

PROFILE EDITION



# We Thank

I had the opportunity to attend part of the PTFA meeting this week. On behalf of the Board Of Trustees we are so grateful for your level of energy and work. Our school simply could not do what it does without you. Thank you!

I've also had the chance to chat with several of you about joining the Board. It's incredibly exciting to see so much interest. It's definitely an experience I'd recommend to anyone who is thinking about putting forward a nomination.

Don't forget...self nomination is a nomination. You don't have to be nominated by a third party.

Continuing on with our Board member profiles is Matthew Pickering. Matt, Jo and their 3 boys have been a school family for some years now and we are hugely appreciative of all the input that you have had during this time.

The key date at this point in the election process is the closing of nominations:

### Tuesday 16 August 2022 - NOON

If you need another nomination form, please feel free to pop into the school office to collect one.

Feel free to contact me at anytime on 021 764 747.

Amy Smith Board Chair

# We Profile



**Matthew Pickering** 

I'm proud to have been a Board member for the last 6 years, during which time my 3 sons have enjoyed a fantastic primary education at our school. My youngest son, Arlo, is now in year 6.

My role on the Board has been as a Parent Rep and head of the Finance Committee.

Outside of school I work in a management role for a major bank.

Being a Board member has given me the opportunity to actively contribute to our children's education. As a Parent Rep it is about representing our school families to help foster a supportive environment for our children's educational achievement.

The Board represents our community to support the Principal and oversee the effective governance of our school. A diverse and engaged board is required to ensure Marist Primary represents all parents, across all backgrounds and areas of expertise. I'd strongly encourage other parents to get involved in the board.



### Carolynn Phillips (Principal)

I have a Dip in Teaching and Master's in Religious Education. I have taught in Catholic schools for 38 years. I have 3 adult children who all went to Marist School.

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# Amy Smith (Chairperson)

I became part of the Marist family in 2016 and a Board of Trustee member in 2021. It was an unexpected honour to be elected by the Board to take the position of Presiding Member in May 2022.

I am the Mum of Lulu, who is in Year 6 and 3 year old Baxter who will join Marist in September 2023.

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### Fr Carlo (Proprietors Rep)

I joined St Mary's Parish and the Board of Trustees in 2020. I am also our Parish priest.

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#### Cate Lal (Teachers Rep)

I have been a teacher at Marist School for 6 years, I love having the opportunity to teach and guide our children through Years 2 & 3.

I'm originally from Ireland and have 4 grown children,

2022 is my fifth year as Staff Rep on the Board.

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#### **Denise Sampson (Secretary)**

I have been our Board of Trustee's secretary for nine years. I have two children that attended Marist School, Maxten & Laci. I am also our school administrator.

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### Gerard Thompson (Parent Rep)

I have been involved with Marist for more than 10 years. Our two girls, Iris and Esther, are now at Marist College and our youngest, George, is in Year 6.

I joined the Board of Trustees in 2019. For my day job, I am a town planner and I have really enjoyed being able to use my skills as part of the Property Committee.

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#### Ramona Cobb (Proprietors Rep)

I am a Mum of 5 beautiful children. 4 of whom have, or are now attending Marist School.

Our youngest, Levi, began his Marist journey during lockdown last year and is now thriving in Hub 4.

My other job is Head or Operations for a Travel & Medical Emergency Assistance company.

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#### Matt Pickering (Parent Rep)

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Outside of school I work in a management role for a major bank. m.pickering@marist.school.nz



### Sian Kelly (Parent Rep)

I previously worked at Marist School for 2 years. I am the Mum of Theo in Year 6 and Devan at St Mary's College.

Outside of parenthood I work in Property Management.

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