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## **School Council Elections – We need new members**

**Would you like to be more involved in the school's decision making? Have you thought about joining our School Council? We are a friendly group of people with a common purpose. We all want our Boolarra Primary School students to thrive both academically and personally, be empowered and make purposeful contributions to the community.**

School councils are groups who make decisions that set the direction of the school. They:

- help create and check the school's budget
- contribute to the school strategic plan
- make decisions on policies such as payments by parents and dress code.

Each Year during Term 1, we hold School Council Elections to replace retiring members. Our election process will begin next week when we will be calling for nominations. We currently have four vacant parent positions. If you would like to know more about School Council talk to Sue Duncan, Joy Barnes or one of our 2021 members (Tina Larrad, Di Cascianelli, Mick Murden, Nadine Gleeson, Erica Meall, Mary Blines).

The School Council Election Timetable is as follows

Friday 18th February	– call for nominations
Friday 25th February	– If four or less candidates apply nominations are made immediately.
Monday 28th March	– distribution of ballot papers if required.
Friday 11th March	– Votes due and counted.
Monday 14th March	– Declaration of Ballot.

## Notice of election and call for nominations

<b>An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of</b>
Boolarra Primary School
<b>Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on</b>
<b>26th February 2021</b>
<b>Closing date for nominations at 4.00pm on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
<b>The ballot will close at 4.00pm on 11th March 2022</b>

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

<b>Membership category</b>	
Parent member	
<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Year</b>
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	
<b>Number of positions:</b>	4

<b>Membership category</b>	
School employee member	
<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Year</b>
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	
<b>Number of positions:</b>	0

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

<b>Principal signature</b>
<i>Susan Duncan</i>