



Board Nominees:

Aleisha Wilkinson

Hobsonville Point ELC

I am a mother to two young boys—one who has been at a Kaitiaki centre for 2.5 years, and my youngest, who will be starting next year.

My professional background is in medical imaging, specialising in quality assurance and mammography working within a national screening unit. In this role, I have developed a strong commitment to the hauora and well-being of vulnerable communities, as well as a deep understanding of the challenges in working toward equitable outcomes for all. My experience in maintaining high standards in the screening service aligns with the kaupapa of Kaitiaki Kindergarten Association.

When my family first joined Kaitiaki 2.5 years ago, I saw childcare primarily as a necessity, but I have since witnessed the profound impact of the support, education, and connection Kaitiaki Kindergartens provide. This experience has transformed my beliefs about childhood education and its pivotal role in shaping the future of our children. I am excited about the opportunity to support the association's goals while bringing a collaborative and compassionate approach to the board.

Jessie May Dean

Hobsonville Point ELC

My family has been so lucky to have found a home in the Katikati Kindergarten community at HPELC. Both of my daughters have thrived surrounded by nurturing and caring teachers, and an environment that allows them to explore their interests and learn through play.

I would love to give back to this community that has embraced my family so warmly and continues to give my daughter a space place to grow and learn. Below are some key areas of my working career that I believe help demonstrate some of my skillset I could bring to the Board.

During the last decade I have spent my career in the payroll and workforce management domain, and its application to many varied industries. My time at Te Whatu Ora and AMS in particular gave large exposure to public and health sector that are highly complex with their collective agreements, benefit schemes, and additional reporting requirements.

Sitting on the Senior Leadership Team of a midmarket NZ Tech company navigating a product re-launch improved my strategy skillset and provided governance opportunities with our key clients and project stakeholders.

My current role leverages my understanding of system complexities, as well as organizational processes, inputs, and challenges that can influence the ability to achieve legislatively compliant outcomes, while navigating political impacts and changing structures across Health NZ.

Overall, I have an analytical and strategic mindset, coupled with a people first focus that I allow me to problem solve and foster bonds with those around me. I hope to be a great addition to your Board if my nomination is successful.