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To : School and Parent Community of Island School

Dear Island School Parents and Colleagues,

Update on Island School Redevelopment Project

Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you had a relaxing break over the festive season. As we move into the second half of this academic year I will be providing regular updates to you on progress for the Island School redevelopment as well as ensuring continued support for teaching and learning at Island School.

Over the Christmas break the project team has been working closely with the Education Bureau (EDB) to secure decanting as well as prepare for the Legislative Council funding approval process. This work has included engagement with members of the relative District Councils, which have been proactive and supportive. This work continues and we are still hopeful of a clear decision within January 2017 at which point we will be able to finalise the decant dates.

January is always a busy time across ESF as schools prepare and start teacher recruitment. In my last letter to you I noted some staff changes at Island School and the steps taken to strengthen the school team. In addition, I am very pleased that Peter Lasscock will be joining the senior team at Island School from Discovery College. Peter is the Deputy Head of Discovery College and brings many years of senior leadership experience and expertise working in secondary schools across Australia and globally. ESF has secured Peter's time to support Island School from now until the end of the academic year.

Recruitment for the new Principal is progressing well with a strong field of applicants. I am working closely with members of the School Council and ESF HR colleagues to ensure that we select the best candidate to take ESF Island School into the next phase of development. At the moment the final selection process will be held in February, during which time I hope that many parents will have a chance to meet the candidates.

Any teachers leaving Island School are required to provide notice by the end of Term 1. This year only five staff members resigned. One of them is Vice Principal Trudy Lant, who after 28 years with ESF, has decided to retire at the end of this academic year. In the coming months we will have an opportunity to thank Trudy for her service and dedication.

I thank you for your continued support of Island School and ESF and I look forward to a productive and successful 2017. We will continue to keep you abreast of Island School developments as the term progresses.

Sincerely yours,

Belinda Greer
Chief Executive Officer

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