



Hi! I'm Andi Pannell. Our family moved to Upper Moutere in 2018 and we are so happy to be a part of this community. We have been lucky enough to live in Japan, Australia, the US and all over New Zealand, and we think this place is a real gem. I'm Mum to 3 boys aged 15, 12 & 9. Patch is in Turama.

We are so impressed by the quality of teaching, leadership and support at UMS and feel very privileged to be able to send Patch along. I would love to be able to use some of my experience and skills to support the school community as part of the board.

As far as my background goes, I completed a BA at Otago with majors in Japanese and Theatre Studies. I also completed a Masters of Business (MBA) in Sydney.

I have a Licentiate Teaching Diploma from Trinity Guildhall in Teaching Speech and Drama, and an Associate Teaching Diploma from Speech New Zealand in Teaching Public Speaking and Communication. I am trained to teach Baby Massage, Baby Sign and am trained facilitator for the 'Friends for Life' program which builds emotional resilience in children.

My work experience is quite diverse...

Before I had kids I was a superhero – no really! I worked for the Starlight Children's Foundation in Sydney Australia where I was Captain Starlight. I ran the Starlight Express Room at Sydney Children's Hospital managing daily operations, training and managing volunteers, creating, hosting and running in-house TV and radio programs and working with and entertaining children in Hospital. I was also part of outreach programs to rural hospitals and Special Schools throughout New South Wales.

Upon completing my MBA I was selected by Colgate-Palmolive to be part of their Corporate Development Program where I spent time in every area of their business from Marketing to Sales to product development and logistics.

Currently I work part time teaching after school Drama and Communication classes. Some of your children may have met me as I have also been in to teach some Drama Classes at school.

I would love to join the current board in the great work they are doing and hope that the unique and diverse range of qualifications and experience I have would be really useful. I mean who wouldn't want a retired Superhero on the team? ;-)