

Maria Meehan



My name is Maria Meehan and I am standing for re-election on the Pyes Pa School Board of Trustees. I have been on the Board for the past three years and am currently the board chairperson. I have held this position for this last year.

During my time on the board, I have been involved actively on the personnel committee, the finance committee and principal appraisal.

The role of the board within the school is a governance role. Pyes Pa School has had a cohesive board for the past three years, with our number one goal being to raise student achievement, whilst also ensuring we meet Ministry of Education guidelines in Property, Finance, Personnel, Policies and Procedures. We have been involved with ERO, the implementation of the New Curriculum and the National Standards and we work closely with the Principal and staff to achieve these goals.

I am passionate about being involved in children's education and the rural setting of Pyes Pa School and its community is a great environment for raising our children. I have been involved with the school since my children started, and was involved with the PTA prior to being elected on the board. The support from the community has always been active and strong and I am proud to be part of it.

On a personal level, I have lived in Pyes Pa on a lifestyle block for the past 13 years with my partner Terence Wood - Our three children are all at Pyes Pa School - George - 11, Charlie - 10 and Oscar - 8. Raising three boys has kept us on our toes and we have a busy and active household.

I am Quality Manager for a local, innovative horticulture company - Bloomz. My main role is employment, quality management, and working with overseas clients. I enjoy this job and there is always a new challenge. I have travelled extensively on my OE and have been fortunate to work in different countries and experience different cultures.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my large extended family, the beach, book club, socialising and cooking for my friends - especially hot and spicy curries.