

Karyn Penno

Three of my four children have completed their time at Cromwell Primary, but the youngest (Boston, 5) will be attending for a few more years yet! I've been really impressed with the holistic approach to growing resilient and capable children that is actively fostered at Cromwell Primary, and would relish the opportunity to contribute to the school through membership of the Board of Trustees.

I'm currently General Manager of Dunstan Hospital so am familiar with the challenges of running a government funded business in a rural area. There seem to be a lot of similarities between health and education, and I would like to think I could bring some of my experience to assist Cromwell Primary. I'm also familiar with the need for an excellent working relationship between governance and operational management, with each having their own role to play in ensuring the organisation's success.

My professional background is in Human Resources, and I have a strong strategic focus. I believe strongly in the power of partnership - as a general rule I find the more heads involved, the better the decision! I prefer a collaborative approach to solution development, and enjoy thinking outside the traditional boundaries to come up with innovative ways to get to where we want to be.

Outside work I spend most of my time with my family and friends, hanging out and enjoying all that this beautiful part of the world has to offer. I'm an avid reader, love making things with paper and ink, and take coffee very seriously.