

# Chandler Park Primary School Council

## Comprises parents, the principal, staff and community members

School Council elections held annually in February or March each year. All parents or guardians of students enrolled at the school are eligible to vote for parent members, and staff vote for staff members. School Council members are elected for a two-year term. Half the School Council retire each year but can stand for re-election.

The current members of School Council at Chandler Park Primary School for 2020 are

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| <b>Naomi Reed</b>       | Principal    |
| <b>Nicole Matsoukas</b> | Staff Member |
| <b>Mark Chludzinski</b> | Staff Member |
| <b>Ainslie Waters</b>   | Staff Member |
| <b>Trevor McCrimmon</b> | President    |
| <b>Kathy Hughes</b>     | Parent       |
| <b>Mark Harrington</b>  | Parent       |
| <b>Jane Jennings</b>    | Parent       |
| <b>Lea'anne Grigg</b>   | Parent       |
| <b>Jenai Flanagan</b>   | Parent       |
| <b>Betty Alexander</b>  | Parent       |
| <b>Kerri Stokes</b>     | Parent       |

### **SCHOOL COUNCILS HAVE THREE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Finance – approving the annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept for the school's financial operation.
- Strategic Planning – participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan.
- Policy Development and Review – developing, monitoring, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

### **OTHER KEY FUNCTIONS OF SCHOOL COUNCILS INCLUDE**

- Raising funds for school-related purposes
- Maintaining school grounds and facilities
- Entering into contracts
- Reporting annually to the school community and the Department
- Representing and taking the views of the community into account
- Regulating and facilitating after-hours use of school premises and grounds
- Creating interest in the school within the community

### **WHAT SCHOOL COUNCIL DOES NOT DO**

- Does not manage the day to day running of the school
- Does not discuss individual issues relating to teachers, staff or parents
- Not appointed to represent specific interests groups or permit special interests to dominate agenda of the council
- Not allowed to purchase buildings, land or motor vehicles, and it cannot enter hire purchase agreements or obtain credit or loans, unless given permission by the minister

(Reference: Department of Education and Training DET)