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GOOLLELAL
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Caregivers

ELECTION OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GOOLLELAL PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

As several parents have nominated for the vacancy on the Goollelal Primary School Board, an online voting process will take place.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sean Browne, Charmaine Ellery, Caitlin Merritt and Shawn Twomey for nominating as parent representatives for our School Board. Candidate statements can be found on the following pages.

An email with a unique code ensuring confidentiality will be emailed to eligible parents this afternoon with a link to the online ballot. Please do not delete the email until you have completed the online ballot.

Eligibility to Vote

Under section 16(1) (b) (ii) (l) of the School Education Act, any parent who has provided their name and email address to the school is eligible to vote. Should a tie eventuate, a second election will be conducted.

If you do not receive an email from admin@schoolsurvey.edu.au this afternoon, please contact the school on 6207 2100 after checking your junk email folder.

Responsibilities of the School Board

The School Board plays a significant role in the governance of our school and includes representatives from the parents, community, staff and the Principal.

Independent Public School boards are not the same as corporate boards, as operational responsibility for the school sits with the Principal. The functions of the Board include:

1. Taking part in:
 - establishing and reviewing the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions

- implementing financial plans to support these goals
 - evaluating the school's performance in achieving these goals
 - formulating codes of conduct for students.
2. Promoting the school in the community
 3. Providing advice on policy for religious education and the implementation of special religious education (not applicable to Goollelal)
 4. Determining, in consultation, a dress code for students
 5. Approving:
 - charges, contributions and fees
 - extra cost-optional components of the school's educational program
 - items for personal use in the educational program
 - advertising and sponsorship arrangements.

Process

All nominees are listed on the online ballot with the order of names drawn at random. Online voting closes midnight Sunday 24 July. The vote count will be verified by the Principal and the School Board Chair.

The school community will be advised of the successful candidate in the next school newsletter. Should further parent vacancies arise in the next twelve months, positions on the Board will be offered to the remaining candidates in the order of community voting.

Thank you to all candidates and to all community members for your support of the School Board. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries at all about the election process.

Yours sincerely

Paul Fuller
PRINCIPAL

Candice Patterson
SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

19 July 2022

Candidate Profile: Sean Browne

Both of my children, Phoebe and Henry attend Goollelal Primary and my wife and I are incredibly happy to be part of the school and community. Goollelal has provided our children with a supportive and positive environment in which they can learn, grow, and make friends. Through the school Board, I would like to contribute towards building upon the things that make our school and community great.

I have worked in Government for 15 years and hold a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning. I am employed by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage in the role of Manager Kimberley and Indian Ocean Territories within the Land Use Management division.



My role requires strong leadership, interpersonal skills, negotiation skills, an ability to think and act strategically, and an ability to make decisions. These skills are required to lead a team which delivers positive outcomes for developers, land users and importantly, the people of Western Australia. A key focus of mine in this role is to ensure that through our work, we actively identify and deliver positive outcomes for Aboriginal people whether Traditional Owners or communities.

Outside of work, I love being outdoors and try to spend as much time as I can in the ocean. I also enjoy being creative and do a bit of woodwork and art. I try to share these things with my children as it's a great way to spend time together and impart my love for creativity and nature.

I feel that my experience in leadership, developing and implementing strategy, decision making, and stakeholder engagement would benefit the Board and school. I hope to apply these skills towards the improvement of learning outcomes and the school environment while maintaining our school's unique character and values.

Something I am passionate about is reconciliation and closing the gap for Aboriginal People. I feel there is space within the learning environment to introduce our children to Aboriginal people, their languages and culture in a positive, appropriate, and respectful, way. I would therefore like to contribute towards Goollelal's approach to incorporating Aboriginal culture and learnings in the school environment.

Like other parents I have a busy work schedule and of course the daily responsibility that comes with raising kids, but I feel that now is the time for me to take a greater role in the community and our school. By nominating for a role on the Board I commit myself not just to improved outcomes for my children but all the children that have the opportunity to attend this great school.

Candidate Profile: Charmaine Ellery

I believe I would be an excellent addition to the school board, I am a Chartered Accountant with 10+ years' experience, I am currently working as an Assistant Manager at BDO. My skills in accounting, management and business would be an excellent asset to the school board. Specifically, I have years of experience in budgeting and understand the processes involved in holding and recording board meetings.

My daughter Delilah Virgo is currently a student in Year One and I would love to see the school grow and flourish as she moves through primary school. I am committed to working as a team with the other board members whilst maintaining high-level integrity and confidentiality. I am eager to help the board achieve its goals and work to establish links within the community.



Candidate Profile: Caitlin Merritt

I am an active member of the school community, currently on the P&C and a class rep for kindy. This year I've been involved alongside the P&C and with the guidance of Paul a 3 year staged plan for a new nature playground. This is a large project that will benefit the school and I am dedicated to working in collaboration with all parties to deliver a beautiful playground for the entire school community to enjoy.



With 3 young children I am committed to the on going growth of the school in all areas by providing parent feedback through the appropriate channels to create opportunities for our children and be a voice for change where needed. I have a bachelor degree in graphic design and a masters in marketing.

For the last 7 years I have managed my own business with up to 10 staff - this has helped me further develop skills including networking and relationship building/management, strategic business planning and implementation of marketing initiatives.

I have also worked in operations and e-commerce for a worldwide retail company for the past 11 years (with breaks for maternity leave)- These roles saw me working cross functionally to align teams and implement large scale rolls outs, events, store openings and product launches.

I have developed client and stakeholder management skills throughout my career, in addition I have established strategic business planning, marketing and e-commerce skills. Being involved with the board would enable me to integrate and build on my work experience background, as well as apply the skills and knowledge I acquired from my university studies.

I believe my skills and experience position me as a strong candidate for the school board and I feel that I can make a valuable contribution to the school community. Being a voice for our children and families is extremely important to me.

Candidate Profile: Shawn Twomey

I'm a 43 year old father of 2 boys, Ethan, 7 & Harry 3 and husband to Jo. Ethan is currently in TA6 and Harry will be joining the school in February 2023.

Professionally I am the Managing Director of a medium sized ANZ recruitment business with offices in Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Auckland.

Personally I love sport and spending time with the family and getting involved in the community where I can and I've volunteered and supported a number of Perth charities and recently entered the Busselton Half Iron man in December where I'll be hoping to raise funds for Zero2Hero.



I put forward my name for consideration for the parental representative on the board as I would love to take a proactive role in helping Goollelal School and the students be the best they can be.

I'd hope that my business experience could help with some of the planning, budgeting and analysis for the school and my passion and belief in the school values would enable me to be a positive ambassador for the parents on the board.

Thank you for considering me.