



PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION TRIENNIAL 2022
There are 7 candidates and 6 vacancies.

Shailesh Kumar Singh



My name is Dr. Shailesh Singh. I am originally from India but now I call New Zealand my home. I have 2 lovely kids at the School Sophie Singh(year 5) and Robin Singh(year 1). As a profession I am a senior scientist at National institute water and Atmospheric Research(NIWA). I am also the current treasurer at WSSPTA.

After being associated with the school for the last 5 years I am motivated to contribute to school. I would like to bring some early science learning conversations to our kids.

Andy Dumbleton



My name is Andy Dumbleton, I am married to Pauline Dumbleton and we have two daughters, Millie who has just departed from Te Ara Koropiko West Spreydon and has started at South Intermediate this year and Jessica who is currently in year two at Te Ara Koropiko West

Spreydon School. We live on Mountfort Street and enjoy just being around the corner and able to walk to and from school. Both Pauline and I enjoy being part of our daughters educational journey and the new opportunities that Te Ara Koropiko West Spreydon provides.

I work for PGG Wrightson Seeds as the Annual Crop Plant Breeding Manager and responsible for the brassica, cereal and pea plant breeding programs for New Zealand. In addition to my day job, I am also involved with a family quarry business, producing concrete, roading and drainage aggregates for construction and agriculture. I hold a Bachelor of Agricultural Science with First Class Honours from Lincoln University and graduated from the Plant Breeding Academy from the University of California, Davis and have governance experience in both private and public businesses and crown research institutes. My day to day work colleagues range from digger and truck drivers to laboratory scientists to business managers and this range of interactions keeps me grounded and provides enjoyment in my work places.

Julia Mallett



Kia Ora,

I'm Julia, mother of Cooper and Henry, current students at Te Ara Koropiko West Spreydon School.

I have, up until this year, taught keyboard at our

school, and have loved to getting to know the students and their whanau, aiming to ignite a love of music and sense of belonging. I miss this work, and believe strongly that being involved with a school is incredibly important in developing and maintaining health, happy communities.

With 10+ years experience working with the disability sector, I feel passionately about inclusion, and bring a person-centred approach to both my work and everyday life. While recognising there will be much to learn as a Board member, I bring to the table a strong background working in recruitment and HR roles, and experience as both a committee member and chairperson of an arts organisation over several years. I am comfortable working with a diverse range of people to achieve great outcomes, and have a proven ability to deliver projects in an organised and efficient way.

Currently working part-time as a Careers advisor in a tertiary setting, I have the time to commit to a full term as a board member, and look forward to bringing my communication skills, curiosity, and empathetic attitude to ensuring that our school continues to go from strength to strength as we hold our students at our core.

I would relish the opportunity to become a Board member at Te Ara Koropiko West Spreydon School, contributing to the school's success not only now, but into the future!

Te Ao Marama Apiata

I have lived in Ōtautahi for the past 25 years and have lived in Spreydon for the past 15 years. I have really enjoyed the whānau nature of the community. To watch familiar faces walking around the neighborhood brings a sense of connection for me. I am passionate about development and supporting people to find their own pathways to their wawata, aspirations. I currently tutor Te Reo Māori at Ara, I support tirohanga Māori to be embedded into best practice for the Sustainability programs and Allied Health Programs and I support whānau Māori with their hauora. I also contract to Leadership Lab NZ and our purpose is to support the emergence of flourishing organisations and communities. My wife Hera works locally at Kingdom Resources supporting wāhine to gain confidence so that they can re-enter the workforce. We have Matai who is our amazing (no bias at all) tama who currently is in his second year at Te Ara Koropiko.



Miriam Marshall

Kia ora, my name is Miriam. Our whanau live in this hood and we love the thought of getting involved with TAKWSS. Over the past few years we've been involved in pool working bees and planting days, as well as enjoying wider school and community events. Our eldest child is due to start school at TAKWSS early next year - he's excited!

I've been involved with the school board over the past 4 months as a co-opted member, and am standing for election as I am keen to continue working alongside the great team you currently have.

I am passionate about helping form a strong community around our school. Strong relationships mean strong communities! I want our school to continue be a place of support and challenge for all tamariki and whanau. I love the idea that schools are a central part of a community and am excited about being a part of the next chapter at TAKWSS. I'm a secondary teacher (pre-kids) and am committed to great education practices based on research.

I love the outdoors - tramping, alpine, cycling, climbing - and especially love enabling others to come along and challenge themselves also.

Abbey Parsons

As Presiding member for the past 3 year term I have been involved in some exciting changes and developments at school including our new build and landscaping. Alongside the Senior Leadership team we have also navigated a move from and back to the site, a pandemic and numerous other twists and turns that are all part of the governance journey in a school.

I whakapapa to Ngati Whatua and Nga Puhi and have enjoyed learning more about te ao Maori and using



more te reo maori during my time on the Board. If elected, I'd love to continue the work the board has begun around creating an environment for all our tamariki to feel they belong, have purpose and can achieve full potential and dream big for the future of Te Ara Koropiko.

I have a Year 4 child at school and a Year 7 child at Hillmorton High School. I have had my own Pilates Studio for 14 years and train Pilates teachers for an International pilates company, all of which I couldn't do without the support of my husband Chris.

Rosa Wakefield

I have been serving on the Board as an appointed member since December and am keen to continue to serve the school in a governance capacity. I am passionate about ensuring all our ākonga have equitable access to education, and ensuring we do the best with the resources we have. I believe Te Tiriti should be at the core of our charter and everything we do.

