**A Heartfelt Request for the Renewal of Our Playground**

Dear Mr McSweeny,

I hope you are well. I am writing on behalf of all the many students at our school who feel a deep concern for the current state of our school playground. It has become a place that no longer sparks joy or encourages movement. What should be a safe, colourful haven for fun and friendship has turned into a dull, tired space that feels forgotten. Everyone in this school has gotten used to it and for kindies to play on the rusted equipment is just not safe.

The faded paint clings to old structures like the last breath of something that used to be wonderful. The ground is hard and cracked, making each fall feel more painful than it should. The equipment creaks and wobbles, like it’s sighing under the weight of time. For many of us, the playground is no longer a place of adventure, but one of caution. And for some students, it’s a place they avoid altogether. Just imagine all the kids that could get hurt, the school area, students and staff are affecting the school’s reputation.

We believe that a renovated playground would do more than fix these problems, it would breathe life back into the heart of our school. Picture vibrant colours dancing across slides and climbing frames, the soft bounce of safe rubber under our feet, and the excited chatter of students creating games and memories together. A space like this would not only lift our spirits but improve our wellbeing and encourage stronger friendships. This helps the children to be healthier both physically and mentally.

A brighter, safer playground would be a gift to every child who feels left out or bored during break time. It would offer new ways to connect with others, release energy in a healthy way, and return to class feeling refreshed. It would show us that our voices matter and that our school is a place where our happiness counts. Our school would be known as a school with kindness spreading around and students happier than ever before.

Studies have shown that play is just as important for learning as what happens inside the classroom. It helps with mental health, focus, and resilience. And right now, we are missing out on all of that. A simple improvement to our play space could make a world of difference. It could turn recess into something we look forward to, instead of just another time to sit and wait.

We are not asking for something extravagant. Just a safe, exciting place where we can be kids. Where we can run, climb, laugh, and feel proud of the space we share. We would be so grateful for your support and would love the opportunity to work with you on ideas. We’re even happy to help with fundraising or planning if needed.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. We truly hope you see the same potential we do—that with a little care, our playground could become the heart of our school again.

Sincerely yours, Sophie 6B