



My name is Karin Schmidlechner, principal of Mary Street Community School.

At a very young age I knew I wanted to be a teacher. I studied Music and French, and soon after began my teaching career. Presently, I live in Whitby with my daughter Reilly and son Braydon. We spend most of our time playing music, biking, swimming, reading and skiing together.

I have many fond memories of my teaching days; from Kindergarten to Grade 8. I believe in building a nurturing environment, encouraging and promoting positive, confident and thriving learners. Thank you to all the wonderful parents, neighbours, shop owners, police officers, crossing guards and volunteers who actively make such a positive difference in the lives of all children. It is so true when they say:

It takes a village to raise a child.

Coming to Mary Street Community School has given me a great opportunity to work with such dynamic and caring staff, students, parents and community members.

I am especially excited about our new partnership with Indigo, Chapters and Coles. Receiving a 'Love of Reading' grant has opened up so many opportunities for our students: from improving the quantity and quality of our reading materials to making personal connections with our Indigo friends. Our students LOVE TO READ!

Thank you Indigo Books & Music for your overwhelming belief in the children. You will continue to positively impact future generations.