



## INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERIM BOARD

The Dominican Sisters have approached the following people who have generously agreed to serve on the Interim Board of Springfield Convent School. They are appointed by Sr Francis Krige OP, Region Prioress, and Sr Kathy Gaylor OP will serve on this Interim Board.

### SR ROSEMARY COMMINS OP

Sr Rosemary was born in Cape Town and attended two Dominican schools, matriculating from Springfield. She worked for many years in a stockbrokers' business before joining the Irish Dominican Sisters. Sr Rosemary prepared for religious life in Dublin and Pretoria and her move to Springfield enabled her to attend UCT to complete her HDE. Sr Rosemary taught at Springfield and Immaculata schools as well as a year when she worked in deaf education. A spell in Rome saw her attend an international course on Dominican formation with Dominican men and women from around the globe. Upon her return to Springfield she was elected prioress and has since been involved in administration for the Congregation as Region Councillor and Bursar.



### SR CAROLINE GEORGHEGAN OP

Sr Caroline, a proud past pupil of a Dominican School in Dublin, Ireland, came to South Africa in 1961. She taught in St Joseph's Simonstown, and in Springfield, where she was principal for many years. She has also served as Prioress and was on the Region Council. At the moment her mission is to the community of Springfield, which she represents on the Interim Board. It is her hope that all stakeholders will support the Mission and Vision of Springfield School. Importantly, she is also the owner of a very sociable, happy, and energetic black and white border collie called Chummy!



### VINCENT BOTTO

Vincent is employed with the City of Cape Town and he has acted in various positions, but his substantive position has been that of head of the Forensic Services Department where he provides strategic direction to the City's Forensics, Ethics and Integrity Department. Vincent has played a significant role in ensuring that the City of Cape Town is at the forefront of ethics and the fight against corruption.

Vincent brings with him a 'fresh pair of eyes', with which he can objectively contribute to Springfield's governance.



#### FR MANUEL FERNANDES

Fr Manuel Fernandes SAC is a member of the Pallottine congregation and has been in South Africa for eight years. He is Parish Priest of Wynberg parish, and serves the churches of Corpus Christi and St Dominic's. He ministers to the four Catholic and Dominican Schools in Wynberg, and is in addition the Archdiocesan Vicar for seminarians and vocations.

He has a great love for spreading the word of God among the young.



#### GLENN HO

Glenn is a past pupil of C.B.C. Kimberley and a past parent of Springfield Convent. He is a Chartered accountant with more than 30 years' experience and is currently the head of internal audit for the MEDICLINIC group across Southern Africa, Switzerland, and the Middle East. Glenn also serves as Trustee for the Internal Audit Foundation.

By serving the Springfield Board, Glenn looks forward to contributing to the governance that an outstanding school, such as Springfield, deserves.



#### DENIS LLOYD

Denis is married to Helen and they have 3 daughters, 3 sons and 12 grandchildren. Their daughters attended and matriculated from Springfield Convent Senior School. Denis matriculated from C.B.C. Welkom and went on to complete his B.A. LLB and completed his articles with the State Attorney in Cape Town. Two years after joining Walkers Attorneys, Denis was made partner and went on to serve as Chair of the firm for approximately fourteen years and now consults in a semi-retired capacity.

The family's Parish Church has for over 40 years been and still is Christ The King, Pinelands where he is a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society, a Minister of the Holy Eucharist, and a Choir Member. Over the years, in his professional capacity as an attorney, Denis has acted for the Catholic Archdiocese of Cape Town, the Dominican Order and other religious organizations of the Archdiocese.



#### FAYE MACHEKE

Faye is a past parent who has held different portfolios at Springfield, first as a member of the PTA and ultimately as a member of the fundraising committee. In 2021, her younger daughter joins Springfield in Grade 8. Her ultimate desire, wish and prayer is to help to ensure the empowerment of every girl child at Springfield and support her to become the best that she can be in the world through governance that empowers, balances, and promotes the school as an example to others.



With over 20 years of finance, strategy, operations, and development experience, Faye joined AWID (Association of Women's Rights in Development) as Director of Finance, Operations and Development in April 2019. She is responsible for strategic oversight of the operations function, specifically ensuring that AWID upholds the feminist principles and values in its operations.

### MARIAN PETERSON

Marian Peterson has been married 31 years and has three children. Her daughter matriculated from Springfield in 2016. In her early years, she worked as secretary to the late Archbishop Lawrence Henry, and for the following 24 years worked in a management consulting business, with roles spanning accounting, client services, course design and strategy.



She has come to learn that if we want any sort of change or transformation, we should not focus on changing people, but rather on changing the context/environment. Her hope is that we re-educate ourselves around the ethos and mission of the school and ensure that every parent, student and staff member knows what it looks like, feels like, and what behaviours should be displayed at all times, in order that the School's ethos/mission becomes a lived reality for all.

### CHRIS BAFF: Chair of the PTA

Chris is a father to two daughters enrolled at Springfield and is the current Chair of the PTA. Since moving to South Africa 5 years ago, Chris has come to appreciate and enjoy the sense of community that being involved with Springfield has given him.



Chris's aim is relatively simple: he would like to try and ensure every girl at Springfield has the best possible experience and leaves ready to face her next challenge, and he would like to leave the structures that he is involved in stronger than when he arrived to ensure continued excellence.

### ALISON DUNN: Principal of the Junior School

Alison began her schooling at Springfield in 1963, and her teacher was Sister Caroline. Forty years later, in 2003, she succeeded Sister Caroline as Principal of the Junior School. She matriculated from Star of the Sea Convent - another Dominican school - and after training and early teaching years became Principal of St Mary's Primary School. After twelve happy years there she moved to Springfield, where she has just completed her eighteenth year as Principal of the Junior School. Next year, when the school celebrates its 150th birthday, will be her final year at Springfield, as she will retire at the end of 2021. She feels blessed to be part of the Management Team here at Springfield.



### PENNY MULLAN: Head of School

After 15 years at St Mary's, Waverley, in Johannesburg, Penny joined Springfield in April of this year. She relocated to Cape Town with her daughter, Olivia, who moves into Grade 4 at Springfield in 2021. Penny's deep interest in girls' education has seen her spending 25 years of her 26-year career teaching at girls' schools. She feels a deep resonance with the Dominican Vision and looks forward to being part of a governance structure that continues to ensure that this Vision is realised and that Springfield is a school where every person is embraced and valued for her uniqueness.

