

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Senior Swimming Sports: **Feb 26**

Year 6 Camp: **Mar 5 to 8**

PTA Family Fun Night: **Mar 14**

Year 5 Camp: **Mar 21-22**

BoT Public Meeting: **Apr 3**

Middle School Open Day: **Apr 4**

Parent Conferences: **Apr 10**

Term One ends: **Apr 12**



Our Leadership Team

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1: 31 Jan to 12 Apr

Term 2: 29 Apr to 05 Jul

Term 3: 22 Jul to 27 Sept

Term 4: 14 Oct to 18 Dec

WELCOME TO THE “RPS” FAMILY

A warm welcome back to those families that are returning to RPS in 2019, and a very special welcome to all of our new families. As a Board, we are very proud of our school, and are determined to continue strengthening the bonds that form our very close community.

We have been delighted with how positively the year has started and are very impressed with the efforts our staff have made to set the children up for a rewarding and fulfilling year. The classrooms look fabulous.

While many Auckland schools are experiencing difficulty in getting staff, we have been thrilled with the calibre of new recruits at RPS in 2019. Please join us in welcoming:

- * Gloria Cheung, Year 1
- * Olivia Wallace, Year 2
- * Nicole Dunne, Year 2
- * Mikaelah Cash, Year 5
- * Laura Kirby, Year 6
- * Karolina Kirchmann, Year 6

Well done to Steve and his Leadership Team.



Gloria Cheung



Olivia Wallace



Nicole Dunne



Mikaelah Cash



Laura Kirby



Karolina Kirchmann

INTRODUCING OUR BOARD MEMBERS

NICOLE HARDIE: BOARD CHAIR

I am the Chair of the RPS Board of Trustees. I have been on the board for 6 years and our family has been part of the RPS community for 10 years now. I am a lawyer, married to Andrew. Our daughters Olivia and Sophia have been through RPS and our son George is in Year 2. I am very proud to be part of RPS. I look forward to meeting you & your children on our journey through this fantastic school.



JO CHRISTIE: LEGAL

I have been a Trustee since 2015 and was Board Chair for the past three years until earlier this month when the honour was passed to fellow Trustee, Nicole Hardie. My three children Oliver, Georgie and Charlotte have all been through RPS and are now at Grammar, EGS and RI respectively. I have loved my time at RPS and my involvement with both the Board and the PTA over the years. It has been my privilege to work alongside Steve King, his phenomenal leadership team and staff, and the quality individuals who make up the RPS Board of Trustees. With no kids left at RPS however it makes sense for me to now focus my energies into other areas, so I will not be standing for re-election to the Board this year.



SHARON EGEN: HUMAN RESOURCES

Community has always been a passion of mine, we have a fantastic school and I look forward to seeing how we as a community embrace our cultural diversity and continue to send out fantastic little humans into the big world outside of RPS. My two children have finished their time at RPS and have set off to the next level armed with a fantastic set of skills & values that were instilled in them during their time at our school. Professionally I work in Corporate Sales and in my downtime I am both a Dance /Cricket Mom & unpaid UBER driver! Our family is at its happiest when we are out and about on the water enjoying our beautiful country.



CAMPBELL IZZARD: LEGAL & PROPERTY

My wife, Nics, and I have two boys at RPS, Jackson in Year 5 and Hunter in Year 3. Like many, we spent time overseas, including for us a decade in Shanghai, and both of our boys were born there. I now work as a partner in the corporate group of Auckland law firm, Anderson Creagh Lai. While we both grew up locally, we returned to New Zealand to give our kids the best possible start in life and have been truly impressed with the international mindset and local lifestyle RPS offers its students.



STEPHEN KING: PRINCIPAL

It has been my absolute privilege to lead Remuera Primary for the past nine years. I feel fortunate to be in such a supportive and engaged community, that has - in my opinion, the best students in Auckland. As a Board we have achieved much in the nine years that I have been Principal, but one constant has been our focus on students and what is best for them. This tenet is highly valued by me and is what sets the RPS Board apart from some other schools. My wife Lesley and I have two children, Zac and Brianna, and as a family we are all involved in the Education sector. When I am not leading our school, I enjoy spending time with my family, exercising with my wife, and of course indulging in great food and New Zealand's fine wines.

**SHANA MUTTON: HUMAN RESOURCES**

I have been lucky enough to have been the Staff Trustee on the RPS Board for the past 10 years. I am passionate about education and have loved working alongside a board that is constantly seeking ways to improve the education we have to offer our RPS community. Outside of school, I love to travel to and explore new places, spend time with family and friends and take a photo or two.

**TOM REEVES: PROPERTY**

I am a current member of the RPS Board of Trustees, having first been appointed in 2015. I am married to Tara and we have three boys, Cameron who is now Year 10 at Auckland Grammar, David in Year 8 at Remuera Intermediate, and Matthew in Year 6 at RPS. I like to get actively involved with our boys and have coached the under 13 College Rifles RPS rugby team for the last 7 years. In my professional life I am a founding director of Impac, a New Zealand based Safety and Risk Management business. I think we are lucky to live in such a great community and I have really appreciated being able to be part of it with you all.

**GRANT TRUMAN: HUMAN RESOURCES**

I currently have a boy in Year 2 and a girl who will start at RPS in 2020. I am keen about all sport and currently work as a Head of Sport and in Human Resources at a local secondary school. I have been in education for nearly 20 years and I am passionate about pastoral care. In my spare time I enjoy fishing and socialising with family and friends.

**NELSON WANG: TREASURER**

Kris and I both migrated from Taiwan at the age of 14. We have two children - Matthew Year 7 at Remuera Intermediate and Hayley currently Year 3 at RPS. In my professional life I'm the founding director and partner of Number Wise Chartered Accountants and Zino Ventures, helping NZ businesses to grow and scale into Asia. Every time I'm back from overseas, I appreciate more and more of how good the life our children have in New Zealand. I believe RPS has a lot to offer with our unique richness in diversity, allowing our children to be equipped with a global mindset from day one.



SCHOOL DONATIONS & ACTIVITY PAYMENTS

We would like to sincerely thank those families who have paid their School Donation and Activity Payment in full, or have contributed to these costs. Your support is much appreciated. For those families who have been unable to make a contribution to date, please remember that we offer a range of options to assist in spreading payments. For more information about these options, please contact the school office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

Every three years, state and state integrated school communities elect their parent and staff trustees to help govern their schools. Right now boards around the country are preparing to hold their 2019 triennial School Board of Trustee elections.

At RPS, our Board comprises six parent elected members, with the Staff Trustee and Principal completing the full Board.

This year we are fortunate that the following Trustees are standing for re-election:

- * Nicole Hardie
- * Nelson Wang
- * Campbell Izzard
- * Grant Truman

If you are interested in finding out more about standing as a Trustee for our Board, please contact our Board Chair - Nicole Hardie at boardchair@rps.school.nz or our Principal - Steve King at stevek@rps.school.nz.

TERM ONE PUBLIC MEETING

For some time now, we have been working to unite our community by bringing the rich cultures of our school together. The Annual Cultural Concert, the PTA Family Fun Night and our End of Year Celebration, are fine examples of this synthesis of cultural inclusion. Celebrations like these are platforms for our many cultures to showcase the rich tapestries of story, dance and music.

In 2019 we would like to continue this work and are currently working with architects to develop the existing Music Room into a Community Hub. Our vision is to use this space as a meeting point for Cultural Celebrations, PTA, Parent Meetings and of course Music lessons.

At our first Public Meeting for 2019, we would like to extend a warm invitation to members of the community who would like to assist us in further defining the ways that we can use the Community Hub to showcase the many cultures that form the RPS family, and also how we can continue to unite our community.

The meeting will be held on **April 3 @ 6:30pm in the RPS Theatre.** Please join us for what we are sure will be an exciting session.



CONTACT US

If there is anything that you would like to find out more about or if you would like to give us some feedback, please in the first instance contact Nicole Hardie, our Board Chair at boardchair@rps.school.nz.

