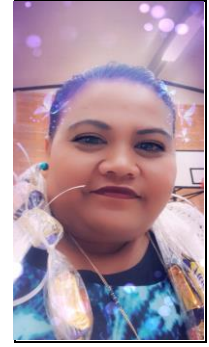


Talofa Lava Families & Whanau.

My name is Tumāmā Tautū. I hail from the beautiful island of Samoa. I have lived in Manurewa since first arriving in New Zealand. I am a mother of six beautiful and energetic children and they all have attended Manurewa West Primary School since they started their primary school years. My 3 older ones have graduated from MWPS and I still have 2 kids still attending school and one coming to MWPS in 2020. I have known and worked alongside MWPS & the Community since 2008 and I am a current parent representative on the current School Board of Trustees.



Since I was elected 3 years ago, I have dedicated and devoted my whole time to support and maintain the Wellbeing, Health & Safety of our School, surrounded by our dearest children, whanau & community. We as a board and as a team, work really hard keeping our school running at a high level of education, for a better and ongoing future of our students.

We have developed and expanded our school by refurbishing classrooms and adding a new two storey building which is still under construction so our children & whanau have enough and bigger spaces for them to study and do their school work alongside their teachers and learning assistants, and also at the same time keeping our school as up to date as possible. We also added a new separate playground for our senior and middle school students so that our little or junior students will have a safe area to play during lunch breaks & playtime. A new basketball court has been added to other sports play grounds for our students to practice and learn their game techniques and get themselves well prepared for interschool competitions throughout the year. We have also provided two Mini Vans for our school trips which makes less hassle, and money saved by not having to pay out for transport to commute the kids from school to where they're having sports events or special trips. A special Samoan Fale was built to engage our Whanau and Community in supporting our school and students by providing a great area for coming together.

During my 3 years on the Board of Trustees I have attended the NZSTA conference held for all school Boards of Trustees around the whole of NZ. This is an annual event. These conferences specifically provide great learning workshops for principals & board members to learn and gain confidence and have a better understanding on how to lead, guide, and how to make our school a safe and happy environment for our families, whanau, and community, and especially the future of our children. From those conferences I have learned of how important our role is as a Board of Trustees member in running and maintaining our School to a high standard level by employing a well-educated Principal to guide and lead our school to the highest standard, to make a difference in our children's learning. With the trust and faith that we have put in our Principal, Deputy Principals, Administrators, Teachers & Learning Assistants I am sure they will do everything to the best of their ability to teach, lead and guide our children to a higher level of their academic learning so that our school will continue to be a school of choice, and that every family & whanau in the community will want their children to be a part of.

I have gained experience and learned a lot from conferences I have attended, plus my 3 years' service as a Board of Trustee member so I feel I am making a difference to our school and community, and also representing our Pacific Culture and my Samoan heritage to engage a strong bond of our Pacific People and other cultures in the school as one.

I would love to ask for your vote not only as a parent representative but also a voice on behalf of our Pacific People, Children and Families & Whanau. I promise if I get elected again I will do and give the best of my ability in making sure that we will build and have a strong equality relationship connection between our bicultural school community to be as ONE and also making a bigger difference & change to make our children's level of learning reach a better & higher level of their education for their future, today, tomorrow and beyond. I hope and pray that you will pick me to represent us all on the School Board of Trustees.

Yours Sincerely
Tumāmā Tautū

