

## **Catherine Brown**

Ko Catherine Brown ahau

Ko Ngati Irish tōku iwi

Ko Pirongia te wāhi tapu

Ko Mark Brown tōku hoe tane, no Ngati Porou ia

Ko Zach, ko Max, ko Phoebe, rātou ko Chelsea aku tamariki, engari i mate a Chelsea



My name is Catherine (Cat) Brown, I have three children at schools within our community. Zach is year 9 at Greenbay High, Max is year 7 at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate and Phoebe is year 6 at Arahoe Primary School.

For the last two years it has been my privilege to serve with a committed board at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate as a parent representative. During my time on the board I have been fortunate enough to be part of some exciting projects including the new turf where we successfully applied for grant funding to help complete the project. I have also actively contributed through a highly successful ERO review.

For the past 14 years I have owned and operated my own successful business in New Lynn. I am an active learner. I am currently studying Te Ara Reo Māori Level 4 through Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and recently I completed my degree in Classical Studies through Massey University. I am a qualified Legal Executive with experience working within the top five New Zealand law firms, which has provided me with experience in interpretation of legal documents and governance.

I am an active parent within the community. With a supportive team beside me, I initiated and implemented the concept of 'The Arahoe Mud Run' and have continued to drive the success of this event over the past four years. This involved working closely with school management and businesses within the community whilst developing relationships to procure sponsorship and support.

I have hosted exchange students from local schools since 2000. I was involved in the management of the '2014 Arahoe Fair', I am a volunteer parent on the 'Arahoe Walking School Bus' and was part of the organising team for the Arahoe Whanau group 'Matariki Hangi', this included organising catering for 500+ children and families.