

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.

School Board Chair: Mrs Sanchia Dashlooty



Since 2014 when my eldest child commenced Pre-Primary, my family has been part of the Applecross Primary School community, with his younger brother joining him at the school three years later. During our time at Applecross PS, our family has been impressed both by the professionalism and culture of excellence demonstrated by the school staff, as well as by the warmth, generosity and sense of community shared by the parents and families we have met at the school. I have endeavoured to contribute to the school through many avenues over the years, including being a Class Rep for six years, taking a role on the P & C executive for two years, in addition to running P & C events annually for fundraising, alongside being on the School Board for now five years. These contributions have allowed me to give back to the community, which has provided such a positive structure for my children's education. It has also afforded me the chance to bring together my experience in child development and education, as gained through my work as a Psychologist, with my passion for our own particular school community. I look forward to continuing this experience through my role as Chair of the Board in 2020.

Staff Representatives: Mr Kim Guelfi, Miss Judith James and Mrs Orla King



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, **Miss Judith James**, and Year 6 classroom teacher **Mrs Orla King**.

Parent Representatives:

We have eight Parent Representatives on our Board this year. These parents have children across the year groups. The School Board Parent Representative Members for 2020 are:

Mr Daniel Ballard, Mrs Christina Batson, Mr Craig Bloxham, Mr Ryan Keys, Mr Geoff Kirk, Mr Adrian Lim, Mr Vikas Sehgal and Mr Ross Stuart

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 2020.

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 for a private law firm specialising in Native Title and Aboriginal Heritage, Local Government and Planning law. 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.

Mr Craig Bloxham



I have lived in Applecross my whole life having been brought up in the suburb as a child and attending Applecross Primary School as a student. My wife Ava and two children, Zamir and Zara, now live in Applecross. Since Zamir joined Applecross Primary School two years ago I have found the School to be a very progressive, employing innovative and modern approaches to teaching and learning, at a time of great change politically, economically, socially, technologically and legally. I envision Applecross Primary being able to instil in our children compassion so they can act in a socially responsible manner. I hope to be able to provide some assistance to the Board in achieving some of these aims from my personal experience and professional work as a lawyer.

Mr Ryan Keys



I have been part of the school community for over five years, with children now in Year 1 and Year 5, and been on the School Board for three years. Having children at different years of the school allows me to bring a balanced perspective to Board discussions. I have enjoyed seeing the development of the school in this time in relation to the evolution of the teaching program towards investigative learning but also the extracurricular activities and school facilities. 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 my work in the property and planning industry gives me an insight into what is happening in our local area in terms of economic and population changes.

Mr Geoff Kirk



I am fortunate to have two children at Applecross Primary. Raefe is in Year 4 and Bronte is in Pre Primary. Applecross Primary has played a strong part in the lives of our family. With a strong closely knit community that cuts across many cultural divides, we have been fortunate to form many close friendships from our time there, both for our children and also for us parents as well. While serving as a board member I hope to give a little back and help foster and promote this community spirit. In my professional life I work in the corporate management team for the Navitas group, which is a multi-national tertiary education provider for overseas students. Prior to this I worked in financial advisory roles at Ernst & Young and Arthur Andersen before that. I am hopeful that my professional background will provide some assistance to the board going forward. I look forward to the opportunity!

Mr Adrian Lim



Pat and I have lived in Applecross for some years with our two boys. 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. Some years back, 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 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.

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 3. 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.

Mr Ross Stuart



I have been an Applecross resident for over a decade and my youngest daughter, Juliette, started Year 1 in 2020. Professionally, I have an engineering background with particular expertise in developing high-technology systems for maritime applications. I have been on public and private company boards, and was a non-executive director of the Centre for Marine Science and Technology at Curtin University. More recently, I have become a stay-at-home father. I'm keen to be more involved in the school. We have a great community and as a board member, I want to help the school achieve the best outcomes for students.