



23 February 2018

**SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY – PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEMBER
VOTING OPENS MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers of the Kaleen Primary School Community,

Kaleen Primary School has a vacancy for a Parent and Citizens member position on the School Board. The position is available for 2 years, commencing 1 April 2018.

We have received two nominations for the position. A short promotional piece and photo of the two nominees is attached for your information.

Voting will open at 11am Monday 26 February 2018 and close 11am Monday 5 March 2018.

To vote, please collect a ballot paper and envelope from the Front Office of Kaleen Primary School. Fill it out according to the instructions and place it in the locked box located at the Front Office.

The appointment will be made by the Returning Officer on approximately 26 March 2018 and the appointment will commence on 1 April 2018.

The letter also appears on the Kaleen Primary School website and Skoolbag App.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 6142 1750.

Kind regards,
Diana Wallace
Assistant Returning Officer

Please find below, in order of first name, a short promotional piece and photo of the two nominees:

Emma Snowden



Hello Kaleen Primary families. I am a mum to three boys, William (10), Kenji (7), and Nathaniel (5). I have been a member of the school community for 7 years now, and would like to represent the parent community of our wonderful school.

I have a passion for making sure our children are getting the best learning journey and experiences from our school, as well as for the families and the wider community. To achieve the best for our children, I believe it is important to support our teachers and leadership team; however, if I have questions, I will not hesitate to communicate concerns. I'm very interested in my children's education, and want to support the school as much as possible.

I love that our school has implemented recent changes with the 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' model, and that this will encourage all students of Kaleen Primary to develop not just academically, but socially and emotionally as well, to give them the best start for a happy and healthy life ahead.

My background involves, spending three years working as an English teacher in Japan. From then, I moved to Australia from the U.K. and raised my three children. Most recently, due to my broad interest in education, I returned to university and gained a second degree (graduate entry), in a Bachelor of Primary Education. Now as Japanese language teacher at a primary school, I am truly fortunate to understand the perspective from both sides - as a parent and a teacher.

I want nothing but the best for our school and for all our children to achieve success.

Biography - Dr Siaan Ansori



Growing up in the area, Dr Siaan Ansori has a long-standing and personal connection with the Kaleen community and ACT government schooling in Kaleen. Siaan is a Kaleen resident. She has two children currently attending Kaleen Primary, and two younger children to commence at the school in the coming years. These children guarantee Siaan has - and will continue to have - a direct personal interest in shaping the school's strategic direction, priorities, curriculum, and teaching methodologies for at least the future decade.

Siaan has worked in cooperation with the school board as a P&C member at her children's previous school overseas. Siaan has also provided secretariat support to government-related boards in various Australian Government roles. Through her professional career, she has experience in budget processes, performance monitoring, and risk management in the public sector environment.

Siaan has previously held tertiary teaching, management, and community engagement roles at the Australian National University. These roles exposed her to the challenges and opportunities of working in an education environment.

Siaan has a PhD in Asian Studies and is acutely aware of the diverse nature of Kaleen Primary, including the positive and creative opportunities for curriculum development and community engagement this diversity brings. She is married to an Indonesian national.

Siaan believes strongly that everyone deserves the opportunity for excellent education supported by a robust and inclusive community.