

Sarah Lewis



Kia ora parents, whānau, students and community.

My name is Sarah Lewis and I am a proud mother to three girls. Rebecca in year 9 at Wellington Girls College, Charlotte in year 7 at Raroa Normal Intermediate and Freya in year 5 at Khandallah Primary school.

I am very privileged to be a current board member on two local school boards, Raroa Intermediate since 2019 and Khandallah since 2017. At both schools I am the chair of the finance committee. As a Chartered Member of the Institute of Directors and current school board member I understand the importance of providing governance support in the Kura (school) environment to enable the Kaiako (teachers) to focus upon the ākonga (students).

Some highlights during my terms on the boards include a successful ERO (Education Review Office) reviews across both schools, recruiting two exceptional Principals to lead the respective schools (Khandallah and Raroa Intermediate), and setting the school strategy for the next five years after completing community wide engagement (Raroa Intermediate). In the last two years the board has been working closely with the senior leadership team through the Covid-19 environment to minimise disruption as much as possible for our students and community.

In my professional life I have just finished up working for a not for profit in the emergency services sector after more than 15 years. In my tenure I have held multiple roles including Corporate Services Executive and the Acting Chief Executive. My roles have been very broad including Finance, IT, Property, Contracts, Data and Policies. I am a qualified chartered management accountant.

In my spare time when not acting as the household chauffeur for my girl's varied interests I manage a Raroa netball team, get to the gym on a regular basis and enjoy walking up Mt Kaukau with our family dog, Griffin.

With your support I look forward to continuing to contribute to this wonderful school as a re-elected member of the board.

If you would like to know more, please feel free to call, text (0210755373) or look me up on LinkedIn (<http://linkedin.com/in/sarah-lewis-2679b0227>)

Nga mihi nui, Sarah

Candidate Statements

Janet E Green



I am currently a board member on the Rāroa Normal Intermediate School and I have enjoyed the wonderful experience and challenge of being part of the Board, and I am passionate about ensuring we continue to give all students at Rāroa the opportunity to Aspire to Achieve.

I am standing for re-election as I want to continue to work positively and constructively with, and on behalf of, the school community. I strongly believe the Board plays a key role in both the Governance of the school and student achievement.

The last three years have seen the appointment of a new Principal, ongoing development of the school campus and a continued focus on student achievement and wellbeing. The Board and the senior leadership team worked collaboratively to manage and minimise the impacts of COVID for our students and our community.

The next few years will bring opportunities and challenges. This includes role growth and the ongoing development of the campus and ensuring Rāroa makes full use of innovative teaching techniques to ensure every student can succeed.

Through my professional and community service experience, along with running my own business, I bring the following skills to the Board:

- strong understanding of governance, policy and strategy in a wide range of contexts
- people and financial management, business planning and performance management and coaching
- risk management and knowledge of health and safety requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to put myself forward again as I am passionate about being involved in shaping our

Libby Simblett

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representative of the school board at Raroa Intermediate is because I believe I can bring empathy and compassion



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ora,

My eldest son began at Raroa this year, and is enjoying this new experience at an intermediate school, although it has been a challenging journey so far.

My youngest son will begin here in 2023, and as he starts at Raroa

I will be starting my new career as a primary school teacher; I will finish my graduate diploma in teaching in December. I feel that my experience training to become a teacher and having 2 children at Raroa will be valuable to the board.

I have been a teacher aide for the past 5 years at my children's school, West Park school. Although I was not on the school board during this time, I got to really see how the board works and its crucial importance in the education sector. Before my children started school, I was a member of the kindergarten parent committee, where I helped plan for kindergarten events and fundraisers.

Earlier this year I completed a week-long professional practice teaching placement at Raroa, where I learned a lot about how the school operates and incorporates the values to maximize students' wellbeing and success. I would really like to be considered as a board member as my enthusiasm and dedication to the students and school will benefit Raroa in the years to come.

Elizabeth Satherley



My name is Elizabeth Satherley (Lizzie), I am

an MBA student at Massey University with a specialisation in Digital Transformation and expected completion date of March 23. I am also a registered Anaesthetic Technician with a Bachelor Degree in Health Science and a Diploma in Applied Science. I am a single mother to two pre-teen

boys. One who is a current student at Raroa, and another who will be a student at Raroa in 2024.

I am a parent of a neurodiverse child with significant

learning struggles, as well as being a parent of a neurotypical child. I can understand and empathise with some of the struggles that children and their families face throughout the learning journey, and I believe whole heartedly based on my personal experience that Raroa is an incredibly supportive and inclusive school that I feel privileged to send my children too.

to the responsibility, as a single parent I understand well some of the trials and tribulations of raising kids in the 21st century. In addition to this, I have extensive knowledge of health and safety legislation, due to having majored in human health and the environment.

I have also almost completed a Masters Degree in Business Administration, which has given me a good foundation for skills in leadership and governance, as well as understanding financial management, business economic, and people management. I am also well aware of the changing landscape of our world towards a more digitalised way of living and doing everything. I believe I can bring really sound holistic knowledge to the role, to advocate for students, and their parents while adhering to the legislation schools are expected to follow. In addition to this, having a child with significant struggles at school, I know well how difficult it can be for the student, the parents, other children, teachers and school leadership teams, but I bring valuable insight and experience as to how to navigate those sorts of challenges in a way that is beneficial to everyone.

With that said, please consider me for the Raroa Intermediate School Board.

Michael Albert Nestmann



My Name is Michael, and I am coming from 17 years experience and Clinical leader and people manager. After I chose to conclude my time as clinician, I moved into the Public Service, continuing to build on my experience and with Health New Zealand.

As manager and throughout my time

at Health New Zealand, I have managed transitions and change. As a dad of 4 (between 9 and 14), in a blended family, changes, transition and challenges young people experience has become our daily bread.

Involving our kids in our family's everyday life, enabling them to contribute to decisions wherever possible and understand why we make those choices is most important to me.

I believe in giving our kids as much, choices, autonomy and independence as safely possible and that our most important job is, to help them grow to become amazing, healthy and responsible grownups.

Kevin Andrew Joseph

Jones Bowker

The reason I am nominating myself to be
a parent
Children are our future.

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