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Rebecca and I run a dairy farm south of Featherston and have six children.

I have had the pleasure of being on the Board for the past 3 years. The workload has been quite high but very satisfying with a lot of progress being made on many fronts.

My two sons have gone through Rathkeale, one daughter has been through Senior College and the rest of my daughters are currently going through or will do so over the next six years. I also have nephews and a niece in the Trinity Schools system.

I joined the Board because I felt I could contribute to the improved governance that Rathkeale required at the time. I had been on two Primary school boards for 12 years prior to this time.

This current Board has made a difference. We now have very good leadership in the college which results in clear standards for the boys who are achieving great academic results and developing into good men.

While the part of Board work that I am most involved in is strategic planning I participate in all debates and decisions as a parent and community member. I am also on the Rathkeale / St Matthews Senior College Governance Committee.

The hard work put in at home in raising children deserves to be built on well at school.

Good education of our children is very important to us but Rathkeale and St Matthews also play a leading role in setting standards in education in the Wairarapa.

There will always be new challenges for boards governing schools because of the nature of education and youth.

I put myself forward for the Board to help Rathkeale meet those challenges.