



APPLECROSS PRIMARY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Applecross Primary School Board

We have an official role as an Independent Public School Board, as defined by the Department of Education, and this revolves around: reviewing school performance; developing and reviewing the school Business Plan; reviewing and approving school budgets and charges; and establishing and reviewing the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions. In addition to this official role, we agree that we will be ambassadors and advocates for the school; develop a culture of service; support our staff; and be available to other parents.

2018 School Board Member Profiles

School Board Chair

Mrs Sanchia Dashlooty



My family has been part of the Applecross Primary School community from early 2014, when our eldest son commenced Pre Primary. Since that time I have thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in this community, meeting other families from the area, learning about the school and watching as my children have developed and grown.

During this time I have been a Class Rep for four years, active on the School's P&C as a Parent Rep on the Executive and have been a Board member since 2016. In addition to my voluntary commitments, I also work as an Educational Psychologist on a part time basis, specialising in learning and behaviour assessments. I have found being a member of the Board to be incredibly rewarding; allowing me to bring together my experience in child development and education with my passion for our particular school community and I look forward to continuing this experience as Chair of the Board .

Staff Representatives

Mr Kim Guelfi, Mr Louis Shepherd and Miss Leniette Zalsman



Staff members on the Board bring their experience and insight into the core business of delivering quality education to our children.

We have our Principal, **Mr Kim Guelfi**; Deputy Principal, **Mr Louis Shepherd** and Pre Primary classroom teacher **Miss Leniette Zalsman**.

Parent Representatives

We have ten Parent Representatives on our Board this year. These parents have children across the year groups.

The School Board Parent Representative Members for 2018 are:

Mr Daniel Ballard, Mrs Christina Batson, Mrs Emma Dannemiller, Dr Richard Gardner, Ms Sherelle Howitt, Mr Ryan Keys, Mr Adrian Lim, Mrs Shah Mackie, Mr Enda O'Sullivan and Mr Vikas Sehgal.



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Mr Daniel Ballard



I have been an Applecross local for a number of years. My eldest son Harrison began attending the school's Kindy class in 2017 and during this time we have built good friendships with other families. My professional background is in Development Management and Government Policy. I sit on some boards in my professional life, however, more recently I have been looking for ways to contribute to the local community. So rather than talking about it, I applied for the board role aiming to bring my perspective and experience to drive the school's strategic direction and meet its vision both now and in the future. I also have a 14 month old son, so my spare time has only started returning. I do though enjoy spending my weekends with both boys and my wife, as well as other activities such as basketball, reading and barracking for my footy team. I look forward to working with the Board in 2018.

Mrs Christina Batson



My husband and I moved to Perth in August 2014 from England. Our son William was 4 years old at the time of emigrating. We arrived in Applecross as our family have lived in the area for over thirty years and they have provided guidance and support to us in settling into a new country. We have been part of the school community since 2014 and are passionate about giving back to the school community. I have worked in the legal profession for 18 years. I am admitted as a lawyer in England as well as Western Australia. I currently work at the State Solicitor's Office in a Senior Management position in Native Title. I believe my professional skill set will compliment the school board and assist in helping the school continue to grow and to achieve the best outcome for all students.

Mrs Emma Dannemiller



I joined the Board to make a contribution to the school and share some of my skills. I was working for an international engineering and construction company as a project manager and quality manager in Perth after arriving here following completion of an assignment in British Columbia. We liked it so much in WA that we decided to stay and I quit work to be a stay-at-home parent. I've made some great friends here and enjoy community activities and putting down roots in Applecross and Perth. I've been a member of the Applecross Primary School Board for over three years now and I am also a member of the Waylen Bay Sea Scouts, Melville Rotary, the research committee for Low Carbon Schools and a member of *Living Smart*. I co-founded *Transition Town Melville* which is a community organisation aiming to nurture more resilient communities. I also commenced the *Ratna's Garden Urban Farm Project*, a community garden in Ardross and a supporter of the *Grand Marri Plant Out* project. It's great to be able to have the time to see everything our school, Applecross and Melville get up to and all the amazing people who devote their time to building our community. I think my involvement in these organisations and activities enable me to bring a broader perspective to the school.

Dr Richard Gardner



I have been a parent at Applecross Primary for 8 years now. My wife has been involved with the P&C for a number of years and I have seen much of the behind the scenes work that helps make the school tick. I felt that it was time to officially be part of it rather than being a semi-active spectator manning barbecues on occasion. I am also a medical practitioner having worked in the field for over 20 years. A significant proportion of my work is paediatrics and I also have a particular interest in teaching and technology, having set up a number of courses for Australian and New Zealand universities. I travel to the central desert a few times a year to provide a service to the remote indigenous communities. I have coached my son's Auskick teams and have even played in a few bands over the years. I enjoy being involved in such a committed group of parents, teachers and staff under the guidance of our Chair Sanchia Dashlouty and Kim Guelfi, our Principal.



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Ms Sherelle Howitt



My daughter Paige joined Applecross Primary School in Kindy in 2016. When the opportunity to join the School Board became available, this was perfect timing to understand the school's direction and vision. It has given me the opportunity to understand and contribute to the school business and development plan that will impact my daughter through her primary school years. My background is in Health and Safety Management. I enjoy keeping fit through cycling and running. It is an exciting opportunity to be part of a team that can make a positive contribution to our children's education and development.

Mr Ryan Keys



I have lived in Applecross for more than eight years and been part of the school community for over four years with my oldest child now in Year 3. I have enjoyed seeing the development of the school in this short time in relation to the changes being introduced to the teaching program but also the extracurricular activities and school facilities. I have another child in Kindergarten and I'm looking forward to being part of the school for many years to come. I have particularly enjoyed seeing the focus on development of the students as well-rounded people with a range of experiences and skills. In my professional life I work in the property and planning industry within government. This work has given me greater insight into what is happening in Perth generally in terms of economic and population changes and how the city is adapting to these challenges. Being a parent of children in the lower school I look to compliment the mix of the Board members and ensure there is a balance of perspectives.

Mr Adrian Lim



Pat and I have lived in Applecross for nearly 6 years and our two boys - Jared and Jacob, are in Year 4 and Pre Primary respectively. In our time in the suburb and at the school, we have made many friends and are very happy to be part of this vibrant community. In recent times, I had made the conscious decision to find some tangible way to give back to the life of the school and volunteering for the board was my little way to get involved in greater measure. In my professional experience, I find satisfaction (most of the time!) in working through complex and collaborative business and technical engineering decisions, building people and business, providing leadership, and coaching and mentoring - professional and life skills that may contribute to my time serving on the board.

Mrs Shah Mackie



I am a proud parent of 3 children in the School, Year 4, Year 3 and Year 1. We have been a part of the school community since 2015. I joined the Board to be part of a dedicated team of parents and staff that can make a positive contribution to the school. I am in the finance industry for over 20 years and run my own business. Being an active member of this community, I support the culture and curriculum in Applecross Primary school. It is a well-tuned balanced spectrum which successfully enriches and benefits my children (and I am sure, other children in the school) in aspects of intellectual, social, physical and creativity.



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Mr Enda O'Sullivan



I joined the Board in January 2015. I am sure some of you know my wife Elaine. We are very lucky that all of our kids have attended Applecross Primary; our oldest boys, Shay and Roan, have moved to the High School while our youngest two, Aran and Neve, are still at Applecross Primary. You've probably guessed that I'm originally Irish, but I left over 25 years ago, with sojourns in Canada, Scotland and Texas before settling in Perth in 2006. My professional background is focused in private enterprise, evolving along the route of project engineering, project management, operational management, business development and business management. I am an active volunteer in the community; and we are family members of Applecross Junior Football Club and Applecross Tennis Club.

Mr Vikas Sehgal



We moved from sunny Brisbane at the start of 2014 and fell in love with the Applecross suburb. Since then, we have enjoyed Applecross as a vibrant, safe, classy and global community. We are working parents and love the spirit and values that run at the heart of this Community. We enjoy opportunities to contribute back to this vibrant school community through safe and active participation via school projects and community fundraising events that further enrich our school community. We are proud parents of Jeeya (now in the High School) and Anay who is in Year 2. I joined the Board at the start of 2016. It is certainly a job I love outside of my role as National Supply Chain Manager, Hitachi Group; and pursuing my accountancy studies. It is an honour to contribute to the Board achievements and to be able to define/shape longer term goals to consistently maintain Applecross Primary School as the 'Best in the West'. I strongly believe that the Applecross vision is as good as it is owned and implemented by its Board. A harmonious and strong school Board that values balance and diversity is an asset to the School.