

Introducing Our School Board

Kia ora koutou,

As we begin our new Board term, we are pleased to share with you a little more about the role of the Board of Trustees at Our Lady Star of the Sea, introduce our members, and explain how we work together to support our children, staff, and community.

The Role of the Board

Our School Board works in partnership with the principal and staff to ensure that every child has the best opportunity to succeed. We are responsible for governance of the school, setting its strategic direction, ensuring financial stewardship, maintaining a safe and supportive environment, and upholding the Catholic character that is at the heart of all we do.

The Board meets monthly during term time, receiving reports from the Principal and subcommittees. These reports provide assurance that the school is working towards its strategic goals, meeting legal and financial obligations, and maintaining a safe and supportive environment for our Tamariki and staff.

How We Are Reviewed

To ensure we remain accountable and focused on continuous improvement, our work as a Board is regularly reviewed:

Catholic Special Character Review – conducted by the Diocese every three years, to ensure the Catholic faith remains at the centre of our teaching and school life.

Annual Finance Audit – carried out each year by the Office of the Auditor-General, ensuring strong financial stewardship and transparency.

Education Review – held approximately every three years, with the Board responding to recommendations from the Education Review Office (ERO).

Strategic Planning – every three years we engage with our community to help shape our school's Strategic Plan, which sets the vision and priorities for the future. The Board then receives regular reports each term to monitor progress against these goals.

Our Board Members

This year, our Board is made up of:

Four Proprietors' Representatives – appointed to safeguard Catholic special character and ensure it is upheld across all aspects of school life.

Five Parent Representatives – elected by our parent community to bring a family and community voice to the table.

One Teacher Representative – elected by our teaching staff to ensure the professional perspective of the classroom is part of every discussion.

The Principal – both a Board member and the educational leader of the school, ensuring the vision of our school is carried out day to day.

Meet Our Board

Alina Hooper – Parent Representative, Presiding Member



With a professional background in Sales, Leadership, Operations, Governance and Project Management in the Financial Services sector, Alina brings strong organisational and strategic expertise. She is passionate about helping every child thrive - equipped for future success and wellbeing in a world that is evolving at a rapid pace.

Sharon Yeh – Parent Representative, Deputy Presiding Member

With a professional background in accounting and finance, Sharon heads up the Finance & Health & Safety Committee and provides key support to the Presiding Member. Her expertise ensures careful stewardship of the school's resources, and she brings strong financial capability to the Board.



Shasta Dang – Parent Representative



With a background in tech support and a growing passion for education, Shasta is developing expertise in communication device technology for neurodiverse learners. She has a strong history of involvement in gala events and parent committees, and is committed to strengthening school-parent connections while fostering a safe, engaging environment for children.

Bernice Chiam – Parent Representative

Bernice is an experienced Project Manager and brings expertise in Sustainability and Engineering. She is committed to ensuring the Board nurtures a safe, balanced, and future-focused environment for our children.



Current Vacancy – Parent Representative

Anil D'Silva – Proprietors' Representative



Appointed by the Proprietor, Anil brings experience in National account management and has strong leadership skills. He is committed to ensuring that the Catholic special character is central to all school activities. Anil is actively involved in the school parish life, serving as a liturgy minister. His family also contributes to the parish community through the choir, altar service and Eucharistic ministry.

Linda McQuade – Proprietors' Representative



Appointed by the Proprietor, Linda brings a very strong educational background and commitment to nurturing faith formation in our children. With a history of educational leadership as a secondary principal and in her work as the Vicar of Education at the Auckland Diocese for many years, as well as her involvement in the parish leadership roles, current Board member for the newly opened St Ignatius of Loyola College and Our Lady Star of the Sea, Linda helps guide decisions that protect and grow the Catholic identity of the school.

Jordi Boix-i-Coll – Proprietors' Representative



Appointed by the Proprietor, Jordi brings a background in neuroscience and currently serves as a Public Servant. He ensures the Catholic special character remains central to all school activities. Jordi also has a strong foundation in parish life and is an active member of the parent committee.

Vern Chun – Proprietors' Representative (finishing at the end of 2025)

Appointed by the Proprietor, Vern offers expertise in technical systems consulting and ensures the Catholic perspective is represented in Board decision-making. His wife Zelda is also a teacher aide at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Vern and Zelda are regular liturgy and Eucharistic ministers at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, actively contributing to the parish community.



Ailsa Thorpe – Teacher Representative



Elected by staff, Ailsa provides valuable insight from the classroom, ensuring the voices of both teachers and students are heard at the Board table. The Teacher Representative's contribution is deeply valued, as it helps the Board stay closely connected to day-to-day teaching and learning, and ensures decisions remain practical, balanced, and responsive to the needs of our learners.

Louise Campbell – Principal

As an outstanding educational leader well recognised for her strong leadership skills industry wide, and Board member, Louise is responsible for leading the daily operation of the school and implementing the vision, strategy, and policies of the Board.



Our Committees

The Board also has committees that focus on specific areas of responsibility:

Finance & Health & Safety Committee – oversees the school's budget, financial planning, and ensures resources are well managed. This committee also monitors practices and policies to keep our children, staff, and community safe and supported.

Proprietors' Representatives Committee – works to protect and promote our school's Catholic character, ensuring it is woven into teaching, governance, and everyday school life.

Policy Committee – reviews and develops school policies to ensure they are up to date, clear, and meet both legal and community expectations.

Each committee provides recommendations to the full Board, helping us to govern wisely and responsibly.

Attending Board Meetings

We warmly welcome members of our school community to attend any of our Board meetings. While community members do not have speaking or voting rights, your presence helps strengthen the connection between the Board and our families.

Our Commitment

Your Board is committed to working in partnership with our whole school community, ensuring our children thrive academically, socially, and spiritually. We are grateful for your ongoing support and the trust you place in us to serve in this important role.