



Nicolette Butler

Kia ora koutou, my name is Nicolette Butler. I'm a current Board member and a lawyer at Crown Law. Together with my sons Finn (11) and Kieran (almost 9), and husband Cam, we've been part of the Te Horo School community for four years and we love it.

As a Board member, I have worked hard to put children at the centre of our decision-making. I have been vocal in making sure that the traditional Matariki breakfast took place.

I've challenged changes to hui, asked hard questions about academic results, and when there were changes proposed to camps, worked to make sure that children and parents had a say to make them happen.

I am keen to continue to contribute to the governance and decision-making at Te Horo School, using my legal and management skills. There has been a lot of behind-the-scenes work for the Board this year, including an ongoing focus to make sure all our children are supported to achieve. As a lawyer, I know that good communication is key - this is something that I continually push for as a member of the Board. I work to make sure that all decisions are made in the interests of our children, are based on good information, that all legal requirements are met, that costs and benefits are factored in and that processes are transparent.

In my spare time, I coach junior hockey for the school, I coordinated the Te Horo School chess team and I enjoy trail running and tramping.

I want to make sure that each child is proud to be at Te Horo School, that parents know each other and feel welcome and part of the community, and that staff want to be here. That's my aim and what I will continue to work hard to achieve.



Allen Cottle

Hello, I'm Allen Cottle and I've been on the board for the last three years and offer myself for re-election.

I am an ex pupil of the school and have both my children attending.

I am keen to see that our school retains its traditions, which make it a special place for kids to learn and grow. I am also eager to see it adopt new and innovative practices such as Play Based Learning and Universal Design for

Learning.

Over the last three years the school has seen a lot of change. This year has been particularly challenging.

I'm proud of the hard work the current board has done this year to support the Leadership Team meet the unique challenges, and get things back to normal so we're in a position to deliver on the school's strategic plans and goals.

I've had specific delegation for property issues and have been Treasurer for the last year.

I bring skills in governance. I sit on one commercial board and I'm a member of the Institute of Directors.



Fleur Dal Din

My name is Fleur Dal Din. I have lived in Te Horo for 20 + years and have been part of the school community for six. We have one child, isabella at Te Horo school who is in Year 6.

We consider ourselves very fortunate to be part of such an energetic and accomplished school community and have enjoyed being part of many of the events on the annual school calendar.

My background is a degree from Otago University in Nutrition, Marketing and Management. I currently work in a regional role across MidCentral and Whanganui DHBs managing various clinical and non clinical services. Through working for organisations and companies within the health sector I have gained good experience communicating with various stakeholders and facilitating outcomes. These skills I believe are transferable to the education sector. My professional role also requires me to lead and support various teams of people. This has often been through significant change and difficult and challenging times.

I have served on our school Home and School Committee and have previously been Vice President of the Otaki Montessori Home & School Committee. For most years that Belle has been at Te Horo School I have enjoyed spending time in the classroom as parent help. This allowed me to get to know the children, school environment and teachers and gain insight into the many classroom achievements and challenges.

I am shortly due to have a change in my working life, therefore consider the time to be right to contribute positively to a governance role on the school Board.

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Louise Hinton

Kia ora my name is Louise Hinton. I am a mum of three children - Liam (16), Jesse (10) and Charlotte (7). Jesse and Charlotte both attend Te Horo School and Liam now attends Otaki College and used to be a student at Te Horo school also.

I have been a parent at Te Horo School for 11 years now and lived at the beach for 13 years. In that time I have been involved in many school initiatives and activities as well as the community. I have been on the Home and School committee, played a role in the community dances, fundraisers and other school events, Paddy's Mart, school transportation, coached two hockey teams, held

community events such as Te Horo Xmas in the Park. I have also been the secretary of the local residents' association and much more.

I also run a local Facebook page to bring the community together and help support each other. In the past few years I have completed a diploma as a legal executive and am on my way to completing a diploma in psychology with a view to continue on to a degree in youth development and support within the mental health sector. I hope one day I can be a school guidance counsellor.

I would love the opportunity to use my skills, knowledge and experience to support Te Horo School by being a part of the board of trustees. Please feel free to say hello to me in the school yard.



Sue Lord

Why I am standing

I would like to be a voice for all families and an advocate for 'Learning Support' on the School BoT.

I believe it is important to enable all children to reach their potential and also to help them experience some 'success' at school.

I will bring a practical approach to any problem solving.

About me

Brought up on a farm in rural England (in Cornwall, think BBC series 'Doc Martin'). I played a lot of sport at school. Outside school

it was all ponies/Pony Club, and more sports. I studied Mathematics/Statistics at University (which is a great conversation stopper) and then qualified to teach Maths and P.E. to 11-18 year olds.

Before having children I worked for pharmaceutical companies, Australian Banks, Cancer Research UK (Annual income >£350 million at the time of merger in 2002), Pizza Hut and a water company, mostly as a Project Manager but also in IT Development, Data Integrity and Market Research. Matthew and I have three children. Two boys at Te Horo School since Year 1, currently in years 6 and 5. Also a year 5 boy at Mahinawa School (in the satellite class at Raumati Beach School).

We moved to New Zealand in 2012 and live in Peka Peka. Since moving to NZ I have been mostly looking after our boys. Locally I have been on the Committee at Kindy, on the Committee at Scouts, and last year I started a little Reader/Writer help at Kapiti College. This Summer I am managing a junior (Novice) tennis team and also will be supporting my own boys to enjoy BMX, Sense Rugby, tennis and cricket. I like walking, bush walk or the beach.

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Fred Mecoy

Although UK-born, I did an influential chunk of my schooling in Auckland before finishing back in the UK. I later went to the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, which is also where I met and married my lovely wife, Shelley.

We have one boy in year 5 at Te Horo school, and he's been there since starting school. I own and run a manufacturing business in Levin with a team of 15 people. Prior to that, my work career includes lengthy stints in Emergency Management, IT, and Management Consulting. Relevant education includes a Master's in Business

Administration, where I majored in Managerial Leadership, and I completed a Governance training course when I was on the board of a local trust which provided a number of community services to people in need.

Many of my previous roles have entailed working closely with elected representatives at local and national levels (ie, Mayors, Councillors and MPs), so I have a good understanding and practical experience working on both sides of the governance/operational divide.

Both Shelley and I went to small rural primary schools, which is why we moved from Wellington and chose Te Horo for Angus. There's something special about spending those important, early school years in a small school community, influenced by the land and nature. Our kids see where their food comes from, and they see the local economy functioning around them. Indeed, many of them are a part of it and will share their experiences and knowledge with each other. Those lessons are unique, as are the friendships; and both will be life-long.

If elected to serve on the board, I will do my utmost to ensure that Te Horo School retains its unique rural character, continues to nurture our tamariki in its own special way; whilst also providing the opportunities one would expect of a modern school in a modern world. I will provide a listening ear, offer ideas and advice and advocate for change where necessary.



Sue Roddick

Kia ora, I am a Mum of two boys at Te Horo School, Lachie year six and Callum year four. My husband and our boys live on a lifestyle block and enjoy the rural aspects of life. We love the rural aspects Te Horo School has to offer.

My professional career has led me to being the Head of Delivery for iQualify, an online learning platform, which is backed by The Open Polytechnic. The platform is a learner centric platform and I am very passionate and accustomed to putting the learner first. Growing great learners for today and

tomorrow.

Working with learners every day, has grown my interest to be a part of our wider community growing our children, and to play a part of positively contributing to assisting Te Horo School with the challenges that are coming along. If we continue to create the right environment, make the right choices for things that need to change in this forever changing world, our children will succeed.

Throughout my career I have worked in a lot of different industries including, education, insurance, farming, telecommunications and accounting across both private and public sectors. I have learnt a lot, through my own mistakes and continue to learn. My current role is where I have gained the most experience in leadership, governance and education. I lead a high performing team, that is passionate about everything they do. I would like to take that passion I have for education, bring it to all the decisions and make some sound and fair judgement calls as part of the Te Horo School board.