

## SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT 2022

From a school council perspective, Borden Primary School is tracking very nicely in terms of a triple bottom line approach. We believe that the students, the staff and our general community are all in a happy, healthy and positive position and that the morale at Borden Primary School is strong, with a collaborative approach at the forefront of all that we do.

Our Principal, Deb Greenwood has been in her new role for the past year and school council has been delighted with the knowledge, skillset and emotionally intelligent approach Deb brings to our school. It has been a pleasure to work with Deb over the past year.

Our strategic plan was due for renewal this year, and under Deb's excellent stewardship, the staff created a plan that is clear, concise, forward thinking, achievable and measurable. The school council and staff worked together to fine-tune the document and this has ensured great engagement from the school council members.

We are aware of decreasing numbers of students and this is on our radar at all times as the impact on the school in terms of structure, finances and staffing should not be underestimated. It creates an uncertain environment for staff and parents, and we understand and support the staff as they strive to create the best possible educational outcomes for students. We believe Borden Primary School offers a unique learning environment with a close knit, caring staff and a strong, well resourced community, and that rural/remote living is not always the antithesis of a broad and challenging education journey.

The school council comprises what I believe is an excellent cross section of members, with a strong skill set, and age and professional, if not gender diversity! We continue to seek members with the time and interest to contribute strongly, the ability to be confidential and unbiased, a good understanding of basic governance, and most importantly, the energy and desire to make Borden Primary School the best school it can possibly be. I look forward to a dynamic 2023.

Yours sincerely,  
Ellen Milne  
Chair