

Chair

Jason Russell

Jason joined the School Board in 2019. He attended Greenmount Primary School in his primary years and continues to live locally. Jason is the Deputy President of the Shire of Mundaring and is also a student of law. Jason brings to the Board knowledge in community governance and the perspective of the broader community. He feels privileged to be working with an exceptional group of enthusiastic School Board members.



Parent Representatives

Brook Desmond

Brook joined the Board in 2016, and has had three of his children attend the school – one still in primary school. Brook has his own photography business and is involved with many youth sporting clubs and activities in the local community. Brook has had many proactive roles both in the community and in the school, coaching students, mainly in basketball. He is currently completing a degree in Education and is looking forward to applying his skills to teaching.



Scott Rogers

Scott has two children attending Greenmount Primary and is passionate about developing a broader interaction throughout the school community. He has previously served on various local committees around the Greenmount Area and for the last ten years has been President of the local Bellevue RSL. He has also served on the RSLWA board for two years. Scott is a carpenter who has also successfully run his own business for the past 13 years and is keen to assist with the growth of 'this amazing school' by being involved on the School Board.



Karen Shearer

Karen has two children currently attending Greenmount Primary School. She is a Clinical Nurse Specialist for Neonatology at Perth Children's Hospital and King Edward Memorial Hospital. Her role encompasses policy management as well as safety and quality improvement activities. She is also responsible for developing new systems to streamline processes and improve productivity. Outside of nursing, Karen also helps manage the family electrical business. A busy little family that enjoys being part of the school community.



Shane Spinks

Shane is very pleased to be able to participate as a parent representative on the School Board. He has been a Greenmount resident for the past 10 years and lived within the Midland area for over 30 years. He has a son attending the school and he is a keen supporter of independent and accessible education. Shane is employed in Local Government as a senior manager with responsibilities for community infrastructure planning and development. He hopes that he will be able to put to good use the broad range of experiences and skills he brings to the School Board.



Amanda Swadling

Amanda has been a parent and active member of Greenmount Primary School For 6 years. She has 3 children that currently attend GPS with her youngest currently in Kindy.

Amanda has a strong background in dance and environment and enjoys bringing the GPS community together through dance events. She is passionate about children having a love for learning and becoming resilient in all aspects of life. Amanda is looking forward to supporting the board, ensuring the school continues to evolve and provide excellent educational outcomes.



Staff Representatives



Amy McEwen

Over her 17 years at Greenmount Primary Amy has had the role of LOTE (Japanese) specialist, Art specialist and now Associate Principal. She also currently leads the school's Technologies and Visible Learning agendas and is part of the Mathematics and English committees. Amy's two daughters have attended Greenmount Primary.

Joining the School Board in 2016, Amy has enjoyed the opportunity to work with other members to support the decision making and direction of the school, reflecting Amy's personal 'growth mindset'.



Evie Vernon

Evie began teaching at Greenmount PS six years ago as the Visual Art Specialist teacher. In 2019, Evie took on the Design and Digital Technologies role creating a cross-curricular program combined with Visual Art, this role united her passions for art and graphic design. Evie is now Acting Associate Principal, leading the Specialist Professional Learning Committee and has recently joined the school board in 2023. Evie is looking forward to further connecting with the community through her new role and is excited to be a part of the future of GPS.



Principal

Natalie Astle

Natalie's first role at Greenmount was as a parent, with both her children completing their primary schooling here. In 2004 Natalie joined the teaching staff as Maths Specialist and the Associate Principal for 16 years. Her passion is 'community', ensuring that all students and their families feel that they belong and are cared for.

Having been a staff representative on the Board for several years, Natalie was actively involved in the school's transition to IPS and the establishment of the new School Board.



Board Secretary

Jane has had 21 years in association with Greenmount Primary, being 11 years as a parent and 5 years on the Board – with 3 years as Chair. Jane led the formation of the new School Board when Greenmount became an Independent Public School in 2015 and guided the development of the school's first Business Plan. Jane joined the staff of Greenmount in 2020 as School Officer. Jane lives in the local community and personally values the importance of a school community in the growth and wellbeing of all our students.