



SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

REMINDER

**All parents/caregivers
please remember to
vote at the school trustee elections**

**If posting your vote please ensure you
have a stamp on your envelope**

**Attached are the statements of
nominated candidates**

FINAL DATE for votes to be accepted is

Friday 7 May 2010 at Noon



WHITE, David

I am 29 years old and of European descent, having been born and bred in Lower Hutt. I am happily married with three sons.

Why this role?

I want to contribute to the life and special character of St Bernard's College. Currently I have one son already attending in Y10 and my other boys who will attend in the future and I want to be involved both as a parent and as a decision maker.

I am a St Bernard's old boy, having attending between the years of 1991-98, and look back upon my years at the school with fondness. It is my sincere hope for both my boys and others at the school that their time spent at St Bernard's is both productive and enjoyable.

What do I bring?

In terms of serving on the school board, I am an absolute novice! My background is in refrigeration engineering and I have been part of this industry for 10 years. This has given me a broad range of skills such as project management, customer service and problem solving.

What have I done?

During my time at the school my sporting achievements were captaining the 1st XI (soccer), as well as playing hockey, rugby and cricket. I was also a member of the debating team.

After graduating, I have continued to enjoy social sporting interests such as indoor cricket and both indoor and outdoor soccer.

While parenting three active boys, I also enjoy coaching soccer, watching movies and renovating my family home.

TIME, Savae Ropeti

Talofa and Greetings

I am a current Board Member on the St Bernard's College Board of Trustees and am keen to continue as a Trustee for another term.

I am also Chairman of the Samoan Support Group and have been for the past 10 years. I have been a Petone resident since 1970 and am an Elder of the Presbyterian Church in Petone since 1970 also.

I also work in Petone as a Site Security Supervisor and have done so for 10 years.

Regards



CULHANE, Jo

Kia ora koutou,

I've been privileged to be a parent representative on the SBC Board of Trustees for the last 3 years and I'm keen to continue on for another term.

I'm a registered teacher with a B Ed (teaching) Early Childhood, from Victoria University, and I graduate this month from Auckland University with a Diploma of Early Intervention. I work as a Kindergarten Resource Teacher in and around the Hutt Valley, Stokes Valley and Wainuiomata, with a particular focus on health and safety, and working with children with special needs. Having wide experience in education and local communities gives me a good understanding of issues faced by the Board of Trustees, and insight into the perspectives of staff, parents, and the boys.

The time I've spent on the Board has taught me that St Bernard's College gains its strength and mana from being built on the solid foundations of the Marist values. I'm committed to upholding this special character when contributing to Board decisions. I believe in working in partnership with our teachers and whanau, to enhance the holistic education of our sons.

Cheers Jo

SAGGERS, Paul

Kia ora

My name is Paul Saggars; I am an accounts manager/director, married to my wife Karen, and have two sons who both currently attend St Bernard's College. I have been heavily involved in St Bernard's both on and off the field.

Our eldest son Jordan is Head boy at the school and our youngest Tyler, is a year 10 student. Both boys are involved academically and sporting wise at the school. Jordan is also in the SBC Kapa Haka group.

During my time on the SBC BOT I have seen the success of the;
SBC Rugby Academy
Kapa haka group
Water polo
Whanau group

My wife and I cannot speak more highly of St Bernard's College and its staff. This is evident through our two boys.

I am seeking re-election and would like you to support me as a parent representative on the Board. I have enjoyed my first term on the SBC BOT, but there is still plenty of "unfinished business" that I would like to see completed.

Thank you



ANTHONY, Aneel

Hi, my name is Aneel Anthony. I am married with two children. My wife Sylvia works as a Doctor at the Hutt Hospital; son, Terrill Anthony who is a Y12 student at St Bernard's and daughter, Trista who is studying at the University of Otago, Dunedin.

Currently I am a representative on Sacred Heart College Board of Trustees. In addition to being the Deputy Chairperson I am also a member of the following committees:

- Finance Committee – that oversees the budget planning and expenditure, as well as accountability for all monies received/spent by the college
- Policy Committee – which is responsible for preparing and keeping up to date all policies connected with governance, administration and day to day running of the College
- Discipline Committee – that oversees the accountability for the breach of discipline by students.

My present term as a Trustee at Sacred Heart College is also my fourth term as a member of a Catholic School/College Board of Trustees. Previously I had been an elected parent representative on the Boards' of Ss Peter & Paul School, Lower Hutt as well as on St Joseph's School, Takapuna, Auckland.

I work as Senior Policy Analyst (Regulatory) in Local Government and am responsible for the development of legal policies in a number of policy areas like traffic, water, wastewater, solid waste, liquor, gambling, fire prevention and mitigation etc. In addition to that I am also involved in developing corporate business plans, reporting and mapping process and administration. Yes I do love my job as it gives me a varied work experiences and as you can see my skills are also transferable to a college environment.

I would like you to support my candidature as a parent representative as I am very passionate about Catholic education and I feel that I have the necessary experience, skills and enthusiasm to be part of the present Board set up, in order to support our children having a safe environment to study, excel as sports people and also providing them with the best opportunity for their all round development.

Thank you for your support.

BRENNAN, Kevin

I have 20 years experience as an IT Manager working for a large global IT company. As a past pupil and father of an Y9 student at the College, I wish to offer my knowledge and experience to help make the best decisions to enhance and enrich the educational experience of our sons.



SLADE, Brian

School connection

- Currently sitting on the St Bernard's Board of Trustees as parent representative
- Son, Harry Slade Year 12

Family

- Wife Carol, Harry (16) St Bernard's, Maddie (14) Sacred Heart, Angus (10) Boulcott

Faith

- Participating member of Discovery Christian Centre, Kelson
- Leader of Sunday school (Kidzone)
- Co-ordinator Children's ministry events and camps

Professional Career

- Creative Director and owner, Origin Design, Wellington and Sydney
- Qualified (BA (Hons) Degree) Graphic Designer, Lanchester Polytechnic (Coventry University) England
- Board member Origin Design (2006-2010)
- Associate member Designers Institute of New Zealand

Life Highlights

- Marrying my childhood sweetheart
- Becoming a father
- Becoming a Christian
- Going to the FA Cup final (football)
- Being at the game that saw Dundee United win the Scottish Premier League
- Meeting Sir Peter Blake and Jonah Lomu
- Travelling right around the world
- Spending time in Venice
- Watching the sun come up
- Becoming a New Zealander
- Building a deck that still stands
- Eating and laughing with good friends
- Overcoming dyslexia
- Bush walking and listening to the tui call
- Owning a Morris Minor
- Visiting Rome and the Vatican

Why me?

During my 3 years of service on the Board of trustees at St Bernard's I have developed a clearer understanding of the mechanisms that create an effective school. I believe that this has given me a sound grounding in the Catholic school system and the desire to put this understanding to further use for the benefit of the school community. I want to continue my support for the boys and teaching staff in a way that I believe I can make a difference.

Thank you



NIKO, Sandra

Kia ora and warm Pacific greetings to you all.

Talofa my name is Sandra Niko, born in New Zealand but raised in Samoa. Came back to live and did some tertiary studies. I successfully obtained Office Administration Certificate at Wellington Institute of Technology; Advance Certificate in Business Information System at Wellington Business School.

After tertiary studies I began taking my administration career with government departments (Inland Revenue Department and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry). Over the last four years I have been working full time as a Health Administrator for Pacific Health Service Lower Hutt.

At the same time my husband and I raised three children of our own; two girls and a boy. Oldest daughter a second year nursing student at Whitireia, she's doing well; second daughter at Victoria University Wellington, BSc first year student in Environmental Studies Pacific. Our son is at St Bernard's College, Y9. I am passionate about our kids' education and we always support them to achieve their goals.

The experience and variety of administration achievement I possess would be an asset to the College in achieving its aims and objectives in the years ahead.

SCHUCK, Mary Margaret

I am married to Dougal, and we have three children: Aidan, who is at St Bernard's, and Elizabeth and Alexander who are at Ss Peter and Paul.

We are active members of the Ss Peter and Paul parish, and I am on the liturgy committee, the music oversight group, and also work in a number of other areas in the parish.

My experience has included 13 years as a professional engineer, and more recently, work teaching adult education workshops on topics ranging from Te Tiriti o Waitangi to child development to music liturgy.

My interest in education led to my role as co-president and licensee of the Hutt Playcentre Association (in a Tiriti-based partnership) for three years. I am now a Trustee on the Standing Committee for the New Zealand Playcentre Federation, with particular responsibility for the licensing of its 500 centres. This has given me an understanding of the education sector, and considerable board experience.

My strengths are analytic and communication skills, a strong understanding of and commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and a solid belief in the importance of parents' engagement with their children's educations. We have been delighted with the Catholic character of St Bernard's and the work the school does to develop our boys into fine young men, and I would love to support that through working on the Board of Trustees.