

DERBY-NGAWAKA, El-lixia

Tēnā koutou katoa

Kia mahara ki to ukaipo - Nana nei koe

Always remember the mother from whence you came

Ko au tētahi uri o ngā waka Tainui me Takitimu.

Ki te taha o tōku Pāpā – Nō Whatawhata ia. Ko Pirongia te maunga, ko Waipa te awa, ko Ngati Waikato te iwi, ko Ngati Hourua me Ngati Mahanga ngā hapū.

Ki te taha o tōku Māmā – Nō Nuhaka ia. Ko Moumoukai te maunga, ko Tahaenui te awa, Ko Ngati Rakaipaaka te Iwi, Ko Ngati Kauaha te hapū.

Ko Lexy Derby-Ngawaka tōku ingoa.

My name is Lexy Derby-Ngawaka and I have lived in Manurewa for 15 years, along with my husband (Aaron) and two of our four daughters. Aaron and I along with our two other daughters previously spent 7yrs being self-sufficient on Great Barrier Island where I enjoyed being a member of the Okiwi School Board of Trustees for 3 years. I spent many hours serving & participating in activities at that school as well as community events through fundraising, music, beach clean-ups, camps & many more activities.

My husband and I are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where we descend from long lines of Leadership within the church which has set us in good stead of family values, standards and responsibilities. We both have practiced leadership skills which has strengthened our relationships with all age groups.

My education includes a Bachelor in Education of Adult Learners & a Bachelor in Maori Visual Arts. For the last 7yrs I have been happily employed by Te Wananga o Aotearoa to service free Home Based Learning programmes for Adults which includes NZ/Maori history, Basic Te Reo, Financial Literacy and Foundation Learning.

I am passionate about education and therefore believe that I can offer significant experience and honest opinions as a member of the Board. The school has a positive ethos and culture which provides excellent opportunities for students to thrive and achieve their potential therefore I would welcome the opportunity to represent the school community.

Finally, we feel privileged that one of our daughters has attended & enjoyed Manurewa High School for the last 2 yrs and we intend to apply to have her younger sister attend this school next year.

E rere e te huata hopukia, E rere e te manuka tomokia

When the opportunity for the furtherment of yourself and people arises,

Grasp it, Acknowledge it, and Utilise it

Nō reira - Tēnā Koutou katoa

KING, Stuart

I am currently have the privilege of serving on the Manurewa High School Board of Trustees.

I am married to Janis, a teacher, and all our children came to Manurewa High School.

I have enjoyed my time on the Board and believe I have made a positive contribution, but I have unfinished business on the Board.

I am seeking re-election for seven main reasons, I really want:

Our children to get the best deal they can from school. Children should want:

To go to school every day

To learn and enjoy learning

To participate in sport and cultural activities

To do their best and be proud of their school

To get a good job or go onto further study when they leave school.

To use my experiences and skills to support the school and teachers so that they can give better opportunities to our children and to equip them to become good citizens. I have skills in finance and school curriculums. We need to use our money wisely and to plan courses that will give our students pathways to employment or further education.

Our children should have the best teachers available in their classes. Qualified and competent teachers that are well resourced. Teachers that can relate to our children.

Parents' views and opinions heard by the Board and to keep the cost of schooling down for parents.

To help the new Principal settle into his role in the school and for him to have the support of an experienced Board behind him, and not a lot of new trustees who are not aware of how MHS runs.

To continue with the exciting developments introduced at the school such as:

- The building of new facilities
- The positive behaviour programme
- The Trades Academies
- The new Business Academy

I think I have the experience to continue to help the Board. I have:

- A passion for education
 - Lived and worked in Manurewa for over thirty years
 - Experience on two Boards of Trustees
 - A Commerce degree with accounting and management
 - Coached many school and club sports teams in Manurewa
 - Been the treasurer for several clubs and societies
 - I am an "Accredited Trustee" approved by NZ Schools Trustee Association
 - I am a member of the Education Council of NZ Disciplinary Tribunal
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LESA, Fale

Fale Andrew Lesa is currently the deputy chairman of the school board and a former student. He stands for re-election on the back of improved student achievement by setting high standards for all students and providing the best environment for quality learning. As an international civil servant, he has sampled education in over 55 countries and knows how important it is for us to get it right. Mr Lesa is committed to the local community and was elected to the Manukau City Council in 2009. He is currently a consumer adviser with the Manukau District Health Board and serves on the Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee in Wellington. After more than 10 years of voluntary experience, he enjoys cultivating education for our most promising residents. In the last 3 years, Fale oversaw student discipline with a zero tolerance towards violence and disobedience. This coincided with a dramatic fall in exclusion rates. He understands the concerns of most parents who expect their children to be safe and encouraged to succeed across all fields. Manurewa High School is the largest in South Auckland and what we need most is the vision to realise excellence going forward!

LONG, Joanna

Hello, my name is Joanna Long

Growing up in South Auckland and having been here in Manurewa for over 10 years, coming from a multicultural family makes Manurewa feel like my home.

I am currently on the Board of Trustees at Finlayson Park School, the largest primary school in New Zealand.

I have been fortunate to see our students thrive and had the opportunity to see our students become lifelong learners.

I wish to bring my years of experience and join this Board of Trustees at Manurewa High School, bringing our school communities closer. One of my children currently attend this school and I see it as an opportunity to put a fresh view into making this great school even better.

I am passionate about education, particularly core subjects and would like to continue working in our friendly Manurewa community, by providing a safe environment for all our students, laying the foundations skills for life and a brighter future.

Please take my application into consideration as I look forward to joining and working with Manurewa High Schools Board of Trustees.

Take care

Joanna Long

PRASAD, Mitlesh

- BCom GradDipCom (University of Auckland)
- Chartered Accountant (Australia & New Zealand)
- Manurewa High School Alumni (2005)

My name is Mitlesh Prasad and I am running for the Board of Trustee elections at Manurewa High School. I am a former student of this school and still live within walking distance. I am a parent and just like you I want my children to have the best opportunities available to them.

Success at school depends on an effective partnership between school and the community. But success at school is not just about grades and sporting achievements. Perseverance and character are equally important. We live in a community that is diverse and has many challenges. These can be overcome if we share the same purpose, values and vision. The way we teach needs to be responsive and dynamic to keep our children engaged.

I know first-hand that many staff here demonstrate a lifelong commitment to learning and really inspire students to achieve. Some of my old teachers are still at this school today. I will strive to ensure that we continue to attract and retain high quality teaching staff that can really get through to our kids, like they have done for me. As our representative I will strive to ensure that the faculty have the right people, processes and technology to deliver a high quality education.

In terms of experience to operate at this level, I have held various operational, management and governance roles at organizations such as Auckland Airport, Spark NZ and Fisher and Paykel. I am also a qualified Chartered Accountant. This experience, combined with my in depth understanding and familiarity with the school and community mean that I am no stranger to the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead.

I did the hard yards here and have come through the other side, now I'm here to give back to ensure that the leadership team at this school have then enthusiasm, resources and drive to get the best out of our students, because they will be the leaves of tomorrow.

Thank you for taking your time to consider me as your trustee and representative. It would be my honour and a privilege to serve the school, the community and the faculty.

SMITH, Stephen

Tēnā koutou katoa and greetings my name is Steve Smith and I currently serve as a parent representative on the Manurewa High School Board of Trustees. I am seeking re-election as a parent representative to continue to serve the interests of the school, staff, and the aspirations of students and families.

My beliefs as a parent have not wavered since becoming involved with Boards of Trustees spanning over twenty years serving on Clendon Park Primary, Manurewa Enhancement Initiative, NZSTA and Manurewa High School in a range of roles. I am committed today as I was then about students accessing quality education no matter where they live. I believe that education is about transforming lives and effecting positive changes for students, whanau and communities.

It would be an honour to continue and be of service as a Board member in championing a legacy and culture of excellence and success for every student that walks through the gates on day one, whatever their aspirations. The most rewarding aspect of being a Board member is working with innovative and leaderful staff that inspire students to achieve success in areas of interests such as academia, sports, the arts and enjoy being at school.

I would like to focus on the following areas over the next three-year term:

Provide support for Mr Pete Jones in his new role as Principal and work in partnership with staff to ensure effective teaching is enhancing learner engagement and success in a safe and respectful environment for all students.

Work with all parties involved to ensure our new MHS Business Academy building is completed for our students.

I am a professional chef with a background in the hospitality industry with over three decades locally and abroad with over 26 years in the Airline Industry. My wife Susana and I are grateful that our four children all attended Manurewa High School leading them towards careers in education, medical, engineering and hospitality. Twenty-six years on and we still love living in an increasingly diverse and changing Manurewa. My aspiration for standing again is the belief that all children irrespective of life circumstances have the same opportunities to choose their own career pathways by accessing quality education, curriculum and supported by inspiring educators and leaders with vision.

Kind Regards
Steve Smith

THORNTON, Richard

Kia ora tatou
Nga mihi nui
Nau mai haere mai

It is with pleasure that I put my name forward for the Manurewa High School Board of Trustees election. My career has included 10 years as a Mathematics teacher – including 3 years at Manurewa High, 10 years in Business followed by 5yrs as Head of Mathematics at Avondale College. I then had 10 years as a school Principal with 3 years at Penrose High School (now One tree Hill College) and 7 years as Principal at Manurewa High School (2003-2009). Since leaving Manurewa High, I became the National Manager for the Northern Region with the Education Review Office (ERO) for 3 years and for the last 4 years I have been the Deputy Chief Executive at the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). We have recently returned to Auckland and I am keen to get involved again with supporting the success story that is “Manurewa High”.

Regards
Richard Thornton
