

MOONEE PONDS WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT MEMBER CANDIDATES 2018

Ben Atchison	
	<p>The MPW community has always impressed me, even prior to having kids at the school, and the opportunity to contribute in return is my main motivation for standing for council.</p> <p>Married to the wonderful Sophie and proud father to Harry (Grade 4), Lachie (Grade 2) and Lilly (Prep), I have enjoyed my time with the school to date and look forward to the years to come.</p> <p>I am a program manager for an IT consultancy and bring both analytical and soft skills to the table.</p> <p>I have served on council the past two years where we have put a lot of focus on engagement, communication and good governance to set up MPW well for the future. I see the key to this being a constructive and honest relationship between community, staff and students – we’ve made positive steps in this area and there is plenty of opportunity to do more again.</p>
Kylie Brown	
	<p>Hello! I have two children at MPW (grade five and two) with two younger ones still to come. I love our community, my children love school and I’m committed to contributing in a way that honours that feeling for all children and families.</p> <p>My professional background is academic governance, policy, selection and process improvement in the tertiary sector. This experience has proven useful in navigating complex governance processes at School Council (SC) and Education Committee over the last two years and to help advocate for change.</p> <p>Although we have made genuine progress recently, more work is still to be done in building upon and transitioning improvements more broadly via the strategic planning process. I am re-nominating for SC as I feel I can add value to this process, and am committed to seeing this work through and playing a part in collectively growing a great school for everyone.</p>
Nigel Keegan	
	<p>My family and I have been part of the MPWPS community for 4 years now. Serving on the MPWPS Council would be a welcome opportunity to be further involved and to contribute to the life of the school.</p> <p>I am a trained Primary teacher and have worked in Education for 17 years in Australia and abroad, across various year levels and Sport & PE. With my experience in a wide variety of school environments, I believe I could bring valuable perspective, knowledge and insight to the council.</p> <p>As someone who is passionate about providing the best education and school experience to my own students, I wish to offer my hand in supporting our school, the management team, staff, community and most importantly the children of MPWPS.</p>
Matthew Kenny	
	<p>A former school teacher with over 15 years educational experience, I’m now a proud stay-at-home dad to Amelia and William.</p> <p>Previous school council experience, including five years as council treasurer for Buckley Park College, has shown me how a strong school council can support the teaching and learning environment.</p> <p>I hope to use my experience as both parent and educator to bring a reasonable and balanced approach to advocacy for the parents and students of the school community.</p>
Lisa Shaw	
	<p>My name is Lisa Shaw and I am the mother of Alicia Puddefoot in Grade 5.</p> <p>For the past five years my family has been privileged to be a part of the MPWPS community and witnessed the dedication of staff and parents alike, to promote better learning outcomes for our children.</p> <p>My reasons for seeking election to school council are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support the sound financial management of the school by assuming the role of Treasurer - extend on the good work of the previous council regarding improved parent communications - support the broader and safe use of technology by our children - act as an advocate for parents. <p>I am a qualified accountant (Fellow CPA, IT Specialist) and run a consulting company specialising in technology procurement, governance and financial management. I have also been a board member on two not for profit organisations, one in the capacity as Treasurer.</p>