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George Johnston CHAIRPERSON



With a professional background in real estate, property management and business development, I bring a broad range of experience in leadership, communication and community engagement to my role on the Denmark Primary School Board.

Having grown up in the Great Southern and lived in Denmark for the past five years, I have a strong connection to the region and a genuine commitment to contributing to the local community. I am passionate about supporting Denmark Primary School to achieve strong academic outcomes while also fostering the development of well-rounded, resilient and respectful students who demonstrate positive behaviours and a strong sense of community.

I am committed to actively contributing through both the P&C and School Board, investing my time and experience to support effective governance, strong leadership and a positive school environment. I believe that meaningful collaboration between the Board, school leadership, staff, families and the wider community is essential to achieving the best possible outcomes for our students.
Outside of my professional and community commitments, I enjoy gardening and making the most of the lifestyle that Denmark has to offer.
I look forward to working with the Denmark Primary School community and contributing to the continued growth, success and positive future of the school.

Luke Breman PRINCIPAL



It is a privilege to lead Denmark Primary School and to work alongside a vibrant community committed to helping every child thrive. With more than 34 years of experience in education, including 25 years in educational leadership roles, I have had the opportunity to work across a range of regional and remote school settings, supporting students, staff and communities to achieve their full potential.

I am passionate about empowering school communities through strategic planning, strong relationships and targeted school improvement. I value the important role our School Board plays in governance and look forward to working collaboratively with our diverse members to ensure the best outcomes for all students.

At Denmark Primary School, we are guided by our vision of “We Grow Stronger Together.” I believe schools are at their best when they listen to and work in partnership with their community, meeting the needs and aspirations of students and families alike.

As an advocate for every child, I am committed to ensuring all students have access to high-quality educational opportunities that prepare them for a successful future, whatever pathway they choose. I am equally passionate about celebrating achievement, recognising growth and creating a school culture where learning is engaging, meaningful and enjoyable.
Together, we can continue to build a school where students are supported to learn, belong and flourish while having some fun along the way.

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Chelsea Beaton

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE



Denmark has always been home to me. Born and raised here, I spent my early years at Denmark Primary School before my family moved to Albany. After completing a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at Murdoch University, I returned in 2016 to work as a local veterinarian and reconnect with the wonderful community I grew up in.

Today, my husband and I are raising our three children here, with Henry, Lily and Daisie attending Denmark Primary's Early Childhood Education program. Having experienced the school as both a student and a parent, joining the School Board feels like a special opportunity to give back to a community that means so much to our family.

My husband and I own and operate The Dam restaurant and two onsite distilleries, and are passionate about supporting our community through local sponsorships, donations, community events and sustainable business practices. As a parent representative, I hope to bring my experience in business, governance and community involvement, alongside a genuine parent's perspective. I am passionate about preserving the school's wonderful grounds and community spirit, while helping ensure every child has access to opportunities and a positive, inclusive environment in which to learn, grow and thrive.

Cathy Brooker

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

I am very happy to be a member of the School Board in 2026. In my short time as a teacher representative, I have enjoyed working with the board members to keep building and shaping a positive and inclusive school environment.

After teaching in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands and small wheatbelt schools for 12 years, I moved to our small farm in Denmark with my husband Murray in 2005 and I have been lucky enough to teach at Denmark Primary for the last 20 years.

I am looking forward to working with the board to make a difference to the school, and to keep fostering positive relationships between the school and the wider Denmark community.

Danielle Carne

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE



I am an experienced leader with a strong background in sport, management, events and tourism. I am currently the Executive Officer of the Great Southern Academy of Sport where I leads the organisations strategic direction, governance, partnerships and program delivery.

I also hold a Master of Business Administration and have a particular interest in sport, community and organisational development.

I have two children at Denmark Primary, and am actively involved in the local community through volunteering, coaching and club administration. I am passionate about contributing to a positive, fun and inclusive school environment that supports children to reach their potential.

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Kelly DeBono

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE



It is a privilege to represent DPS families on the Board and to contribute, alongside Board members, families and staff to the school's ongoing development and success.

I have one child in year four, and my family has a longstanding connection with the school dating back to 1935.

I believe that positive leadership, sound policies, efficient processes, and clear communication are fundamental to enabling DPS staff to continue delivering high quality educational, social and wellbeing programs to students.

Anna Kooy

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE



It is a privilege to be a member of the Denmark Primary School Board. As both a classroom teacher and a parent of three children at Denmark Primary School, I have a strong personal and professional commitment to our school community. With 16 years of experience in primary education, I am passionate about student learning, wellbeing and creating an inclusive environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

I am a Level 3 classroom teacher and enjoy co-leading the Maths curriculum area at Denmark Primary School. I value strong relationships, open communication and collaborative partnerships between staff, families and the wider community. I am passionate about supporting initiatives that strengthen student outcomes and contribute to the continued growth and success of Denmark Primary School.

Helen Spencer

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE



I feel fortunate to be a Deputy Principal at our thriving school. My path here has given me strong and broad expertise. I began my career as a leader in three diverse urban schools in the UK, before moving to WA, where I served as Principal of a small school in the Midwest and then Deputy Principal at two large schools in the Pilbara.

This range of experience — small and large schools, city and regional communities — has enhanced my capacity to ensure every student attains high standards of learning and wellbeing.

I believe strongly in shared governance and a team ethos: the conviction that by working together, we achieve far more for our students than any one of us could alone. Serving on the board enables me to combine my leadership background, my firsthand experience as a school parent, and my ongoing work with staff and community to achieve one crucial goal: seeing every student progress.

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Romy Surtees

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE



I'm happy to be able to serve as a community representative on the DPS board.

Both my (now grown up) children attended our wonderful community school.

I look forward to helping guide our strategic direction and to support our school community; growing stronger together.

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Alisha Taylor-Jones

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE



I'm Alisha Taylor-Jones, and a parent representative on the Denmark Primary School Board. I have a kid at our school in year 3, and am passionate about supporting Denmark Primary to be the best possible place for our children to learn, build friendships, and prepare for being their best selves in the world.

My particular interests are around children's safety, and supporting neurodivergent and kids with disabilities to thrive in a school environment. Learning is for everyone.

If you want to reach out to me, my best contact is email via aetaylorjones@gmail.com.

Blair Walkington

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE



Being on the school board for me is a way of giving back to the school community whilst making sure that through sound governance and support, DPS will continue to provide its students with the outstanding educational, social and emotional development that my family and I have greatly appreciated since arriving in mid 2025.

As a parent with 4 children (Kindy, Yr 1 and Yr 6 at DPS and Year 8 at ASHS) I clearly have a long-term vested interest in DPS maintaining its current lofty standards while at the same time bring 10 years of experience of being a primary school parenting from schools across the state. Outside of being a parent I am a Station Officer with the Career Fire and Rescue Service in Albany and have held varying board positions with a number of sporting and community groups.

Being a new member of the board I look forward to getting to know the members of board and school executive and seeing an entirely different aspect of the school. Please contact me via email bwalkington@hotmail.com