



# Governing Council

The Morphett Vale Primary School Governing Council works with our site leader, Rachel McLennan, to help set and monitor the direction of our site.

Our governing council meets twice each term on a Wednesday night at 6:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend meetings but only elected members can vote.

Meetings are a big part of being on a governing council, but it's not only that. Governing Council members might:

- be on an interview panel to select the site's principal, canteen manager, OSHC director or Pastoral Support Worker
- need to deal with media in response to an event or a good news story
- be an employing authority of out of school hours care (OSHC) or canteen staff.

## **Shared responsibility**

Governing Council members work collaboratively with our Principal on shared responsibilities.

Our governing council works with our Principal to:

- involve the local community
- develop and approve local policies
- set the broad direction and vision of the site
- monitor and review the site improvement plan
- be the employing authority of some services, including OSHC and canteen.

Our Principal works with governing council members to:

- give educational leadership
- carry out the site's policies
- carry out the site improvement plan.

## **The MVPS Governing Council is composed of:**

- the Principal – Rachel McLennan or her delegate
- a staff representative
- a student representative
- up to 13 parent representatives and
- up to 2 community representatives

Parents who don't think Governing Council is for them, can still be involved in school decision making by joining one of our Governing Council sub-committees.

Our Sub committees include:

1. Family Focus Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Canteen Committee
4. OSHC Committee
5. Sports and Grounds Committee
6. Fundraising Committee
7. Early Years Committee (Preschool, Playgroup and Occasional Care)

These groups meet twice a term and report back to Council meetings.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

At the beginning of each school year we hold our MVPS Annual General Meeting (AGM). New members are elected to the Governing Council (members serve a two year term). After the AGM at the first Council Meeting, elections are held for Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and subcommittees are formed.

## **INTRODUCING OUR 2018 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Chair:** Julia Mustac

**Vice Chair:** Jan Dicker

**Secretary:** Ami Rauch

**Treasurer:** Kaitlyn Maxwell-Davis

**Other Council Representatives:** Rebecca Brokenshire, Kristy Sammut, Belinda Gale, Michelle Wallace, Tammy Pass, Jeanette Mumford, Carissa Cook, Donna Davenport, Susan Hayter (staff rep), Rachel McLennan (Principal and Bayleigh (student rep)