



Elmgrove School Board of Trustees Nominees 2022 Election



Nikola Webster

Hi I'm Nikola Webster. I currently have two children who attend Elmgrove, Fletcher 10 and Hugo 8. I work part time as an accountant at Yardley Lo and Associates as well as doing the administration for my husband's building company and running our small gym.

I have had the pleasure of being an active board member at Elmgrove for the past 5 years, holding the role of board chair for the past 3 years. I have really enjoyed the whole experience and believe I have more to contribute. My finance background along with my open mindedness are great tools to ensure I can help the school move in the right direction. I would love to continue serving as a member and represent the school community once more.



Gemma Jenkins

It's been a busy few years at Elmgrove, with the creation of some great new spaces for the kids in our school, and managing the challenges Covid has thrown our way.

I've been on the Elmgrove Board of Trustees for the last three years and have really enjoyed being part of this team. Among other activities, I've been responsible for policy updates, and have really enjoyed being involved in ensuring all students are achieving and reaching their potential, and, importantly, enhancing the focus on wellbeing in the school.

My husband Chris and I have two children at Elmgrove - Lucy who is in the Kowhai Hub and Heidi who is in the Matai Hub. Outside of school and family life, I work for Beef + Lamb New Zealand as their Genetics Programme Manager.

I believe that in Elmgrove we have a great school - a hard working and quality team of teachers, support staff, fundraising committee and engaged school community. The school has lots of exciting projects coming up and it would be a privilege to serve another term on the board.



Jared Campbell

Hi, I'm Jared Campbell, a financial adviser for Dunedin firm Polson Higgs Wealth Management. I have pretty much always lived in Mosgiel and attended Elmgrove (then Mosgiel West) before heading off to Taieri College and university.

My wife, Anna, and I have two children at Elmgrove, Heidi (year 3) and Cooper (year 1).

I have just completed my first 3-year term on the Elmgrove Board of Trustees and have found the role very rewarding with a number of property projects completed around the school amid the added challenge of the large Covid interruption. Serving on the Elmgrove School board of trustees is a great privilege and I am looking forward to hopefully being re-elected.



Kimberlee Wallace

Tena koutou katoa/ Tafola lava/ Greetings

My name is Kimberlee Wallace and I am excited about having a nomination to forward for the Elmgrove school board.

I have only been residing in Mosgiel since November 2021 having relocated from Christchurch. I find Mosgiel a great place to bring up a family and really like the community feel here. Spoilt for choice with school selection in the area, I chose Elmgrove because of the school values and the size of the role. I also thought the option for children to have an insight into scripture for two terms a year if the family was interested is great as it aligns with my own upbringing and worldview.

I enrolled my eldest daughter Mckenzee into year two last year and this month I have my son Marco starting in year one. I have been impressed with the communication I receive from the school and the children's Hub. As a mother, I like to be involved in my children's learning and opportunities for their development, which is the main drive for me wanting to be more involved with having a voice for parents on the school board. I am an honest person with high integrity and have the courage to have a difficult conversation or challenge something when it is not working.

I work full time as a public servant and are dedicated to empowering community lead initiatives. I am always organised and thrive on juggling priorities on a day-to-day basis. If given the opportunity to represent the parent voice, then I will ensure I prioritise my attendance for meetings and obligations for the role. I am approachable and non-judgemental. I look forward to meeting other parents and teachers within the Elmgrove school community.



Aaron Whitley

Hi, I'm Aaron Whitley. My wife, Susie and I have five boys together - Zac, Flynn, Sam, and Jake who attend Taieri College, and Joel who is in Year 3 at Elmgrove School. We seem to be known in Mosgiel as the 'family with five boys!' Susie and I both grew up in South Otago and have settled in Mosgiel after being absent for several years for travel and work, to be closer to family.

I currently work as a helicopter pilot and hold the role of Chief Flying Instructor/Training Manager for Helicopters Otago. Development of standards, training programmes, and compliance with the regulating body are a key part of this role.

I was co-opted onto the Elmgrove Board of Trustees towards the end of 2021 at a time when Elmgrove was managing several property projects and dealing with the challenge of Covid. I have enjoyed and valued the opportunity to serve on the Board. I hope to be re-elected to serve a full term as I still have more to offer.



Rebecca Shepherd

Our son is currently in Year 2 at Elmgrove School and now that our family has settled into school life I am interested in being involved with the decision-making and direction of the school. Our daughter will also attend Elmgrove so it makes sense for our family to be involved early and I feel I have something to offer.

I am a veterinarian and have been involved with the Veterinary association on and off over the years and sat on animal ethics committees during my vet career. I have also spent time in the pharmaceutical industry, working with regulatory and marketing groups. I have also been involved with plenty of different community groups and clubs at many different levels through my role as a vet and through our family activities, including organisation and planning of events and fundraising.

I think I am an open and honest person with good communication skills and experience working with different teams and groups. My hope is that I could be involved with the shaping of the school and how it caters for our Mosgiel community. During our short time attending the school it is clear that the school community is diverse and I can see that a lot of effort must go into making sure the children from all these different backgrounds have an equal chance to succeed at school and I would like to be involved with this.



Catriona Brimble

Hi, I am Catriona Brimble, mum to Scarlett & Harper who attend Elmgrove; and I want to join the board to get involved in the improvement of our school so that our kids have more opportunities to excel in all areas of school life - wellbeing, learning, collaboration and achievement. I have a varied corporate background with a particular interest in project management and governance and I would love the opportunity to be a parent representative on the Elmgrove Board of Trustees.



Thank you for the opportunity to apply for a seat on the 2022 Elmgrove School Board as a Parent Representative.

I am a proud mother of 3 young children (2 of which currently attend Elmgrove School). I am a Registered Children's Nurse with years of experience in Paediatrics, Neonatal and Paediatric Intensive Care areas, Community Care Management and enjoy my current role of providing Family Support Services to children and families living with Congenital Heart Defects in Otago.

Throughout my career in health, I have had several management, leadership and innovation opportunities/experiences and am a lifelong learner.

I am passionate about children's health and have a keen interest in child brain development, emotional wellbeing, health and safety, family centered care, education and support - to foster healthy family relationships and environments - empowering children and their whanau.

I believe that quality education and open, clear, inclusive communication channels between school staff and parents (fostering partnerships) are a key part in helping our children be the best that they can be.

It would be a privilege to be a representative for parents and give a voice to concerns or issues - assisting in creating improvements or make changes (as appropriate and required) to improve aspects within Elmgrove School that benefit our children and their whanau.

