

Liz Kirkland

Having served on the current Rathkeale BOT for the past 8 months, I have a good grasp of the challenges and opportunities for both the school and its community. I bring keen interest and enthusiasm to the areas of environment, health and safety, as well as marketing and promotion. This includes, but is not limited to, renovations, ground maintenance and general aspects which will make for a better environment for all students and their families, and to promote the school to the wider public.

My philosophy is strongly aligned to the "Special Character" of Rathkeale. I support the continuation of this character and will work to help better align the school with that of its Trinity Partners. I bring a gender balance to the Board and a mother's viewpoint to a school that has an integrated senior college.

Previously I have been the Chairperson for the Avalon Kindy Committee 1999/2000; Committee member for Destination Kapiti Coast, and a committee member for Kapiti Home Host Association for 2 years. I have run 3 businesses, and have been an active volunteer within my community. With 6 ½ years experience as a volunteer firefighter, I have been trained to identify potential hazards to create a safe environment.

After running my own businesses for the past 6 years, I have excellent sales, marketing, business development, and administration skills to develop and implement the strategic direction and subsequent growth of the school. I have the skills to support, as required, the tasks required to gain the recognition our school needs to maintain and increase its current roll. With my business acumen and governance experience I can also contribute to the work associated with maintaining compliance to Ministry requirements.

As a Christian, I wish to see the school's values brought to life and embraced by the students themselves and their parents. I firmly believe that what Rathkeale has to offer is unique.

As a parent with a son at Rathkeale and daughter at St Matthews, I have no hesitation in making a long term commitment to the Trinity network as a parent representative on the Board of Trustees.