

Jen Buchanan, Middle & High School Art

Jen joins Green School after three years of living in the hot desert climate of Saudi Arabia where she has been working as an Assistant Head at the British International School Riyadh. Originally from Perth, Western Australia, Jen has spent much of her adult life travelling the globe. Highlights from Jen's travels include time studying at Institute Seni Indonesia (ISI in Yogyakarta), working as a volunteer with the United Nations in East Timor, coordinating health education programs in India, and in more recent years a fulfilling career as an arts educator in her home country and abroad. Jen

is a strong advocate for the promotion of the arts as central to student learning and within the wider school community. Over the years, Jen has organised several large group exhibitions and held several exhibitions of her own work. She is a published children's book illustrator and the director of two internationally featured short animated films. In her spare time, Jen is happiest when engaged in a range of outdoor pursuits including diving, road biking, and camping. She is excited to be joining Green School and to have the opportunity to work in such a beautiful and engaging environment.



Liza Butler, Grade 4

Liza is thrilled to be teaching fourth grade at Green School next year. She was born in Ireland, grew up in England, and has lived in the US for many years. She's moving to Bali from the Sierra Nevada foothills, which are also hot, but not nearly wet enough for an Irish lass. Professionally, she began as a literacy specialist in urban public schools, took a detour as an itinerant naturalist, dabbled in elementary science teaching, then happily settled in as a 3rd/4th grade teacher. A lifelong learner herself, Liza has spent the past few years teaching freshman college English while completing an MFA

in creative writing. What makes her excited to be teaching at Green School? Sustainability, collaboration, inspiration, the absence of walls, the pictures of smiling children covered in mud—just about everything! Coming along on this adventure will be Liza's husband Cameron and their daughter Lily, who has only a year to go before she can become a Green School Gecko.



MELISSA CORNEJO, GRADE 4

Melissa was born in the US and raised in Ecuador. She holds a Masters degree in education, as well as a Masters degree in environmental science, and has worked in both fields for the last several years in Latin America and Southeast Asia. She is passionate about environmental conservation, sustainability and education. Her passion for teaching began in the rainforests of Ecuador, teaching English to local guides. She then taught students at Florida International University while she was pursuing her Masters degree. She was a fifth grade teacher for three years at the American

School of Quito, and most recently she was working for the International School of Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, in addition to being a consultant at a local conservation organization. Her work in both the education field and environmental conservation has given her valuable exposure to sustainable practices around the world and she is thrilled to contribute to the Green School.



Adam Felton, Music

Adam E. Felton is a passionate, energetic and creative Performing Arts and Primary teacher who has gained broad professional experience in diverse educational settings in three different countries. Having delivered and developed a number of curricula throughout Southeast Asia, he has acquired the strong ability to adapt his teaching style to foster understanding, enthusiasm and learning in children from a broad spectrum of cultures and backgrounds. Pak Adam is returning to Green School after a two year hiatus in which he has not only continued to teach at international

school and private level, but has also toured and performed with a number of world class musical acts, both here in Bali and abroad. Most recent he performed with Hawaii-based international touring act 'Nahko and Medicine for the People' throughout their month long tour of the island and headlining spot at Bali Spirit Festival.

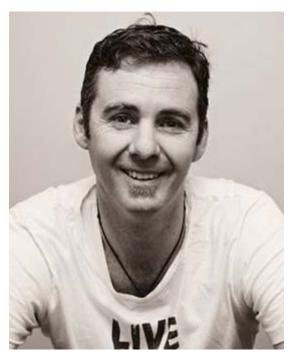


Jaclyn George, ELL/ESL

Originally from Windsor, Ontario, Jaclyn George began her journey in education five years ago, teaching English to second language learners in Cairo, Egypt. Her passion to explore unique cultures then brought her to Northern China, where she continued teaching English to learners of all ages and levels. Her experiences in China were inspirational, and led her to deepening her teaching practice at the University of Wollongong, Eastern Australia. She completed her Graduate Diploma in Education, specializing in Earth and Environmental Science. She holds a Bachelors degree in

Environmental Resource Management, and TESOL certification. Jaclyn's desire to be part of an environmentally conscious community has led her to Green School, energized to be part of

an ESL program that creatively encourages students to be resourceful, independent learners working towards a sustainable future. Jaclyn is thrilled to be in Bali, where she enjoys yoga, surfing and the natural environment.



Sal Gordon, Middle School Math

Sal Gordon teaches Middle School Math. Sal is from a large farm near a small town in country Victoria, Australia. However, he has spent most of his life living and working in Australasia, the Subcontinent and Europe/UK. Sal's biography describes his life's journey from country-boy to private-school head prefect, university graduate, health scientist in India, novelist, traveller, warehouse magician, astronomer, systems analyst, sailor, to teacher. Sal and his wife, Tania (a Kiwi), and three children – Taj (5) and Lucia (3), new Green School students, and 4 month old baby

Nirvana – are super excited about life and work at Green School.

Sal is a motivated educator - a true leader of the Education Revolution. He understands Maths as a language that describes the world we live in and our place in it. Sal's teaching involves blended learning, experiential activities, flipped classrooms, subject integration, sustainability and fun. Sal is coming to Green School with a wealth of global life experiences, a deep understanding of the learning process, a passionate teaching philosophy, proven curriculum writing skills and overflowing enthusiasm for teaching, learning and life. A dedicated husband and father, Sal is passionate about music, literature, sports, all things scientific, travelling, working hard towards meaningful goals and chilling out with his friends.



Max Jones, Head of Learning Support

Max is from Wales and holds a postgraduate teaching qualification and MBA. His whole teaching career has been in special needs, focusing on learning support, autism and alternative approaches to teaching. He has a passion for learning and believes through kindness you can inspire a child to achieve anything.

Max joins Green School after a year running the Balinese Children's Foundation, where as Head of School, he taught, trained and ran the Yayasan on a daily basis. Before coming to Bali Max spent time

as a learning support specialist at the Children's Academy in Bahrain.

Max describes himself as an outdoor junkie: he recently completed the Great Wall of China marathon, covering 42k, 20,000 steps and 126 towers all in 6:32 to finish second (part of the time while wearing a Green School jersey!), and later this year he will participate in the Arctic Circle marathon at the North Pole.

"Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see"



Kyle King, High School Math

Kyle is rooted in Maine, but has strong connections in California and most recently has been teaching economics and business the American School in Lisbon, Portugal. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics. He is a proud father to his 5 year old daughter Paz and husband to his lovely wife Mimi who will both be joining him in Bali. Family priorities include traveling, gardening and being outdoors. Kyle escapes the empirical world and taps into his

right brain through family art projects with Paz and Mimi. Hopefully this is the year that Kyle will be crowned "Cheese Rolling Champion of the New World". He has been in pursuit of this coveted title for the past 4 years and has been runner up multiple times.



Brad McCutcheon, Grade 2

Brad comes to Green School from Marin County, California, where the mountains meet the ocean. It is not uncommon to find his truck packed full of boards, bikes, skis and climbing gear, just in case the opportunity strikes. His love of outdoor adventure and conservation continues to guide his personal and professional pursuits. A graduate of Gettysburg College, he has taught in a variety of academic settings, from large classes in the inner city of Philadelphia to a progressive independent school in Marin. Most recently, he has created cultural exchange opportunities for international

students traveling to the US. He has vast experience in leading Outdoor Education programs, from rock climbing to backpacking and kayaking expeditions, all while teaching Natural History throughout the US and Canada. Brad brings a youthful exuberance to the classroom and enjoys watching his students discover a love of learning through self-guided exploration. He is accompanied on this adventure by his wife Becky, one year old son Ransom, and 3 year old daughter Harlow who will be attending Green School as a Gecko!



Jackie Pye, Counselor

Jackie Pye is originally from a small town in Ontario, Canada and is moving to Bali with Steve and their kids Roxana (11) and Asha (9). She loves to travel with her family and having spent much time in India over the past 10 years. Jackie has been an educator for 16 years and with a Bachelors of Science, Bachelors of Physical and Health Education, Bachelors of Education and a Masters in Environmental Studies. Her experience has been in alternative and outdoor education, private and public education, international schools, and most recently at an outdoor therapeutic boarding school

for students with substance addictions. She was also the director of a traditional canoe tripping camp in Algonquin Park in Canada, a place where a few of our GS students spend time in the summer. All of her experiences have inspired her to continue to work with people and build positive communities through experiential learning and physical activity. Jackie is excited about Green School's approach to learning and its location in Indonesia.



Janaina Ricci, Pre-K Starlings

Janaina defines herself as a non-stop learner. She was born and raised in Brazil, and has always had a passion for traveling and learning about different cultures. She lived in Los Angeles and in The Netherlands, and has also been a member of an International Hospitality Organization since 2008, what has given her a chance to host people from all over the world and travel in a different way, that is, getting to know a place with the eyes of a local.

After finishing her university studies in Marketing & Communications, and working in the corporate

world, Janaína decided that her passion for Education, especially Early Years, was a strong

reason to change her life. She went back to school to get her degree in Education and has been working in international and bilinguals schools in Brazil since then.

Storytelling, learning languages, playing drums & percussion, singing, cycling and practicing water sports are some of her favorite activities, and she is looking forward to learning some Balinese dances.

Janaína believes that children are naturally curious and interested in the world that surrounds them. She is really happy to become part of GS, and is willing to help students recognize their role in creating a better and more peaceful world through the understanding and respect for different cultures and nature.



Jenny Lee Shee, Grade 5

Jenny comes to Green School from Toronto,
Canada. Although she grew up as a city kid, Jenny
spent her summers in beautiful northern Ontario at
summer camps and cottages, canoeing, swimming
in lakes, building campfires, and creating many of
her happiest memories. Jenny has degrees in
Psychology and Elementary Education and has
spent fourteen years teaching in Toronto. She has
taught students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. She
has taken courses in teaching Drama and English
as a Second Language. An avid traveler, Jenny
taught English in Poland and worked in children's

programming on cruise ships. She is learning to play the ukulele and loves bike riding. She is a beginner yogini, and an expert karaoke singer. Jenny is passionate about life-long learning and is very excited to be part of the team at Green School!



Tom South, High School Humanities

Tom is an American born and raised in Wyoming. The Cowboy State. He would like to point out that he has never owned a cowboy hat, or ridden a horse. He will be moving to Bali from his current home base of Denver, Colorado. Tom holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees, and is licensed to teach K-12 Special Education, K-6 Elementary Education, and Secondary Social Studies. Prior to coming to the Green School he taught history at international schools in Cairo, Beijing, and Montevideo, Uruguay. Before "growing up" and becoming a teacher, he

worked in the music business. He has also been traveling the world on and off for almost thirty years. Tom is very excited to further the Green School mission by helping students become responsible global citizens through the discovery of the past and the investigation of the present.

"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future." - Robert Penn Warren



Nicola Unite, Middle School English

Nicola comes to Bali from Avalon, a little seaside town north of Sydney, Australia. She graduated from UNSW (2003) with a BA in English, Sociology and Theatre and a DipEd (2004) in English and Drama teaching. Nicola is passionate about bringing stories alive in the classroom. She feels there is so much space for self-discovery within the world of English literature and draws on her Yoga teaching background to bring about awareness and self-reflection within each student.

Nicola loves the idea of being at Green School where there is such an excitement about an revolutionary way of educating. Nicola is moving to Bali with her artist/furniture designer husband Rory and their two beautiful girls, Isla and Frankie who also cannot wait to join the GS community! In her spare time she loves travelling, yoga, meditation, cooking and singing.