

SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Michael Minson

Michael started his teaching career at Mukinbudin District High School in 2004. As a primary trained teacher, he has worked at District High Schools in the Wheatbelt, and Primary schools in Perth and London. As Deputy Principal at Dowerin District High School, Michael led a number of STEM initiatives at the school and throughout the region. At Edgewater Primary School, his highest profile responsibilities included curriculum leadership, policy development to support student wellbeing, and developing community understandings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history.



Daneiel Price
Chair

With two children at Springfield Primary, Daniel joined the School Board in 2023. Equipped with an architectural degree, post-graduate business and project management qualifications, Daniel has delivered numerous complex and strategic property development projects throughout Australia and abroad. In 2022, Daniel was appointed as Director of Redevelopment to lead the staged redevelopment of St John of God Subiaco Hospital – the most significant transformation in the organisation’s history. Prior to this, Daniel led the delivery of Western Australia’s largest 6 Star Green Star mass-engineered timber structure at Murdoch University: Building 360 – Boola Katitjin.



Emma Wishart
Deputy Principal

Emma has spent 20 years of her teaching career in regional Western Australia, holding teaching positions in the Pilbara, Central Wheatbelt and Goldfields. It was in the Goldfields that Emma was selected to be the Getting it Right – Literacy (GiRL) teacher for her school, a position that allowed her to support staff in planning for and teaching literacy. This position allowed Emma to work closely with the leadership team, and she gained valuable experiences in leading whole school planning. In 2021, Emma transferred to the Metropolitan area, bringing with her a wealth of knowledge from her experiences in regional Western Australia. In 2021, Emma joined the Springfield Primary School as a teacher and English curriculum leader. From there Emma won the permanent Deputy Principal role at Springfield Primary School. Emma’s passion lies in working with staff to create engaging learning experiences for all students, which links perfectly with the school motto Working Together, Achieving More.

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Catherine Barrett
Parent

Catherine joined the Springfield Primary School community in 2024 with her two daughters after relocating from Sydney. As a former student, she loves seeing how much the school has grown and changed since her own school days.

Catherine is passionate about quality education and supporting the school's goals, bringing experience in community engagement, financial budgeting and an understanding of the school's history. Her previous volunteer roles at Oatley Public School NSW, where she served as Secretary, Canteen & Uniform Shop Coordinator, and Treasurer from September 2021 to April 2024, have equipped her with valuable insights and expertise. Catherine also coaches netball for her daughters' teams, demonstrating her commitment to fostering a supportive and active community. Professionally, Catherine works in Finance and HR and has experience in the not-for-profit industry in previous roles.



Esther Brunner-Memik
Parent

Esther is a teacher and a mother of three children aged 8, 14 and 15. The youngest attends Springfield Primary School, while her older two are now at high school. As a teacher, she primarily works with children who have dyslexia, language disorders, ADD and ADHD. This year, she has also taken on the role of supervising ECU students during their placements, allowing her to visit various schools and observe different teaching philosophies in action, all striving to achieve the best outcomes for their students.

Originally from Austria, she moved to Australia in 2000 and fell in love with the atmosphere of the Sydney Olympics, which led her to decide to make Australia her home. Before settling in Perth with her husband, she worked as a radio producer for the ABC, which provided her with the opportunity to explore regional areas in both NSW and WA.



Chloe Duckworth
Parent

Chloe is an early childhood and primary teacher, with experience with leadership. She has a postgraduate certificate in Learning Difficulties and a soon-to-be-completed Master of Education in Autism Studies. Chloe's passion lies in advocating for authentic and affirming inclusive educational environments for students and families of diverse needs, which led her to developing her own business consulting for schools and families on best practice in Neurodivergent education.

Chloe credits Springfield's strong and supportive community of staff and families for providing her two children with solid foundations and opportunities to truly thrive, and has joined the Board in an effort to contribute to the continuation of this robust school community, vision and direction.

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Kitty Hibble

Kitty joined the Springfield community in 2019 when her son started in Pre-primary and was elected to the Springfield Board in 2023. She has one child currently attending Springfield and one who is now in secondary school. Kitty has a background working in the not-for-profit industry and is currently with the Internet Association of Australia where she oversees the Association's corporate services, including events, marketing, communications, human resources, recruitment, accounts, internal policies and governance. Kitty and her family love Springfield and being a part of it's wonderful community.



**Alison Hollingsworth
Teacher**

In 2010, Alison became the first Kindergarten teacher to be based on site at Springfield Primary School following the completion of the then newly built Early Childhood Centre. Prior to this, she taught in a variety of schools in the northern suburbs and the Pilbara. She has taught many year groups across early childhood and primary school at Springfield, but has mostly taught Kindergarten and Pre Primary. Alison has a passion for play based learning including lots of music and movement. She has two primary school aged children at home who keep her busy during her "down time".



**Jennifer Moriarty
Teacher**

Jennifer Moriarty joined the Springfield teaching staff in 2011 after completing 2 years of country teaching in Geraldton. She has a passion for teaching in the Early Year's and believes in the importance of inquiry, play based learning in the classroom. Jennifer has taught primarily in both Kindergarten and Pre-primary at Springfield and currently leads the K-PP Phase of Learning Team and the Inquiry Learning team. She enjoys creating a welcoming environment and building positive relationships with families as they enter the start of their schooling at Springfield Primary School.



**Katelyn Sinclair
Parent**

Katelyn joined the Springfield community in 2024 when her eldest child began Pre-primary. Her daughter is now in Year 2, and her younger son joined the Springfield family in Kindy this year.

Katelyn is self-employed as a digital marketer for property professionals, and prior to that, was a licensed conveyancer for over 10 years. Having previously served on the board of a not-for-profit industry organisation, she enjoys being involved in the governance, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement processes.

Katelyn is passionate about children's education and the importance of community, and values the opportunity to support the school in delivering a strong foundation for all students. She looks forward to contributing to the board and being actively involved in the continued growth and success of Springfield Primary School.

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Robert Thomas
Community

Robert has lived locally since the 1970's, and is the grandfather of two girls attending Springfield Primary School.

Whilst under a scholarship, he undertook his first teaching practicum at Springfield Primary in 1976, graduating from Churchlands College of Advanced Education, (now E.C.U.), in 1978. Following this, he undertook further studies including in educational administration, policy, theories and action, as well as Religious and Values Education.

He taught at St. Anthony's Wanneroo before teaching for thirty-five at St. Mark's A.C.S, serving as a deputy in the primary, lead teacher and head of house. As of retirement in late 2021, he has worked as a relief teacher at Belridge College in various subject areas as needed, and local primary schools.

Prior to retirement, he served on the board of the Independent Education Union - W.A and was recognised in 2021 as a life member of this body. He is an advocate of a broad, eclectic, egalitarian and inclusive education system, which affords equitable opportunity and the optimum development of all students according to their needs, capacity and aspirations within the allowance of available resources.