



Plenty Valley Montessori School Association

Term 1 Report: March 2020

Dear PVIMS Community,

We hope you and 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

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 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.

PVMSA Board

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