

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 27th February and welcomed new parent members **Chad Paull, John Gibson, Harmoun Aria** and **Tina Jolly**. The Board then appointed a new Chairperson for 2024.

We welcome **Caroline Mansour** to the role of School Board Chair for 2024, and take this opportunity to thank **Ryan Keys** for his nine years of dedicated service, three of which as chairperson to the Applecross Primary School Board. Ryan's commitment to ensuring that the School Board operated with transparency and accountability has contributed to its efficiency. This has ensured supportive learning outcomes for all our students. It has been a privilege to work alongside Ryan for the last two years. His efforts are greatly appreciated.

Bea Bouska, Principal

YOUR 2024 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, 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.



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 2024 Board Staff Representatives are our Principal, **Bea Bouska**; Deputy Principal, **Judith James**; and Year 6 classroom teacher, **Orla King**.



PARENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Continuing members, **Craig Bloxham** and **Tom Shaw**, are joined by new Parent Representatives; **Hamoun Aria, John Gibbons, Tina Jolly**, and **Chad Paull**, making up your six Parent Representatives on the Board this year. These parents have children across the year groups.

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.

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.

JOHN GIBBONS

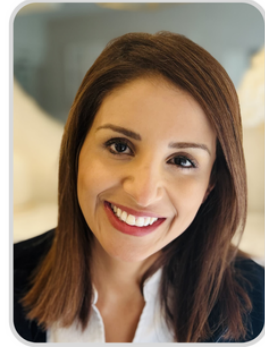
Applecross is such a fantastic community to be involved in. Having been part of Applecross Primary School since my son, Tom, joined Kindy has been a wonderful experience. The school community has been welcoming and created new friends, not just for the children, but the parents too. The school staff 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.

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.



CHAD PAULL

My wife Yuki and I met overseas as expatriates and made the aspirational move to Australia and the leafy suburb of Applecross some 12 years ago. Little did we realise at the time how blessed we were to have landed ourselves in such a vibrant, multicultural community and right adjacent to its heart, the Applecross Primary School.

I am a Chartered Accountant with over 30 years of experience in business management in diverse industries from the accounting profession, multinational public companies, startup ventures and small business. I have also volunteered as treasurer and committee member on various sporting associations. I am employed as the CFO of ENJO Australia and share their vision to reduce the use of chemicals and single use plastics to improve the health and environment of our children.



Applecross Primary School has developed such a wonderful culture of community spirit which is ever present whether it be at school pick up and drop off, Thursday morning school assembly or the annual sports carnival. This spirit truly transcends into the broader Applecross community which I witness daily at the local tennis club, at training with the Applecross Hawks junior football team, buying milk at the Good Grocer in the Village and at the local Park Run on a Saturday morning.

It is my wish to further contribute and enhance this community spirit as an Applecross Primary School Board Parent Representative.

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.



Further information on the Applecross Primary School Board can be found on our website [HERE](#).