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Dear North-Eastern Community

I would like to take this opportunity as we approach the festive season to bring some Board news to the North-Eastern Montessori School Community.

Having been a member of our School community for 3 years including over 2 years on the Board, I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting Janis, Manoli and the School Board to work through many important projects for the benefit of all the students, teachers and wider school community.

Due to some family commitments and professional opportunities, December will mark my last month as a member of the School community and as Board Chair. We are actively recruiting a new Chair for our board and you may see some advertisements in this regard.

In addition to this change, Hasnain (Has) Razwi will also be stepping down from the role of Deputy Chair as his family are leaving the school at the end of this year. Hasnain will remain with the School Board until the Annual General Meeting, next May. However, to ensure the longer term continuity of the Board, Fiona Grandage has stepped into the role of Deputy Chair and will be supported by Has and the Board as they continue recruitment for the next Board Chair.

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I would like to take the opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to our entire community for their contribution and support to the School's growth and progress, the students, staff, parents and my fellow Board colleagues who all work together to make North-Eastern a school where students love to learn.

Our Board represents the interests and values of the entire school community. As a School Board, we are a small group of volunteers who come with a diverse range of skills and are deeply committed to the future of the School and our community. I am grateful for the continued wisdom and support of my fellow Board members.

So many positive changes and advancements have occurred at the School this year. Whilst not an exhaustive list, I did want to take the opportunity to highlight several outstanding achievements that have occurred, which are a testament to the School's bright future;

- Further capital improvement works including the new Cycle 1 playground and many improvements to the existing buildings and grounds
  - Parent Montessori education sessions;
  - Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) maintaining 'Exceeds Expectations' rating;
  - Additional grant funding of \$500k to add to the \$2M grant already received to build our new Community Hub.
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The Board is optimistic of the School's direction and confident that Janis and her team are delivering on the School's strategy to build an even stronger Montessori community and supporting and engaging students to feel safe to be who they are.

I am confident that our School is in a strong position to continue delivering the best possible environment for our children to thrive, and the Board is focused on building a sustainable future and an engaged community for all students and parents alike. I thank you all for your ongoing support of the School.

Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season. May you and your family have a safe and happy New Year.

Ellen McOmish  
Board Chair

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