

The background of the cover is a photograph of a school building with a grey metal roof and a wooden gazebo with a blue metal roof. The gazebo is surrounded by lush green plants and pink flowers in the foreground. A large green diagonal shape is on the right side of the cover.

North — Eastern Montessori ↗ School

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Dear North-Eastern Community

We hope you are all enjoying some well-deserved time with your families after another eventful term.

Covid-19 Response

- Once again, the school responded positively and effectively to our fourth lockdown. Reports from each Cycle showed that students were able to continue learning thanks to earlier preparations. We would like to thank our Principal, Janis Coffey, and her team for navigating these challenges so successfully.
 - Janis wrote to the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) asking that early childhood workers, teachers, and school staff be prioritised as at-risk populations. The Board enthusiastically endorsed this initiative.
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Annual General Meeting

- The AGM was held on 19 May 2021. Janis updated Members on all the positive developments at the school over the last year and plans for the future. Our Business Manager, Manoli Galanakis, presented on the school's financial position.
- Retiring Elected Director, Susan Jansen, was thanked for her excellent contributions to Board functioning and decision-making, including in her roles as Deputy Chair and member of the Remuneration and Nominations Committee. Susan's professional expertise in Board operations and development helped make significant improvements to the Board.
- Retiring Director, Justin Garrett, was re-elected and Jade McEwan was elected for the first time. The Board welcomed Jade to her first meeting in June.
- Members also resolved to change the name of the association to North-Eastern Montessori School Association in order align the association with the re-branded school name.

Financials

- The school continues to track positively, while being able to spend on well-targeted upgrades.
 - School tours are drawing good numbers and enrolments continue to grow.
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Five-year Business Plan

- The Board approved the 5-year Business Plan at the June meeting. Congratulations to Janis and Manoli for the significant and highly competent work on this plan.

Masterplan (buildings and grounds)

- Our new masterplan for our buildings and grounds is taking shape, steered by Mun Rosewarne, elected Director and experienced architect.
- You will see the many improvements that have already been made to the school, and many more are in the pipeline.

Policy Approvals

- The Board endorsed ten policies at the June meeting. This represents a significant body of work from within the school and we thank all involved for their efforts.

We are always looking to draw on the expertise in our wonderful school community, so if you have an interest school governance, please get in touch with us on board@northeastern.vic.edu.au.

North-Eastern Montessori School Association

Neil Champion (Chair), Justin Garrett (Interim Deputy Chair), Amod Joshi (Treasurer), Maggie Abernethy, Jade McEwan, Rebecca Norris, Mun Rosewarne
