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**➤ Montessori School**  
*Association*

# QUARTERLY REPORT

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Dear North-Eastern Community

We have come to the rather cold end to second term, which marks the halfway mark of a year of progress for every child in our care. Well done to all our families and carers, educators, teachers, and support staff for your commitment to the children.

The Board has continued our work to ensure the school is well-governed. We prepared for the Annual General Meeting by working through membership issues and the financial reports, including the Auditor's report.

The Masterplan was progressed and Phase 2 of the planning for an Adolescent Program was considered. Each of these will continue to be carefully and rigorously appraised over the next period.

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### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The AGM was held on Wednesday 25 May 2022. It was a very successful event, with excellent hospitality, opportunities for questions, and clear information sharing.

Congratulations to Amod Joshi, who was re-elected for 3 years and Ellen McOmish, an Appointed Director, who was elected by members, also for a 3-year term.

The AGM approved changes to the Constitution. The most notable changes were around membership and voting, which were responsive to the changing nature of 'the family'. It was refreshing to see such genuine appreciation of this initiative by community members.

### **Board composition**

Following the AGM, there is one vacancy for an Appointed Director (up to a 3-year term) and one Casual Vacancy for a Member Director (to serve until the next AGM). The Board's Remuneration and Nominations Committee, Chaired by Board Deputy Chair, Justin Garrett, will, in due course, be seeking expressions of interest. Please give this some thought – you might be the person we need.

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### **Strategic Pillars (2021-2025)**

The most recent Annual Report provides a snapshot of progress on the four strategic pillars of Children who love to learn; A sustainable future; A vibrant community; Always moving forward. If you are yet to read the Annual Report, please put in on your reading list.

### **Financials**

The Board keeps a constant eye on the finances of the school in the context of wider community financial stressors. Decisions are made that reflect both the current situation and estimates of future trends, for example, cost of living pressures and supply chain effects. We have mechanisms in place to ensure responsible and responsive financial management.

We know that some families may be experiencing financial stress. Please make sure you take advantage of the contingency fund to ensure you get the support you need. Janis is very approachable if you need assistance.

### **North-Eastern Montessori School Association**

Neil Champion (Chair), Justin Garrett (Deputy Chair), Amod Joshi (Treasurer), Maggie Abernethy, Jade McEwan, Ellen McOmish, Has Razwi

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