

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.



Mark Burgess - Board Chair -Parent Representative

I am the proud father of a 7 year old boy who attends Bannister Creek PS and an 18-month old daughter. I am a qualified Social Worker who has held Senior Management roles in Not-For-Profit organisations in the areas of Out of Home Care (Foster Care) and Community Justice. I am currently the Assistant Director Youth Justice at the Department of Corrective Services and I am also involved in numerous community sporting groups in the role of player, administrator and coach. I also currently serve as a Board member of the Western Australian Amateur Football league. I have a strong emphasis on Social Justice and hope to bring this to the School Board to improve every child's education and social development opportunities.



Louise Loosen - Parent Representative

I have an 11 year old daughter enrolled at Bannister Creek Primary School and was a student of Ferndale Primary School myself. I have been a teacher since 2001, working both in England and Australia and currently working for the Department of Education. On the School Board, I aim to support the school with their focus to provide all students with enriching learning opportunities in a supportive environment.



Linda Ross - Parent Representative

I have been a Bannister Creek parent since the beginning of 2015, with 2 children now in Year 3 and Pre-Primary. With both Psychology and Post Grad Communications degrees, I have worked in many commercial businesses, as well as choreographing stage shows, running my own media company and franchise businesses, and I recently started my own strategic management and marketing business. While maintaining a very hectic business life, I am also quite active in the community, support various charities and enjoy taking on new challenges.



Neil Worland - Parent Representative

I am the proud father of two girls who attend Bannister Creek, one in Year 2 and the other one in Kindy. I joined the School Board to get further involved with my children's school and contribute to the betterment of the school and the education of every student. I believe that I can ensure the voice of the parent body is heard, while supporting the teachers to deliver the best available education. My aim whilst on the Board is to explore ways that parents and the community can support the school and make Bannister Creek the best school it can be.



Clare Balfe - P&C Parent Representative

I am a mother of two daughters, one who is in Pre-Primary at BCPS and another who will commence Kindy in 2018. Our family has lived locally in Ferndale since 2013, with myself and my husband growing up not far away in Shelley. I am a Registered Nurse/Midwife and work part time at a hospital in Subiaco. On joining the School Board, I hope to become more involved in the school and have a positive involvement in the success of BCPS going forward.



Bill Johnston MLA – Community Representative

I am married with 3 children. I care about representing the interests of families and our community. I am an active member and supporter of many local groups. I believe that Bannister Creek Primary School is a wonderful community school, with dedicated staff and great support from local parents. I have a keen interest in supporting the school to meet its performance objectives now and in the future and look forward to being part of the team helping the school to build and offer the best possible education for our children.

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Amy McKendry - Community Representative

I am the President of the Lynwood Ferndale Playgroup Inc. located in Ferndale. We provide an environment for children aged 0-5 where parents/guardians come to socialise with other adults and children learn skills through play. I am hoping to connect the playgroup with BCPS, to help prepare families when starting school.

I grew up in the Pilbara, moved to Perth after graduating high school and have been living in Ferndale since 2008. I have experience in child care, admin and laboratory work. I'm married with two daughters who attend BCPS and I am looking forward to being an active member on the Board.



Julie Robert - Community Representative

I have been a local Lynwood resident for 37 years, with my children attending Lynwood Primary School and Lynwood Senior High School. I became involved in Landcare in 1990 and recently handed over my role as CEO of the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare in the South Region of Perth due to a significant and life threatening challenge. I was also involved in the development of Bannister Creek Primary School. I am now working as the SERCUL Special Projects and Training Manager. My past experience as a Registered Nurse has been my aspiration to clean up urban environments, seeking a healthier place for human interaction with the natural environment.



Dr Christine Cunningham - Community Representative

I am a City of Canning councillor for the ward of Beeloo and a senior lecturer at Edith Cowan University. I have a PhD in educational leadership and research methodologies, and look forward to playing an active role as a community representative on the School Board at Bannister Creek Primary School.



Lyn Macauley – School Representative (School Principal)

I was fortunate to be appointed the Principal of Bannister Creek Primary School in May 2014. As a Deputy Principal of six years in the Fremantle area, Pilbara Principal of seven years and Principal of East Kenwick Primary School, I have enjoyed the leadership challenges presented by working in diverse school communities and have been inspired by the support and resources that are unleashed when the school and parents work in partnership. I am focused on achieving the best possible learning conditions for our children and value relationships and open communication. I am committed to working with our School Board to ensure the positive relationships between the school, parents and community continue to flourish.



Travis Miller—School Representative

I have worked for the WA Department of Education for the past 17 years and the last 5 years as Deputy Principal at Bannister Creek Primary. Throughout that time, I have been an active participant on a variety of school Councils and Boards. I am very passionate about working with the local community to ensure the best outcomes for all students. I am looking forward to building the schools relationship with the local community and providing the Board with detailed and honest analysis of the school performance.



Julie Stone—School Representative

I have been a teacher at Bannister Creek Primary School since its formation and before that, at Lynwood Primary School. I have taught many year levels and currently teach Year 6. I feel it is an important year for our students and take great pride in seeing them mature in readiness for High School. I have lived in the area for over 30 years and my children attended local schools. I was an active member of the Parkwood PS P&C for 5 years, holding positions of Canteen Convenor, Roadwise Convenor and Vice President. I then held the position of Junior Registrar at the Lynwood/Ferndale Football Club for 5 years. I believe in a strong school community and working with the local community to give our students valuable educational experiences and develop their sense of belonging.



Haylee Campbell—School Representative (Teacher)

I have been a teacher in the Western Australian public education system for ten years. I was excited to be selected to work at Bannister Creek Primary School in 2014, where I have taught in the middle years. This year I am a class teacher in T4, where I am greatly enjoying guiding our Year 5 students to be independent and curious learners. I am passionate about seeing my students achieve to the best of their abilities through a differentiated and engaging learning program. I hope to bring my enthusiasm and commitment to the School Board in establishing a strong connection between the teaching staff and community representatives.



Dianne Ridley - School Representative (Administration)

I joined Bannister Creek Primary School last year, as the Manager Corporate Services (Registrar). Prior to this, I worked 5 years at Canning Vale Education Support Centre. I found my time there very rewarding, as I interacted daily with the students and provided support to all staff to ensure the needs of students were met. Before working for the Department of Education, I worked as a qualified bookkeeper for accounting firms, corporate businesses and family owned businesses, plus I owned my own business for a while. I am a mother of two daughters who are now in high school and, as both have very different learning styles, I am keen to help support their school, in an effort to improve students' learning and wellbeing.