



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 3 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 Staffroom and occasionally by Google meets. Minutes of meetings are maintained and are available on request from the secretary – Anita Savelio (AnitaSavelio@hotmail.com).

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

Staff Representatives



Corey TODD

Staff Rep since 2019

Background: I am a New Zealander with Maori & Pakeha heritage. I have been in teaching for 17 years with the last three years at MAGS.

My connection: Deputy Principal responsible for Pasifika.

My why: to provide educational pathways for all Pasifika students to careers of their choice. It is important to me that Pasifika students leave MAGS with choices at their fingertips.

My objectives: to create academic pathways that support the aims of our Pasifika students. This will be achieved by acquiring external resourcing to complement the internal programmes that exist at MAGS.



Vaitaua (Va) 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 Mount Albert Grammar School, as well as my brothers.

My why: 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 academics who gain top endorsements and university scholarships.

My objectives:

- For MAGS Pasifika to leave our school with a clear direction of either wanting to pursue further tertiary studies, apprenticeships or employment.
- Our team advocate for our Pasifika students through having a clear link between school, students and our Pasifika community.



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 alongside a team of like-minded people in completing the objectives of supporting MAGS Pasifika young person's needs in well-being and academic quality of learning.

My objective:

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

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 School House.

My why: To be of service to our school community and contribute to the Komiti in its 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 Year 13 son and a Year 10 daughter.

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 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



Lemauga Lydia Sosene

Parent Rep since 2018

Background: I am of Samoan descent. I work as a local politician elected on the Auckland Council with a background in governance and community projects.

My Connections: My children have attended MAGS, my youngest son finished Year 13 in 2020 at School House, he begins Tertiary study soon. I have been a MAGS Board of Trustees member since 2007, with a strong interest in Pasifika learners. I am a member of both Education subcommittee and the Disciplinary committee.

My why: Assist in fulfilling Komiti Faufautua objectives.

My Objective:

- Encourage professional development of Pasifika initiatives with school leaders.
- Support Pasifika student leaders.
- Support Pasifika students and their parents.
- Assist fundraising activities with an interest in the MAGS Centennial celebrations 2021/2022.



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 Year 9 (High School).
- Help implement cost-effective ideas for events for PI students to participate in.
- Make sure every PI student is given equal opportunities in subject areas that support 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.



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 MAGS 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 Mount Albert Grammar as the best school in New Zealand

Student Representatives



Tali AFELE

Student Rep since 2019

Background: I am Samoan. I come from the villages of Iva, Savaii. I am currently still studying at Mount Albert Grammar School as a Year 13 student (7th form).

My Connection: I am the Deputy Head Boy, I am also the Head Chorister for The Centennial Choir, I lead the Samoan Group, I have been a part of the Pasifika Council since 2019, and I am also an Arts Prefect.

My why: I joined the Komiti for one reason. To help our people. Coming from an intermediate school where I was in class whose main focus was to help Pasifika Students, I always wondered why a school like MAGS, one of the biggest schools in NZ, didn't have one. So I joined to ensure that Pasifika as a whole was being valued by MAGS.

My objective:

- To teach Samoan Language DURING school hours.
- To have a Pasifika Form Class.
- To ensure that every Pasifika student graduates with the confidence of knowing where they will go after MAGS.



Isaiah FALE

Student Rep since 2021

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 11 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.

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.



Kaloni TOVO

Student Rep since 2021

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 11 student. In the 2021 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 and efficiency that are required to be moulded and applied 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 emphasise cultural pride and recognition among the Polynesian community mass here at MAGS, engage in the establishment of Pasifika focus initiatives to achieve a sense of belonging, support for Pasifika students that they will utilise 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 of translating this 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).

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 not mistreated but fixed in the right manner so it does not affect their learning in the classroom.



Briana DAVIDSON

Student Rep since 2021

Background: I am a Year 12 student. I am of Samoan descent from the villages Salani Falealili and Lotopa.

My connection: I attend MAGS as a student.

My why: I want to be a part of Komiti Faufaatua to continue to create a comfortable and positive environment for our Pasifika students so they are able to accomplish anything whilst also enjoying their school life at MAGS.

My objective:

- Celebrate and acknowledge the successes of our Pacific students.
- Make sure our Pasifika students are confident and comfortable enough to speak up.
- For our Pasifika students to accomplish and reach their fullest potential in achieving their goals.



Alonso FITZPATRICK

Student Rep since 2021

Background: I am of Samoan as well as Chinese descent. I come from the village of Afega.

My Connection: I am currently attending MAGS as a Year 12 student. I also have a twin brother who is at MAGS as well as an older brother who attended in the past

My Why: I chose to join the Komiti in an effort to help contribute positively to the present and future of Pasifika at MAGS. To help create an environment with an understanding of the Pasifika values and perspectives where Pasifika students are represented and celebrated in all areas of the school.

My Objectives:

- To help build a greater connection with the Pasifika community including parents and families with MAGS.
- Integrate Pasifika languages as well as practices into the school.
- To encourage Pasifika students' engagement and for those learners to have confidence in themselves and their abilities.



Nicholas Levy

Student Rep since 2021

Background: I am a proud Samoan student at Mount Albert Grammar school, being here for my fourth year as a year 12. I come from the villages of Sinamoga, Faleasi'u, Poutasi, and Malifa.

My Connection: As stated before, I am currently a year 12 student of MAGS, and I have joined the Pasifika Council, Samoan Group (for the fourth time), the SIAPO form class, and the MAGS Chess Club.

My why: I joined the Komiti to develop my leadership skills and my confidence as a senior Pasifika student, and to help support other Pasifika students studying here at MAGS. It also really surprised me when I first came to this school and had to choose a subject when I realised that Te Reo Māori was the only really Pasifika language here, so another reason I joined was to support and encourage and advocate for any Pasifika language initiatives.

My objective:

- To support having a Samoan language subject available.
- To help me boost my confidence by stepping up more, but to also help other students to gain more confidence in themselves.
- Help my fellow Pasifika students here at MAGS.



Pasilika Ulugia-Pua

Student Rep since 2020

Background: I am a Samoan, Niuean, and Chinese student currently enrolled at Mount Albert Grammar School. I come from Papa Sataua Savai'i, Vaimoso Upolu, in Samoa, and Alofi and Liku in Niue. I am currently in my last year of high school, and am looking to attend either University of Auckland, Otago, or Waikato to study a Bachelor of Law.

My Connection: I am a Year 13 Pasifika Student, currently enrolled at MAGS.

My why: My grandmother, and my family. My grandmother passed away in 2017 but she wanted me to carry on my Samoan/Niuean heritage in whatever form, as long as I always represented it, so I've carried it on through cultural performances but also through being a part of the Komiti Faufautua and Pasifika around school.

My objective:

- To enrich the cultural presence at MAGS.
- Increase Pasifika Academic Achievement in order to see more "Brown Excellence" at MAGS.
- Make MAGS a safe space for Pasifika Students.
- Cater to Pasifika Mental Well-Being, and spark more conversations about how to cater to our Pasifika young people & their mental health.