

Section 1:

#1 Dear Mr Corr, I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to propose a new initiative: a monthly student-led newsletter that showcases student voice, creativity, and the achievements happening throughout our school community.

Strengths:

- You've opened with a professional greeting and clearly stated your purpose
- You've included a concise description of what the newsletter would achieve

Weakness: Underdeveloped introduction → Your introduction is quite brief and doesn't mention who you are or why you personally care about this initiative. The reader might wonder why you specifically are proposing this idea. Adding your connection to the proposal would make your introduction more compelling and personal.

Exemplar: *Dear Mr Corr, I hope this email finds you well. As a Grade 4 student with a passion for writing and sharing student achievements, I am writing to propose a new initiative: a monthly student-led newsletter that showcases student voice, creativity, and the achievements happening throughout our school community.*

#2 Secondly, if we have a student led newsletter, we can see the student's creativity and imagination. The expression of ideas not only improve students' confidence and intelligence but also encourage other kids outside our school. This will help to attract more students to enrol in our school which on the other hand will earn more profit.

Strengths:

- You've identified how the newsletter could benefit the school's reputation
- You've made a connection between student creativity and practical benefits

Weakness: Lack of specific examples → You mention "creativity and imagination" but don't provide concrete examples of what this might look like in the newsletter. What specific creative elements would be included? What types of imaginative content could students produce? Adding these details would help Mr Corr visualise your proposal better.

Exemplar: *Secondly, a student-led newsletter would showcase our creativity and imagination through features like student artwork, creative writing pieces, puzzles designed by maths enthusiasts, and interviews conducted by our budding journalists. These expressions of ideas would not only improve students' confidence and skills but could also impress families considering our school for their children.*

#3 I understand this initiative requires a lot of time and work. However, with proper guidance to manage content creation and publishing and with help of volunteer students, we can make it a success.

Strengths:

- You acknowledge potential challenges realistically
- You offer a solution to address the challenges

Weakness: Missing practical details → While you mention "proper guidance" and "volunteer students," you don't specify who would provide the guidance or how you would recruit volunteers. Adding concrete information about implementation would strengthen your proposal and show that you've thought through the logistics.

Exemplar: *I understand this initiative requires time and work. However, with guidance from our English teachers who could supervise once a week during lunch breaks, and a team of volunteer students from each year level whom I've already spoken to about helping, we can share the workload and make this newsletter a success.*

■ Your proposal shows enthusiasm and contains some good points about the benefits of a student newsletter. To make it more convincing, try adding specific details about how the newsletter would actually work. For example, you could mention what sections the newsletter might include, how often it would be published, and who would be responsible for different tasks. Additionally, consider explaining how you would ensure quality writing from young students, perhaps through teacher supervision or editing processes. Your arguments about skill development and showcasing achievements are strong, but could be strengthened with examples - perhaps mention specific school events that could be covered or types of student work that could be featured. Also, try to focus more on educational benefits rather than profit for the school, as this would likely be more persuasive to a teacher or principal. Lastly, you might want to include a short paragraph about how you personally would contribute to this newsletter project.

Overall score: 40/50

Section 2:

Dear Mr Corr,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to propose a new initiative: a monthly student-led newsletter that showcases student voice, creativity, and the achievements happening throughout our school community. #1

Let me tell you why my idea is effective.

Firstly, the newsletter would be an excellent opportunity for students to develop real-world skills in writing, editing, leadership, and teamwork. Most kids don't get the opportunity to build up these skills until much later in life. ~~However, being involved in this newsletter gives us the chance to be more skilful and pursue a better career path.~~ [Being involved in this newsletter would give us the chance to develop valuable skills that could benefit our future education and career paths.]

~~Secondly, if we have a student led newsletter, we can see the student's creativity and imagination.~~ [Secondly, a student-led newsletter would showcase our students' creativity and imagination.] The expression of ideas ~~not only improve~~ [not only improves] students' confidence and intelligence but also ~~encourage~~ [encourages] other kids outside our school. This will help to attract more students to ~~enrol~~ [enrol] in our school which ~~on the other hand~~ [in turn] will earn more profit. #2

Additionally, if we have a student ~~led~~ [led] newsletter, we could feature the student's achievements no matter how big or small. This ensures everyone is valued and appreciated.

I understand this initiative requires a lot of time and work. However, with proper guidance to manage content creation and publishing and with help of volunteer students, we can make it a success. #3

Would you be available next Tuesday at 4:30 pm to discuss this proposal in more detail? I have prepared a brief presentation with visual plans and implementation timeline for your consideration. I look forward to ~~doing this opportunity together.~~ [working on this opportunity together.]

Kind regards,

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