



Vanessa Kipps
Eden Road

After qualifying as a chartered accountant with Deloitte Johannesburg, she worked as a management consultant focusing on Strategy and Process for the financial services industry. This was followed by 10 years at Standard Corporate and Investment Bank, focused on bank liquidity, fixed interest product sales and finally, financial strategy development, where I became a director of the bank.

When her triplets were born in 2012, she decided to make her children her career. Her two boys started in Grade N this year and her daughter is at Springfield. Their well-balanced development across intellectual, physical, emotional and social is of utmost importance to her and she takes an active interest in ensuring this happens.

She is married to Brian and enjoy playing tennis, hiking and completing Massive Open Online Courses in diverse subjects to which she has never been exposed.



Grant Bassingthwaite
Newlands Road

Grant was born in Cape Town but grew up in Windhoek, Namibia. From the age of 11, he attended St Andrew's Prep in Grahamstown, and later St Andrew's College where he matriculated in 1987. Grant furthered his education by completing a BCom at UCT, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting at the University of KZN, before completing his training contract at Ernst & Young and qualifying as a CA.

Grant has worked in a variety of sectors, including retail, advertising, management consulting, and manufacturing. Currently he is the Group CFO at Paramount Maritime Holdings, a ship-building and maritime industrial organisation.

Grant is married to Liese, and they are the proud parents of John in Grade 4 at WPPS and Chloe in Grade 1 at Rustenburg Girls' Junior.

Grant values quality time with his family and is an avid sports fan in his spare time.



Helen Clarke
Newlands Road

Helen is an HR director in financial services with accountability across Africa. She specialises in developing people strategies to deliver on business strategies that create engaged, energised and high performing teams. She has an MSc in HR, an MBA and a teaching qualification, having taught for several years both in South Africa and the UK, and she is fiercely passionate about developing skills that are relevant in the changing world.

She has three children, two boys and a daughter in Grade 9 at St Cyprian's. Her oldest son spent four happy years at Wetpups before moving on to Bishops in 2017; her youngest is in Grade 3 at WPPS.



Bruce McIvor
Newlands Road

Bruce works as a radiologist in private practice in Cape Town. He has an interest in management and has had several years of experience serving on the management board of Morton and Partners Radiology Practice, and on the Medical Advisory Board of the Kingsbury Hospital.

Bruce is passionate about excellent education and has a keen interest in the role played by Wetpups in the spiritual guidance of the boys and the development of their characters. Bruce would be pleased to serve on the Board to support and assist in achieving the School's stated objectives.

Bruce has two sons in Grades 2 and 4 at WPPS, and a daughter in Grade 1.



Nkululeko Mvulana
Eden Road

Nkululeko was born and raised in the former Transkei. He completed his post-graduate studies in Advertising at the AAA School after studying towards a Diploma in Fine Art at Natal Technikon. Nk was the youngest Executive Director on the Board of Vodacom Lesotho at the age of 26, and went on to establish Sandulela Technology (Pty) Ltd, a provider of prepayment revenue collection solutions to various African municipalities and governments. Sandulela is a subsidiary of PayCorp (Pty) Ltd, the largest payments solution provider in Africa. Nk has lived in various parts of Africa, including Congo and Tanzania. He continues to work as far afield as Italy and Australia. He sits on the Board of High Impact Corp in Mauritius and is a former shareholder and Board member of Findmatch in Rome. He was previously a member of the Board of Trustees of Greater Capital and Greater Good.

Nk is involved in a number of community-based empowerment initiatives including a sit on the Council of African Grassroots Hoops, an initiative aimed at using sport as a tool for education in the impoverished communities in Africa.

He is married to Shelley, who is an integral part of the WPPS community and has twin boys, Isaac and Edward in Grade R. The twins have found a second home at Wetpups and continue to benefit from its nurturing education system. Socially, Nk is an avid follower of international politics and enjoys keeping fit through various sporting applications. He was moved by the values-based approach education at WPPS after having listened to Mr Weaver's address on his arrival at WPPS in 2016 and is keen to play an active role to support Mr Weaver.



Murad Sirkot
Newlands Road

Murad Sirkot is the Global Head of Financial Reporting for Investec Asset Management. He joined the firm in 2006 as Head of Fund Accounting and Risk and continued in this role until October 2010, when he was appointed Head of Finance for Southern Africa. In June 2013, Murad was appointed the Global Head of Financial Reporting. Since joining Investec Asset Management, he has served on a number of committees including sub committees of the Association of Savings and Investment in South Africa.

Prior to Investec Asset Management, he completed his training with Ernst & Young Cape Town, worked as an account executive in the London office and later as an audit manager in the financial services division in Cape Town.

Murad Sirkot qualified as a Chartered Accountant and holds a BCom degree from the University of Cape Town.

He is married to Rishda Sirkot and has one son, Zuhayr, in Grade 3 at WPPS, a daughter in Grade 2 at Herschel and another son who will be joining the WPPS family in 2019.



Arno van Wyngaarden
Newlands Road

After graduating from UCT with a BBusSc and later his CFA, Arno began his career in the financial markets in London. He then joined Coronation in Johannesburg, after which he started the hedge fund division of Cadiz, before setting up his own hedge fund management company.

In 2011, after a short sabbatical, Arno started an import and distribution company, Storm Distribution, which supplies a wide range of brands to retailers in South Africa. Arno currently still co-manages this company, which continues to grow.

Arno is married to Tessa, and they have two very busy children – Sarah who is in Grade 7 at Herschel and Carl who is in Grade 5 at WPPS.

There are many exciting changes taking place at WPPS, changes which will no doubt benefit the boys enormously over the years to come. He feels that the time is right for him to get more involved in the school, and hopes that his corporate and business experience will enable him to add value to challenges the school may face and assist WPPS in becoming the school that it envisages.

Arno takes part in a wide range of outdoor sports and enjoys keeping active with his children. Travel is an important part of his life and he takes any opportunity to explore another country.