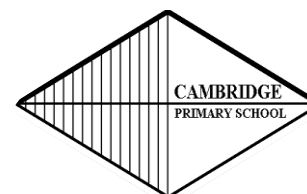


GROUNDS



Purpose

- To maintain and develop passive and active playing areas such as those that are grassed, asphalted, paved and fixed with playground equipment
- To maintain and develop the garden beds, plants, trees and shrubs
- To regularly inspect the grounds and playground equipment and to take immediate action in the interests of health and safety if a problem or a defect becomes apparent
- To systematically improve the grounds through the implementation of a 3 year plan.
- To encourage and promote within our community environmental recycling and **water saving awareness**
- To instill in students a sense of responsibility for the care & cleanliness of the environment in which they play.

Guidelines

- Grounds committee to be responsible for the overall maintenance of the grounds and the outdoor playground equipment
- To organize regular working bees to be conducted over the weekend or after school
- To encourage the participation of families to the working bees on their designated dates
- To encourage the participation of students and staff in the development and maintenance of designated areas including garden beds around the school, in an effort to make them attractive, safe and tidy
- To continue to involve the school in environmentally based programs such as Paper Recycling, **water saving activities** as well as regular Rubbish Free Days.

Implementation

- Working bees will be organized and conducted on a regular basis to ensure that the grounds are maintained in an attractive and tidy manner
- Staff and students should be encouraged to have both a pride and an active responsibility in maintaining a tidy, attractive and safe school. This will be further ensured by designating areas including the garden beds to each grade, thereby instilling in both students and staff a sense of ownership
- Where finances allow a gardener/handyman will be employed from year to year, one day per week, to complete minor maintenance work around the grounds
- Major projects which form part of the grounds committee 3 year plan will be planned throughout the year, financed and completed over the 3 year cycle
- All maintenance equipment will be kept in good working order so that it is readily available for use on working bees
- The school will endeavour to build on the gardening equipment and tools available for use at working bees.

Evaluation

Minor Evaluation completed by staff

Regular maintenance checks of all playground equipment

Successful completion of projects which form part of the 3 year plan.

Ensure school is compliant with DEECD guidelines and regulations

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