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ASHBY

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Ashby Community,

PROPOSED JUNIOR OVAL REDEVELOPMENT – INITIAL CONCEPTS & OPPORTUNITY FOR FEEDBACK



As per our email to the Ashby community in August (please click [here](#) to read this email again) with regard to the proposed redevelopment of the junior school oval, we indicated our next step would be to provide the Ashby School Community with preliminary design concepts to use as a starting point for discussion and comment back to the committee.

As previously mentioned, we are looking at the proposed re-development of the junior oval into an astro turf facility. The overall project also aims to include lined games, sensory play areas and the re-development of our kitchen garden.

In terms of seeking feedback on preliminary concepts, we are undertaking this through a "public display" approach whereby school community members can see the initial concepts and provide written feedback, outlining suggestions and queries. The more ideas and feedback the better, so we can work towards making this project the best possible for Ashby.

This public display approach is now open for feedback and will take the following format:

1. Information is now available on our website on the following page: '[Proposed Junior Oval Redevelopment](#)' (under the 'News & Events' tab on our homepage).

On this page you will find:

1. An overview of the project, as previously provided to the Ashby community;
 2. Results from our initial survey undertaken, which we shared with you in our Newsletter Issue 5, 15 March 2016);
 3. Link to the previous email update to the Ashby Community in August 2016;
 4. Two initial concept drawings to encourage feedback and ideas;
 5. An opportunity to provide feedback, either via:
 - A link to an online feedback submission form;
 - A downloadable PDF to provide written feedback (that can either be emailed to junioroval@ashbyps.vic.edu.au or dropped off at the school office).
2. Information will displayed on a table inside the main entrance to the school (near the school office) with hard copies of the Concept Development Feedback form, as well as colour printed copies of the initial concepts.

3. Email.

A dedicated email address (junioroval@ashbyps.vic.edu.au) has been created to receive feedback.

The date for this Public Display opportunity will run from **Friday 16 September until Monday 17 October 2016**. We are mindful of the upcoming term break, however these dates provide just over 4 weeks for the online feedback opportunity and just over 2 weeks for the in-school display and feedback opportunity (which will be available from Monday 3 October, the first day of Term 4).

In providing these concept drawings to you, can I re-iterate they have been put together to provide a starting point for feedback and as a means to encourage thinking around the proposed re-development. They are by no means the final concepts. In terms of the 'Concept Development Feedback Form', the 'guiding questions' have again been developed to provide a starting point to encourage ideas and feedback.

After this 'Public Display' phase is complete, the concept drawings will be further refined taking into account all feedback received to date, being:

1. Feedback received from the initial survey undertaken in March 2016
2. Feedback received through this 'Public Display' opportunity.

Once we received the further refined concept drawings, we will look hold a series of information sessions (during school hours and after work hours) for Ashby community members to look at the refined concept drawings and seek further clarification as needed.

I would encourage all Ashby community members to take this opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions for this project. This is a significant project for our school and a great opportunity to further enhance the play and learning opportunities for our current and future students.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please email us at junioroval@ashbyps.vic.edu.au

Simultaneous to this process, and as outlined in my August email update, we will also be seeking funding/sponsorship for the project, which we will inform you of as we go along as well. As mentioned, we have set up a page on our website dedicated to this project alone, providing updates and opportunities for comments. We are also currently finalising an application to the 'Inclusive Schools Grant' currently available through the Department of Education. Applications close late September and we will keep you informed of the outcome.

Whilst a detailed project timeline has not yet been developed, the committee is working towards a completion date of January 2018.

With kind regards,



Meg Bone
Principal