

PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
CANDIDATE STATEMENTS
Board Parent Election 2022 – 5 Parent Representatives



WATTS, Grant William



I am currently a PNBHS Board member and am a member of the International Students and Discipline sub-committees.

I have appreciated the chance to contribute to the future of PNBHS. I am impressed by the standards and achievements shown by our students in all aspects of school life, including academic, cultural and sporting. I am focused on ensuring continued support from the board for the Rector and his management team to ensure those opportunities continue to be given to all young men at PNBHS, I would appreciate the opportunity to continue projects that the school has started and see them through to their completion in the coming three years. I have been married to Shelley for 39 years and we have 8 children together. After 20 years in sales and marketing, I joined the NZ Police in 2007 and have been working in Youth Aid since 2011.

Our four boys have completed their education at PNBHS. We have been impressed with how the school helped them not only gain an education, but also leadership skills and accept challenges offered at school, such as Crest to Crest, Tama Tu Tama Ora, and the Year 10 camps. I am very keen to ensure these opportunities that my boys were privileged to have, offered to all students and that the school does all it can to ensure all students take up these opportunities. I am also keen to look at new initiatives that the school can offer to ensure every young man finds something they can succeed at.

I am a strong believer in the traditions of PNBHS and will work hard to ensure the high standards and clear boundaries are maintained.

JAMIESON, Jodi



I am currently a member of the PNBHS Board of Trustees and serve on the College House sub-committee. I am a mother of three boys, two of whom are currently in Year 12 and 13 at PNBHS and are boarding at College House. Our youngest son is currently in Year 8 and will join his brother at College House in 2023. In the time we have been involved with Palmerston North Boys' High School, we have been very impressed with both the school and the boarding facility. We are a farming family living just out of Bulls, Rangitikei. I currently own and manage a retail business. I have always enjoyed being involved with the boys schooling and I am very keen to continue to be involved during their time at PNBHS. To be re-elected on the board would be a great way to continue this involvement.

The young men at PNBHS are a big part of the future of our country and it is critical we support their learning and growth to enable them to be the best they can be. It is important that the existing traditions are upheld, and I would like to work with the school to continue with these but also to create some traditions to carry into the future years. Also, to support the Rector and staff to continue to improve as a school and enhance the benefits of attending PNBHS.

I offer; life experience, a mothers/female perspective, a business background, honesty, integrity and what I believe to be a very grounded out-look on life and its many dimensions.

O'CONNOR, Simon John



I am currently a member of the PNBHS Board of Trustees and serve on the College House sub-committee and I am proud to be associated with the school.

I am of Ngāti Hauiti (Rangitikei) and Ngāti Tūwharetoa (ki Taupō) descent and am very proud of my Māori Heritage.

I am passionate about Palmerston North Boys' High: I am an Old Boy of PNBHS and have had two sons also attend the school. Both boys have been able to take advantage of the many opportunities that Palmerston North Boys' High is able to offer.

I am a former member of and have also had the privilege of coaching the NZ Māori Hockey team. Sport is a big part of both my life and my two sons lives'.

I believe the traditions of the school and standards the school seeks to maintain are crucial in the education of our young men. A focus on an all-round education, where academic achievement is the first priority, but where involvement in sport and cultural activities is also important, is vital for our young men.

I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the PNBHS community on the Board and to use the experience I have gained in recent years as a Board member.

ERUETI, Bevan Blair



Nei rā te mihi maioha ki a tātou / Greetings of appreciation to you all.

Ko Bevan Erueti toku ingoa. No Taranaki tūturu ahau. My name is Bevan Erueti, and I am originally from New Plymouth, although the time I have lived in Palmerston North now far exceeds my time growing up in Taranaki. As such, Palmerston North

has certainly become 'home away from home'.

My wife Eloise and I have three sons and like many of you we relish being 'busy-in-our-busy' and would not have it any other way. Isaiah, our eldest is Y9 at PNBHS and his younger brother Jarom (currently Y8 at PNINS) will attend PNBHS next year. Noah, our youngest is Y4 at College Street Normal School (CSNS) and so his enrolment is still some time away. They are my 'why' and inspire me to 'be and do better'.

My connection to secondary school education began 30 years ago when I attended the then Palmerston North Teachers College where I later graduated as a teacher of Health and PE and te reo Māori. I am currently the Associate Dean Māori in the College of Health, Massey University and a Senior Lecturer within the School of Health Sciences where I teach in programmes that involve sport, physical activity, Māori public health and health promotion. I presently serve on the Massey Blues Sports Awards committee, and the Massey Academy of Sport selection committee. I am also a member of the Volleyball New Zealand Board and will farewell the CSNS board (after serving two cycles) this election round.

I hope by serving on the PNBHS board, I can do my part to "hai whakapakari i ngā Tamatāne kia purapura tuawhiti/develop educated men of outstanding character", or how I like to personally express as "raising good boys into beautiful men". For all these reasons (and many more) I wish to submit my application for the PNBHS board and thank you in advance for considering my candidacy.

Kia manawanui, kia haumaruru ai te noho ki a tātou / Stay strong and be safe everyone.

GREAVES, Joanna



My name is Joanna Greaves and I am standing for the PNBHS Board of Trustees. I feel very privileged to have four children aged 12-16 years old with our son Jack commencing his journey this year, experiencing the delights of life at College House. Born and raised in the mighty Manawatu, I enjoyed life at PNGHS with my three brothers thriving at PNBHS as both day and College House students. Attending Massey University I completed a Bachelor of Business Studies, majoring in Accountancy and further becoming a Chartered Accountant. A passion for Dairy farming provided me with the opportunity to co-direct a 1,400 cow dairy farming operation with my husband in Canterbury before securing subsequent Agri Consultancy and Corporate Agri Banking roles in the Primary Sector. Strong leadership capability has enabled me to progress my career in Business Banking to my current role as a General Manager position responsible for a Small and Medium Enterprise proposition. On this note, I bring a wealth of business skills possessing strong business acumen and financial literacy. I have had three years of Board experience in Canterbury, and I appreciate the best way to ensure the school community is strong, is to get involved with a positive influence. Building strong working relationships is something I pride myself in, and I am focused on working with our Board of Trustees, parents, and broader community to support our teachers and critically engage with our young men to ensure we nurture the best environment for growth. I am a strong advocate for diversity of thought, possessing an open mind and heightened curiosity I believe is critical to not only decipher and assimilate the broad range of challenges and opportunities but fundamentally strengthen decision making. I am passionate about cultivating an environment to unlock the potential for our young men, most importantly I wish for them to be confident and equipped to contribute positively to their communities. Thank-you for your consideration.

STEPHENSON, Anna



Kia ōra koutou, my name is Anna Stephenson and I am married to Anthony. We have two sons, one who attends PNBHS (Year 9) and another who is Year 7 at PNINS. I have lived in Palmerston North since attending Palmerston North College of Education in the late 90's. I work in education and have for a number of years. I first started teaching in Feilding then moved into a consultancy role at Massey University where I travelled the country to support teachers and school leaders to improve their craft of teaching. I am now an Assistant Principal at one of the local intermediate schools here in Palmerston North. I have previously been a member of a board at a local early childhood centre, primary school and charitable trust - I would love the opportunity to extend my experiences into a secondary school setting. I have strong connections within the local community through sporting, education and social groups many of which are PNBHS whānau. I would describe myself as calm, approachable, creative, and reflective. I am passionate about education and the well-being of our young men. I am committed to ensuring our young men and staff have the opportunities that will provide them with successful futures. I would like to contribute further to our school by being an important part of the Board of Trustees and ask for your support to do so. Ngā mihi - Anna Stephenson

MAFI, William



My name is William Mafi and am a proud Old Boy of Palmerston North Boys' High School, as are my two sons who also attended PNBHS. I am a Sergeant in the NZ Police and currently serve as the Prevention Sergeant at the Highbury Community Police Station here in Palmerston North. This role requires me to working closely with our young people and their families to seek positive outcomes across differing situations. I am heavily involved with my Pasikifa Community and believe I have the necessary skills and attributes to contribute to the education and further development of all young men at PNBHS. I also believe in the great leadership of Palmerston North Boys' High and aim to ensure the quality education that PNBHS delivers is maintained for all students, of all ethnicities, for both current students and their families but also for future generations. I am a proud Tongan father and look forward to having the opportunity to serve as a Pasifika representative on the PNBHS School Board.

GLOYN, Daina



Dr Daina Gloyn (née Grant)

I live rurally with my farmer husband and three sons, 30 minutes from Palmerston North. Our eldest son is in year 10 and boarding at College House, our next son is starting in 2023, and the youngest in 2025. Our family has a long association with PNBHS, with four generations of Gloyn men attending. My husband and his two brothers attended in the 1980s, following in the footsteps of their father (1950's) and grandfather (1920's). My brother also completed his secondary schooling at PNBHS, being named Dux Litterarum in 1990.

I strongly believe in the power of a quality well-rounded education that gives young people the freedom to try new things, discover their unique talents, facilitates them fulfilling their potential, and sets them up to contribute positively to society. PNBHS has an enviable reputation for excellence in academics, sports, and the arts, and I am committed to doing what I can to ensure this track record continues in the face of mounting external challenges.

I am a Palmy local, attending PNGHS and then Massey University, where I gained a PhD in science in 2002. I have worked in many different sectors before, during, and after my time at university including retail, banking, pharmaceuticals, non-profit, and scientific research. I currently work full-time at Massey University in research management, specifically being responsible for the University's ~\$70m portfolio of research funding from MBIE and contributing to ~\$100m in new applications every year. I am the University representative on MBIE's nationwide technical user group and have previously sat as secretariat on other large national research projects. I am currently on the Board of Trustees at Huntley School, and the Board of a community church. My experience from employed roles, running my own business, and in management and governance, has enabled me to develop a wide range of skills, all firmly grounded in evidence-based decision-making. In my spare time I enjoy working in my vegetable garden, doing DIY on our home, playing flute and singing, and reading a good library book. Thank-you for your consideration.

TULITT, Jonathan



My Name is Jonathan Tulitt, and I am standing for a Board of Trustees position with Palmerston North Boys High School. I live in the Manawatu/Horowhenua region with my wife Joanne, and two sons Lincoln and Dominic. Lincoln is a year 9 student at PNBHS, and Dominic is in his last year of primary. I am the Managing Director for a manufacturing firm in Levin, and have a background in rail operations, operational management, engineering, and have previously served in the Royal New Zealand Airforce as an Armament Technician. I am passionate about ensuring people get the most out of their careers, and to do so I believe good education and life skills are an important foundation from which to launch from. I believe I can contribute to the board by bringing enthusiasm, strategic thinking, compassion and offering a common sense approach where needed. If elected, this will be the second BOT position I have held; the first as a student representative many years ago. I am proud to have my son attending PNBHS, look forward to contributing to the board if elected.

MUHAMMAD, Ali



Kia Ora Koutou and Asalam-o-Alaikum, I am Ali Muhammad. I have two brothers that are currently attending PNBHS. I am standing for election to represent and serve those from our diverse communities. As Palmerston North is New Zealand's most diverse city (per capita), it is important to have voices from diverse backgrounds and from someone who understands the needs of our communities. Thank you for your consideration.