2016 School Council Nominees

Kate Denborough

I am the Artistic Director of a dance-theatre company called KAGE based at the Abbotsford Convent. I am passionate about social justice and equality. In 2013 I was recognised in *The Australian Financial Review* and Westpac Group 100 Women of Influence Awards. I have three children attending Westgarth Primary School in Grade 6, Grade 4 and Prep. I love the sense of community that Westgarth Primary cultivates and if elected onto the School Council, I would aim to support and promote positive change and progressive points of view.

Andrew Wear

I am the father of four young girls, including Sophie, who is in grade 3, and Evie and Charlotte at Westgarth Kinder. Since 2014, I have been Chair of the school's Policy Committee and a member of school council. As a member of school council, I would like to focus on some of the big issues facing the school, such as:

- how, when, and why do we do fundraising?
- how do we deliver on the school's masterplan for buildings and grounds

I'm hoping I can bring to school council some of the strategy and teamwork skills that I've gained working as a public servant with the Victorian Government.

Julie Carpenter

I am in my 10th year as a Westgarth Primary School parent. My sons are in Grade 3 and Year 9 (having completed Prep to Grade 6 at Westgarth). I have served on School Council for the past 2 years, and am currently Vice-President and Chairperson of both the Finance and the Out of School Hours Care Sub-committees. I also served on the Governance Sub-committee (responsible for reviewing School Council's Standing Orders).

I am employed by the government as a lawyer. My work currently involves disability and mental illness. I am interested in social justice and a quality state education system that prepares children for high school and beyond, across a wide range of learning areas.

Ian MacLean

I’m the father of two grade-four boys and live around the corner on Bastings Street. I’ve been on School Council for two years, serving on Policy sub-committee, and this year as President. This year School Council has welcomed our new Principal, approved a new Strategic Plan, commenced the Education sub-committee, approved a master plan for the school facilities, successfully advocated for safer travel to school, reviewed and updated School Council governance and commenced a fantastic Parents and Friends club.

I’ve really enjoyed the role as President including ensuring our meetings are productive, and various speaking engagements on behalf of the school (Grace's and Lynne’s farewells and the Grade 6 graduation). Now that I’ve got the hang of it, I’d very much like the opportunity to continue in the role, working closely with Jo to further strengthen the school.

Ian Rogers

Howdy. My son is in his second year at Westgarth Primary, now in grade one. Last year I helped with writing many Monday mornings in prep. I ran books at the fete in 2015 and plan to do so in the future. I loved the science fair and astronomy night and can only admire the science club via Facebook. Two years on the parent committee of management at the Yarralea kinder in Alphington is one credential. I spent the first year helping with publicity and the second as treasurer. I found time to help out at bush kinder that year as well.

Custodians of Westgarth school need not tinker much. I see us working on the basics, maintenance, engaging with educational reform and sucking every last cent we can out of Treasury (but only our fair share - resourcing all schools properly is my wish).

Our children have a bright future and so far I see only committed, qualified staff charged with their care.