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## **Presiding Member Margaret Metcalfe**

*I have had the privilege of serving on the Malfroy school board since mid-2018 when I was co-opted to assist with the transition of departing chair Liz Dunningham. Members at the time were reluctant to take on the chair role, so armed with some facilitation skills and limited experience working with governance entities, I took on the chair (now formally titled presiding member). Although I had no direct connection with the school, this had some advantage in that I could bring an objective, external perspective to the table. Coming from a large family of many teachers, I have some understanding of the challenges, commitment and often sacrifice it takes to deliver quality education.*

*I have learnt a great deal in my time on the board, taking full advantage of the training opportunities provided by NZ School Trustees Association. One of the biggest challenges especially during the last couple of years has been connecting in person with the wider school community, in particular parents and caregivers. I have loved meeting students and their families at school events, prize-giving's, whanau breakfasts etc. and hearing about the achievements of the students.*

*I am not intending to stand again this year as demands of full time work and family commitments are needing more focus. I encourage all members of the community to consider putting themselves forward at election time, whether or not you have children at the school. It provides many opportunities for friendships, personal development and building connections, and is a great way to contribute to your community.*



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## **Member Kārena Ngata**

*Ko Whetumatarau te maunga  
Ko Awatere te awa  
Ko Ngāti Porou te iwi  
Ko Te Whānau a Hinerupe te hapū  
Ko Kārena Ngata ahau  
Tēnā koutou katoa.*

*Kia ora te whānau. It has been a privilege to have served on the Malfroy School's BOT for the last year as a co-opted Trustee from the Rotorua Montessori Primary Trust (RMPT). I have a son attending the Montessori Unit and initially signed on to the RMPT as a parent representative to show my support and appreciation of the Montessori option at Malfroy School.*

*My background is in Hospitality, Tourism and Education. I have a Degree in Pacific and Māori Development, a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary School) and a Masters in Contemporary Education. I currently contract to the Ministry of Education as a Subject Expert Group member helping to write the History and Tourism curriculums. In 2022, I have stepped out of the classroom and am working for the University of Waikato as a Teacher Professional Development Facilitator for Poutama Pounamu, helping schools explore the kaupapa of decolonising, indigenising and anti-racism in their policies and practices. I have 2 areas of special interest at the moment: supporting the Aotearoa NZ History Curriculum so that it is delivered in a way that is both appropriate and empowering, and building our collective understanding around how we better give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi at Malfroy School.*

*I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the Malfroy school community in the future.*

