

Role of the School Board

The School Board has an important role in the governance of the school. This means taking part in the shaping and monitoring of the school's objectives, priorities and general policy direction. The Board does not have a role in school management. This is the responsibility of the principal and involves educational leadership and the effective day to day administration, supervision and control of the school and its staff.

The Board is formed with the fundamental purpose of enabling parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of students and will enhance the education provided by the school. It is about providing additional expertise to help the school achieve the best outcomes for the students.

Our School Board Members

Our Board members bring their experiences and expertise to represent the school community on setting the strategic direction of our school. They are committed to ensuring that we continue to promote excellence and maximize educational opportunity and potential for our students. Their considered input is valued as we work together to reflect upon our vision and direction, in order to improve our great school.



Travis Miller—Principal

I have worked at Bannister Creek Primary School for 8 years, as a Deputy Principal and currently in the Principal's role. As an educator and father of 2 young boys aged 8 and 10, I am committed to educational programs that encourage students to reach their full potential, academically and socially. In my role as Principal, I am fortunate to liaise with members of the community and value their expertise and support of our school. I look forward to working with all the Board members to shape our school's objectives, priorities and policies, so we continue to be a great school.



Dr Paul Keble—Parent Representative

My family and I have recently moved to this wonderful area and my youngest daughter is in Pre-Primary at Bannister Creek PS. I have 40 years' experience in education, initially as a high school teacher, and more recently as an academic specialising in Applied Linguistics and English as an Additional Language or Dialect. I have had the great fortune to have lived and worked in 8 countries around the world (Australia, Barbados, Brunei Darussalam, Portugal, Malaysia, Singapore, UAE and UK). I am really looking forward to working with all at Bannister Creek PS to help sustain and enhance quality learning, teaching and community engagement.



Dr Matthew Cooper—Parent Representative

We have been in Ferndale for almost 10 years and have 3 kids who all love going to BCPS every day. I work in the area of data analytics and data management in child health research at the Telethon Kids Institute, where I've been for over 10 years, and am regularly engaged in projects with the Department of Health and Department of Education. I'm keen to assist the school as they pursue enhancing what is already a fantastic learning environment, making evidence-based decisions that factor in community-based feedback.



Tina Jones—Parent Representative

My family and I have been lucky to call the Ferndale area 'home' for over 10 years. My two boys attend BCPS, one in Pre-Primary and the other in Year 2. I worked as a Bank Manager for over 10 years prior to having children and then decided to pursue my ever-growing interest in teaching. I am in the second year of my Bachelor of Education at ECU, absorbing as much information as possible on the best evidence-based practices that facilitate positive outcomes for children. I am excited to be able to work collaboratively with the BCPS Board members and offer my experience, knowledge, and passion to champion our school and prioritize the needs of our students.



Paul Raftery—Parent Representative

I am a father of a young daughter currently in Pre-Primary. Our little family have lived in Ferndale for 7 years now, and we love the area and love being part of the community. Personally, my background is in insurance and assisting with financial distress issues, but my real passion is my current role as primary caregiver, to support my much smarter wife in her career aspirations. As a person with a disability, I am very keen to advocate for assistance to those who require it, and greater awareness. My commitment as a Board member is to advocate for the staff and students at Bannister Creek Primary School and do all I can to make their learning journey a great experience.

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Frances Laine—Community Representative

For over 10 years, I have worked as the Electorate Officer for local member Bill Johnston MLA Member for Cannington. I am pleased to have this opportunity to represent Bill on the board. In my role I have enjoyed working and creating strong meaningful ties with the broader community. Having raised my family in Langford I understand the importance of building a strong education system and providing a good platform on which for our children to grow as students and people.



Jodie Wyatt—Community Representative

I have been a parent at BCPS for 4 years. I have worked for the Education Department for 8 years and currently work in a Full Service School in Armadale as a Coordinator of Aboriginal Education. I am passionate about education and truly believe education is the foundation that all children need to access. I enjoy creating opportunities for Aboriginal women to succeed and use my position on various Boards, Charities and my Leadership opportunities to do this. I volunteer for an Aboriginal women's charity as well, as an Aboriginal Women's Leadership group. I feel very honoured to be able to work with the Board, the School Families and the Community.



Cr Mark Bain—Community Representative

I proudly represent the Lynwood area and surrounding communities as the City of Canning– Beeloo Ward Counsellor and feel tremendously honoured to be invited to join the Board of Bannister Creek Primary School. I am passionate about serving our community and am committed to improving the connectedness, lifestyles and wellbeing of local residents, including its young people. As a High School Teacher and University Tutor, I understand the importance of education and am committed to providing all students with the opportunity to learn and achieve success, and believe that the community plays a crucial role in children's academic and social development.



Jessica Alderman—Community Representative

I am representing the Lynwood Ferndale Playgroup on the School Board. I have lived in the local area for over 30 years, attending the old Ferndale Primary School and Lynwood Senior High School. I have 2 children at Bannister Creek, and have 2 small children who will be future BCPS students. I am excited to have this opportunity to be involved in linking the school to the local community. My background is in government service delivery and I am currently on maternity leave. I understand that schools provide vital support structures to ensure that all children are able to reach their potential, and community connections are vital to strengthen these services.



Shimano Brown—School Representative

I have been teaching at Bannister Creek Primary School since 2019 as a relief teacher and currently teach Year 6's. I love working with children and enjoy every opportunity to help and support each student to reach their goals. I have enjoyed these past few years and this opportunity to work with such dedicated, inspirational and helpful staff and community members, who are motivated to create the best learning environment and outcomes possible for students. I hope to make a positive contribution as a staff representative, and am looking forward to working with the Board this year for the benefit of Bannister Creek Primary School.



Callan Hegarty—School Representative

I have been a member of the community at Bannister Creek since 2018, and spent the last two years teaching Year 6. In 2021, I began my journey as a Year 2 teacher and am loving the opportunity to help a different group of students and their families. I have enjoyed fostering long lasting and meaningful relationships with the families that are at our school and take pride in the way we work together to help each other. I am very excited to become a member of the Board and to work alongside, and learn from, this engaging and talented group of community leaders.



Bronwyn Carey—School Representative

I have been at Bannister Creek Primary School since 2017, firstly as a teacher and now as a Deputy Principal. I am passionate about working with students, teachers and families to ensure our students have every opportunity to reach their goals, and have a positive and rewarding primary school experience. I am currently studying my Masters in Educational Leadership, to further enhance my knowledge and skillset in effective school leadership. I look forward to working alongside the Board to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students at BCPS.



Chris Steel – School Representative

I have been a School Officer at Bannister Creek PS since 2010 and love working at this wonderful school. I have 2 grown up children; my daughter is a teacher and my son runs his own gym. I was involved with the P&C and the School Board at the primary school that they attended. I have enjoyed taking the minutes for the BCPS School Board over the last few years and hope that I can make a positive contribution as a staff representative. We are very fortunate to have such lovely students, families and dedicated staff at our school and I value being part of the school community.