

Methven Primary School Board of Trustees Election

Candidate Statements

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Kia ora koutou

My name is Geoffrey Barr and I am wanting to join the board of trustee's at Methven Primary School.

I have four children, two of whom are still attending and one who starts in August this year.

I am committed to helping the community especially when it benefits the younger children of society. I have a passion and drive for helping people which is why I am currently an active member of Alford Forest Rural Fire Force and St John Ashburton.

I would love the opportunity to be involved in the committee where children's wellbeing is one of the main focuses. I believe that parents input into the school and other activities is important for actively involving all of the community in decisions that are made for the schools and children's welfare.

Yours sincerely

Geoffrey Barr



Tony Canning

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Hi, my name is Tony Canning and I would like your vote in the upcoming Board of Trustee elections for Methven Primary School.

I have three children at the school; Sean (Grade 6), Danny (Grade 3) and Isabella (Grade 1). Along with their brother at Mt Hutt college they are the most important thing in the world to me. In fact they are the only thing. If there is anything that I can do to help them with their school and their schooling then I'm in.

I am a Chartered Accountant by trade with +25 years experience in audit, tax and consulting. I have been fortunate enough to be employed by some of the biggest companies in the world (KPMG, Dell Computers) and have gained a good deal of world class financial management experience. I currently work as an International Tax Consultant and travel quite a bit but still feel that I have capacity and availability to contribute to the school board, particularly with the technological tools that we now have at our disposal.

Although I have not held a School board position previously I feel I know a lot about schools, this being our eighth and final one. Along with 'keeping the lights on' and providing the robust governance with sound financial management for the school, I would like to think that I can bring a few new ideas to the table to help improve the daily life of the kids. I will also be looking for ways to ease the financial burden faced by all parents.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Tony Canning



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I am married to Prue, we have 3 children, Juliet (9), Guy (7), Hugh (4), and we live & farm up the Rakaia Gorge where I grew up. Prior to farming I worked as a management accountant in Wellington for a meat processing and exporting company. I have also worked in similar roles overseas gaining experience in a range of public and private sectors. Last year I completed the Kellogg Rural Leadership program, and I have completed several other governance courses. I respectfully offer myself for re-election, for the past 18 months I have had the privilege of Chairing the Board.

I would like to continue being a parent representative on the board:

- To enable MPS to continue being innovative and lead the way so we can continue to attract and retain teachers of the highest quality.
- To ensure that our teachers are well resourced and supported allowing them to provide the highest quality education at all levels.
- Most importantly to ensure that all the children reach their potential with the best modern resources and facilities.

The school is at the heart of our community and for it to thrive we need to create policies that will deliver the above. I believe I can continue to assist the board to facilitate positive change and to strive for continued improvement at MPS.

Thanks for your consideration of my candidacy.



Cameron Glass

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I'm Cameron Glass and am standing for the Board of Trustees for Methven Primary School. My wife Liz and I have three children at Methven Primary, Matthew (Year 6), Logan (Year 4) and Emily (Year 1).

I grew up in Christchurch but spent a lot of weekends and school holidays on a family farm in Methven. Liz and I have been based in Methven for twelve years and enjoy everything the area and community has to offer.

After studying at Lincoln University, I have been working in the farming industry in different parts of NZ for over twenty years. Most of my time has been spent setting up and managing farming investments for a wide range of clients for FarmRight. I am also a Director on the FarmRight board and belong to the NZ Institute of Directors.

Outside of work Liz and I are involved in a dry stock and dairy farm in the foothills and I like to get involved with the kid's activities when I can. I enjoy playing squash and am the treasurer of the Methven club. I also enjoy skiing and biking at Mt Hutt.

I'm keen to stand for the Board of Trustees as I would like to get more involved in our community and Methven Primary School is a key part of this. I feel that my background in business management and governance would be useful in this role. I would approach this role with an open mind and a willingness to learn about the school and the education sector. Ultimately my goal would be to continue the stable governance that the school has benefited from to date and to help where I can.



Steve Judd

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My name is Steve Judd & I am standing for the MPS board of trustees for a second term.

I work in the rural banking sector & have clients across Mid Canterbury in farming types that include Arable, Dairy, & Beef.

I'm married to Michaela & we have three active boys, with one at MPS.

We have lived in Methven for 13 years & know that Methven is a great place to live & raise a family.

Outside of work I enjoy supporting the boys in their various sports, skiing, jet boating, watching motor sport, & camping. Any other spare time is spent doing diy at our property.

Some of the reasons that I am standing for a second term on the board of trustees are that I would like to continue to work with the MPS board and management to;

- ensure we have and keep putting the best financial & reporting systems in place,
- to continue to support the existing school management while challenging them on the bot strategies,
- work through the upcoming phase of school building refurbishments.

MPS is a great school with great teachers & management, and I'm passionate about ensuring it remains that way for not only now but into the coming years.

I would appreciate your vote for a position on the board of trustees at the June 2019 election.

Thanks

Steve Judd



Kim Turney

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I was born in the UK, but my family immigrated to Perth in 1986 and this is where I completed all of my schooling. After graduating from the University of Western Australia in 1998, I began my career as a clinical embryologist working in a busy IVF unit in King Edward Memorial Hospital, Subiaco. This was an extremely rewarding career, which enable me to really make a difference in people's lives. Over the following 11 years I was able to gain experience in different clinics, including 2 years in Christchurch in 2002 and 2003, a stint in Melbourne in 2004 and even as far away as a clinic in Karachi, Pakistan.

Ultimately though, I wanted to 'settle down' and have my own family. Luckily, I met Rob in Dec 2009 and this is what bought me back to NZ, and to Methven. We have 2 children (Imogen is in year 3, and Zoe will turn 5 in October) and Rob also has 2 adult children (Edward and Penny) who both also attended MPS. We live just outside of Methven and we are dairy and pig farming. This is somewhat of a career change for me, and I had to take a crash course in all things business, admin and finance to help Rob run our growing businesses. Our main goal currently is to maintain our work-life balance! We are members and supporters of Bike Methven, we ski, we run regularly, play tennis, golf and support our girls in their chosen areas of interest.

In the later years of my time as embryologist I was given the position as laboratory manager, which provided an opportunity to learn valuable life and people management skills, however, if elected, this would be my first experience as a board member. I am interested in learning more about how the NZ education system operates, and I would like to see our community provide the teachers of MPS the support they require to deliver the best education and early schooling experience to our children.
