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Term 2 Week 4

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Board of Trustees Election

At the close of nominations on 20th May, we have eight candidates for the Board of Trustees election:

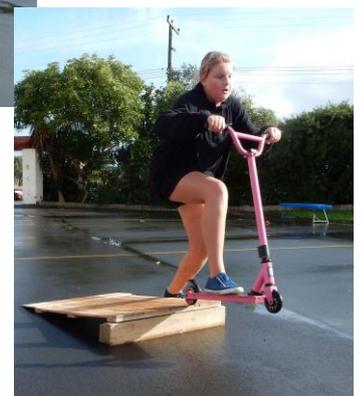
- Karl Borck
- Shane Casey
- Jane Chapman
- Richard Dodunski
- Andrew Managh
- Annie O'Fee
- Jessica Pettersson
- Lisa Poulsen

Voting papers and copies of the candidates' statements will be sent home with children (tomorrow Wednesday 25th May) to all parents/caregivers on the School Electoral Roll. Please contact the school if you do not receive voting papers. Voting closes at noon on Friday 3rd June 2016. You may post or hand-deliver your voting paper to the school office, as long as it is received by this date.

Please note: Your vote will not be counted unless the voting paper is delivered or posted to the school in the envelope which was included with your voting paper. No other envelope will be accepted. Only one voting paper per envelope.

Wheels Day

We (especially the kids) were very pleased to be able to squeeze in Wheels Day around the wet weather last week. Everyone had a great time in fact it was so successful that the Student Council is considering having another Wheels Day later in the year!



PTA

This is a reminder about the PTA meeting TOMORROW evening (Wednesday 25th May) at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

Room 7 & 8 Foxton Beach Trip Reminder

Our trip is on Monday 30th May so ALL permission slips must be returned to school by Wednesday 25th May. Please contact us if you have not got a reply form. There will be no postponement day. Parents taking cars will be phoned by 8am if the day is cancelled.

Yummy Stickers

It's that time again! We collect "Yummy" brand apple stickers and bag labels, and exchange them for quality sports gear. We have always had great support with this project, and last year received over \$300 of essential sports equipment for our school. This year, we can earn DOUBLE points by collecting the new apple varieties "Sweetango", "Ambrosia" and "Lemonade". Yummy Sticker collection sheets are available at the Office. Please bring full sheets to the Office. The promotion runs until the end of Term 3.

Teacher Aide

Our sincere thanks to Jacqui Emery who has been a Teacher Aide with us since 2014. Jacqui has been a wonderful Teacher Aide and we thank her for all she has done and contributed to the school.

Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website (your books are delivered to the classroom in the usual way). You can still send in cash or cheque orders to the Office – make cheques payable to "Scholastic NZ". See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close Friday 3rd June (end of week 5).

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

Candidate Statements for the Board of Trustees Elections. **Please vote for 5 candidates on the form which will be sent home tomorrow**

Please take the time to consider what the candidates offer and PLEASE VOTE to select the Board that best represents Halcombe School.

Karl Borck

I have the privilege to nominate myself for a position on the Halcombe School Board of Trustees, for consideration at the 2016 election.

I am Flight Lieutenant Karl Borck of the Royal New Zealand Air Force. I am employed as a Helicopter Crewman working as the Staff Officer of Helicopter Operations at Joint Force Headquarters. I live with my wife Nicola Viles and our 6 year old daughter Hannah in Halcombe. I have a thorough understanding of the Halcombe School Trustee Code of Conduct, responsibilities of Halcombe School Trustees and The Policy Statement for Governance at Halcombe School.

I am passionate about positively influencing Halcombe students in any capacity I can at Halcombe School. I look to support the current effective procedures, policies and guidelines and look to improve those that need changing. I am keen to help the Principal and staff with all the responsibilities required of the Board of Trustees without interruption to the day to day running of the school. I consider the school to be an effective and professional learning centre and am impressed with its increasingly impressive reputation within the Manawatu as a leading school.

My position as a Helicopter Crewman either flying or at Headquarters has given me a robust foundation in planning and processes and an attention to detail that would be an asset on the Board. I have the resources and capacity to give any position on the Board the attention it deserves and would endeavour to meet all the expectations of parents and staff. Like any parent, my priority is to do all that is in my power to ensure the best possible learning opportunities for my child and her school mates. Within the Board of Trustees guidelines and if given the opportunity, I am confident that I will have a constructive presence at Halcombe School.

Shane Casey

Hi, my name is Shane Casey. I live in Feilding with my wife Tarsh and our two lads Cameron and Tristan who both attend Halcombe School.

My main role is a local government councillor for the Manawatu District Council. As part of my role I also liaise with the Halcombe Development Committee.

I believe that Halcombe School is special as it continues to deliver above average results and helps to produce positive, productive children who contribute greatly in our district.

With previous governance experience both in council and as Chairperson for the Feilding and Districts Youth Board, I would love to be of service to this school, its children, parents and our valued teaching staff. I intend to maintain this school's outstanding reputation and infrastructure not only for our present students but also for the next generation yet to attend this unique country school.

Jayne Chapman

Hi, my name is Jayne Chapman and I would like to become a Parent Representative on the Halcombe School Board of Trustees for the coming 3 year term.

I have been so impressed with the fantastic range of opportunities my eldest child Grace, has had since transitioning to Halcombe School in Year 7, and with my son Nic, starting in Year 7 next year. I wish to become more involved in the governance of the school to ensure these opportunities continue to be available to all children, in all learning areas.

I am a teacher at Lytton Street School and have taught for 17 years, so I am certain that my background and experience in education would be a great asset in this position. I have excellent communication skills and am open to all ideas and opinions, making me approachable and effective as a team member.

Going forward, I wish to build on the fantastic work of our current and previous Boards of Trustees, and be part of a school community that is prepared to go above and beyond to ensure that every child and teacher is encouraged and supported to achieve success. Being on the Board of Trustees for our school would give me the chance to ensure this happens.

Richard Dodunski

I began my teaching career in 1999 at Halcombe School in Room 5. The combination of motivated staff, strong community support, and parents who were proactive with their child's education made Halcombe School a great place to teach. After moving back into the community nine years ago, it was great to see that support for the school remained strong. Now as a parent, I'd like to continue this by putting my name forward for the Board of Trustees.

I have a seven year old son in Room 2 and his younger brother is all set to start in October. I am currently Assistant Principal of Lytton Street School in Feilding and as a primary trained teacher I have a strong view that primary education is the most important time in a young person's life. A Board of Trustees needs to be committed to ensuring a school provides a safe environment and quality education for all of its students. For a school to be effective, it needs a Board of Trustees who understand and are capable in their governance role, who ask questions, who are involved in discussing and setting goals and who have student achievement at the heart of every decision.

I want to see Halcombe School's reputation remain strong throughout the region and our teachers continuing to have access to quality professional development and resources to keep them at the forefront of educational best practice. Having taught in a variety of schools, both in New Zealand and overseas, I believe I have the experience to be able to make a positive impact on the next Halcombe School Board of Trustees.

Andrew Managh

Hello, my name is Andrew Managh and I have been part of the Halcombe community all my life. I am married to Geraldine and have a son William. I am a company director, farmer and team member of Ratanui Development Co. William is in Room 2 with Mrs Howie this year, and I am a Halcombe School graduate myself! I was co-opted to the Board last year and have assisted with the finance portfolio; I am also currently part of the zoning committee. I enjoy my involvement with the Board, School Principal Sue and staff, using my skills in financial management, strategy and governance.

I am a current member of the school PTA holding the role of Treasurer and have been a member of the Halcombe Volunteer Fire Brigade for the last 23 years.

I believe in quality education for our children and the important relationship of the school within the community.

I would like the chance to represent you and your family on our Board of Trustees and to repay the great experience I had (way back). Please allow me the opportunity to continue developing the great reputation of Halcombe School and our community.

Annie O'Fee

Hello my name is Annie O'Fee and I work part time at Affco Feilding. I am married to Larry, (Maintenance Supervisor) Affco Feilding. Mum to former Halcombe School pupils Samuel 23 (Shepherd), Caleb 21 (Law Student), Kresten 18 (Sports Institute Student), Te Aniwa 16 (student at Feilding High School) and Tommy 10 at Halcombe School. Step-mum of Adam 33 and Ryan 31 (self-employed builders), Nana to Keane 5, Aliyah 2 and Peyton 5 months. Step-Nana to Dekin 5 and Lara 3.

I have held voluntary roles as car seat co-ordinator for Halcombe Plunket for 10 years; approximately 15 years with Halcombe Playcentre, including President and Group Supervisor, current Life Member. I enjoyed several years as a member of the PTA and am a current trustee of Halcombe School Board of Trustees.

As a Mum I have offered a supportive role to my children in all the groups they have attended including swimming, gym, rugby, touch, athletics, miniball, drama, music, dance, netball and cricket. I have contributed to many fundraising events, been a camp parent and a helper at school when needed. My skills: Team player, people focussed, good communication skills, Mum, lifelong learner.

I am a volunteer at the SPCA Op Shop in Feilding, member of Just Sew in Feilding and an Avon Sales Leader.

With your support I seek re-election to the Board. Thank you.

Jessica Pettersson

I am currently a co-opted member of the Board of Trustees of Halcombe School and stand for election to the Board as a parent representative as I am very keen to continue to make a contribution in support of the school.

My husband Darren and I are proud to be locals to the area, both attending Mt Biggs School and Feilding High School. We have three children currently enrolled at Halcombe whom started from age 5, Georgia (Year 7), Jack (Year 6) and Abbie (Year 4). We own two local businesses 'Pettersson Plumbing & Drainage Ltd' and more recently 'Tricklebanks' in Feilding.

Our family is actively involved and supports many of our local sports teams. Where possible we support the school through friends of the PTA, school camps and many parent activities/excursions and coaching sport (Netball last year).

I am a current member (MinstD) of the Institute of Directors having completed Governance, Strategy, H&S and Financial courses and a current Board member for Biophive in Feilding where I can be found during the week; completing my degree in HR some years back at Massey University.

The Board's role is to make sure that Halcombe School is run in the best interests of our students and our community and I would appreciate the opportunity to be a parent representative of Halcombe School's Board of Trustees.

Lisa Poulsen

Kia Ora, I currently have two boys at Halcombe School, Jack in Room 6 and Dylan in Room 4.

I was co-opted onto the Board late last year and am enjoying learning more about the behind the scenes roles required to keep the school operating smoothly.

I support the teachers and children as much as possible, having been on the Gala committee, as well as school camps and managing a sports team.

Our family live on a lifestyle block between Halcombe and Feilding and I work as a Liaison Officer for Central Districts Playcentre Association, helping Playcentres' with a range of topics from education, to Health and Safety, to self-review. I am actively involved in the community through Halcombe Playcentre for a number of years, as well as coaching for Feilding Gymnastics.

I feel my skills of being a good listener, having the ability to make sound decisions, as well as the understanding I have of the Education sector would contribute to a role on the Board. Halcombe School have supported my children in their learning and I am keen to continue to support Sue and the staff by working with them as a member of the Board of Trustees.



Rooms 2 and 6 making their swords ready for PIRATE DAY next week