

**Ascot Vale PS School Council Election Parent Statements February 2019 (in alphabetical order)**

<p>Benjamin Delaney</p>	<p>I'm Millie and Ruby's dad (they're both in Unit 6 with Alister and Jason) and I am also dad to Poppy (she'll be a prep in 2022!). I am also married to Marie who is the parent rep for our girl's classroom.</p> <p>I work as the Executive Project Director delivering sporting infrastructure on behalf of Development Victoria. Prior to project delivery I came from a background in facility management and capital works and studied Commercial Law and Management at University.</p> <p>I have been a member of the School Council for the past two years working in the Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee. It's been an exciting time for the children at AVPS with the upgrade to the school grounds. I am keen to remain on the Council to see the works completed and continue the facility improvements for our children.</p> <p>Outside of work, I have a big interest in sport. I coach the girls' basketball team - which seems to be getting more and more AVPS children each season!</p>
<p>Rebecca Doherty</p>	<p>I am mum to James in grade four and Emma in grade one. I was a parent member of school council from 2015-17, initially in a one-year position that was unfilled and then staying on for another 2-year term. I really enjoyed participating in the school community in this way.</p> <p>My part-time job in health policy with the Victorian government has been helpful in my role in the Education and Policy subcommittee of school council, which works to develop and review school policies as well as provide feedback on issues such as reporting and curriculum.</p> <p>Parent members have a great chance to bring the views of the school community to council, and to collaborate with teaching staff to help the school run as well as it can. I'd love the chance to be part of school council again this year.</p>
<p>Kate Mohay</p>	<p>I have 2 children at AVPS (Charley U5, Locke U2), and would like to become more involved in the school where I can.</p> <p>I am a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA), and am the Finance and Operations Manager at a health promotion charity, overseeing Finance, IT, HR and Operations. Using these skills to contribute to my community is important to me, and I also volunteer in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walking School Bus volunteer (Fenton St Route);</li> <li>- AVPS Parent Rep for U3 (2018);</li> <li>- Committee of Management member - Farnham St Neighbourhood Learning Centre (charitable organisation focussed on adult education and social inclusion);</li> <li>- Foster Carer - Seeing Eye Dogs Australia;</li> <li>- Accountant - Australian Drug Law Reform (2016).</li> </ul> <p>I hope to use professional background and passion for community (and AVPS in particular) to make positive contributions over the next 2 years.</p>

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Richard Moody	<p><i>BSc, Member Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy</i></p> <p>I'm a proud stay at home parent of Honor and Grace (U5), in grade 2 and Prep, and also love the school and all that it has to offer, which is why I wish to stand for election.</p> <p>After a successful career for 15+ years as a scientist, project manager, and safety leader, I have taken the last 4 years away from paid employment to raise my young family and to give back to the community. I have volunteered a significant amount of time to LSC&amp;PH (Big Camp and Safety Committee), and more recently as Chair of the Ascot Vale Stage 1 Action Group (Ascot Vale Estate Redevelopment), and an active parent in the AVPS community, having partaken in many of the working bees, fresh fruit Friday preparation sessions, a volunteer at the last school fete and more recently as quiz master of the school quiz night.</p>
Ebony Mychajlyk	<p>My children are Lola (Grade 6 / Unit 4) and Max (Grade 3 / Unit 3), and I have been an active member of the school community since 2013.</p> <p>I work in the disability field as a Positive Behaviour Support Practitioner. I have previously worked 22 years for the State Government in Disability Services. This included working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly supporting adults with disabilities,</li> <li>• Learning and Development,</li> <li>• Policy writing,</li> <li>• Service Improvement,</li> <li>• Management.</li> </ul> <p>The skills and knowledge from my career provide me with a strong and practical understanding of duty of care, quality improvement, department process and policy writing.</p> <p>I have been on the School Council and Education Policy Subcommittee for four years. I have utilised my professional and personal skills ensure the review of school policies, procedures and communication are clear, concise and meet the needs of the school community as well as legislative and department requirements.</p> <p>I feel I have made a valuable contribution and I would love to continue this work with the School Council.</p>
Meagan Thompson	<p>My name is Meagan Thompson and this year I have been welcomed as a new parent by the engaged and thriving AVPS community. With a daughter in Prep and another pre-school aged child, I am looking forward to being part of the wonderful AVPS community over the next 10 years.</p> <p>I am excited to contribute to the success of our school and believe I could make a great contribution to school council and the AVPS community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As a strategy expert, I have led strategic planning and projects for the Epworth and Royal Melbourne Hospitals. I am currently an Executive with the Victorian Government within mental health.</li> <li>- As a community member, having established a volunteer program, the Collingwood Homework Club which provides free tutoring to children in the Collingwood area</li> <li>- As a Mum who, like us all, wants a great school that helps our kids be their best</li> </ul>