

Trustee Profiles

Suzi Taylor (Parent Representative) Chairperson



Hi I'm Suzi and my husband Angus and I have two children, Charlie and Molly who went through Karoro School and are now attending Greymouth High School. Originally from Christchurch, my family and I have lived on the West Coast for 16 years and I am passionate about our area and can't think of a better place to be raising a family. I currently am the Executive Officer for the Life Education Trust West Coast and also work on a national level for Life Education New Zealand. My work with Life Ed means I am actively involved in the community and am passionate about the health and wellbeing of our

tamariki and rangatahi. Prior to having children my background is in human resources and overall Operations Management. Over the years I have also held many voluntary positions in NGOs such as Plunket and the MS Parkinsons Society and I have a long history with Karoro School having been the lead organiser for upgrading our school pool, playground matting and also leading the PTA for many years. I am proud to belong to a school that supports and partners learning with life skills, knowledge, confidence and commitment to become effective lifelong learners, and I believe our children are very lucky to attend such an excellent school.

Margot van Mulligen (Parent Representative)



Kia ora koutou, my name is Margot van Mulligen and this is my first term on the Board of Trustees at Karoro School. I am married to Mai-lin and, together with their Dad Andy, we are raising our two tamariki, Maddy (year 6) and Liam (year 5). I feel very fortunate to have called Mawhera/Greymouth my home for the last 16 years, after moving here from the Netherlands. I have been on the school PTA for several years and am very passionate about serving the community we live in. As a Board member, my priority is always focussed on the health, happiness, success and wellbeing of our tamariki/rangatahi. I believe their achievement is a shared responsibility between the school and parents alike. As an Associate

Director in the health service, I bring a wide and varied set of skills, knowledge and experiences to the Board. And, just like our students, I consider myself a life-long learner. I am currently learning Te Reo Māori and am working towards a Master in Health Science. At Karoro school, we are very fortunate to have a wonderful principal and teaching staff; I see our role as a Board as supporting them to help each and every child reach their full potential and be the best that they can be. "Poipoia te kakano kia puawai" - Nurture the seed and it will blossom -

Lisa Casey (Parent Representative)



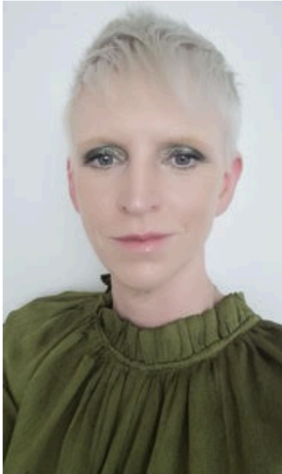
Hi, I'm Lisa and have been on the Karoro School Board since 2019. My husband Tim and I have 2 children at Karoro School, Molly in year 6 and Lachie in year 4. Since our children started school I have enjoyed involving myself within the school community, firstly via the PTA and then through to my current governance role with the Board.

Professionally, I manage a portfolio of Rural Banking clients which, along with my past 18 years in the banking sector, has allowed me to develop a variety of skills around communication and management.

As you probably already know, we have a fantastic school community, talented & passionate teachers and strong leadership. I want to help ensure these great things remain, but also ensure we continue to challenge what we do to allow our children to become independent, life-long learners.

They say that it takes a village to raise a child, well I believe we have a fantastic village!

Amber Gilshnan (Parent Representative)



My name is Amber Gilshnan and I joined the Karoro BOT in 2022. I grew up in the Lake District in England and studied in London. In 2006 I came to work in Greymouth for 3 weeks and never left. I fell in love with the people, community, lifestyle and scenery.

My husband was a Karoro school boy so from the moment our 2 girls were born we knew where we wanted them to start their school journey. Both now attend the school and are loving the school culture and learning environment.

I am passionate about education and believe that all children deserve to be given the tools and skills to succeed in life.

I joined the board as I wanted to be part of supporting the amazing staff and students to continue the traditions of our high performing school, while also looking for ways to improve and innovate how we teach the next generation.

Outside of the school gates and BOT you will find me at the local vet clinic, where I have worked since 2006, servicing the other family children.

Patrick Boot (Parent Representative)



Kia ora, my name is Patrick Boot, I sit on the Karoro School Board of Trustees as a parent

Representative. Together with my wife Renee we have three young children. Blake and Amelia are currently at Karoro and Fergus will be coming along in no time at all. We have been on the coast for most of our lives and are committed to doing the best we can to support our community.

I work as an engineer for Fulton Hogan locally. I have managed an operations team for several years and more recently I spend my time managing the planning and funding for state highway infrastructure.

During the summer months, with lots of help from some awesome parents, Renee and I run the Greymouth Junior Athletics Club.

We have a great school community at Karoro and I want to do what I can to support it. I will use my skills to support the school leadership through effective governance. I will do my part to ensure the parents will have a voice within the school and I will always act in the best interest of the school. We have a great thing going at Karoro. Working together we can continue to achieve great outcomes for our children.