Homework Day 5

**Subject:** Student Welfare: Urgent Playground Renovation

**To:** principalharry.thomas@education.nsw.gov.au

Dear Principal Thomas,

I am writing to you on behalf of the student council who believe that action must be taken in regards to the dismantled playground at the back of the oval.

As you have heard many students have acquired injuries ranging from a bleeding knee to a broken arm. Our beloved playground, once a haven for laughter and happiness, has become a graveyard of metal spikes and burning hot slides.

Our playground is a safety hazard for children of all ages; Sam Smith in kindergarten tripped over a metal chain that used to be part of a swing and May Brown in year four scraped her knee on the remains of the climbing frame.

Children who used to anticipate playtimes all day have sighed with relief when the bell rang to signal the end of lunch. Our school has become a space which children expressly fear.

Our playground is so full of potholes that no one can run around unless they get to use the oval which the year five boys repeatedly use. That means children are not getting enough exercise and behave worse in class according to the Australian Institute of Sport.

Our playground negatively impacts the school community by:

* Posing a risk to health and safety due to the potholes and metal offcuts
* Not providing enough exercise for all students with the uneven barren, landscape
* Scaring students away with its evil smiling face and the metallic scent of blood.

I understand that the budget may be tight so the student council have discussed with the P&C fundraising plans starting next week, subject to your approval. The students had ideas for a cake stall or a crazy hair day.

I respectfully request:

* An immediate health and safety assessment of the school outside areas by the local council
* A meeting with the student council at your earliest convenience to discuss any ideas
* A renovation plan by the term’s end
* Refurbishment starting these school holidays.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Email, it is greatly appreciated. I hope you consider changing the school community for the better. I am sure everyone will greatly appreciate the change. Nobody likes a potholed handball square right?

Yours sincerely,

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