

SOLOMONS, Alessandra



My name is Alessandra, and I am running for a seat on the school board because I believe it is a great way to give back to our school community.

As a parent myself, with my son currently in year 2, I understand the importance of fostering a safe and inclusive environment where every student can thrive. I am deeply committed to ensuring that all children receive the high-quality education they deserve.

Currently, I work part-time as an administrator at the University of Canterbury.

If elected, I pledge to dedicate myself fully to this role. I am eager to collaborate with fellow board members to enhance the educational experience and opportunities for all students.

LIU, Bor Chau (Shawn)



Kia ora, my name is Shawn Liu and I am a proud parent of two boys who attend Emmanuel Christian School. I have been a member of the school community for over five years and I have served as a volunteer for various school activities and programs. I am passionate about maintaining a high-quality Biblically-based Christian education for our children and I believe that the school board plays a vital role in ensuring that the ECS spirit and values are upheld and implemented. I am currently a 2nd year Theology student studying full-time in Laidlaw College and serving on staff at St Timothy's Anglican Church as a pastor for multi-ethnic ministry.

I am running for the position of a parent representative on the school board because I want to contribute my skills and experience to the governance and strategic direction of the school. I have the ability to work collaboratively with other board members, staff, parents, and stakeholders to make informed and responsible decisions that benefit the school and its students. I am committed to serving the school with integrity, excellence, and compassion and I would appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming election. Thank you for your

consideration. Ngā mihi nui, 谢谢, Obrigado, Gracias, Salamat,

Dankie, Fa'afetai, 감사합니다, Terima kasih. (Apologies, these are just the ones I know)

VAN DER HORST, Tjeerd Izaak



Hi,

I am TJ. I have been married to my lovely wife, Miriam for 22 years, and we have three kids. Elijah (16), Eva (14) and Esther (13). All three have been at ECS, with Esther currently in year 9. I moved to New Zealand in 1992 with my parents and sister from the Netherlands. Although Dutch in blood, I am a Kiwi at heart.

I am a professing member of The Reformed Church of Dovedale and have been there for 17 plus years I am actively involved with Cadets and Gems as a Councillor for the oldest boys cadre.

My life has not been without its challenges, having strayed away from my family and responsibilities over 10 years ago. God's Grace and through the prayer and persistence of Godly brothers and Sisters in Christ, God worked mightily in my heart, life, and those around me. God moved me through the Holy Spirit to turn away from my old ways, and have been accepted back by my wife, family and church, and I am in good standing there.

I am happy to talk further about this in person and to the testimony of how God works in mysterious ways and how HE can move mountains! On weekends, you will find me doing a bunch of DIY stuff (after my chores :-), having built various things outside (deck, sauna, shower, outdoor table etc) and inside (shelves, beds, more shelves...), and church on Sundays. Miriam and I enjoy hosting people for a solid barbeque.

This position is not one I put my hand up for lightly. I consider it a

privilege and great responsibility to be a part of a board and school that has and continues to positively influence our children's lives through solid teaching and even 'solider' biblical principles.

I bring a solid conviction of God First, a business and accounting background (currently an Account Manager for Kilimanjaro Consulting), and some poorly timed, cringe-worthy dad jokes.

I look forward to serving you as a parent member on the Board if elected.

DEMPSEY, Toni



My name is Toni Dempsey and I am standing for the Emmanuel Christian School (ECS) School Board. My husband and I have two young daughters at ECS. I believe in providing quality education in a Christ-centered environment for our children.

I am a property lawyer at a local law firm, and am running for the school board because I love this school and I want to help it continue to succeed.

As a Mum, I have seen how ECS has helped my daughters learn and thrive. They have grown academically, spiritually, and socially under the guidance of dedicated ECS teachers and staff. ECS reminds me of my own primary school (Faith Academy), and I am grateful that my daughters have that same opportunity to attend a school that nurtures their faith and provides a firm foundation for the future.

Thanks.

SHENODA, Joy



My Name is Joy Shenoda and I am standing for the ECS school board. I am married to Peter, and we have three children, two of which attend ECS, Zachary (K3), Jacob (K2) and Alora (preschool).

I have been a Christian for 17 years and my family and I attend Latimer church. I serve at church in various ways and on various committees and am part of the music team.

I enjoy networking with parents and teachers alike through Emmanuel and believe it to be paramount to understand the parent/ student/ teacher culture when presenting as a parent board member on the BOT's. I have a real passion for people and Christ and am excited about what this opportunity could mean to support our school to continue functioning to the Glory of God! I would champion the ongoing support of our teachers and community in an attempt to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to learn, grow and reach their full potential at ECS.

A couple of years ago, prior to becoming a full-time, stay at home mother, I had a career as a HR Manager. I see our family having a long future at ECS and would delight in the opportunity use my transferable skills along with my love for Jesus Christ to make positive pivots in the strategic direction and choices of the ECS board.

UYS, Henry



Kia ora, my name is Henry Uys and I'm standing for the Board of Trustees election for Emmanuel Christian School. I'm married to Cecilia and we have two boys, Jadon (8) and Daniel (5). Our youngest is year 1 at Emmanuel Christian School. My background is in the bicycle (retail) industry, where I've spent the last 15 years in various positions, mainly mechanic, workshop manager, assistant shop manager. I've recently changed my vocation and I am now working as a frame and truss fabricator with the goal of working towards becoming a frame and truss detailer. I believe that education starts at home and that the school is an extension of that. My heart is to support the wider community by building strong relationships and seeing Christ honoured and at the center/foundation of the school. Ensuring that children are offered what they need to succeed is essential. Education sets a child

up for their future and as a parent representative I will ensure that parents' hearts are understood and clearly communicated by applying critical thinking and teamwork to problem-solve the challenges we face in a changing world.

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HAREMA, Lucy



As a candidate for the Board of Trustees election, I bring a unique blend of experience in Education and Not-for-profit Trust Management. I am passionate about good governance and bring a range of strengths to the table. I am committed to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to succeed academically and more widely in all other aspects of their lives. I believe in implementing policies and procedures that support and empower both staff and student success. My Christian faith, which aligns with the special character of our school, is foundational to my values, and I will work to uphold these in all decision-making processes. With a whānau of three children, two currently at Emmanuel, I am deeply invested in creating a positive and thriving educational environment for all students. I humbly ask for your support in this important role.

Poipoiā te kākano kia puawai
Nurture the seed and it will grow