The school needs the support of the school community to assist with enhancing and maintaining its buildings and grounds. The School Council encourages each family to either donate $70 towards the Working Bee Fund or to contribute in-kind by helping at the school’s working bees.

The Buildings and Environment Committee of the School Council will conduct four working bees in 2017 addressing the following tasks:

- general grounds keeping — raking leaves, sweeping yards and collecting litter, spreading woodchips, emptying silt pits
- gardening — maintaining garden beds by weeding, pruning, planting and applying compost and fertiliser
- special projects — painting, landscaping, trades including plumbing, carpentry, electrical, other repairs as they arise and other projects.

Working bees are normally scheduled for either 12.30 pm to 3:30 pm Saturday or 9:00 am to 12 noon Sunday. Please indicate your preferred time in the attached reply slip.

Our first working bee for the year will be held on **Saturday 11 March from 12.30pm-3.30pm**.

Other working bee dates for 2017 will be finalised based on feedback from parent preferred times as canvassed in the attached form.

The School Council hopes that each participating family will be able to volunteer for at least two working bees during the year.

The current Building and Environment convenor is Craig Ots-Maher. Craig can be contacted on [craig.otsmaher@gmail.com](mailto:craig.otsmaher@gmail.com)

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**School Council Buildings & Environment Committee**

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**GIPS Working Bee Fund and Roster 2017**

**PARENT NAME:** ____________________________ **MOBILE:** ____________________________

**ELDEST CHILD’S NAME:** ____________________________ **GRADE:** ______

**Please tick one of the following:**

☐ I have already made a donation to the school’s Working Bee Fund 2017

☐ I enclose a donation to the fund as I am unable to assist at the working bees

☐ I wish to participate in the school’s working bee program, please add me to the mailing list:

**EMAIL:** ____________________________________________________________________________

**If you wish to participate, please tick your preferred working time and day:**

☐ Saturday 12.30pm to 3:30pm

☐ Sunday 9:00am to 12 noon.