



## Plenty Valley Montessori School Association Term 1 Report: March 2020

Dear PVIMS Community,

We hope you are your families are well and finding ways to navigate through the challenge of COVID-19. Last year, we committed to updating you once a term to ensure we are collaborative, open and transparent. Please see our Term 1 update below:

### Great News: \$120 000 grant for PVIMS

- A great deal of excellent work has been done by our Principal, Janis, and our Business Manager, Manoli, in order to secure this grant. What a great outcome!
- The grant will be used to fund the Toddler Community expansion and the much-anticipated Cycle 1 Playground upgrade.

### Novel coronavirus: COVID-19

- The Board and staff have been working through several scenarios and action plans to ensure we are proactive and well prepared.
- We have great confidence in the way our Principal, Janis, has been carefully and clearly managing day-to-day actions and communications.

### Strategic Pillar 1: Montessori Excellence

- Professional development and staff wellbeing are a top priority.
- We received very positive results on our progress from both staff and the community in the latest Independent Schools of Victoria (ISV) staff and community feedback surveys.
- Julia Hilson, an excellent 0-3 AMI trainer, continues to support our focus in this area.

### Strategic Pillar 2: Sustainable Growth

- Enrolments continue to grow. Our school aged enrolments increased by 20% in 2019.
- The Toddler Community expansion project, currently underway, will accommodate more students in improved indoor and outdoor spaces.
- We are closely monitoring the impacts of COVID-19 and have robust risk and financial frameworks in place to guide PVIMS through this challenge.

### Strategic Pillar 3: Connected Community

We have enjoyed many events in Term 1 and were pleased to see the vibrance in the community. In Term 2, we need to ensure we stay connected and continue to support each other as events unfold.

### Future Directions

- The Board met on 1 February to refresh the strategic direction and goals.
- As a result, a new Strategic Plan is underway led by our Principal, Janis.
- Staff are involved in the process and the community will be engaged as we progress.



## AGM Update - Wednesday 27 May 2020 at 7:00PM

- Planning is well underway for the 2020 AGM. It has been timed to make sure that as many families from culturally and linguistically diverse communities are able to attend.
- Nominations have been called for an Elected Director from the Members.
- The format of the AGM may change as we continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation.

### Register of Members

- One person from each family is the registered Member. This is the person who exercises all membership rights and obligations in respect of their family.
- We are making sure that the Register of Members is up to date by the end of March.
- Families can, at any time, change the name of the registered Member up to one week before the AGM, that is, by 20 May 2020.
- If you need to make a change to the Register, contact the Company Secretary, Manoli Galanakis, at the School or via email: [bus\\_mgr@pvims.vic.edu.au](mailto:bus_mgr@pvims.vic.edu.au)

### Board Committees

- We are currently looking for one or two new members from our community to be part of the *Infrastructure Buildings and Grounds Committee*.
- If you have industry or relevant experience to assist in buildings (current and new), grounds (maintenance and new projects) and/or critical IT infrastructure, please reach out to [enquiries@board.pvims.vic.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@board.pvims.vic.edu.au) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

As always, if you have any questions or feedback on PVMSA Board related matters you can reach us at [enquiries@board.pvims.vic.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@board.pvims.vic.edu.au).

### PVMSA Board

(Amod Joshi, Justin Garrett, Karen Bennetts, Matt Vella, Neil Champion (Chair), Rebecca Norris & Susan Jansen)