



# Kindlehill School

## Kindlehill Board of Directors



*From left to right: John Daniel, Pippita Bennett, Lynn Daniel, Murray Hopkins, Sarah Mann, Steve Grieve.*

The Kindlehill School Board of Directors is currently comprised of three executive directors - Lynn Daniel, John Daniel, and Pippita Bennett, and three non-executive directors, Murray Hopkins, Steve Grieve, and Sarah Mann.

The Board's principal function is to ensure the sound financial operation of the school and to provide oversight of the school's management and risk mitigation systems.

Currently the Board meets six times annually throughout the school year, sometimes more if required. All directors' positions on the Board are voluntary and are not remunerated. The Board operates in a collegiate fashion both internally and with the College of Teachers, and receives regular reports from Principal Lynn Daniel and Business Manager Simone Glassford.

Directors also welcome and receive input from the wider school community. In addition to compliance and risk management, other work the Board has been engaged in lately includes the revision and re-writing of the school's constitution, the Indigenous Scholarship programme, sustainability in purchasing and the establishment of finance and marketing sub-committees.

**Lynn Daniel** is a founding teacher and director of Kindlehill School and has taught in kindergarten, primary and high school at public and independent schools as well as TAFE for around 30 years. Lynn currently performs the roles of Principal, High School Coordinator and Geography/History teacher at Kindlehill. Teaching for Lynn comes from a place of wanting to help others to experience the beauty of our world, and to encourage others to be people who contribute to our becoming a more just and compassionate society. Lynn is nourished by spiritual wisdom, literature, a deep sense of purpose, opportunities for creative and collaborative endeavours which serve the well-being of our world, and by family, community gardens, trees, rivers and oceans.

**John Daniel** is a class teacher, and has taken several cycles of primary school students through from 1st to 7th class. He has also been the school's business manager and secretary to the Board since 2001. He handed the reins of business manager to Simone Glassford at the beginning of 2017. In his previous life, John spent 20 years working as a civil engineer, manager and general manager. Amazingly, perhaps unsurprisingly, as far as we can tell John has absolutely zero interests outside of school, with the possible exception of "dancing", a dog or two and listening to live music.

**Pippita Bennett** has been a director of Kindlehill since 2002. She first came to the school when her children were infants, both of whom have since graduated. She ran playgroup and the craft group in her early days at the school, and is now a class teacher at Kindlehill, in the middle of her second teaching cycle. As well as a GradDipTeach (Primary) from Charles Sturt University Pippita holds a BArch and BScArch from Sydney University, and practised architecture before discovering her love of teaching. She is also an artist and is skilled in printmaking, textiles, oil pastels and drawing, also designing the school logo and posters. Pippita is passionate about education, social justice and Indigenous rights.

**Murray Hopkins** has been a director since 2011 and was one of the founders of the Mumbulla Steiner School in Bega in 1988. Murray was the business manager at the Blue Mountains Steiner School from 2002 until 2004 and is currently a facilitator in large organisations and an executive coach. At Kindlehill he also serves on the Board's finance sub-committee and has casual employment improving the administrative operations of the school. He also facilitates learning conversations with College, administration and the Board. Murray's work across human and technological aspects of contemporary life reflects his deep interest in supporting new kinds of transitional, human centred social and political structures.

**Sarah Mann** is a Kindy Assistant at Kindlehill School and joined the Kindy Garden in 2015. She is also a school parent and auntie, and joined the Board of Directors in Spring 2017. In her other work Sarah is a naturopath and co-owns and runs a Wellness

Clinic in Blackheath. Sarah has always worked in healthcare and in the care of children and is currently studying Anthroposophical medicine to better understand Rudolf Steiner's insight in these areas. Her great interest is understanding the true nature of the human being and of ill health and healing. Sarah is currently inspired by the warmth and morality alive in the small details of finance and school policy, and wants to continue this important thread in what she brings to the Board.

**Steve Grieve** has been a parent at the school since 2010 and a director since 2013. Steve enjoys contributing to and building family and community and has been involved in many parental volunteer and collaborative school endeavours over the years, including building school blackboards, music at school events and construction of the Star Pine tree cubby. Steve is an active professional musician, holds a BA in Anthropology and Political Science and has recently completed two new CDs of original music and a Masters of Research at Western Sydney University. Steve also has casual employment at the school tutoring guitar and conducting maintenance. Other interests include social justice, cooking, environmental policy and reform and throwing the Frisbee.