.

I am passionate about making sure all our kids get the best education they can.

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### REBECCA MITCHELL

Kia ora koutou

I have lived in Pegasus with my family for almost 10 years, after my husband and I moved here as new parents in 2013.

In terms of the skills and experience I could bring to the board - I am a corporate lawyer with over 15 years' experience both in New Zealand and the U.K. This has included, among other things, advising boards on corporate governance and regulatory compliance and negotiating a broad range of commercial contracts. I currently work part-time at Duncan Cotterill Lawyers in Christchurch.

Most importantly, I'm the mum of two children who are in Years 3 and 5 at Te Kura o Manga Kawari | Pegasus Bay School. I love our kura and the community of which it forms part.

If elected, it would be an honour to contribute my skills to continue the great work that Greg and the current board are doing.



### JOSEPH TYRO

Tena koutou katoa, He uri ahau no Ngāi Tahu ratou ko Te Atihaunui-a-Paparangi ko Ngati Rangi oku iwi, ko Joseph Tyro toku ingoa.

I was raised in Ohinehou (Lyttelton), close to my grandfather's hapu Ngati Wheke. I have strong whakapapa connections to mana whenua, Ngāi Tūāhuriri through my great grandmother Anihana Tau-Briggs.

I have lived in Pegasus for the past 7 years with my wife and 2 beautiful children, who attend Te Kura o te Manga Kawari | Pegasus Bay School.

I have been a registered social worker for the past 20 years and currently represent a number of national, regional and local boards. Currently I am employed by Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) as Director Maori Health and Te Aka Whaiora (Maori Health Authority) as Principal Advisor Maori Health.

I hope to support the schools vision of applying a bicultural learning environment, whilst placing whanau and tamariki at the centre of everything we do.

Mauri ora.

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### **GREG VAN MEER**

I am a current serving member of the Board, seeking reelection.

I live in Pegasus with my wife and three children. My youngest daughter Rose attends Pegasus Bay School, while my oldest two have now moved through to the local High School. I work as an Accountant.

In my time on the Board, I have been committed to ensuring the school continues to grow from strength to strength over the years, and I am enormously proud to see it has become a high performing school as evidence in our most recent ERO report, our continued prestigious Apple

Distinguished accreditation, and the ability to attract and retain amazing staff, all wrapped up in a beautiful place and environment. Despite our achievements to date, we need to continue to look to improve and evolve our practices to ensure they remain relevant and support our children's learning and growth in an ever changing world.

Ultimately however, a school is all about creating an amazing space for our Tamariki, where they don't not just learn, but thrive and create magical life long memories. I remain committed and passionate to ensuring the Kura retains a child first approach to everything we do, that is fun, friendly and family inclusive.



### **MEGAN LOVELOCK**

Kia, ora! My name is Megan Lovelock. I am married to Jason and mum to three children, two who attend Pegasus Bay School: Grace is a Year 5 student in Taerutu, Maddison is a year 2 student in Waikuku, and George who will begin school in Peka Peka at the end of this year.

We arrived in this community in 2013 with Grace as a baby and can't see us living anywhere else. As a family we love living in Pegasus, exploring the environment around us and involving ourselves in the community and school life.

My background is in Physical Education, Health and Social Sciences. I graduated from Canterbury University with a Bachelor of Education degree. I immediately went overseas and taught in London for two years. Coming back to Christchurch in the year of the earthquake saw me relief teaching in a variety of colleges, at quite a stressful time before winning teaching positions at Kavanagh College in Dunedin and then Villa Maria in Christchurch. More recently my employment is as an office manager to a financial advisor. This role is very diverse on a day-to-day basis and allows me to better balance family, school and work life more easily enabling me to be involved in coaching sports teams among other things within the community.

The skills I would bring to the Pegasus Bay Board are: An understanding of the Education Sector, particularly the importance of forming effective relationships between school and home, and school and the wider community. I work well in team situations being an honest communicator with strong organizational skills. In all that I commit to, I bring passion, energy and integrity and most importantly, I have a genuine interest in the workings of our school, its education and the welfare of all students.

I believe I have the life skills to work alongside parents, caregivers, teachers and staff to make a positive difference to children's education and would relish giving back to our community in a Board role. I would sincerely appreciate your vote to be elected to the Pegasus Bay, Te Kura o Manga -Kawari Board of Trustees.

Thank you

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### **MATHEW POTTER**

I would love to serve on the Board of Trustees as I believe it would be a great way to be involved in ensuring the future of our precious tamariki.

As someone who is passionate about children and young people's development and wellbeing, I have always had a strong desire to give back. Four years ago, after living in Auckland and working in large corporate businesses, myself and wife Rachael decided to make the move to a place that would be perfect for raising our two young children and we landed in Pegasus. We can't see ourselves being anywhere else. We have a six-year-old in Rakahuri and our youngest is excited to join Peka Peka on the first day of school next year.

My children are of Ngāpuhi descent on their mother's side and they have a Nana who speaks fluent Māori. I always encourage them to explore this by reading and speaking Māori as much as possible. I have been blown away by the seamless integration of Te Ao Māori into Pegasus Bay School and am passionate that this must continue to flourish.

My work involves employing over 150 locals across North Canterbury and my vision is to be the first employer of choice for our region's youth. I have seen first-hand the change in our teenagers over the last few years and have led large teams through the uncertainty and challenges that came with the pandemic.

I believe that the right strategic direction for our school ensures our youngest and most precious are set up for all that follows in life. I would be excited to be involved in this process. I studied policy and management at university and have always kept a keen interest in corporate and government decision making. In my work I have led nationwide projects for platform changes in operations/innovation as well as facilitating large scale training workshops.

Outside of work, I love spending time with our rapidly growing children and remain fascinated by their development. I represent Pegasus Golf Club at Interclub Golf across Canterbury, still play elite level indoor cricket (an over 40s World Cup beckons in two years) and have recently returned from Wellington where I coached the Canterbury 17s side at nationals for the second year. As an older player, I feel it is important to give back to the younger players and be invested in their development.