

# **KOMITI FAUFAUTUA**

## **Mission Statement**

To ensure Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS) is aware of the needs of all Pasifika students. This will be achieved through listening to the Pasifika student reps and working alongside Pasifika parents and staff to turn ideas into reality.

## **Objectives of Komiti Faufautua**

- To provide recommendations to MAGS BOT
- To create, facilitate and review Pasifika Initiatives
- To engage with Pasifika Student representation (student voice)

## **A Brief History**


Komiti Faufautua was founded in term three of 2018. The drive to create the Komiti Faufautua was to implement a Pasifika working group comprised of parents, students and staff. The aim of this group is to discuss Pasifika Initiatives that would improve and enhance the experience of Pasifika Parents and Students attending MAGS.

## **Monthly Fono**

Our fono takes place on the second Tuesday of each month usually held in the MAGS staff room and occasionally by Google meets. Minutes of meetings are

maintained and is available on request from the secretary – Anita Savelio ([AnitaSavelio@hotmail.com](mailto:AnitaSavelio@hotmail.com)).

All emails to the Komiti Faufautua should be directed to the Secretary and Va Anisi (Vanisi@mags.school.nz)

Staff Representatives	
	<p><b>Corey TODD</b> Senior Staff Rep since 2019 <b>Background:</b> Maori <b>My connection:</b> MAGS Deputy Principal</p>
	<p><b>Vaitaua (Va) Anisi</b> Staff Rep since 2018 <b>Background:</b> I have been at MAGS since 2012. I oversee Pasifika achievement and I am part of the Pasifika Initiatives team with Ti’a Danny Liuliu-Afoa and Corey Todd. I also teach English and Music. <b>My connection:</b> My three adult children all attended Mt Albert Grammar School, as well as my brothers. <b>My why:</b> As a teacher, a senior dean, Pasifika co-ordinator and parent, my job has evolved from focussing on raising achievement for our MAGS Pasifika students to now effectively growing Pasifika leadership, implementing initiatives to support students to choose options that link with career pathways, to producing top Pasifika academic who gain top endorsements and university scholarships. <b>My objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our objective is for MAGS Pasifika to leave our school with a clear direction of either wanting to pursue further tertiary studies, apprenticeships or employment.</li><li>• Our team advocate for our Pasifika students through having a clear link between school, students and our Pasifika community.</li></ul>



## Tia Danny Liuliu-Afoa

Staff Rep since 2019

**Background:** I am of Samoan Descent. My background is working in communication with Families -MAGS SMT - young person's wellbeing support

**My connection:** I have a son at Year 11 (2021).

**My why:** To work along side a team of like-minded people in completing the objectives of supporting MAGS pasifika young person's needs in well-being and academics quality of learning.

**My objective:**

- Parents wide support and knowledge of what Komiti Faufautua is about
- Have a data base of businesses who support and fund Komiti Faufautua financial objectives
- Get the Ex MAGS [ Facebook ] buy in of what we need in fund raising and sponsor donate

## Trust Board Representative



## Luann TAPU

Trustee Rep since 2022. Current Board Member.

**Background:** I am Maori (Ngati Whatua Orakei), my husband is a MAGS Old Boy of Samoan descent, from the village of Satuiatua. I have more than 20years of media advertising experience and I currently work as a Marketing Strategist at Stuff Media. Our family had the privilege of raising two boys through the Samoan bilingual education pathway since Aoga Fa'aSamoa, where I have made life time friendships. The journey has been rewarding and I will continue to advocate this educational pathway.

**My connection:** I have a year 11 son and I am a Board of Trustees member.

**My why:** To assist in student pasifika initiatives, leadership and mentoring, participate in providing opportunities for our youth to serve others, and activities that will benefit their overall mental health and wellbeing. I believe that if our youth are inwardly strong, they can be outwardly effective.

**My objectives:** To support MAGS Pasifika students and spearhead a quit vaping campaign with the support of a sub-committee, and to support our senior leadership with the mental health and wellbeing of our students. I am always on the look out for resources needed to support our youths' learning, grow our calculator bank and raise funds for our team. I am also a big fan of our MAGS Premier Basketball team, and I understand the benefits and positive learnings from participating in a team sport can be transferred into everyday life.



## Parent Representatives



### Terangi Brown

Parent Rep since 2020. Current Chairperson

**Background:** I am a proud Cook Islander. I have run my own financial services business for 12 years, helping young professionals and families achieve their goals.

**My connection:** My son is year 9 (2020) and boards at the school house.

**My why:** To be of service to our school community and contribute to the Komiti in their goal to enable pasifika students at MAGS and their families to make the most of their school life at MAGS and beyond.

**My objectives:**

- A communication campaign that enables school wide understanding and support of the Komiti
- An induction pack for Year 9 Pasifika students and their families to assist with the transition to college
- A communication strategy to celebrate pasifika students and their success.



### Anita Savelio

Parent Rep since 2018. Current Secretary

**Background:** I am Samoan from the village of Falefa. I work as a Quality Assurance Advisor to MBIE. My children were raised through bilingual education where I have been involved on the board of trustees or as a parent rep.

**My connection:** I have a yr12 daughter in MAGS.

**My why:** To get involved in my children's education and the desire for MAGS to acknowledge and embrace our pacific languages and cultures.

**My objectives:** To support MAGS with its work with Pasifika students with the hope that it will one day teach at least teach one Pasifika language.



### Dr David Schaaf

Parent Rep since 2018

**Background:** I am Tongan. My professional background is in Public Health. I work at Te Aho o Te Kahu, the cancer control agency.

**My connection:** I have a son at Year 11 (2021).

**My why:** I wanted to support my son and MAGS. My vision is to improve the academic achievements of Pacific students at MAGS so that they contribute and serve this Country.

**My objective:**

- To attract year 9 and 10 in the Science.
- Help set up a Pacific Health Science Academy at MAGS.
- Transition HSAs into the right tertiary institutions
- Increase Pacific workforce in Health



## Sela Alo

Parent Rep since 2020

**Background:** I am of Samoan Descent from the villages of Satuimalufilufi (Upolu) & Palauli (Savaii). My background is Broadcasting and Media.

**My connection:** I have a son at Year 13 (2021)

**My why:** I share the vision of Komiti Faufautua and want to contribute to the great work that the team is doing by offering my skills in Media and Broadcasting to support and impact our MAGS Pasifika students and the wider MAGS Pasifika Community

**My objective:**

- To increase awareness of Komiti Faufautua within the MAGS Community.
- To work alongside the Pasifika Student representatives to create and develop engaging content for the wider MAGS Community who may not otherwise be engaged with Pasifika Student initiatives.
- To support Danny and his initiatives around Student mental health and wellbeing.



## Olita Alai

Parent Rep since 2020

**Background:** I am Samoan. I moved to Aukilani Niu Sila in 1999.

**My connection:** I have 2 children attending MAGS.

**My why:** I wanted to be more involved with what my children are doing at school and joining the komiti is a great way to spy on them (haha). I also wanted to help contribute to something that we can all collaboratively bring together to help our Pasifika kids achieve their goals and make school life enjoyable because it can be a bit daunting sometimes.

**My Objectives:**

- Transition between Intermediate and Yr 9 (High School)
- Help implement cost-effective ideas to event for PI students to participate in
- Make sure every PI student is given equal opportunities in subject areas that supports their career aspirations
- Support KF in any way I can



## Lane FA'AFUA

Parent Rep since 2020

**Background:** I am PolyAsian – Samoan/Chinese

**My connection:** I have a son in Year 13 in 2021 and I have many family members, including my husband, who are proud MAGS Old Boys

**My why:** As a parent, it is so wonderful to have your children want you to be involved in their learning pathways. It gives you that feeling of satisfaction of a job well done as they begin their journey to adulthood. It truly does take a village to raise a child. With this amazingly talented team, I want to contribute and support our MAGS Pasifika Students by driving them towards opportunities that are on offer as they transition to life after school.

### **My objective:**

- To increase our Pasifika Parents database so that there will always be support for our MAGS Pasifika Initiatives Team
- Introduce our Pasifika Students to experts in as many career fields as we can
- Network with other School Pasifika Komiti groups
- Celebrate all types of achievements at any level

## Albertian/Old Boys representative



## Thomas Tarurongo WYNNE

Old Boys Rep since 2020

**Background:** Cook Islands /Irish

**My connection:** Part of a now third generation @ MAGS, and was on staff 2006 to 2008

**My why:** To support and advocate for our Pasifika students to be the best they can be and for their time at MAGS to be the best that it can be.

**My objective:** To see greater representation of Pacific student voices in the school beyond sport and for Mt Albert to create opportunities to continue its legacy of Pasifika excellence on and off the field. And to create a safe space for our Pasifika parents and students to share their ideas and influence Mt Albert Grammar as the best school in New Zealand

## Student Representatives



### Kaloni TOVO

*Tonagn Student Rep since 2021. Yr 12 student*

**Background:** I am a musician, book worm, one of six kids, strong Christian believer, with pure Tongan blood flowing rapidly through my veins.

**My connection:** Year 12 student. In the 2021-22 Health Science Academy.

**My why:** I want to be part of the Komiti for personal and social purposes. Personally I want to develop and exercise essential skills such as leadership, time management, commitment, communication, hard work, efficiency that are required to be moulded and apply in life and also what I wish to implement in the Komiti. I want to draw nearer to my roots with concrete understanding that I am a Pacific Islander and I am proud to be Polynesian. Socially I want to emphasize cultural pride and recognition among the Polynesian community mass here at MAGS, engage in the establishments of Pasifika focus initiatives to achieve such senses of belonging, support for Pasifika students that will utilize in their Academics, Sports, Arts and Service achievement ability. I desire to unfold my creative ideas and sight what I am capable of offering in the hope to translate into a reality.

**My objective:** To change and strengthen the belief system and attitude of Pasifika students (having someone or a group give them lectures).y

A trust initiative where P.I. students can be vulnerable and have someone to talk to (as this is a major weakness of Polynesians) so their problems are mistreated but fixed in the right manner so it does not affect their learning in the classroom.





## Isaiah FALE

***Samoan Student Rep since 2021. Yr 12 student***

**My Background:** I am from Samoan/NZ European descent. I'm the second eldest and I have 4 sisters and 1 brother and have lived in the Mt Albert community my whole life.

**My Connection:** I am a year 12 student currently attending MAGS and I have a sister in year 9 at MAGS. My older sister also attended MAGS.

**My Why:** To create a more supportive and engaging learning environment for Pasifika students. To give a voice to the common issues and barriers to success Pasifika students face and help find solutions to these issues.

**My Objectives:**

- To encourage Pasifika students to be independently engaged, motivated and successful in the classroom
- For MAGS to be a comfortable space for Pasifika students to try new things and participate in extra curricular activities
- To increase positive involvement, participation, contribution and engagement of Pasifika students in the MAGS community
- To showcase and celebrate Pasifika culture within the MAGS community



## DJ LIULIU-AFOA

***Samoan Student Rep since 2021. Yr 12 student***

**My Background:**

I am of Samoan descent, born and bred in West Auckland, and privileged to be part of the Glen Eden / Kelston community. I am the youngest and the only boy with three older sisters.

**My Connection:**

Currently I am a year 12 student at Mt Albert Grammar School. Both my parents work at this school 'looking over' me, a good thing I've been told.

**My Why:**

To influence people's perspectives changing how people see our pasifika students and community. We are more than just a physical showcase, through our performance and sporting skills. I would like to help and support ways to ensure our leadership and Academic achievements are recognised.

**My Objectives:**

- Bring encouragement to Pasifika students, challenging them to exceed in their goals
- Build a positive environment for Pasifika students, by making Mount Albert Grammar a more fun and inclusive space to proceed in education
- Celebrate all Pasifika accomplishments throughout the MAGS community, to show our Pasifika student's abilities





## Stanley FIFITA

*Tongan – Student rep since 2022 Yr 11 student*

**Background:** I am a proud Tongan from the villages of Ofu, Vava'u and Pangai, Ha'apai. I am the eldest sibling with 2 sisters.

**My Connection:** I am currently a Year 11 student at MAGS and I'm also part of the SIAPO amp class. I'm currently involved with the MAGS Tongan Group, Centennial Boys Choir, and Theatre Sports.

**My why:** I want to help impact the lives of MAGS Pasifika students. I want to ensure that Pasifika students at MAGS are free to be who they are, free from discrimination and prejudice.

**My Objectives:**

- To help to create a safe place/area within the school where P.I. students can utilise as their own, to connect with each other, and to be comfortable to be who they are.
- To help increase Pasifika participation across all MAGS pillars and to be a voice for ALL Pasifika MAGS students.
- To have a designated area/place for ALL PASIFIKA CULTURAL GROUPS to use for practice



## Eved AH SOON

***Samoan Student Rep. since 2022. Yr 11 student***

**My Background:** I am of Samoan descent. I come from the villages of Vailima and Vaiusu. I'm the second youngest of six children. I play rugby and I'm part of the Mags Megacrew. Also was part of the Samoan group and boys dance.

**My Connection:** I am currently studying at MAGS as a year eleven student in the Year eleven Health Science Academy. I have a brother that attends MAGS as a year thirteen and is also a prefect. I also had a brother and sister that have attended MAGS and have been blessed to both be prefects and a part of this Komiti in their years of attending MAGS.

**My Why:** I joined the Komiti Faufautua to help our people. Creating a positive and safe environment that supports our community/pasifika students is my number one priority. I also wanted to create a voice for all our pasifika students. By joining the Komiti I am able to come closer to my roots. As a young polynesian student it is important to me to indulge within my culture and set an example for all our pasifika students. I want to display pride for all our pasifika families. I want to show that we are much more than sports and dance but that we are the leaders for the future. I'm blessed to have Jehovah God in my life and to have that respect carried from home to school.

**My Objectives:**

- To promote a strong, supportive partnership between pasifika families and the school.
- To provide an educational program that develops pasifika students' education and leadership skills.
- To create a 'feel good' factor, so that each pasifika individual feels good about themselves, about what they do and about the school.
- To encourage our pasifika students to carry on their respect from home to school.