



### First impressions – revitalising the garden beds at the school's front entrance

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I wanted to offer to help make the garden beds outside the main office look appealing and to give a better first impression to those who visit our school.

Having inspected the area with Natalie at Saturday's gardening bee, (see above), we found a few agapanthus and one bird of paradise on the left, and the bed on the right that goes up to the school's mailbox and fence, is empty. There is also a sandstone block that looks like it should be returned to the row near Alexandra's feet, making that thoroughfare narrower.

My suggestion involves recycling plants and little or no cost, rather than a grand design. I'd suggest the bird of paradise be moved next to the school building and the remaining bed to the left of the thoroughfare be filled with agapanthus. I have a couple I could donate and perhaps other parents do too? The large bed on the right could be filled (loosely) with the large number of matchstick bromeliads (see photos, right) we're happy to donate for this purpose. They are very suitable for this fairly shaded location.



It was mentioned that the pavers near the Indigenous garden could possibly be relocated/recycled. We could put a small section of path where the thoroughfare is, which will also separate the two garden beds, a second smaller path up to the mailbox and a third small path up to the small brass plaque (shown above).

I'm keen to do this as soon as possible, however Natalie and I did speak about potentially arranging for edging for the garden beds so they would be raised and level, and that it would be ideal to set up the beds with good quality mulch etc.

For your consideration!

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