



**Parveen Farzana Absar**

I would simply fit best in this role which involves understanding and tackling different situations to build a sense of responsibility. A dedication towards the role assigned would always be my motto.



fantastic principal, Cindy Walsh.

I was born in Germany, where I went to university to become a lawyer. In addition to English and German, I am fluent in French and speak Spanish. My husband Tim (who is from New Zealand) and I moved to Freemans Bay in 2006. Since then, my focus has been on raising our three children and volunteer work. I have enjoyed playing an active role in the Freemans Bay School community since our daughter, Mia, started at the School in 2012. Our daughter Alexa is currently in Whānau Wai (Year 5) and our son Felix is in Whānau Rau (Year 2).

Making a contribution to, and building relationships within, the local community is very important to me. In addition to my three years on the Board, I am an active Parent Group member and have been a parent helper in the classroom for almost five years. As part of the Parent Group, I have helped organise the “Let’s Celebrate” School Fair and “Dine Around The World” last year, the annual Art Night and School Disco, monthly Café Fridays and the “Fabulous Friday” ice block sales. I also spent 10 years as a Plunket volunteer where I made strong connections with many families.

These roles demonstrate my strong commitment to the School and have given me the opportunity to connect with many parents and students over the years. This has provided me with broad experience and insights in relation to education in New Zealand and how the School operates and interacts with students and families.

I strongly believe in the importance of good governance at schools to support the wellbeing of

our students and staff and I encourage active engagement with the parent community. I am collaborative, have good communication skills and I am passionate about making Freemans Bay School the best it can possibly be so that all students, now and in the future, can excel at learning and grow into happy, caring and thriving teenagers.

It would be an honour to continue to represent you on the Board.

**Weibo Li**

I believe cultural blending creates unlimited possibilities for our children and equips them with incomparable resilience in this fast-changing world. FBS needs parent board members from different ethnic groups to reflect its extraordinary cultural diversity.



My name is Weibo Li, also known as Bob. I am standing for the trustee election as an Asian parent. My elder daughter is leaving FBS after 6 years of wonderful journey, and my younger one has just started, which not only gave me an insight of the school learning but also formed expectations and prospects for the next 6 years.

I believe all three fundamental parties of a school community, Students, teachers and parents, need to

**Eva Silverstone**



My name is Eva Silverstone, and I am standing for re-election to the Board of Trustees.

During the last three years, it has been a privilege to be

part of a Board that has developed the School’s current Strategic Plan, provided a supportive environment for staff, designed a new six classroom building and, most importantly, appointed our

be heard more. I therefore believe one of the most important duties of trustees is to connect or re-connect with our kids, parents and wonderful teachers.

I believe achievement "tail" should be addressed. Resources and supports should be explored or redirected to children who are lack of interests and motivation in their school learning.

Social media and online contents is one of my major concerns. With mobile phones are made available to children easier and earlier, we would want to make sure our children are prepared for a healthy adolescent journey when leaving primary school. A lot of works need to be done along with sex education. Parents play the most important role, all parents!  
I am not only standing for the trustee election myself, but also encourage all parents from different cultures, religions and values to involve in our school learning, working with our children and teachers to better implement our wonderful school curriculum.

**Eva Chen**

I have 2 daughters graduated from Freemans Bay school, 2 boys currently studying at the school, I would say I am familiar with the school enough. My main work is the CEO of Wellbeing Charitable Trust, for family harm, racism and bullying prevention, the work experience can be brought to the board for different points of view from the ethnic migrant communities lense. The lasted appointment was the member of the



Ethnic People's Advisory Panel in Auckland Council, I will be able to communicate with them for the school if we need.

I think my work experience, connection and understanding of both local and Asian migrant community will be able to bring the diversity to the board.

**Anania Te Nana**

As a current parent of Freemans Bay School and regular reliever at the school, I have continually shown my support for Whanau Ata and the wider school community. I will strive for the best for Whanau Ata and the wider school community and will ensure fairness across all areas. I will continue to support Whanau Ata and the wider school community and ensure that Whanau Ata will be represented and heard at a board level. I hope that I would be considered to represent Whanau Ata on the Board of Trustees for Freemans Bay School.

Aku mihi,  
Anania Te Nana

**Jessica Walker**

Ko Taupiri te maunga  
Ko Waikato te awa  
Ko Tainui te waka  
Ko Waikato te iwi  
Ko Jess Walker ahau.

Kia ora my name is Jess Walker and I have 3 tamariki within Whānau Ata at Freemans Bay Primary. My whānau have been fortunate to witness and experience the plethora of opportunities afforded to our tamariki within this kura. As a whānau Māori that lives in central Auckland, it is very difficult to find a local kura that



can cater to the needs, hopes and aspirations that we have for our tamariki Māori. Freemans Bay Primary has provided a space of nurture and growth for our tamariki to thrive as Māori and experience the diversity of culture within the kura as a whole.

It is for this reason that I would like to represent the kura as a Board Member to help progress Whānau Ata and strengthen our relationships with the wider whānau of the kura to produce desirable outcomes for all.

I am a registered secondary teacher with almost ten years' experience within a local co-governed school, I sit as a trustee member for my marae, I am an advocate for the growth of Te Reo and Tikanga Māori and am currently involved in running a programme called Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori that looks to grow and strengthen an education workforce that can integrate te reo Māori into the learning of all ākonga in Aotearoa. My ao Māori, my background in education and my experiences as a parent will guide me in this potential opportunity to help progress Freemans Bay Primary School into the future. Paimaarire

**Summer Wharekawa**



Ko Tauhara me Otumoko  
nga maunga  
Ko Waikato te awa  
Ko Te Arawa me  
Manunuiarangi nga waka  
Ko Ngati Tahu,  
Tuwharetoa me Ngati  
Maniapoto nga iwi.

Tena ra tatou katoa.

Whaia te iti Kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei. Strive for the highest peak, and if you must bow, let it be to a loftier mountain. If you can see it, you can be it.

These two proverbs sum up my approach to life: ambition, and representation, matter. I look forward to representing our school community on the Freemans Bay BOT, and whether or not you vote for me, I look forward to serving the best interests of our tamariki and our kura. Know that in me you'll have someone prepared to listen, communicate and contribute to strategies about the important kaupapa for our school, and to ensure all of our students are ready to take on the challenges of the future.

I am a mum of 3: one in Yr 6 and one in Yr 4, both part of Whanau Ata. My potiki, youngest, will be here in 2022. My girls have loved their time at this school and I'm excited about the opportunities ahead of them all, due in part to the commitment the Board, teaching staff and whanau have made to this school and students.

I am a television and communications professional, with over 15 years' experience producing television and events. I am a strategic thinker with a well-developed network, and I've lived in Auckland my entire life with a few stints overseas. Our family lives in East Auckland but we commute in every day because Whanau Ata provides such a strong grounding in Te Reo me ona Tikanga. Whanau Ata is an incredible taonga for this school, and the wider community that Freemans Bay Primary also contributes to.

I look forward to getting to know you all in a new capacity.

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## Yogendra J. BHOGLE

Kia Ora,

Simple living and high thinking is my attitude towards life. Yoga & meditation builds my immense

patience and the ability to think from a broader perspective. A good orator with excellent written and verbal communication. I am an extrovert person and like to interact with people.

### Professional Snapshot

With more than a decade of successful Banking career in the portfolio, operations, sales and marketing, I have excelled the motivation, convincing and negotiation skills which are required for a people's representative and leader. Currently working with Commonwealth Bank of Australia as an Analyst for International Operations & Customer Service.

### Hobbies & Volunteering

Cricket is my passion and I am a level 4 Cricket Umpire with New Zealand Cricket. I am also a volunteering cricket coach @ Freeman's Bay school.

### Social Clubs Experience

I was a President @ Auckland University of Technology, President of Rotaract, Secretary of hobby centre, Contingent leader and have successfully accomplished all the roles.

### Relationship with the School

My Son Prasad Bhogle is studying in year 3 which will allow me to work with you & board for a broad term



of 3 years.

### How will I add value?

I am an empathetic person and believe in honesty and teamwork. I am looking forward to this opportunity for me to serve the school to create a platform for healthy interaction and communication with fellow teachers and parents

I once again appeal to you to vote and canvass for me, not to raise me on a power pedestal but to give me a chance to raise your voice effectively.

Thank you.



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