

## **P&C Building & Grounds (B&G) Committee – Whole School Communication Notice**

On Saturday 12 May the B&G Committee held its Working Bee for the School's new Friendship Garden. It was a long, challenging, and eventful day. Ezyquip Hire provided our Committee with an Excavator and an awesome driver, Troy, for the whole day. Troy started his fantastic work about 7am and went through until about 4pm. Not only did Troy do an outstanding job on preparing the key areas of the Garden, he also made the dangerously eroded slop near the Year 1 classrooms much safer.

The school's wonderful groundsman, Tony spent much of the weekend helping out on various different activities – thank you Tony.

Many of our volunteers that registered to help out for a couple of hours actually stayed for much longer than they anticipated. Due to their dedication not only was the Friendship Garden delivered but also the surrounding gardens in that area were also cut back, tidied up, new plants, and mulched too. Thank you to Mel, Stefan and his mum, Jade, Megan, Doug, Sally and Josh, Tal and Shaan, Jo, Ellen and a few children that came along to help their parents during the weekend.

The irrigation system for the new Garden was set up and connected to a rainwater tank. A magnificent job was done by those volunteers working on this activity – the hoses had to be run safely up poles and across the underside of the Senior handball courts roof to connect to the tank. Thank you to Brett, Jeroen, Cara and Andrew.

The delivery of the Garden's new benches was made possible due to the outstanding effort of our volunteers helping out with this activity. Wessel and Colin spent much of the morning cutting each of the parts down to size and sanding as required. The benches were then assembled during much of the afternoon by our two Dave's.

When the Friendship Garden sitting area was ready the Astroturf was laid, holes dug, benches levelled, and cemented. Thank you to Mel, Nick, Josh, Matt, Alan, Dave and Tony. The process for finalising this part of the Garden actually took place late Saturday afternoon and then again Sunday morning and was finished early afternoon.

Many of the children, parents and teachers that arrived to school Monday were very excited about the delivery of the new Friendship Garden. The Garden was a very popular spot to be throughout the day. The delivery of the Garden was completed Monday afternoon immediately after school where more volunteers joined Mel to help out with the planting of our new plants in the Garden. Thank you to those volunteers that registered prior to the day – Stefan and Gemma, Jo and Ella, Bernie and Kieran, Lauren and Jackson, and also a very big thank you to the parents and students that came throughout the afternoon to finish off the planting.

The delivery of the school's Friendship Garden was a very rewarding project for our Committee members and we cannot wait to deliver some more during the year. 😊

