



# Te Ara Maurea Roydvale School

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION CANDIDATES 2019

### **Josh Pretty**

Kia Ora, my name is Josh Pretty and I am standing for Te Ara Maurea Roydvale School Board. I am married to Sally Pretty and we have 4 children with 2 of our children currently attending Roydvale.

My background is in a range of sectors, including Human Resources and Health & Safety and I currently work in the Education Sector for an NGO providing Employment Relations Support.

I am hoping to provide further support to the Governance of Te Ara Maurea Roydvale school using my skills and experience while also assisting with positive change for the benefit of all of our children.

Should I be elected to the Board to represent our parent community, my focus will be ensuring continued good governance and to provide support to the School Management in succession planning to ensure our children continue to receive consistent education given the current skills shortage in Education.

Of the challenges I can see for future Boards is increasing traffic congestion around Roydvale School with the growing business parks surrounding the school and the effects this may cause to pedestrian safety for our school community.

### **Michael Rusbatch**

My name is Mike Rusbatch, I am a current member of the Te Ara Maurea Roydvale School Board of Trustees standing for re-election in 2019 after serving as an elected member for the past three years.

As a parent I have been a member of the Te Ara Maurea Roydvale School community for the past nine years. My oldest son Cameron is a past student and my youngest son Josh is currently in year six.

I have enjoyed seeing both of my boys develop and grow as they have moved through the school so being involved in the board over the last three years has been a way I have been able to give back to the school.

I have grown up in Christchurch and currently work in commercial construction management. My construction background has seen me looking after school property in my time on the board. It has been a pleasure to work with our school principal, board members teaching staff and support staff over the last three years where we look to focus on student development and achievement. I look forward to continued involvement on the school board if I am re-elected.

## **Kirstee Robinson**

My name is Kirstee, I am married to Alistair and our son Guy attends Te Ara Maurea Roydvale School.

We have lived across the road from the School for 12 years and our cat, Schumi, terrorises the School parents by running across the road in front of them when they are dropping their children off to School!

I work as a Legal Secretary/PA for Bishopdale Law and I am keen to be able to use my knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to help provide a great platform for learning for the children.

It would be an absolute privilege to represent the parents of the School community and to be able to play a part in such an important aspect of our children's lives.

## **Paul Mathews**

I have three primary aged children – Mikayla (10), Joshua (9) and Luka (7). My partner's daughter Lexi will begin at Russley School next term.

I am a former teacher and primary school principal. I also have a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and have experience of being on several boards. This includes four school boards, the Academic Board at Lincoln University and I was a Ministerial appointment to the Educational Council of New Zealand Transition Board.

I now run my own employment law advocacy firm but remain passionate about education.

I have always been a strong believer in two key things when it comes to schools:

- 1) high functioning parent-led boards are critical; and,
- 2) quality teaching and learning is what makes a difference for kids.

I'm looking for an opportunity to use my skills, experience and passion to help ensure that our local schools remain strong. This is particularly important in a time when the government seems to be considering de-powering boards.

## **Luke van den Broek**

My name is Luke van den Broek and I am standing for the Te Ara Maurea Roydvale School Board. I am looking forward to becoming part of the school community when the eldest of my three children, Laura, turns five later this year. I love to spend time with my children (Laura, Esther (2) and George (1)) and am passionate about being involved with their education. I see sitting on the School Board as a great way to learn about the school and contribute to the community we live in.

My wife, Hannah, and I relocated to Christchurch from the Waikato in 2014 and have loved living in Burnside and working in the city. I work as a Registered Valuer where I enjoy a balance of office and field work. Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family, friends and am a keen rugby supporter now that I have hung up my boots.

I am also working towards a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Canterbury. This has stood me in good stead for a governance role as I have built on my own business experience with specific papers including Governance, Managerial Finance and Managerial Accounting.

I have spent the past four years on the Board of the Property Institute of New Zealand as the South Island representative. I am currently the Vice President of this Board and chair the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee. In 2017 I was named the Property Institute of New Zealand Young Professional of the year.

As a member of the Board I will put the interests of the children first while working to support the Principal and her teaching team in their roles. I am a capable communicator and will provide a reasoned voice as I strive to maintain and achieve equal opportunities and participation for all children.

With governance experience and a background in property and finance I believe I would be an asset to the Te Ara Maurea Roydvale School Board and I hope I can become a valuable member of the school community. I look forward to getting to know you over the coming months.