



The Applecross Primary School Board has 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.

At the conclusion of 2025, we farewelled our outgoing Board members, **Tina Jolly** and **Hamoun Aria**, who had reached the end of their tenures. **Danielle Bowman**, Year 2 classroom teacher, has taken over from **Orla King** as a Staff Representative for 2026.

The School Board convened on Tuesday 3 March 2026, and welcomed the return of **John Gibbons** as Parent Representative, along with our newly elected Parent Representative for the upcoming two-year term, **Michael Thompson**.

We are pleased to confirm that **John Gibbons** has been elected by the Board to serve as School Board Chair for the next two years. **Craig Bloxham** will continue to provide valuable support in the year ahead in his role as a Community Board Member.

YOUR 2026 SCHOOL BOARD IS MADE UP OF THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES:

CHAIR: **JOHN GIBBONS**

Applecross is such a fantastic community to be involved in. Having been part of Applecross Primary School since my son, Tom, joined Kindy has been a wonderful experience. The school community has been welcoming and created new friends, not just for the children, but the parents too. The school staff are extremely professional and caring to the children, but most importantly they have a great interest in the children and their outcomes. I am in awe of the future our children will have and how education and technology are teaching them in new novel ways.



Personally, I am an international welding engineer, have run engineering fabrication businesses and now run an engineering consultancy. In addition to my professional work, I am a long-time volunteer in motor sport, member of the WA Weld Australia Committee and the WA Director of Motorsport Australia. I hope my skills from these areas will be able to assist the goals and outcomes of the school. It is truly a pleasure to serve on the Applecross Primary School Board and to be involved in the wonderful culture and community of our school.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES: **BEA BOUSKA, JUDITH JAMES** and **DANIELLE BOWMAN**

Staff members on the Board bring their experience and insight into the core business of delivering quality education to our children. The 2026 Board Staff Representatives are our Principal, **Bea Bouska**; Deputy Principal, **Judith James**; and Year 2 classroom teacher, **Danielle Bowman**.

Sally Spiers is our Board Executive Officer.



PARENT REPRESENTATIVES:

ANDRIANI CHRISTANTY

I currently have two children attending Applecross Primary School. My husband, Edo, and I have truly enjoyed being part of this close-knit community. We often bump into our children's school friends at local parks or during grocery runs, and it's heartwarming to see how excited they are for school each day. I am deeply grateful that my children have the opportunity to advance their education so close to home, helping them develop a strong connection to both their peers and their local community.

Education has always been a powerful influence in my life. I have had the privilege of receiving my education across three countries: Indonesia, the United States, and Australia. I earned my bachelor's degree in nursing and psychology with cum laude Honors and a partial scholarship, which laid the foundation for my commitment to lifelong learning. My professional journey began in nursing, followed by a significant portion of my time working with a leading global healthcare company ranked among Fortune 500. In 2022, I successfully transitioned into the tech field after completing a Data Analytics certification from the University of Western Australia. This diverse journey has only deepened my belief in the transformative power of education and its ability to shape lives and careers. By bringing a multicultural perspective and a collaborative spirit, I hope to support the continued growth of Applecross Primary School.



CAROLINE MANSOUR

Having now served on the School Board for a few years, I remain honoured to contribute to our school's growth and success. I am committed to working alongside my fellow board members to support our educators, strengthen community ties, and uphold the highest standards of learning. Our focus remains on ensuring every student has the opportunities they need to thrive. With a shared vision and dedication, we will continue fostering a school environment that benefits both our students and the wider community.



PETER SCHNEIDER

My wife Terri-Ann and I have two children attending APS, which makes me genuinely excited about serving as a Parent Representative on the School Board, supporting the vision of creating an innovative learning community where every child can achieve their full potential. I look forward to seeing our collective efforts enrich our school's reputation for its excellent academic and pastoral care. My focus areas include improving parking and traffic management, promoting passive transport options, securing top-notch facilities and programs, advocating for optimal funding, fostering social and community participation and importantly, preparing our children to meet a constantly changing future.

Throughout my career in diverse private, public and NFP industries as a CEO, Company Secretary, CFO and Board Director, I have demonstrated strategic, empathetic, innovative and principled leadership. With strong financial, audit, organisational management and advocacy skills, I have proven experience in setting and driving strategic goals, ensuring financial sustainability and promoting good governance.

I am dedicated to representing the interests of all parents, families and carers in providing the best possible learning environment for our children and creating the greatest opportunity for them to become happy and productive citizens - I believe there is no greater role we can play than to be active architects in our children's learning and character development.



TOM SHAW

I am the father of four children: three currently at the school, and one 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 seven 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.

MICHAEL THOMPSON

Having lived in the area over a decade, I have always admired the school and its wonderful presence in our community. I am proud to have my first child enrolled at Applecross Primary, with my second child due to join in 2027. I have a vested interest in not only my own children's education, but also in ensuring that all students at Applecross Primary enjoy a positive, inclusive and enriching experience that prepares them for future success in secondary education and beyond.



In my professional role with a leading resources company, I manage a team of professionals whose daily decisions affect a wide range of stakeholders. These decisions often carry operational and financial implications, requiring careful judgement, clear communication and effective stakeholder engagement. I bring strong skills in listening, analysing diverse perspectives and balanced solutions, all qualities I believe are highly valuable as a board representative.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE:

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 our two children, Zamir and Zara, now live in Applecross. Since Zamir joined Applecross Primary School five 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 look forward to continuing to provide some assistance to the board in achieving some of these aims from my personal experience and professional work as a lawyer.