



St Joseph's School, Grey Lynn

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Serving with Faith and Love

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Nari Guthrie

My name is Nari Guthrie. I am a mother of two children (7y and 2y) with one currently attending St Joseph's in Room 6. As a member of a family that has lived in Grey Lynn for the last 50 years, a past pupil of St Joseph's Primary School, and an involved member of the St Joseph's Grey Lynn parish for the entirety of my life, I am passionate about ensuring the school community stands and flourishes.

I have 6 years of unique experience in marketing as part of a finance lending company, developing skills in communications, social/digital marketing, sponsorship management, and merchandising. I also have 10 years' experience in the health and fitness industry having worked in DHB's, community fitness programmes and gyms allowing me to be well versed in identifying problems and finding solutions to suit the needs of people from all walks of life.

I have been inspired to stand for the Board of Trustees as a parent representative to offer my knowledge on the history of our school community, as well as my skills in promoting school community spirit and family engagement.

I believe in the power that relationships hold, and that well-functioning relationships stem from transparent communication and reciprocity, both within the school and with its' wider community. I believe that for our school to grow and progress, the

natural next step is to build a stronger support system within and around the school by nurturing meaningful connections with each other, with other parents in our classrooms (and other classrooms), with the school faculty and board, with the Parish and with the community our school belongs to.

That is what I personally will strive to achieve as a parent representative. If 2020 taught us anything, it is that there is much to be achieved when we choose to work together towards common goals.

Frank Fuimaono



I grew up locally having attended St Joseph's primary and then St Paul's College in Ponsonby.

I have been involved with St Joseph's as a parent for Over 20+ years with my last child finishing in 2020. I currently still have my sister's children attending

St Joseph's for the 2021 year.

I feel strongly about supporting my school and its

education to be the best it can be and so I am eager to be involved with the school on the Board of Trustees as your parent representative. I believe I will bring a strong background in leadership and strategic planning developed from my work in Supply chain management and coaching locally and internationally.

I take time to listen to others' points of view and collaborate with people to build great working relationships to achieve common goals. At home I coach rugby league for Pt Chevalier and at St Paul's College. I also love getting out with my family and taking the time to talk and listen to my children.

I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the continued success of our school in being the best always.

Malu Luteru (Pereira)

Previous parent with the school for almost 10 years with 3 of our girls having attended the school. My family and I value the importance of a good leadership team based on honesty and transparency.

I have been in the banking industry specifically change management as well as IT for several years. I'm currently enjoying being a mum and studying full-time.

I bring a willingness to learn and serve the school and parent community.

Stephanie Atiga

Talofa and Malo e lelei. My name is Stephanie Atiga. I am a parent with a child who attends the wonderful school of St Joseph's. I am very grateful for our school. My son has grown and learnt so much in his 4years here. St Joseph's is



one of his safe spaces that he can let his hair down and be himself. That is what I want to continue for our school, a safe and positive environment for our current tamariki as well as future tamariki.

I am an honest and trustworthy person and will do all I can to make sure the well-being of our school and students is met. Faafetai lava and Malo aupito Steph Atiga

Charlotte Atiga

Kia Ora koutou,

My name is Charlotte Atiga and I am a first-time-running parent for this board. I have always felt an obligation towards our special little school in Grey Lynn that has given so much to my family and I in the short 3 years that we have been part of it. Sheepishly however, I have never sought to find the time amongst my other obligations to make any impactful contribution. However with all the changes happening locally and globally, I feel like this is the time to put my hand up.

My son is in year 3 this year and very much feels a part of the school community. In fact, earlier this



year, we moved back to my family home where my old Primary school is less than 100m out the back gate. I asked my son if he'd prefer to go to school there (for logistical reasons) and he replied, "no mum, I can't leave my family at St Jo's." That's what St Jo's means to us, in a nutshell. It's my son's home away from home.

I have always felt so proud of the school spirit that St Joseph's embodies and although small in numbers, big in heart. My own mother was always on our school boards and my father always an avid and active volunteer and member in my schooling life right throughout the years. I would love to have a reason that my son can feel proud that his mum cared for him and his friends and school community enough just by being on the board and giving my time - the least a parent could do.

I am based at the University of Auckland for work and have seen a lot of changes within the institute. I feel that I have valuable skills that are transferable from my personal interests and professional experiences that would be resourceful on this particular Board. I've held leadership roles in my schooling days, being on the School Council and in the past being an active member of the P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A Inc., Auckland Uni Pacific Islands Association and Tongan Student's Association. I would love the opportunity to stand on this year's board to learn the processes and hopefully help make a positive impact where it's needed most.

Nga Mihi Nui,
Charlotte Atiga.