

**2019**  
**Board of Trustees Election**  
**Candidates Statements**



**ROYAL OAK**  
**INTERMEDIATE**  
**KA RERE - TO FLY**

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## Dr Andrea Green

Kia ora koutou. I am excited to stand in this year's BoT election. My partner Nisi 'One'one and I have a daughter Madeleine in Year 7 and four younger kids who will come to ROI over the next ten years. We are just starting to get our heads around how things work here and have been really impressed with many things, especially the commitment of the teachers to providing such a huge range of opportunities for our kids. I would like to be a part of the school's on-going development in the hope that it can continue striving to meet the needs of the kids and community it serves. I believe that the best way to do this is by building strong connections between school, family, community and culture.



As well as being a mum I am a clinical psychologist with 20 years' experience working in child and youth mental health. Because of this I have a lot of knowledge about the challenges that young people are likely to face and ways of addressing these. I work with schools across Auckland to promote students' mental health and so have a really good understanding of available supports and resources and how systems work together.

My current work role is a senior leadership one and I have undertaken specific leadership and governance training. I have previously been a member of two boards in the health and disability sector and am currently a member of several governance and statutory groups within the health and child protection areas.

I am passionate about working for positive futures for the kids in our community and education is a big part of that. I would be really grateful for the chance to contribute to the leadership of ROI.

Malo e 'ofa moe tokoni.



### Holger Heinzl

Holger has two children, both currently in primary school. The older one will be attending Royal Oak Intermediate from next year on. Holger is a mechanical engineer and has a strong background in industrial research, higher education and project management. His involvement in automation and industry 4.0 activities are a constant reminder for him how quickly the world is changing and with it the skills required to succeed. He strongly believes, that good education and emotional resilience are the foundation that will allow our children to pursue and realize their dreams.

In his private time, Holger enjoys cooking, playing soccer at the local club and tinkering in his shed.

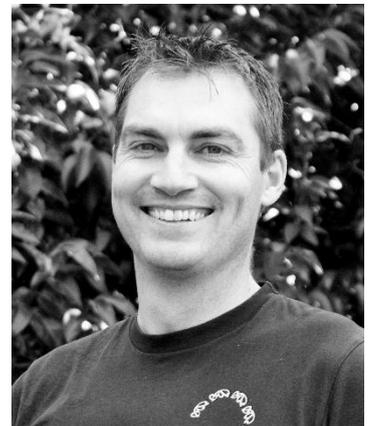
As a trustee of the school, he will play an active role in guiding Royal Oak Intermediate on its journey in delivering high-quality education for all our tamariki regardless of cultural, social or economic background.

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### Sam Kilpatrick

My Name is Sam Kilpatrick and I am standing for the Royal Oak Intermediate School Board. My wife and I have three children and our eldest will begin at Royal Oak Intermediate next year. As a family, we have lived in the area for over 6 years and are passionate about our local community and the rich diversity of people within our schools. My wife is a trained primary teacher and is currently working part-time at Oranga School.

I have worked in tertiary education for the last 10 years where I have taught, mentored, and trained people for youth focussed roles in churches and other not-for-profit organisations. My work has involved course design, curriculum development, and various teaching modes and methods. I have also served in governance roles for several other organisations, and I hope this experience will add value to the Royal Oak Intermediate Board.



Education is a passion of mine and I love seeing people of all ages grow and develop through their learning, but I especially love seeing young people inspired, challenged, and supported to achieve their potential – to fly!

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### Sito Lino

Malo e lelei & Greetings, my name is Sita Lino and I am an ex- student of Royal Oak Intermediate which was known as Manukau Intermediate School when I attended. I have had 2 out of my 5 children attend Royal Oak Intermediate. One is currently attending One Tree Hill College year 12. The one currently attending ROI is Chery Lino Year 8 in Room 9.

I have been a previous Board of Trustees member at Oranga Primary School and have had the privilege to work alongside school staff, students, parents and the wider community. I was the Primary President for our Ward with the religion I belong too, which overlooked 100 plus Children ages 18months to 11 years of age, including 2 counsellors, a secretary, a music leader and 10 teachers. I am now the Stake Primary 1st Counsellor which overlooks 8 different wards at the same age levels and Presidents, counsellors, secretary, teachers & music leaders.

As you can see I have a passion to work with children, staff, parents, the wider community and different cultures.

It would be a great opportunity to represent our families and be there voice, as we see our children grow academically and through all opportunities at school, sports, arts, music etc.

Malo Aupito & Thank you for your time.

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## Brenda Rockell

Tēnā koutou katoa. I am an Aucklander whose ancestral roots go back to Scotland, England, Ireland, France and Taranaki (Ngāti Mutunga.) I have lived twice in Royal Oak - firstly in the late '90s when I was teaching English and Drama at Onehunga High School, and again since 2017, when I returned as the Vicar of St John's Anglican Church (next to Pak'n'Save.) I am married to Andrew and we have two girls: Emerson who is in year 7 here at ROI and Maddie who is in year 4 at Royal Oak Primary.

I am passionate about education and about local neighbourhoods. I believe that our teachers and principal do an amazing job and deserve strong advocacy and support. I want to be part of a team that enables and encourages them to flourish. Schools also have a vital role to play in bringing communities together. Royal Oak Intermediate has a rich cultural life, which makes it ideally placed to nurture connection and whanaungatanga between the diverse communities represented by the school's students. I am standing for the Board because I want to help tell a strong and attractive story about our school in our local area, particularly in those parts of the zone where ROI is not yet parents' first choice.

The skills and experience I offer include a background in teaching, which gives me some understanding of school life and the daily experience of the classroom. Also, in my role as a church minister I have spent the past 15 years chairing the governance and leadership teams of the churches I have served, which includes managing staff and property, budgets and financial reporting, planning, constitutions, health & safety and community engagement. Between being a teacher and a minister, I worked in administration in the executive office of AUT, so I have some awareness of strategic planning and policy formation and review.

When I was training to be a teacher, my curriculum group would often sing this waiata. It represents my heart for the school and all its students and teachers:

**E tū kahikatea**

**Hei whakapae ururoa**

**Awhi mai awhi atu**

**Tātou tātou e**

*Stand like the kahikatea tree*

*To brave the storms*

*Embrace and receive each other*

*We are one together*

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## Owen Sinclair

Tena Koe

Ko Ngatokimatawhaorua Te Waka

Ko Manukau Te Awa

Ko Orowhana Te Maunga

Ko Te Rarawa te Iwi

Ko Owen Sinclair tōku ingoa

My Name is Owen James Sinclair I have been nominated to stand for election to the Board of Trustees at Royal Oak Intermediate School.

I am the father of James who is in year 7. My youngest daughter Lucy is in year 4 at Royal oak primary.

I am currently the chair of the Board of Royal Oak primary and have been on that Board for 6 years. Therefore I have experience providing effective governance in the school setting. I have been proud of what I have achieved at Royal Oak primary. As a board member and chair I was able to make meaningful relationships with staff and support them to achieve high quality outcomes.

I am General Paediatrician working full time at Waitakere hospital. I am also qualified as a Paediatric Emergency Medicine Specialist. In my current position I am a true generalist caring for children from birth till aged 15 in both acute inpatient and outpatient settings. In my job I am expected to be an expert on all aspects of childhood development, learning and education. I also have significant experience in the assessment and wrap around care for children with any sort of medical, social or developmental need. This includes liaising with schools and the Ministry of Education. I have knowledge about the organisational support systems that are available to children in New Zealand.

My Iwi is Te Rarawa and I am a member of Te Ora the Maori Medical Practitioners association. I have completed research into ethnic inequalities in Health In New Zealand and I Lecture on ethnic inequalities in health at the University of Auckland.

Although the main focus of my life is my family, I integrate them into my other interests. These include fishing, gardening, cooking and maintenance of a classic car. I coach James and Lucys sports teams. My wife is a consultant anaesthetist at Middlemore hospital.

If elected I will use my skills and experience to provide effective governance to help this already high performing school focusing on high quality outcomes for our Tamariki.

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## Rebekah Wardrop

It's been an honor to serve Royal Oak Intermediate as a parent trustee on the Board of Trustees for the last three years.

During this time, I have learnt about the very important and necessary vital voice that we have as parents, in regard to how a school can be the kind of place that provides an environment where our children can flourish and grow in their potential.

The kind of place that sees a dedication to equipping, providing and preparing our children for the future they are stepping into now. Where they can receive the best care and guidance from dedicated highly professional team of teachers. Where there is the whanaungatanga, kotahitanga and manaakitanga required as optimum experiences of the learning process.

Ko Rebekah taku ingoa, ko Ngati Whatua, Nga Puhi, Te Roroa.

My background is in the Creative Arts Industry. As an educator/tutor in Design Thinking, Curriculum writing for various Art programmes and workshops in Creative Thinking and Innovation. I have a Masters in Art and Design from Auckland University of Technology specializing in Te Ao Maori Design and the relationship of Papakainga, whakapapa that are the intrinsic part of kowhaiwhai, whakaaro and whare nui.

The learning space is always about the elements, the Taura Hinengaro (the environment of the mind and the structures that support it) the wairua and mauriora, the essence and shaping of the spirit of a place and the people who occupy and form the wananga, the place of learning.

We all have an important part to play and that is why I would love to be considered to represent our akonga, and matua, for another 3yr term, to continue to steer the waka in alignment with what brings the kind of results of achievement and success they deserve.

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## George Woodward

I have three children, Sadie in Year 9 (having attended ROI for her intermediate years), Elsie in Year 7 at ROI and Freddie who is in Year 5.

I have a tremendous passion for our local schools and the local community as a whole. I think there is a fantastic variety of people from all walks of life, who all add to the wonderful fabric that is the local community.

I have been on the ROI Board for the last three years and have been the Chairperson for the past 18 months. I was also on the Onehunga Primary School Board for the last six years.

I have many years of experience in law, finance and business. I am currently the Chief Financial Officer of a software company.

I have always tried to make a positive contribution wherever I can. I play and I also coach a team of teenage girls at the local football club.

It has been an absolute privilege to represent the parents of the ROI community over the past three years and to be able to play a part in such an important facet of our children's lives. I would relish the opportunity to continue to use my knowledge and enthusiasm to serve the kids and parents of the ROI community for the next three years.

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