Dear Nundah State School Alumni, Parents and Friends,

I am sure you would agree, the power and presence of a great tree is a force to be admired.

When I think of a great tree I cannot help but think of its amazing strength, power and adaptability to deal with the ever changing seasons and conditions.

Over the last few season serving as Chairman of the P&C, former students and members of the local community have spoken of the majesty and beauty of the "old Camphor Laurel tree". For those of you whom don’t remember, it stood proudly in the quadrangle in the ‘heart’ of the school.

Based on your stories, I imagine it provided a profound level of perspective as you stood beneath its cathedral-like canopy. Just knowing it was there year after year as you came back from holidays and weekends possibly even symbolised a degree of steadfastness and comfort. It would have provided shelter from the blistering sun whilst you ate your lunch, played handball and congregated for assembly. But for others, the tree simply meant you were outside, out of the classroom and away from your teacher.

What great memories hey!

... and what a stark contrast to what our kids enjoy today.

Nowadays, we struggle to drag kids away from their computers, I-Pads and other types of electronic gadgets.

I don’t know about you but I can stroll down a residential street and find a curious absence of children. Obviously, kids do live there, but they no longer seem to play outdoors or climb trees.

Back when I was a kid, your mother practically locked you out of the house, so that she could tend to the home undisturbed and get some peace and quiet.

If you get the chance to return to Nundah State School for our 150th celebrations, you will notice the absence of our great Camphor Laurel. An unfortunate disease meant it was removed in 2012. The disease spoilt the ground that sustained it for so many years which means we will never be able to plant another tree like it.

However, with your help, we hope to build a new outdoor play area on the same site to commemorate our 150th celebration. We hope to encourage our kids, the next generation, to play outdoors. We want to turn the quadrangle back into a space that is playful, fun and conducive for learning.

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Considerable work has already been done by the School and our existing parents to draft and cost out plans for this amazing new play area plus the redevelopment of the mini-oval and adjoining playgrounds.

While the master plan involves creating a number of flexible learning spaces and improving other play and garden areas, the cost is just too prohibitive for the P&C to progress all of them at this point in time.

The School is doing all it can to source government funding to commence these projects but there are no guarantees in this current economic environment and our kids (fellow Nundah-ites) deserve our support and the best possible environment to learn grow and succeed!

With your help, we plan to build:

1. New shade-sail structures where the old Camphor Laurel tree once grew. Students will be able to sit where many of you once did and eat their lunch.

2. A much improved mini-oval. Significant earthworks is needed to create a level playing area, pathways, sandstone block seating areas and gardens with trees and shrubs for kids to play.

To undertake stage one of the project which includes construction and earthworks, it is estimated to cost $80,000. With the addition of further landscaping, play equipment and soft fall areas, the total cost is estimated at $150,000.

It's a big goal but that's why we are inviting the many 'branches' of our Nundah State School community, including past and present Nundah-ites (i.e you) to help us raise the necessary funds.

With your best gift of either $50, $100 or possibly more to our Grounds Fund before 30th June, we hope to raise the necessary funds to complete stage one.

As the saying goes, every dollar helps and this is true for our kids at this moment.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Grice
P&C President

(Deb Cox)
Principal

P.S. Please give your best donation before 30th June by completing the response slip provided and returning it to the school in an envelope marked, ATTN: P&C Grounds Fund. Alternatively, please call (07) 3635 5888 or e-mail us at p&c@nundahss.eq.edu.au to discuss how your support will make a real difference!
YES, I would like to support the Nundah State School P&C Association Grounds Fund

GIFT AMOUNT
(Donations are not tax deductible)

☐ $40  ☐ $100  ☐ $250  ☐ Other: $……………..

METHOD

☐ Cheque: Please make cheques out to the Nundah State School P&C Association Grounds Fund

☐ Credit Card:  ☐ Visa  ☐ Mastercard

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MORE INFORMATION

☐ I/We would like to volunteer my/our skills to N.S.S
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☐ I/We would like to offer pro bono advice and skills through my/our business to N.S.S.
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☐ I/We would like to talk to NSS about sponsorship opportunities.

Please return the completed form to Nundah State School, [Insert Address]

For more information, please call the school office on (07) 3635 5888 during school hours.