

MARINA VIEW SCHOOL

Board of Trustees

Candidate Profiles

for the election of FIVE (5) Trustees

BACON, David

My name is David Bacon. I am married to Victoria and we have three children, two of which are currently at Marina View Primary. Daniel is in Year 4 with Mrs Anand and Anna is in Mrs Broadhurst's Year 2 class. Liam is creating havoc at home prior to joining his older brother and sister at school in a few years time.

I have been involved with Marina View Primary in a parental role, attending school camp, assemblies, family fun nights and athletic and cross country days. I believe a good school needs to be supported by motivated parents who are interested in supporting teachers in providing the best education we can deliver to our children. Our school is well managed and requires ongoing support from an active board to continue its excellent work!

I have a background in aviation having completed twenty years service in the Royal New Zealand Air Force and time with Air New Zealand in management roles. I am a practical person who enjoys having a laugh while getting the job done properly. I understand how government departments function and the importance of effective communication between interested groups.

Marina View Primary is a great school and I firmly believe in the educational, social and cultural environment it provides. I believe our students move on to their new schools well prepared both academically and socially.

I would like to contribute more to the management of our school as a parent representative on the next school board and would value your support!

BLAXALL, Keryn

I am asking for your vote as a Parent Representative for the BOT at Marina View School.

I am married to Darren and together we have a blended family. Our two eldest children; Blaide 17, Ayla 16 both attended MVS from 2000 to 2009 and Cameron aged 7 is currently Year 3 at MVS.

I have lived in West Harbour for the last 20 years and have enjoyed seeing the community and Marina View School develop and grow during this time. Since 2006 I have been an active member of the MVS PTA and I am currently the Secretary which I enjoy. Being active in the PTA gives me the opportunity to be that much closer to how the school operates. Also, for me it is important to play some part in helping to make decisions on how we fundraise to provide a balance of necessities and "nice to haves" for our children to enjoy, and enhance their learning during their time at school.

My working career started at Feltex Carpets; were I was employed for 10 years. After that I joined the

FMCG industry and I have remained in this industry over the last 15 years. I have worked for some well known companies in that time such as Reckitt & Colman (now Reckitt Benckiser), that was another 10 year stint, Griffin's and Tommee Tippee. For the last 18 months I have been employed with Goodman Fielder in Grocery Sales.

The best role in my working career was four years at home after having Cameron. During this time was when I got involved in the Marina View School PTA. As much as I enjoyed my time at home, I have a drive to succeed both professionally and personally. I believe my commercial experience, negotiation skills, contacts I have made in my working career and passion to ensure all of our children at MVS can learn and thrive in the right environment, is a benefit to the BOT and the school.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement. If you vote for me I will certainly ensure my commitment to our school and the community.

FRENCH, Lani

BSW, Social Policy, Mstr. Public Policy

Hi, I am Lani French, I am a local resident of Marina View for 17 years, of Ngati Kahungunu descent, and I am putting my hand up for re-election to the Board of Trustees, having served on the current Board.

I have been in the Marina View family for many years, my two eldest sons, Tenani (24) and Taylor (21), have both gone through Marina View School, and now our youngest Kaia is currently a Year 4. So we are very familiar with the school its culture and the parents and community. My role has been very positive and I have developed a strong relationship with the staff and ensured, with the help of the BOT Staff Representative, that communication and relationships are open and positive. I was part of the selection panel in 2012 for our new Deputy Principal – this was very rewarding, and I would like to continue developing these relationships within a role on the Board of Trustees.

My husband and I have, and still do, coach and manage sports teams for the school, we are involved in parent days and volunteer to help out wherever we can. My professional background has always been working with young people and their communities, from health and mental health, to sport and not for profit organizations. I currently work full time as a strategic relationships manager for a youth not for profit, where I work with over 20 Boards of Trustees nationally, primarily on Board development and strategic governance. I manage the national relationships with local and central Government and with the business community.

I believe I still have a lot to offer the Board of Trustees at Marina View School, and I believe I can represent a strong parental view on the Board.

Lani French

HARKIN, Neil

Hello, Kia Ora, Annyong Hesayo, Nni hao, Namaste, Talofa, Ni Sa Bula, Buenos Dias, Goedendag,

My name is Neil Harkin.

I am a current member on the Board of trustees at Marina View School. I have had two terms serving on the school board and enjoy the interaction with the school management team and other board members.

A little about myself, I was formerly a Police officer for 14 years and a travel agent for 10 years. I am currently in business with my wife Lisa, with a Corporate Cabs franchise. We have lived in the area for 23 years. I have been associated with Marina View School since 2002 when my eldest daughter, Anna started and then Kate in 2004. I still have one daughter (Rosa Y7) attending and wish to take an active part in the progress of the school.

Marina View School is a wonderful school to be associated with. The senior management team and staff interact well with the children in encouraging good learning ethics. The school embarks on forward thinking initiatives in learning skills and IT structures as well as fun and practical term topics.

The current Board and senior management team are working well together. During my time on the board I have been looking after the property portfolio. I believe the school has gone ahead and completed some major projects such as the Gymnasium and rebuild of the junior block and Library IT building with a great amount of dedication and hard work from the teachers over and above their normal duties. The teachers as well as the students have coped well with these changes and I hope they are proud of the improvements that have been made.

I wish to be a part of BOT taking Marina View School going forward in educating your children.

Regards,

Neil Harkin

MOE, Nataleigh

As a parent of both a past and a current Marina View student, I have been in the school community for a number of years.

Currently employed as a Customer Service Manager for a Printing Manufacturing company in Avondale, I also have experience Accounts and Administration.

With education being top priority along with positive family values, hard work, determination and the hunger to succeed in whatever it is that we do being the core foundation of my family, this is the attitude that I will bring to the Board of Trustees.

Empowering our children through independence and responsibility in education, personal aspirations and basic day to day management of their lives, I believe is the best preparation for a successful and positive future.

Being an active parent representative in a few of our local sports clubs and also a dance school, it is clear that there always needs to be that one person who is acting on behalf of the Mums!

As Mothers we only want the best for our children and for them to be surrounded by positive environments. Should I be elected onto the Board of Trustees for the next term, I will be this voice. Your voice!

TAUA, Steve

I would like to reapply for a position on the Board of Trustees, at Marina View School. I have a lot to offer the school, your children and our community. I have been associated with the school for the past 21 years, having had 2 children previously attend Marina View School and my youngest daughter is currently in attendance. Over that time I have enjoyed many experiences and interactions at the school. I have attended school camps, trips and assisted with activities such as sports days and putting down a hangi. I am currently a member of the Board of Trustees and am enjoying supporting the school in this role.

I have been a home owner in West harbour for the past 30 years, hence my close interest in watching Marina View School being built, then develop and grow into the amazing school that it is.

I have strong community involvement and support with my extended whanau being West Harbour residents. I also have very strong cultural ties to West Harbour being of Te Kawerau au Maki (Mana Whenua), of which my father is the Chairperson and myself an original board member.

I would like to assure Marina View School parents and the wider school community, that should my application be successful, I will continue to support, lead and add my own experiences, knowledge and passion so that the children in this school will continue to get the best possible education.