

## **Glenfield College Board of Trustees Election, 03 June, 2016**

### **Candidates' Statements**

#### **Current Board Standing for Re-Election**

##### **Crookes, Neil**

I was born and bred in Glenfield and after 51 years am still living here in Bayview!

Building is the career I chose when I left school at 16 and I have been self employed for the last 30 years with my building skills taking me to Melbourne and as far south as Queenstown for almost 3 years. My skills in recent years have been utilised doing major house renovations which I enjoy and find the most challenging and rewarding.

My wife and I both attended Glenfield College, Glenfield Intermediate and I started school at Marlborough Primary. Our son is currently in year 9 at Glenfield College.

Our children both attended Bayview Primary and Wairau Intermediate and during their time at Bayview I was on the Board of Trustees for 6 years and Chairperson for 4 of those years. The time spent there gave me a fantastic insight into the Board of Trustees role and what is involved in the governance of a school. As property manager on the board I was able to offer plenty of advice and practical support to the school also.

In 2014 I was co-opted onto the Board of Trustees at Glenfield College and have contributed much to the school in this role along with fellow board members to help raise the student achievement and general profile of Glenfield College within the wider community.

It is a priority of mine to market and encourage the community to make Glenfield College the first choice of secondary education for their children. This school can offer everything that makes an outstanding citizen and I am proud of that.

##### **Primrose, Nicky**

My name is Nicky Primrose and I have been involved with school Board of Trustees' for the past ten years. My son attended Glenfield College and is now in his second year at University. My daughter is a Year 10 pupil. My background is in administration, currently being employed as the Office Manager for a residential property Valuation Practice. I offer a variety of skills including organisation, management and office administration. I enjoy being involved in school life and have experience in managing sporting teams and co-ordinating fundraising events. The Glenfield College Board of Trustees co-opted me as a member in October 2012, elected me as Deputy Chairperson in March 2013 then Chairperson in August 2013. Previously I was Chairperson on the local Windy Ridge Primary School Board for six years. I am proud to be affiliated with our local Glenfield schools and endeavour to encourage strong, united and stable governance to ensure and promote the continued growth in student achievement in a happy and stimulating environment.

## **Richardson, Millie**

Hūtia te rito, o te harakeke

Kei whea te komako e ko?

Kī mai ki ahau

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

Māku e kī atu

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

E mihi ana, ki te atua, o ngā mea katoa

ki a rātou, kei tua, o Paerau,

e moe, e moe, e moe atu.

Ko Rangi, kei runga

Ko Papa, kei raro

Ko ngā tāngata, kei waenganui

Tihei mauriora!

Ko Tihirau te Maunga

Ko Whangaparaoa te awa

Ko Mataatua te Waka

Te Whanau a Apanui te iwi

Te Whanau a Aparanaki te hapū

Kauaetangohia Te Marae

Ko Millie Richardson ahau.

Kia ora, my name is Millie Richardson I have a background in the Health Sector in Nursing and Management. Currently I am working as a foster carer. I have been involved in the community for many years, volunteering and on management committees of Community Early Learning Centres, Community Houses, and fundraising committees, I have also been on the Board of Trustees at Primary, Intermediate and College. I have been involved with Glenfield College since 2011, firstly as a parent then as the Chairperson of Whanau O Kaipatiki Committee and most recently as a member of the Board of Trustees. I have always had a passion for education and the local community and this is why I am standing to be a member of the Board of Trustees. As a board member I am looking forward to enhancing student learning and achievement and I have always felt that Glenfield College has always been willing to push boundaries and try new things which enables the board and school to better provide our students with an excellent learning environment, as well as effective teachers to best prepare students for their future. I am passionate about exploring educational opportunities that observe values which nurture our student's gifts and uniqueness. I am equally passionate about Te Ao Maori and how these principles go a long way to supporting us as whanau and a community to best provide for our students. It is only when we understand the needs of our students, whanau, staff and community that we as a board can best plan a future for our school.

## **New Parents Standing for Election**

### **Boag, Lisa**

As far back as (*circa*) 350 BC Aristotle stated “*All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth*” and this remains no less true in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

I believe a sound education is crucial, and one that is interesting, stimulating and holistic creates an enormous advantage, to our children as individuals and in turn, to our wider community.

We chose Glenfield College for our son because of the clear commitment to an exceptional learning environment, progressive leadership and quality teaching staff, a dedication to continuous improvement, and a celebration of cultural diversity.

As a parent I’ve enjoyed seeing our son already flourishing, with the stimulating environment and broad range of opportunities for involvement. I hugely value the quality work the teachers are delivering and appreciate their positive impact in the development of our future community members and leaders.

I graduated Auckland University in 1990 with a B.A (Psychology) and have since furthered my education and experience in the areas of management, counselling, facilitation and coaching.

I’ve held positions in Administration and Human Resource Management and my work is guided by a philosophy of personal accountability and empowerment. I have strengths in strategy, policy development and change management and the focus of my work is, through coaching, support, and knowledge sharing, to empower others to develop and apply their own solutions to issues they may be facing.

I believe, as a Human Resources professional, my passion for and experience in organizational development and performance as well as my ability to relate to a broad range of people, would all enable me to make a meaningful contribution to the governance of Glenfield College.

It would be a privilege to be part of the governance of the school and to have the opportunity to contribute to its ongoing development and success.

### **Botes, Anina**

My name is Anina Botes and I have been part of the Glenfield community for the past 9 years, residing in Bayview. My daughter is currently a Year 10 pupil at Glenfield College.

I love the community in which I have had many years involvement, this included being on the ‘Friends of Bayview’ Primary School fundraising team for four years whilst my daughter was a pupil and umpiring netball for both Bayview Primary and Glenfield Intermediate Netball teams.

I am currently the Kidzplay Netball Co-ordinator and have been successfully running this for the past 7 years. Kidzplay Netball is a non-profit organisation that offers 14 weeks of netball to the community during the winter season (on average 170 teams) and 6 weeks during the spring season (on average 140 teams). Kidzplay Netball is an open netball league for Year 1 – 5 Primary school players (5 – 9 years) based in Albany on Auckland’s North Shore. I have a variety of valuable skills to offer as some of my duties include marketing, all administrative duties, budgets, managing 14 staff members and 45 umpires, facilitating and running all training courses, organisation of all

prizegivings, liaising with primary school netball co-ordinators, and the running of pre-season meetings and training sessions.

I am extremely interested in being a part of the Glenfield College Board of Trustees and upon election I will always endeavour to encourage a strong united and stable governance and ensure that every student continues to achieve at a high standard of learning in an environment of mutual respect.

### **Grundy, Robert**

I have been a parent of two pupils at Glenfield College, Steen who has now started university, and Erik who is year 12. I have been very happy with the effort and commitment of the school to give our boys a good, well-rounded education. It has been a positive and supportive environment, and when I was asked if I might assist on the board, I thought it was time to help out. I have not been on a school board before, so I can't claim to know too much about this. I can claim to know a little about finances, having studied economics at university and managing my own company of 10 people. Apart from that, all I can say is that I think I think I am a reasonable, sensible person, who has no fixed agenda other than to advocate for the good running and good health of the school, and a willingness to speak of its virtues to potential students, parents of potential students and the local community in the hope that we can attract more students from our local catchment so that school can prosper in the coming years.

### **Macintyre, Tracey**

My name is Tracey Macintyre and my son attends Glenfield College, currently in Year 11. Glenfield College has a wonderful Mana about it. From my experience teachers and staff are dedicated to educating all students from many backgrounds and diverse learning abilities in academics, sport and life skills both during school and in their own time. I feel very strongly that all students from all walks of life should have access to a quality education and the chance to achieve to the best of their ability. Each student has their own unique way of learning and from my involvement I believe Glenfield College is one of the last remaining Colleges on the North Shore to cater for these needs.

I have been living in Auckland over half my life now but I was born and educated in Wellington. I was heavily involved in sports in my senior years in College representing Wellington in both Netball, Swimming and Cricket. I currently work full time as a Projects and Operations Manager with a NZ owned company in fast moving consumer goods (FMCG). I have been with this company now fourteen years having worked my way from a Sales Representative to a Regional Manager to where I am today. Prior to this I had my own business in distribution, selling and marketing in Wellington. I have completed university papers in Economics, Accounting and Management and have managed over 102 staff at any one given time and sales of \$28 million. I am very familiar with management practices, strategic planning and interacting with a wide range of people and feel I can be of value to the school community.

Like all parents of students at Glenfield College, I want the best for our Whanau. I would be proud to stand as a parent representative on the Board of Trustees to assist the school community with supporting students, parents and the staff of the College.

## **McNab Nicole**

My name is Nicole McNab and I currently have two children attending Glenfield College in Years 9 and 12. Both of my children have attended local schools starting at Marlborough primary then Glenfield Intermediate and I have been very involved in my children's education.

I am a firm believer that as a family my children will get out of school what we invest in them. I was a member of the Marlborough Primary Friends of the School from 2004-2013 and enjoyed my time helping to raise much needed funds for the school.

I am involved in the running of Glenfield Rugby Club and have been on the junior committee for the past six years and the senior committee for the past six months as the treasurer.

I work full-time as a Client Business Manager for a Sales and Merchandising Company based in Albany, it is a fabulous fast paced industry that I work in and no day is the same.

I also have a Diploma in Childbirth Education and teach antenatal classes for Parents Centre

NZ. I have an interest around sexual education and have used this to teach antenatal classes for a teen parent unit based at Henderson High School for teenagers that are expecting a baby.

I have a real passion for volunteering and believe that there is only so much we can achieve when we work alone but together we can achieve so much.

It would give me great pleasure to serve our local school community and I believe I have many skills that would add value to the current school board.

## **Vince, Mark**

Hi there My Name is Mark Vince, and I have a son Jack who has just started Glenfield College. I have previously served on Marlborough Primary School and would love the opportunity to represent you on the Board of Glenfield College. I have been married to my wonderful and understanding wife for 17 years. Currently I am working with Chorus as an NGA Provisioning Manager and are excited about looking at ways ICT can level the playing field for learning for everyone, both our students and also our community. To me it's not about using technology to replace our current learning, but using it to enhance.

Our Family has a long established relationship with Glenfield College. IF you look closely where the Flagpole is you will see a plaque in memory of my late Mother in law, and also my brother in law attended here in the 90's.

I'm a fan of seeing connectedness to our community as something we need to continue to embrace. Connecting with our community to ensure our students are contributing to making it better, whether with their learning or the contributions they make as representatives of Glenfield College.

If I am successful being elected, I will ensure we work to make Glenfield even greater and continue to build on its success for the future. One thing that stood out for me the first parent's night was knowing there was a certain perception about Glenfield College and it was easier to get people to other Schools. For me I take this as a challenge that we need to make it even more attractive to come to Glenfield because we achieve academic results and our school is supported by its extracurricular activities.

I look forward to serving you on the board.