

NARRABUNDAH PRE-SCHOOL

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ATTENTION PRE-SCHOOL OFFICE

Dear Sir,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Narrabundah Parent Association.

On several occasions over the past few years the Association has written to you about the area around the Pre-School and have had replies that the matter would be looked into but nothing further has been done about it. We have listed the points that we wish to bring to your attention once again.

1. ? The matter of entry to the Pre-School grounds and parking area. Does a child have to be badly injured before we can have an inspection done of the area, as you can see by diagram No1 you would not have a hope of seeing a car coming from the opposit direction let alone a small child, at this time we feel we should bring to your attention that 80 children attend the pre-school and the majority of these children are brought by car.
2. X The area surrounding the Pre-School is atrocious, the grass is hardly cut and even the streets approaching the Centre are too narrow for cars to pass safely, particularly if there are cars parked also.
3. X Regular street cleaning would be appreciated and not forgetting the area in front of the Pre-School gates where the garbage men and inconsiderate passersby leave a trail of rubbish. We feel it is not the duty of the teaching staff to clear this debri away as their sole purpose of being here is to teach the children and not be part-time garbage collectors.
4. ? This raises another point, that of address. It is out of the question looking for this Centre as being situated on Kootara Crescent. It is infact "enter 19th Street proceed to the junction of 19th & 18th then either turn left or right depending on which street you came by onto a strip of bitumen that then takes one behind the houses into what is termed a "Parking area of the Pre-School" which in winter is in fact a quagnire and in summer a dust bowl as it is only partly sealed. Considering the Pre-School is more than 20 year old isn't abouttime something was done even if it is only Narrabundah.

5. There is also a matter of the open drain that runs parralell to the pre-school which is dangerous not only to our children but is an unnecessary hazard to the area. We would like something done about this immediately.

Sir, we feel that it is about time that our children were given a few conditions which newer pre-school in Canberra enjoy and do not have to be continually writing to you to bring them to your attention. We feel that a 20 year-old pre-school is ready to warrent an inspection and modernisation to at least bring it up to a respectable standard for the children.

As all previous correspondence which has been entered into over a period of 3 years was a total waste of time and money, we would like a reply within 14 days as we have other measures we will take is necessary. Hoping you will at least come and inspect the school and discuss the matter with us.

Yours faithfully,



R. Pearce
Secretary.