



GOWRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal: Gareth Richards

21st February 2017

**GOWRIE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
CANDIDATE INFORMATION AND VOTING FORM
VOTING COMMENCES ON**

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY AND MUST BE IN BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY.

Below are the Candidates nominating for the Gowrie School Board. Please read their expressions of interest and then vote on the reverse side of this letter and return to the Gowrie School Office between 20th and 27th February. There will be a voting box at the office for your forms.

Alice Buck

Today prepares tomorrow, the Gowrie motto says. Today we play, we work, we learn, for years that lie ahead...

I am Alice (and this is Molly). I spent the first 18 years of my life living in Gowrie, and still fondly remember my time at Gowrie Primary, singing that old school song. Who'd have thought then that my years that lie ahead include sending my almost 5yo (and in the future my now almost 3yo) to the school that taught me so much.

I have nominated myself for a position on the board because I am passionate about contributing to making Gowrie the school which others envy. Having suffered bullying through a lot of my school life, I want to see Gowrie leading the way on inclusion and support for anyone finding school a challenge. As a female civil engineer, I want to see Gowrie supporting all levels of ability and embracing the challenge of preparing our children for jobs that don't even currently exist. And, perhaps most importantly, as a mum I want our kids to have friends and have fun. I look forward to meeting you, and I hope I have your support.

Mike Makin

I am a new parent at Gowrie this year with 3 kids in years 5, 3 and Kinder, as well as a fourth who will start preschool at Gowrie in 2018. We also live in Gowrie and really appreciate the role the school plays in the community. I therefore have a very strong interest in the direction of the school and am seeking your support to become a member of the school board.

If elected to the School Board I would contribute my experience in developing and implementing strategy, monitoring performance, managing risks and good governance and would look forward to supporting Gareth and the team to continue to grow Gowrie to be the best school it can be.

While I have not previously been a member of a school board, my skills in governance, strategy development and implementation have been well honed in my role as a senior executive in the public service as well as previous private sector experiences. I am also married to a former teacher and am well aware of the challenges facing school leadership. (As an engineer and economist I also have a particularly keen interest in the strength of the great STEM program at Gowrie!)

I will bring to the board a range of professional skills I can draw upon, including being a qualified company director, as well as experience from my kids and my own involvement with schools so far. And, although we are only new to the school community this year, I am keen to jump in and get involved with the school, getting to know the school community and making a contribution to our kids and the schools future – something I hope I can do as a member of your school board.

Everyone COUNTS

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Ballot Paper

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Election of parent and citizen representatives

Please vote for your preferred candidate from the following list in the space provided:

Candidate 1: **Alice Buck**

Candidate 2: **Michael Makin**

Your vote _____

Voting Closes at 3.30pm on Monday 27 February 2017