

# Gembrook Primary School Staff Profile

**Name:** Vikki Noisette

**Position:** School Wellbeing Team

**When I'm not at school:** In my spare time I love spending time with family and friends. This includes caring for some of my grandchildren each Wednesday, and regular trips to Coober Pedy, to visit my grand daughters who live there.



**Favourite book/author:** I love reading the writings of Larissa Behrendt. She is an Australian indigenous author and film director. When I am looking for something lighter, I escape with historical fiction written by Philippa Gregory. I am currently reading her book, 'Tidelands', set in England in 1648.

**Favourite sports team:** Oakleigh Chargers women's football team, in which my niece plays.

**Something that always cheers me up:** I always feel brighter after spending time out in the garden. Every day I walk around our garden I am happily surprised to see a new flower blooming, or a fresh green leaves on a plant.

**Favourite holiday destination:** Anywhere that family is present!! This means that in the past few years, I have had great holidays at home, and some awesome experiences in Coober Pedy! I love that I have experienced living underground through all the different seasons when I have visited there!

**Favourite style of music:** With 4 children who have been heavily involved in music, 2 of whom now have professional musical careers in some form, my favourite style has been Secondary School Band music. I've attended LOTS of concerts over the years, and have loved seeing how a community of young people, working hard together, can produce such outstanding gifts of music for others to enjoy.

**Favourite song:** I have great memories of singing the Helen Reddy song, 'I am woman, hear me roar', as I rode/roared on my motorbike up the highway. Ms Reddy wrote the song, wanting to reflect the more positive self image that she had gained through her participation in the women's liberation movement, but even beyond that, she saw it as an anthem to empowerment of all people, 'It's not just for women... It's a general empowerment song about feeling good about yourself, believing in yourself.'

I love that, and often sing the words to myself ☺

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**Hobbies:** When I am not in the garden, I love to do hand craft (sewing, knitting and crochet), and I belong to several craft groups. Our catch ups involve lots of laughter, yummy food, and sharing of ideas.

I have been practicing my art work using water colour pencils and paint. I think I am slowly improving, and I know that I have enjoyed the practice.



**Why I am passionate about working at GPS:**

We recently moved to the area, and I set myself the goal of becoming more involved in the community I now call home. After working for over 20 years in education in other schools, it has been an amazing privilege to have been so warmly welcomed into the GPS community of staff, students and families, and I'm loving every minute of it. Thank you to each person who has taken the time to smile, to wave, to say 'Hello' to me. Thanks to those who have invested the time to help me learn the ropes, and who have gone out of their way to include me in the Gembrook PS family.

The values of Gembrook Primary School resonate strongly with me, including:

- the Wominjeka sign of welcome;
- the 'Circle of Harmony', the name of the school's place of formal assembling;
- the strong caring community spirit, and
- the school's values of Respect and High Expectations.

In closing, I'd like to share these words about passion ...

**"I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious."**

*Albert Einstein*

I'm excited to be a part of Gembrook Primary School as we each explore our passions. May we all do that with some of the curiosity of Albert Einstein.