

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa.

My name is Poata Eruera and I have been the Chairperson of the Fruitvale Board of Trustees for the past six years.

It is election time. Every three years, an election is held to find five members of the school community to sit on the Fruitvale Board of Trustees (BOT) as parent representatives, along with the Principal and Staff Representative.

What does this involve?

The Board's primary and most important role is to ensure that EVERY CHILD has the opportunity to learn and that the learning environment is safe and inclusive.

The BOT sets the overall direction of the school. This is called governance. The School Principal manages the details of how this will happen. This is called management.

In other words, the BOT sets the big picture, and management handles the details.

The BOT meets once a month to ensure that the school is running to budget, that the school continues to be a safe environment for students and staff. It also looks at long term planning to improve facilities and educational programmes. Examples being the Fruitvale Road driveway, the bike track, the new two storey classrooms, the Garden to Table project, the new library and a technology classroom to name a few.

Follow this link to learn more about becoming a Board member.

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/>

Follow this link to read the Minutes of previous Fruitvale BOT meetings.

[www.fruitvale.school.nz/boardoftrustees](http://www.fruitvale.school.nz/boardoftrustees)

If you need further information, email me: [chairperson@fruitvale.school.nz](mailto:chairperson@fruitvale.school.nz)

I will be happy to hold a ZOOM/ phone or have an in person meeting to answer any questions about the role of a board member.

Nga Mihi Nui,

Poata