

**BOARD OF
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STATEMENTS**

Christine Whinn

My family moved to Hunterville in 2013 for a farm position that came available and we were quickly introduced to the strong community spirit and great people.

As a parent of a current year 2 Hunterville School student and a 4 year old who will also attend Hunterville School later on this year, we have a long-term stake in the school and district.

I think it is important to have a parent from both the Junior and Senior school on the Board to bring fairness and provide school parents someone they can go to with ideas or concerns. I feel I am very honest and approachable and I can see myself as being a great representative for the junior school. I've talked with many parents who have given me confidence that I would be capable.

I have experience in working within a committee and successfully organised and run a major fundraiser for Fordell Preschool two years in a row.

I would be honoured in becoming a Board member for Hunterville School, I will bring fresh and new ideas with a commitment in maintaining a safe and enjoyable school environment.

I hope to earn your vote and the privilege of working on your behalf by being an active and hands on member.

Candidate Statement

I, Grant Collie, am standing for the Hunterville School Board of Trustees and ask for your support. As a previous BoT member and long time parent, I am well known as a strong supporter of the school, its students and its values which make it the best Primary School in our region. All of my kids have been beneficiaries of the education at the School, from Jenny and Fiona (both excelling at Rangitikei College) to Morna and Iris in Y8 and Y5 respectively and I therefore committed to supporting the school for several years to come. I have a wealth of experience in Governance and will bring my knowledge of current NZ education policy and curriculum to the Board table if elected. I am currently a Teacher of History and Social Studies at Whanganui High School and assist in coaching Football and leading the Vex Robotics programme at Hunterville School.

Kerin Ratima

Hi, my name is Kerin Ratima and I currently hold the Finance Portfolio on the Board of Trustees. I have been in the job for just over one year and I am thoroughly enjoying the challenge.

For those of you who don't know me, I live just north of Hunterville, and with my husband, run a shearing contracting business. We have four children – the older two are at university in Palmerston North, and the younger two attend Hunterville School. I have had a long association with Hunterville School as my oldest daughter started there as a five year old 16 years ago.

I work part time at the Hunterville Vet Club and am active in the community being on the Squash, Sports Club and Shemozzle committees where I am, or have been, doing the secretarial duties. As far as education goes, I have a Bachelor Degree in Business Studies where I majored in Economics and also a Post Graduate Teaching Diploma.

If I am elected back onto the board I will continue to service to the best of my abilities. I will commit to fairly represent all parents and teachers while keeping the best interests of the school in mind.

Justin Vennell

My name is Justin Vennell, I am married to Mary. We have three children. A son George, currently at Feilding High School. Emma in year 8 and Katie in year 5 at Hunterville School. We live near Rewa, where we own and run a Sheep and Beef Farm.

I have been on the Board of Trustees for the previous three years, and I have enjoyed learning about, and contributing to the governance of our great school. I have shared the property portfolio, responsible for the maintenance of the school and also the school house, including managing its tenancy.

I have been actively involved in the running track development, and I am also currently working on the schools ten year property plan. This includes plans to renovate the junior teaching block and relocating the junior toilets into the old boiler room. This is an exciting project and one that I am keen to see through to completion if elected.

Richard Gower

After having been involved with the Hunterville School for nearly 9 years, I have not once changed my mind about how lucky we are to have such a wonderful environment for our children to learn in.

When our oldest son started school in 2007 we actively checked out a number of options for him. Hunterville School stood out like a beacon and it became an easy choice as to where to send both our kids.

I put this down to many years of good governance prior (and since), blended with the quality staff and high goals set for the school and its children. Hunterville School is held in high regard all around the Rangitikei District and even further afield. This, I put down to quality everywhere, and not just the writing, reading, maths and some sport. The school motto of "Hunterville Pride... Together We Strive" says it all. Perhaps as Mr Lewis tells us; "What is the most important thing of all? It is people, it is people, it is people!

These are all the things we need to keep.

I have been involved over the past 18 months with the Board of Trustees at Hunterville School as a co-opted member. This has been an "educational experience" for me, seeing what does go on behind the scenes overseeing such an organization. It

was humbling to be asked to assist with a group of seriously talented people looking after Huntervilles' very heart.

I have spent a lifetime farming and try to use this to put some practical input into the Boards' direction for the school. Having also worked for about 15 years for a Government Department I also have an interest in the law, and how that affects the School and community as a whole.

I offer myself as a candidate in the coming elections for the Board of Trustees at Hunterville School for the next three years. Our second son is currently in year 6 so I have a vested interest to keep his education and environment at Hunterville the best it can be, and of course not just for him but for all the children and the staff who attend this wonderful establishment.

While I never went to this school I am proud to be involved with it and hope my kids will look back with pride that they did, when they are older.

James Kilmister

I have been on the board for 2 terms (6 years), and I am currently the board chair, prior to that I was doing the Finance portfolio. My wife Ginny is very supportive of the school and of myself. We have 3 children Sam, Henry, and Haana who is in year 7 with the 2 boys going through Hunterville School as well. Certainly the school is in good heart at the moment, so I am still looking forward to being part of a team of Board of Trustees who want to make a difference to children's education and the direction the school is going.