

The Pinboard

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

Marist School Mt Albert

PROFILE EDITION



**BOT
Elections
Close 4pm
20 September**

We Thank

On Friday night, the Board Of Trustees had the opportunity to host a catch up with all of the staff of Marist Primary.

COVID has had such an unprecedented impact on occasions like this. It was great to see everyone in person and hear their incredible enthusiasm about their plans and ideas for our tamariki in the coming months.

Marist School, simply would not be the place that it is without our academic and administrative groups.

Thank you just doesn't seem to be enough. But our thanks to you all is genuine and heartfelt.

Continuing on with our Board member profiles is our Staff Representative, Cate Lal. Cate has successfully taken the position of Staff Rep for what will be her third period. Cate's insights, experience and humour are invaluable.

On the topic of Board elections...Voting for the 2022-2025 elections closes:

Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 4pm

Take the chance to have your say. Please pop your completed election forms into the wooden box in the entrance of the school office.

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

Amy Smith
Board Chair

We Profile



Cate Lal

I have been the staff representative on the BOT for the last 5 years.

I arrived at Marist Primary in September 2016 as a reliever fresh off the plane from Ireland. I became a permanent staff member in 2017 and have taught year 3/4 and currently teach year 2/3. I lived here many moons ago and am an ex-Marist girl. I have 4 grown up children, Laura, Jonathan, Oliver and Niamh, all who have long flown the nest but boomerang back every now and then.

Being on the BOT gave me an insight into how schools work here in New Zealand, given I was away for a prolonged period. My role links staff to the BOT. It is about making connections. I am part of the subcommittee for the Strategic Planning of the school which is the very essence of what we are here at Marist.

I am passionate about the importance of building relationships, the foundation of any school. I love walking into the classroom every morning and seeing all those smiling faces.

Your 2022 Board of Trustees

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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Your 2022 Board of Trustees

Denise Sampson (Secretary)

I have been our Board of Trustees' 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 of Operations for a Travel & Medical Emergency Assistance company.

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Matt Pickering (Parent Rep)

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 head of the Finance Committee.

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

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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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