

## Aaron Cooper



Kia ora, Ni hao, Anyoung haseyo

I am the father of a year seven student at Murrays Bay Intermediate and a future student in year five at Browns, work as General Manager, Business Performance at Plant & Food Research, was previously on the Browns Bay board for four years and managed social sports teams for more than 15 years. My wife works in the early childhood education and disability sectors.

I would love the opportunity to serve on the Murray Bay Intermediate School Board. Our children, our families and whanau come from many different cultural and social backgrounds and they have a range of priorities. For some it is achieving the highest academic levels possible, for others it is sports and others it is developing social skills and emotional resilience. I would like to play a part in ensuring that the school does the best possible job in meeting those varied needs.

The role of trustee is an interesting and challenging one that I really enjoyed. It combines representing parents, ensuring good governance of the school and that the school is a good employer of its most important resource, its teachers and staff. Because of the importance of the role, I took every opportunity that the NZ School Trustee Association offered to learn more about how best to support the school.

The skills and experiences I bring to this role come from being a parent first and foremost, my time as trustee learning about how our education system works and my work. I have worked at a range of different organisations including Auckland District Health Board and Fisher & Paykel, often in planning roles and developing teams.

Thank you for your consideration  
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