Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to announce that we have three parents who have nominated for the role of parent representative on the Amaroo School Board. This means we will run an election. All parents and carers of Amaroo school are eligible to vote.

Voting commences 11am on Monday 22 February and closes on Monday 29 February. Ballot papers are available from the school Front Office. Please make your vote, sign and seal the ballot paper envelope and place in the ballot box.

Our three nominees are:

**Laurine Kelson**

Ever since 2004, when Amaroo School first opened, at least one of my two children has been among its students. I am interested in the role as board member as an opportunity to work with the school administration and teachers to provide a supportive learning environment for our kids. As a parent and a public servant with long experience in the Australian and ACT governments, I feel that I could contribute strong communication, policy and administration skills, with a whole lot of care, to the role.

Kind regards

**Trudie Wykes**

I have been involved with Amaroo School since 2008. It has been my pleasure to chair the Amaroo School Board for the past 4 ½ years. I have enjoyed being able to use my work skills and knowledge to assist our school with navigating the political and bureaucratic environment of education. I have assisted with negotiating on our funding arrangements, provided advice on various policy issues and represented the board on the interview panels for our last principal and for the upcoming principal.

I welcome the opportunity to continue serving on the board and assisting the new principal to transition into his or her new role.
Ian Phillips

My wife and I have two girls in K and 2 in Early Childhood. If elected to the School Board I would bring the personal drive and enthusiasm to retain, and even improve on, the great reputation of our school. My employment experience is broad and very much relevant to the management and operation of our school. I am a senior manager with the ACT Government and a practising lawyer with legal, operational, financial and business risk management experience. I sit on a number of senior management boards/committees as part of my job, and up until recently volunteered as the Chief Warden for our building for over three years. Outside of work I spend Saturday mornings managing the under 6 girls at athletics (the ‘Pocket Rockets of Gungahlin’) and like to help out the P&C with its various events. I am always open and approachable, and would be interested in hearing parents’ issues and raising them before the Board.

Gail Beecher

Principal
Amaroo School