

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.

The School Board met on Tuesday, 4th March and welcomed returning Parent Representatives, **Caroline Mansour** and **Tom Shaw**, and our new Parent Representative members for the next two years, **Andriani Christanty** and **Peter Schneider**.

Caroline Mansour will continue in her role as School Board Chair for 2025. **Craig Bloxham** will continue to support us in the coming year as a Community Board Member.

Bea Bouska
Principal

YOUR 2025 SCHOOL BOARD IS MADE UP OF THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES:

CHAIR: **CAROLINE MANSOUR**

I am truly humbled and deeply honoured to accept the role of Chair of the School Board. This is a responsibility I do not take lightly, as it positions me alongside my fellow board members in service to our educational community. Our shared mission is clear yet challenging: to carefully shape policies, oversee our resources with diligence, and nurture the high standards of learning and growth our school is committed to.

As we step into this new chapter together, it is with a sense of collective purpose and a dedication to the betterment of our school. We aim to strengthen our ties with the community, support our dedicated educators in their vital role of inspiring and imparting knowledge to our students, and ensure every young person in our care is given the opportunities they need to reach their full potential.

Embarking on this journey, I am hopeful and excited about what the future holds. It's a time for us to come together, support one another, and work towards a shared vision where every student can thrive. Our commitment is to our school's continuous improvement, to our community's well-being, and, most importantly, to the success and growth of our children. Let's move forward with humility, unity, and a steadfast resolve to make a positive difference.



STAFF REPRESENTATIVES: **BEA BOUSKA, JUDITH JAMES** and **ORLA KING**

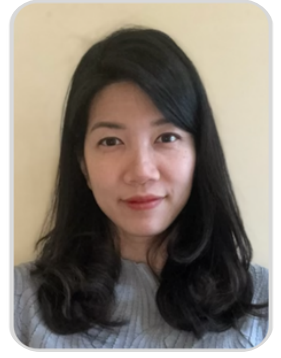
Staff members on the Board bring their experience and insight into the core business of delivering quality education to our children. The 2025 Board Staff Representatives are our Principal, **Bea Bouska**; Deputy Principal, **Judith James**; and Year 6 classroom teacher, **Orla King**. **Sally Spiers** 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.

HAMOUN ARIA

In 2020, my family—comprising my wife, Hanieh, and our two daughters, Ella and Melia, embarked on a journey, leaving the Swedish landscape for the sunny shores of Perth. Drawn by the promise of a vibrant community and an enriching lifestyle, we found a warm embrace in Applecross, and, most importantly, at Applecross Primary. Here, amidst the warm smiles of dedicated educators, my daughters (Ella in Year 2 and Melia in Kindy), have found a nurturing environment where they learn, grow, and truly blossom.



As a parent, I deeply believe in the transformative power of collaborative learning. I believe that school extends beyond classrooms and playgrounds; it lays the foundation for future successes, and building that foundation requires strong partnerships between educators and families. As a family, we feel honoured to join this supportive community and are eager to contribute in any way we can.

Beyond my role as a parent, I've been fortunate to have the chance to accumulate diverse professional experiences. From my time navigating the vast seas as a Master Mariner, to leading projects in the energy industry, international trade, as well as serving as a board member for non-profit organizations, I've had the opportunity of gaining insights into leadership, governance, strategy development, and risk management. I hold deep respect for the collective wisdom of our board and the Applecross community. I aspire to offer my assistance, continue learning, and contribute my skills in a manner that aligns with the best interests of students, our community's values, and the school board's mission and vision.

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.

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.

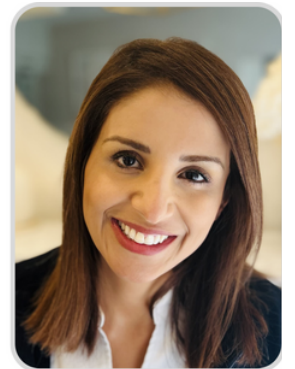


Throughout my career in diverse private, public and NFP industries as a CEO, Company Secretary, CFO and Board Director, I have demonstrated strategic, empathetic, innovative and principled leadership. With strong financial, audit, organisational management and advocacy skills, I have proven experience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

TINA JOLLY

I'm a dedicated parent of two children at Applecross Primary School. With a background in pharmacy, business ownership and community involvement, I aim to bring a unique perspective to the school board. My commitment is to work with the school community to achieve the best outcomes for our children and to foster a positive learning environment and enhance communication between parents, teachers, and administration. I believe in collaborative efforts to ensure the school continues to provide a nurturing and enriching experience for students.



Embarking on this journey, I am hopeful and excited about what the future holds. It's a time for us to come together, to support one another, and to work towards a shared vision where every student can thrive. Our commitment is to our school's continuous improvement, to our community's wellbeing, and most importantly, to the success and growth of our children. Let's move forward with humility, unity, and a steadfast resolve to make a positive difference.

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.



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.



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