



Tena Koutou katoa.

Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini.

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us.

Kia ora.

My name is Elaine Partridge. I'm a mother, grandmother, wife, and aunty to my wonderful whanau. Our family moved to Aotearoa New Zealand from England twenty-six years ago. My husband Rob and I came here with our three children and half a dozen suitcases. We first settled in Motueka where I continued my nursing career as a Practice nurse and then

Midwife. I changed direction in 1999, training to become a counsellor at NMIT. I now work full time in Motueka as a counsellor and trauma therapist.

Seventeen years after our arrival and having packed our kids off to Uni, we moved out to the Moutere. Rob and I love it here and have no intention of leaving. I became involved with Upper Moutere School when my now eleven-year-old mokopuna Serenity, started school aged five. She is currently in Turama.

It has been my privilege to serve on the school board for the last two and a half years. I was co-opted onto the board to support the wellbeing of both the staff and the students given my background in nursing, and mental health.

As a board member I bring all my life experience and my diverse trainings to the job, plus my heart for families and a desire to support those who educate our children and grandchildren. On a wider note, I feel passionately about developing healthy and sustainable communities. I strive towards a more equitable society.

Nga mihi mahana