

## 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.

### 2023 School Board Member Profiles



#### School Board Chair: Mr Ryan Keys

I have been part of the school community for over eight years, with a child in Year 4 and another who has completed his Applecross Primary journey and in high school. I have been on the School Board for six years and was privileged to take on the role of Chairperson last year. Having children who have progressed through the school at different times 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.

#### Staff Representatives: Mrs Bea Bouska, 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. The 2023 Board Staff Representatives are our Principal **Mrs Bea Bouska**; Deputy Principal **Miss Judith James**; and Year 6 classroom teacher **Mrs Orla King**.

#### Parent Representatives:

**Dr Mandana Arshi, Mr Craig Bloxham, Mrs Sanchia Dashlooty, Mr Geoff Kirk, Mr Tom Shaw and Mr Alex Tegg** are your six Parent Representatives on the Board this year. These parents have children across the year groups.



### **Dr Mandana Arshi**

I am a mother of two children in Applecross Primary: Jasper Moran in Year 3 and Harper Moran in Year 1. We moved to Perth in 2016 and since our arrival we have been happily living in Applecross. We enjoy our life in Applecross and I have become more engaged with the local families and sport activities via our children and their friends from school. In my academic life, I am a local General Practitioner (GP), caring for families and individuals. I achieved a PhD degree from The University of Queensland in 2012 in the area of childhood obesity, diabetes and asthma. I have worked as an educator of university students in Australia from a wide range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. I value team diversity, collaboration and the accepting of mutual responsibilities. As a professional member of our community as well as a mother, I love to actively support and contribute to achieving the goals of Applecross Primary School for the best outcomes for our children. After all, it is they who, as the younger members of community, will define the future of our society.



### **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 four years ago I have found the School to be 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.



### **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 seven years now . 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.

## **Mr Geoff Kirk**

I am fortunate to have had two children at Applecross Primary. My son, Raefe, has now moved into High School, but my daughter, Bronte, is in Year 3. 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 continue to provide assistance to the Board.



## **Mr Tom Shaw**

I am the father of four children: two currently at the school, and two more set to start in the next few years. By the time my youngest graduates, that will be 16 years of Applecross Primary School drop-offs! My background is in IT and Business, and in my day job I consult for clients including banks, government departments, and energy utilities. Over the last six years I've been impressed by the quality of the teachers and the innovative use of technology at the school. In this community, we believe in our kids and are determined to see the best for them. Parents bring a wealth of experience and insight. Many of us commit time to volunteer in and for the school. It is an honour as a parent member of the Board to contribute to representing the families at the school in the best interests of our children and the community.



## **Mr Alex Tegg**

I have lived in Applecross since migrating to Perth from the UK in 2012. My wife Katrina is Perth born, so we moved back here from London for a better quality of life soon after our girls were born. Maya began at Applecross Kindy in 2013 with Zoe following in 2015. Maya has now gone on to Applecross High School, Zoe is in Year 6. My background is in IT strategic consulting, and I've worked across many industries, but most recently I have focused on Higher Education. I currently work at Murdoch University, having spent time before that working at Edith Cowan. Our girls love Applecross Primary, we've made a number of great friends within the community, and I am hopeful my skills and experience will continue to allow me to contribute back to the school and the community helping deliver the best outcomes possible for all Applecross Primary School kids.

