

KOMITI FAUFAUTUA

Mission Statement

To ensure Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS) is aware of the needs of all Pasifika students. This will be achieved by listening to the Pasifika student reps and working with 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. This group aims 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. All emails to the Komiti Faufautua should be directed to the Secretary, Kilisitina Fifita (krissi.fifita@gmail.com) or Va Anisi (Vanisi@mags.school.nz).

Staff Representatives

Corey TODD

Senior Staff Rep since 2019

Background: Maori

My connection: MAGS Deputy Principal



Vaitaua (Vā) ANISI

Staff Rep since 2018

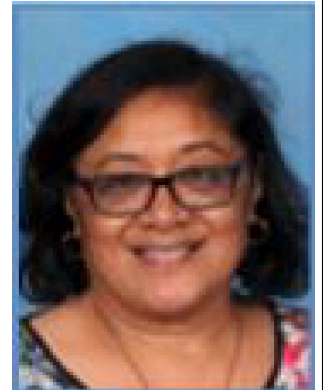
Background: I have been at MAGS since 2012. I oversee Pasifika achievement, and I am part of the Pasifika Initiatives team with Ti'a Danny Liuliu-Afoa and Corey Todd. I also teach English and Music.

My connection: My three adult children all attended Mt Albert Grammar School, as well as my brothers.

My why: As a teacher, a senior dean, Pasifika coordinator and a 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.

My objectives:

- 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.
- Our team advocates for our Pasifika students through having a clear link between the school, students, and our Pasifika community.



Ti'a 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: My son attended MAGS (yr 13-2023) and now my nephew is a yr10 student.

My why: To work alongside a team of like-minded people in completing the objectives of supporting MAGS Pasifika young persons' needs in well-being and academic quality of learning.

My objectives:

- Parents' wide support and knowledge of what Komiti Faufautua is about.
- Have a database of businesses that support and fund Komiti Faufautua's financial objectives.
- Get the Ex MAGS [Facebook] buy-in of what we need in fundraising and sponsor donations.



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 20 years 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 lifetime friendships. The journey has been rewarding and I will continue to advocate this educational pathway.

My connection: I have a year 13 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 lookout 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

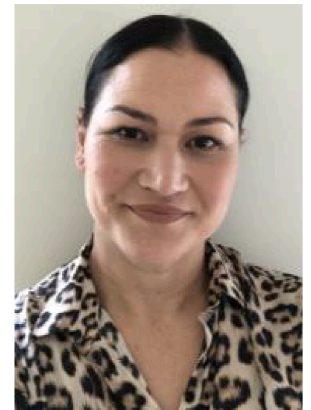
Background: I am a proud Cook Islander. I have run my own financial services business for 12 years, helping young professionals and families achieve their goals.

My connection: My son was a yr13 student in 2023 and I now have a son as a yr9 student.

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.



Kilisitina (Chrissy) FIFITA

Parent Rep since 2024. Current Secretary.

Background: I'm a 1st generation NZ-born Tongan. My parents hail from the villages of Ha'ato'u, Pangai and Ha'afeva, Ha'apai Islands. I'm married with 3 kids. I'm currently an Intelligence and Insight Specialist at IR. I am also a Tū Mau Mana Moana Alumni 2023.

My connection: My eldest son finished MAGS last year, my second daughter is Year 11, and my youngest daughter is Year 9. My younger brother also attended MAGS in the 90s.

My why: "There is comfort and strength to be found in the collective, my strength does not come from me alone, but from many' Seiuli, 2013. My passion lies in giving back and serving our Pasifika/Tagata Moana community. I



truly believe in the future of Pasifika in Aotearoa and being part of this Komiti means that I can help advocate and contribute to more meaningful and positive change for Pasifika Initiatives at MAGS, so that being Pasifika is normalised, accepted and sustainable for the future.

My objectives:

- To help drive authenticity, respect, and grow confidence in our Pasifika Students to empower them to bring their best and whole selves to school and know their worth in this world.
- To ensure that Komiti objectives and outcomes are clearly communicated so that we show our true value to the school, through building our Vā with the MAGS School Board and our wider MAGS Pasifika kainga.
- “Ke fofola e fala kae alea e kaininga”. To be culturally responsive and aware of the needs of our community and ensure we have a safe space to roll out “our fala for respectful talanoa”.

Ashley QUENSELL

Parent Rep since 2023

Background: I am a 1st generation Kiwi born - Tongan on my mothers side descending from Niuafu’ou, and Samoan on my fathers side descending from Vaiala (Upolu). I am married to Lee-Anne Quensell and we have 3 beautiful daughters. I work in the Private Security Sector at Red Badge Group, specialising in Major Event consultancy and operations.

My connection: Khalen and Makaia are currently attending MAGS. Layla will arrive in 2027.

My why: To advocate, guide, and support our Pasifika students and their families with the best available opportunities to make informed decisions about their futures. To serve our Pasifika school community and to add value to Komiti Faufautua goals, initiatives, and programmes.

My objectives:

- To attract more Pasifika students to our School who want to work hard and excel in the Four Pillars of MAGS,
- To express the true value of Komiti Faufautua within the School Community and at the School Board level,
- To ensure Pasifika students have the best opportunities and pathways towards achieving their goals and career aspirations.



Steve KIMI

Parent Rep since 2024

Background: I am of Cook Island Māori, Ngāti Kurī. I am an Area Manager at Event Cinemas and a founder and chairman of the Charitable Trust Love Somebody, which focuses on reducing suicide among Pasifika and Māori youth.

My connection: As a MAGS Old Boy (1st XV), I have a strong connection to the school. I have a son who graduated from MAGS in 2023, a son currently in Year 12 and another son arriving in 2028.

My why: I am passionate about promoting equitable and favourable outcomes for Pasifika students and their families.

My objectives:

- To support and guide Pasifika students and their families,
- To enhance the visibility and values of Komiti Faufautua.



Samantha BEVACQUA

Parent Rep since 2024

Background: I was raised in both Auckland city and rural Waihi. Graduated from Epsom Girls Grammar and AUT. I am fluent in English, Spanish, and Italian. I own and run TWG New Zealand, a boutique travel company. Proudly married to a Cook Island Maori, ex-MAGS old boy. I have 3 sons, a Year 12 student currently attending MAGS. One graduated and thriving in life becoming a filmmaker. And a little one who will join MAGS like his brothers in a few years.

My connection: I have been part of the Komiti since the end of 2024 and have volunteered in the "Fight the Good Fight" programme at MAGS.

My why: I love people. Part of my call is to help guide young ones to walk into who they are becoming. I am highly invested in the success of Pasifika kids and passionate about giving back to the community.

My objectives:

- To support and guide Pasifika students and their families,
- To enhance the visibility and values of Komiti Faufautua and
- To ensure Pasifika students have access to the best opportunities.



David TAPU

Parent Rep since 2024

Background: When I left MAGS I studied Business at Carrington Unitec, then into Westpac as an Operations Assistant 2 years later. For over 30 years I forged a career as a Frontline Customer Service Leader/Manager in the Banking Call Centres working for Westpac, National Bank of NZ, ANZ and Heartland Bank. Currently I'm a Customer Success Leader for a software company called ezyVet who are owned by IDexx the largest Diagnostic company in the world. Married to Hayley, we have 5 children with one more Jackson to start MAGs in about 2 years time. We live locally on Morningside Drive.

My connection: I'm an old boy who attended 1985-1989 along with my older brother Sonny. My daughter Trinity is currently in year 13 while my son Jodeci is in year 9. My older children are also alumni with Karissa (aged 24) and Solomon (aged 22). My sister in law is Luann Tapu who serves on the current Board of Trustees.

My why: My why is simple, I love coaching people, I find it extremely fulfilling. So guiding, supporting and helping young adults to find and unlock their potential is my end game.

My objectives:

- To provide recommendations to MAGS BOT,
- To create, facilitate and review Pasifika initiatives,
- To engage with Pasifika Student representation and
- To fully utilise my work and life experiences within this committee so I can in turn make life better each and every day for Pasifika students and our Pasifika community.

Albertian/Old Boys and BoT 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

Khalen QUENSELL

Student rep since 2023

Ethnicity: *Tongan, Cook Island, Samoan.*

My background: I am 2nd generation Kiwi born - Tongan and Samoan from my Dad's side descending from Niuafu'ou (Tonga) and Vaiala (Upolu, Samoa), and Cook Island from my Mum's side descending from the islands of Aitutaki, Manihiki and Rakahanga. I am the oldest of 3 daughters (Khalen, Makaia, and Layla).

My connection: I am a Year 13 student and Headgirl for MAGS in 2025. I am part of the 13HSA form class. I currently have one of my younger sisters attending MAGS with me (in year 12), and the other is yet to start in 2027.

I serve in all 4 pillars at Mags, including:

- Service Pillar - Head Girl, Pasifika Council, Dance committee, Health Committee, Pasifika tutoring, Interact, SADD leader, Netball Umpire.
- Sports Pillar - Premier Netball team, Premier Mixed Touch team, Premier Swimming team.
- Arts Pillar - Mags Mega crew, Senior Performance team, YouDance, Tongan Cultural Group, Dance Scholarship recipient 2024, Arts Leader for Dance events.
- Academic Pillar - Level 1 and 2 endorsements with excellence, Toloa Scholarship recipient, Dance Scholarship recipient.

My why: I would like to be a part of Komiti Faufautua to become a voice and representative for young Pasifika students, as well as open up new learning doors and opportunities to help them excel further in school and after school. To emphasize cultural pride of being a Pasifika student, as well as inspire our PI students to aim to achieve beyond their comfort zones. I also want to give back to my community as well as connect with the wider Pasifika community at Mags. Furthermore, I would also like to extend and challenge my personal skills such as leadership, hard work, time management, and consistency in preparation for my senior years at Mags. I would also like to dig deeper into my roots and connect closer with my Polynesian roots.

My objectives:

- Promote new opportunities within the 4 pillars to get more PI students involved with co-curricular activities.
- Connect with the needs for Pasifika students in regards to academic help or mentoring, such as creating a learning space containing suitable resources to benefit our PI youth.
- To create a strong relationship with other PI students and get feedback from a different perspective.
- To put my best foot forward for the future of Pasifika students at Mags.



Brendan AKELI

Student rep since 2023

Ethnicity: Samoan, German, Chinese

My background: I am of Samoan, German and Chinese descent and hail from the beautiful villages of Vaiusu and Saleufi in Samoa. I am the youngest of four children. I play volleyball, rugby and I also do a lot of dancing throughout the school like the MAGS MEGACREW. I am a strong catholic believer making God the centre of everything that I do.

My connection: I am currently a year 13 student and Deputy Headboy for MAGS 2025. I am part of the SIAPO form class. I had two siblings attend MAGS and one of them being a prefect in 2019.

My why: To be able to create a safe environment where Pasifika students feel comfortable in coming to school, asking for help, etc. To help raise awareness of the vast majority of issues and barriers that Pasifika students face in their day-to-day lives. I also want to emphasize cultural pride and what it means to be a Pasifika individual.

My objectives:

- To emphasise the understanding in most Pasifika kids have lives outside of school and have to control their work-life balance.
- To increase a positive involvement, participation, and engagement of Pasifika students within all 4 of the MAGS pillars.
- To encourage more designated spaces where Pasifika students can use for homework clubs and group practices.



Catherine MAKASINI

Student rep since 2023

Ethnicity: Tongan, Māori

My Background: I am a proud Tongan Māori from the villages of Tofoa, Ha'ateiho, Kolomotu'a, Utungake Vava'u and the iwi of Ngapuhi. I am a strong believer in God and I am the 2nd youngest of 5 children.

My Connection: I am a year 13 student at MAGS, a Cultural Prefect and I am a part of the year 13 Pasifika Health Science Academy. I serve in all four pillars at MAGS, including Interact, MAGS 1st XV girls rugby, MAGS Tongan group, and holding myself to a high standard academically.

My Why: I want to be a part of Komiti Faufautua because I want to be able to express the needs of our PI MAGS youth from a different perspective. I want to be their voice to express what barriers they are facing that are stopping them from being great leaders of the future. I want to be able to uplift our PI youth who don't think that they are good enough to be at the top. I want to help inspire them to pursue great things. Alongside the Komiti, I believe that our PI youth will have all the resources and support that will help them during their time at MAGS.

My Objectives:

- To enhance the wellbeing of our Pasifika youth at MAGS, by speaking up about the barriers that they face in their day-to-day life,
- To help increase the involvement of PI youth within the 4 pillars of MAGS and strive in their endeavours,
- To give back to our community, through service to our school, staff and students at MAGS,
- To create a learning environment with resources and opportunities, for the betterment of our PI youth at MAGS,
- To strengthen our Pasifika identities within the MAGS community and strengthen our values and morals during our time at MAGS.



Antonio TOMOKINO

Student rep since 2024

Ethnicity: *Samoaan, Cook Island*

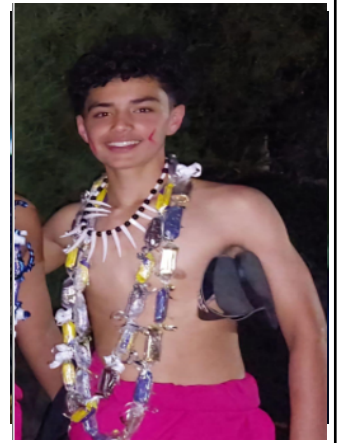
My background: I am of Samoan and Cook Island descent, hailing from the villages of Sala'ilua (Mum's side) and Saina (Dad's side). I am also the second youngest of four children. At school I am involved in rugby, basketball, and the Centennial Choir. I was also involved with the Samoan Group this year. I am a faithful believer in God, everything I do being a blessing from God.

My connection: I am currently a Year 12 student at MAGS, with a Year 9 brother and a sister that was a prefect in 2022. I want to carry on the Tomokino name and build upon what my sisters have established, but also pave a path for my brother.

My why: I joined the Komiti Faufautua to help make the voices of Pasifika students heard and to create a positive environment. I want to break down the boundaries that our community faces. By joining the Komiti Faufautua I can also come closer to my culture and embrace it whilst seizing all my opportunities I have at MAGS. I want to make an actual impact for all Pasifika students, which I can do from a position within the Komiti Faufautua. This is an opportunity I am blessed to have.

My objectives:

- To encourage ALL Pasifika students to be involved in all of the pillars MAGS has to offer
- To be a strong voice for P.I students
- To help the community and give back to the school across all the pillars
- Creating an open space for everyone to see through different perspectives for positive change



Riley HOGAN

Student rep since 2024

Ethnicity: *Samoaan, English, Chinese*

My background: I am Samoan, English, and Chinese. I come from the villages of Tiavea, Falelima, Poutasi, Saleimoa, and Malie. I am the oldest of two children. I play rugby for a living and give my life to God.

My connection: I am currently in the 12 Health Science Academy Amp class. I have many uncles that attended Mags in the past. I also have a younger sister joining MAGS in 2026.

My why: To be able to learn more about the Pasifika community at Mags. To be a voice for my fellow Pasifika brothers and sisters who are unable to voice their ideas or their opinions, and help the Pasifika community from any trouble/ challenges there are. As a Pasifika student at Mags, at times, I was afraid to raise my hand in class to answer and ask questions because I was afraid of getting the answer incorrect or asking a dumb question. But now I have realised that to grow as a person, you need to come outside your comfort zone. So, I decided to take this opportunity to become a Year 11 representative of the Faufautua Komiti.

My objectives:

- To help my Pasifika brothers and sisters from the challenges they come across,
- To help my Pasifika students be more confident.



Salamasina FA'ALOGO

Student rep since 2025

Ethnicity: *Samoan, European*

My background: Talofa Lava. I am a second-generation Samoan and European from my mom's side. I'm from the village of Sagone, Savaii. I play softball on both local and international fields. I have given my life to the Lord and live by his word every day.



My connection: I'm a year 11 student in HSA, and I am the only one out of my direct family members to be at MAGS. I've played both premier and Junior softball since year 9 and have been in the swimming academy for two years.

My why: I joined Komiti Faufautua because I wanted to provide support for our Pasifika family here at MAGS, and to help them learn that it's okay to ask for help. I stress about the understanding of our Pasifika community at MAGS being comfortable enough to reach out for help. I want to show our community that it's okay to not fit into a stereotype, and that you can be your own person while maintaining any relationships you have with others.

My objectives: To support Pasifika students at MAGS, break down stereotypes, and encourage individuality. Academically, I aim to excel, help my peers, and inspire everyone to reach their potential.

Makaia Quensell

Student rep since 2025

Ethnicity: *Tongan, German, Cook Island, Scottish*

My background: I am a Kiwi born Tongan from my Dad's side from Niuafou'ou (Tonga) and Cook Island from my mum's side from the islands of Aitutaki, Manihiki and Rakahanga. I am the middle child of 3 daughters (Khalen, Makaia, and Layla).

My connection: I am currently a Year 11 student at Mags, and I am a part of 11HSA form class. I currently have my older sister attending Mags with me in year 13. I am involved in the Arts pillars at Mags, including, Mags Mega crew, Leader of the Junior Performance group, and a Level 2 Dance student (11DNA - Dance Accelerate)

My why: I want to be part of Komiti Faufata to represent young Pasifika students and create new opportunities that help them succeed in school and beyond. I aim to celebrate Pasifika culture, inspire students to push beyond their limits, and encourage them to achieve more. I also want to give back to my community and connect with the wider Pasifika group at MAGS.

My objectives:

- To create more opportunities for Pasifika students to get involved in co-curricular activities within the four pillars.
- To build new relationships with other students
- To actively contribute to the future success of Pasifika students at MAGS.

Ruby AH SOON

Student rep since 2025

Ethnicity: Samoan



My background: I am of Samoan descent. I come from the beautiful villages of Vailima and Vaiusu in the lovely island of Samoa. I am the youngest of six children. In addition to that I am a strong believer in Jehovah God.

My Connection: I am currently a Year 11 at MAGS and in the Pasifika Health science academy. In 2024 I had a year 13 brother who was a school prefect and deputy head boy, and I also had brothers' and a sister that had also attended MAGS and was all blessed to become prefects and a part of this Komiti Faufautua in their years of being at MAGS.

My why: The reason why I wanted to be in Komiti Faufautua was not only to follow in the footsteps of my older siblings but to help our fellow brothers and sisters, our people. I want to help support my community, and learn from others. I want to help strengthen our Polynesian family within the school by promoting unity, collaboration, and cultural pride. Not only that but I also hope to be a part of something that uplifts Pasifika students and help create a safe, welcoming space for us all. My goal is to inspire and enable Pasifika students to embrace their full potential, breaking barriers in all areas they might not know they could break like academics, leadership, sports, and the arts, while also staying true to our culture, values and themselves. Showing my culture and staying connected to my roots is important to me. I am blessed to have Jehovah God in my life, guiding me to carry respect from home to school, and to have his bible verse isaiah 41:13 (For I, Jehovah your God, am grasping your right hand, the One saying to you, 'Do not be afraid. I myself will help you.') as a lamp to my feet each and every day. In addition to this as a young pacific student 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.

My objectives:

- To build a strong partnership between Pasifika families and the school to support students.
- To offer more programs that help Pasifika students grow in their education and leadership skills.
- To create an environment where every Pasifika student feels proud of who they are and what they do.
- To encourage Pasifika students to carry the respect they learn at home into their school life