

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 establish a Pasifika working group comprising 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 twice a term, usually held in the MAGS staff room, and occasionally via Google Meets. All emails to the Komiti Faufautua should be directed to the Secretary, Kilisitina Fifita (krissi.fifita@gmail.com) or Claudia Goff (claudia.goff@mags.school.nz).

2026 Komiti members

MAGS Staff Representatives

Jess Lythe

Deputy Principal

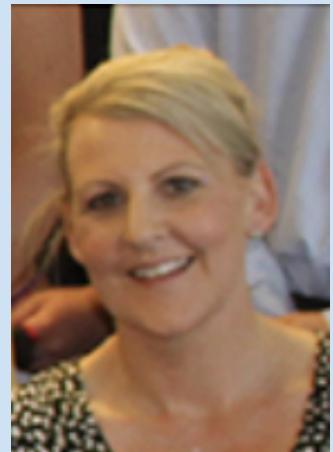
My Background: I grew up in Mt Albert and come from a large family - 1 of 7 children. Alongside my 3 sisters, I attended Marist Primary/College and AGGS. My 3 brothers all attended MAGS between 1987-1997. I come from a family where education, sport and health have always played a huge part in our lives.

My Connection: I have been a staff member at MAGS for 25 years. My teaching subject is Health and Physical Education. For the past 4 years, I have been an Assistant Principal with a focus on Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing. This year, I am the Acting Deputy Principal with a key portfolio of Pasifika.

My Why: I am excited to work alongside a team of people who advocate to improve educational outcomes for our Pasifika students. Pasifika students have always achieved well in my subject area. It is always a privilege to work alongside these students, see them have success and then continue further study at tertiary level, especially in Health Sciences, a passion of mine.

My Objectives:

- To support Claudia and Danny in their work with our Pasifika students.
- To ensure Pasifika students are accessing the support they need to achieve their goals.
- To celebrate Pasifika students and what they offer the MAGS community.
- To continue to strengthen relationships with families.
- To help ensure MAGS is a school of choice for Pasifika families.
- To advocate for Pasifika at a management level



Claudia Goff

MAGS Pasifika Academic Dean

My Background: I am of Māori descent (Ngāti Porou / Te Aitanga-a-Māhaki) and European heritage. My partner is from Ātiu in the Cook Islands, and together we welcomed our son, George, in 2024. I am proudly an Albertian. After completing my time at MAGS, I pursued my passion for movement, wellbeing, and education at the University of Auckland, training as a Health and Physical Education teacher. I began my career at Kaitaia College, which offered opportunities for learning and growth, before returning to MAGS in 2018. I have been teaching, mentoring, and serving as dean across my time at MAGS, while also supporting and leading students across the MAGS Pillars.



My Connection: I am an Albertian, and both of my siblings have gone through MAGS; one is currently in Year 12. I have been teaching at MAGS for 8 years.

My Why: I am committed to supporting Pasifika students to succeed academically while thriving emotionally, socially, and spiritually. I aim to create pathways for them to reach their full potential and to embrace their cultural identity as a source of strength in their learning journey.

My Objectives

- Build strong, trusting relationships with Pasifika students that connect school, family, and community, supporting collective success.
- Use data to track achievement, identify gaps, and improve teaching and learning outcomes for Pasifika students.
- Support initiatives aimed at improving Pasifika academic achievement.
- Help Pasifika students gain university entrance and access the opportunities and pathways available to them.
- Prepare students for post-school pathways, including tertiary education and the workforce.
- Collaborate with Danny to support and advance Pasifika initiatives.

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 year 11 student.

My why: To work alongside a team of like-minded people to support MAGS Pasifika young persons' 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 on what we need in fundraising and sponsor donations.

**Parent Representatives****Ashley QUENSELL**

Parent Rep since 2023. Current chairperson 2026.

Background: I am a 1st-generation Kiwi born Tongan on my mother's side, descending from Niuao'ou, and Samoan on my father's 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



Terangi BROWN

Parent Rep since 2020. Previous Chairperson 2025.

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 year 13 student in 2023, and I now have a son as a year 9 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 in 2024, my second daughter is Year 12, and my youngest daughter is Year 10. 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 ale a kainga"**. 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".



Luann TAPU

Board of Trustees Rep 2022 to 2025.

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 for 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 well-being 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 that the benefits and positive learnings from participating in a team sport can be transferred into everyday life.

Thomas Tarurongo WYNNE

Board of Trustees & Old Boys Rep 2020 to 2025.

Background: Cook Islands, Irish

My connection: Part of a now third-generation @ MAGS, and was on staff from 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.



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, and to enhance the visibility and values of Komiti Faufautua.



Samantha BEVACQUA

Parent Rep since 2024

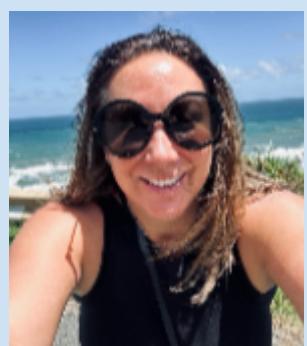
Background: I was raised in both Auckland City and rural Waihi. Graduated from Epsom Girls Grammar and AUT. I am fluent in English, Spanish, and Italian. I own and run TWG New Zealand, a boutique travel company. Proudly married to a Cook Island Maori, ex-MAGS old boy. I have 3 sons, a Year 12 student currently attending MAGS. One graduated and is 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 went into Westpac as an Operaitons Assitance 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 Wespac, National Bank of NZ, ANZ and Heartland Bank. Currently, I'm a Customer Success Leader for a software company called ezyVe,t which is 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. We live locally on Morningside Drive.

My connection: I'm an old boy who attended from 1985 to 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 served on the 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 every day for Pasifika students and our Pasifika community.



MAGS Student Representatives

Riley HOGAN

2026 Year 13 Prefect

Student rep since 2024

Ethnicity: Samoan, 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 who 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 with the challenges they come across,
To help my Pasifika students be more confident.



Antonio TOMOKINO

2026 Year 13 Rep

Student rep since 2024

Ethnicity: Samoan, 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, and everything I do is a blessing from God.

My connection: I am currently a Year 12 student at MAGS, with a Year 9 brother and a sister who 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.

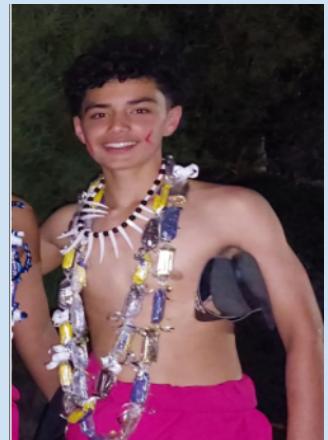
My why: I joined the Komiti Faufautua to help make the voices of Pasifika students heard and to create a positive environment. I want to break down the boundaries that our community faces. By joining the Komiti Faufautua, I can also come closer to my culture and embrace it whilst seizing all the opportunities 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



Salamasina FA'ALOGO

2026 Year 12 Rep

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

2026 Year 12 Rep

Student rep since 2025

Ethnicity: Tongan, German, Cook Island, Scottish

My background: I am a Kiwi born Tongan from my Dad's side from Niuao'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 the 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

2026 Year 12 Rep

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 12 student 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 who had also attended MAGS and were 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 Faufautau 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 helps 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 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