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Dear North-Eastern Community

Return to school brought joy to so many. It is a really pleasing sight to see children getting on with making friends and learning amazing new things, parents meeting for the first time or meeting old friends after such a disrupted social year, and teachers and other staff enjoying the sense of support that comes with cohesive collegiality.

In February, the Board welcomed our newest Appointed Director, Prof Margaret Abernethy. Maggie, as she is universally known, has an outstanding record of achievements, a summary of which you can find on the Board's webpage under "Our School".

## **Strategic Plan**

In February and March, the Board discussed and finalised the targets and measures that would show achievements against the four pillars of the already approved Strategic Plan:

- Children who love to learn
- A sustainable future
- A vibrant community
- Always moving forward

## **Rebrand and masterplan**

The re-brand has been well-received by parents. The impressive program of planned social media presence and website development, along with mobile advertising and static signage is well underway. A Masterplan is being developed to ensure we can maintain, upgrade and improve all parts of the physical and educational environments for the children and families in our care.

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## **Enrolments**

Enrolments drive what we can achieve. Student numbers are on the rise and with it, our ability to improve and achieve more for our families. Well done everyone involved.

## **Finances**

In March, the Board received, discussed and signed off on the 2020 Audited Report, which showed a healthy financial position and no major apparent issues with financial processes. Well done to Business Manager, Manoli Galanakis, and our Principal, Janis Coffey. In 2020, due to government restrictions, our income was supplemented by government grants. This was a one-off occurrence due to it being an extraordinary year. The Board recognises that this is non-recurrent income and takes this into account when making new investments.

## **Big Projects**

The Board is now in the position to consider how to deal with large, multi-dimensional projects. To this end, we approved a robust, staged process by which data-driven decisions can be made with progressively greater clarity. This process will be used, for example, to analyse the potential for an expansion into a Montessori Adolescent Program (Cycle 4).

## **Child-safe**

The Board is ever-mindful of the need for every part of our school to be child-safe. Consequently, we receive regular updates on all matters pertaining to the child-safe legislation as it relates to the school and community. We urge every family to make themselves fully conversant and compliant with all the child-safe protocols and policies at the school.

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### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of The Plenty Valley Montessori School Association will be held on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 7:00 PM. There were two nominations for the two Elected Director positions to be elected at the AGM when nominations closed on Friday 9 April 2021.

The AGM will consider a Special Resolution to change the name of the Association to North Eastern Montessori School Association. This will bring consistency between our new trading name and the name of the association.

### **The Plenty Valley International Montessori School Association Board**

Neil Champion (Chair), Susan Jansen (Deputy Chair), Amod Joshi (Treasurer), Maggie Abernethy, Justin Garrett, Rebecca Norris, Mun Rosewarne.

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