

## **Grounds Report**

### **Year 5 Busy Bee - this Friday 23 October at 3:15pm**

The last Year 5 Busy Bee for 2020 will take place this Friday 23/10/20 from 3.15pm to 5.00pm. Anyone else who would like to attend and has a spare hour or two is more than welcome. Please remember to bring your hat, sunscreen, gloves and weeding tools. Please assemble near the front of the school where we will then allocate various areas to various groups. Everyone is welcome to stay for the sausage sizzle and a few drinks at the end of the day.

### **Bush Tucker Garden Update**

Thanks to the very small group of parents who assisted weeding the Bush Tucker area during the holidays. We are now finishing off that weeding in readiness for the **official opening on Friday 13/11/20 (mark in your diary)**. As it heats up again, we are also in need of 2 to 3 people keen to complete the reticulation of the Bush Tucker garden - running the black hose and drippers to the individual plants, we have already run all the stations down the bush track. This will ensure our garden is waterwise and sustainable. If you are able to assist, please let Alison know ASAP.

Thanks also to Mark and Troy who spent last weekend adding steel posts to all of our Bush Tucker signs, so they can be cemented into the ground this coming weekend. They will definitely make each garden room stand out!

A final list of jobs to complete so that it will look amazing when the Mayor and other dignitaries arrive for the official opening, has been written on the whiteboard located outside the P&C shed. Feel free to assist and cross off jobs as they are completed. We have grown some champion wild oats over winter - looking forward to seeing them all gone!



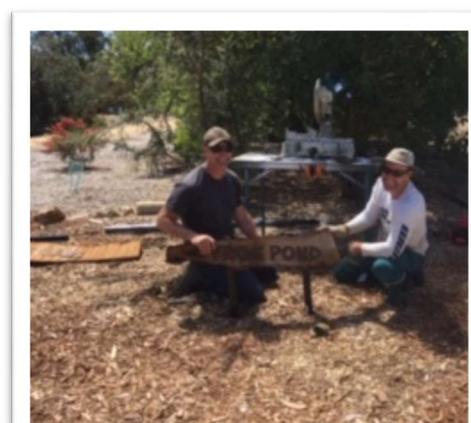
### **Brick Paving and Painting**

Many thanks to Dan and Troy (as past alumni parent Mark A for the loan of the compactor) who designed, levelled and compacted a previously disused space, working tirelessly and meticulously to create a newly paved area behind the P&C shed. Both dads also assisted removing and stacking the unused pavers which may find a purpose around the Library renovation next year. We are hoping to finish the area with a steel workbench and the large orange pots, creating a vibrant new area for parents to work in or classes to go to.

One of the sections, attached to the P&C shed will also be revamped to include a small strawberry patch - what's not to love about that!

Please, no cars will be permitted to park on this newly paved area.

Most of you would have noticed that the terracotta paving paint now extends around the entire school pathways. Mike with Glenn's assistance has spent several hours over several weekend's high pressure cleaning, edging and painting the pathways - a huge improvement on the bore stained concrete. Well done guys!



**Monthly Market - this Sunday 25th**

Our next market day is this Sunday 25 October from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Beautiful weather is forecast and we are looking forward to an even bigger turnout than our last one. Those of you interested in the fresh produce should ensure you are there early as this is usually the first things to sell.

Products on sale include;

- fresh fruit and vegetables direct from local orchards and the kitchen garden,
- fresh bread, cupcakes, freshly squeezed lemonade,
- potted plants and bouquets of natural flowers.

The highlight for many of the kids will be the new golden chook tour run by Klaire and Sunny, where they will get a personalised tour of the “Taj Ma Bateman” of chook pens and get to meet our local feathered residents. Our ever-popular gourmet BBQ will be back, along with those beautiful home-made oils. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

### **Thanks**

- Klaire and Dan - for the recent innovative additions to the chook pen; the natural roost, the CD's, and the fun musical instruments for them to play. What clever chickens we have!
- Mike B - for the hours spent high pressure cleaning all the stained paths and then painting them the vibrant terracotta colour. It looks amazing - probably the best it has looked in years!
- Dan - for the many hours of work that went into the design and layout of our newly paved area tucked in behind the P&C shed.
- Mark W - for designing and attaching the posts to the Bush Tucker signs
- Troy - for assisting Dan with the paving, assisting Mark W with the Bush Tucker signs and also digging out several roses which will find a new home at the front of our school.
- Tracy - for identifying several roses and large terracotta pots which have been transformed with bright orange paint

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