

## **Greg Wilson – Candidate Statement**

As a parent, I am keen for all children to get the best education possible. We are blessed at Pyes Pa School to have a great setting in which our children can learn and grow.

My employment with the Regional Council has a significant focus on the Bay of Plenty community: educating communities on how they can co-exist with the natural and man-made environments whilst minimizing their exposure to hazards, and ensuring local government authorities, together with communities, make preparations to withstand the impacts of natural and other hazards. The vision is to achieve a Resilient Bay of Plenty: communities understanding and managing their risks.

Our children also need to be resilient. A sound education will better equip them to thrive and progress in the modern world, reach their potential and cope with the many challenges they will face. Education is about more than the basic facts and academic achievement. Social responsibility and respect are two vital aspects that one generation has the responsibility to instill in the next.

If elected to the Board of Trustees, I would welcome the opportunity to work with the school leadership and other trustees to help shape the direction Pyes Pa School takes into the future. I have an open mind on how things are to be achieved, but am focused on achieving agreed outcomes.

Greg Wilson  
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