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WAIKANAE PRIMARY SCHOOL Nature walkway

Stanjoy Charitable trust

Application for funding to:

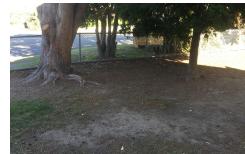
Enhance the outdoor space at Waikanae School, making it a beautiful, relaxing space for the public and pupils.

Plan 1 - Beautification of school front

Current situation

Currently, the front of our school property is notorious for flooding as it lacks adequate drainage. The main gateway into our school is a highway for water flow which at times can make it difficult to use. Many students and members of our community use this entrance everyday to access the school grounds. Additionally, due to the lack of adequate drainage the large area of ground is now exposed dirt and is uninhabitable for vegetation. There are also a number of tree stumps which currently impede our future plans. At this stage the area looks and feels uninviting, and is not being used to its potential i.e. it could be a community area (outdoor classroom, picnic area for families).













Action and costings

We intend to redirect water flow to make the space usable. Improving the drainage will result in less flooding, improving the accessibility for our students and community. We would like to resurface some of the area due to it being damaged by this poor drainage. This is the main entrance to our school and the asphalt is unappealing and hazardous. Resurfacing will allow us to improve the entire area.

In this area we would like to provide a number of seating areas surrounded by existing native trees, boxed flower beds, and interactive areas such as a sensory garden so that students and the wider community are drawn to this area. It would be a great space for families to spend time with their children before and after school. Teachers can also use this area as an outdoor classroom, which we currently do not have on our school grounds. We would also like to build pathways which will naturally lead users through this space rather than around to the side entrance of our school.

Costings

Total	\$73,000
Gateway	\$4,000
Planting	\$10,000
Furniture	\$15,000
Resurfacing	\$15,000
Management	\$4,000
Drainage	\$15,000
Paths	\$10,000

Outcomes

- → Improved drainage and resurfaced grounds
- → Improved appearance of our main entrance
- → Interactive sensory garden
- → Oak Tree protected due to reconfigured entrance and drainage
- → Established pathway for our nature walk
- → Established garden
- → A range of seating





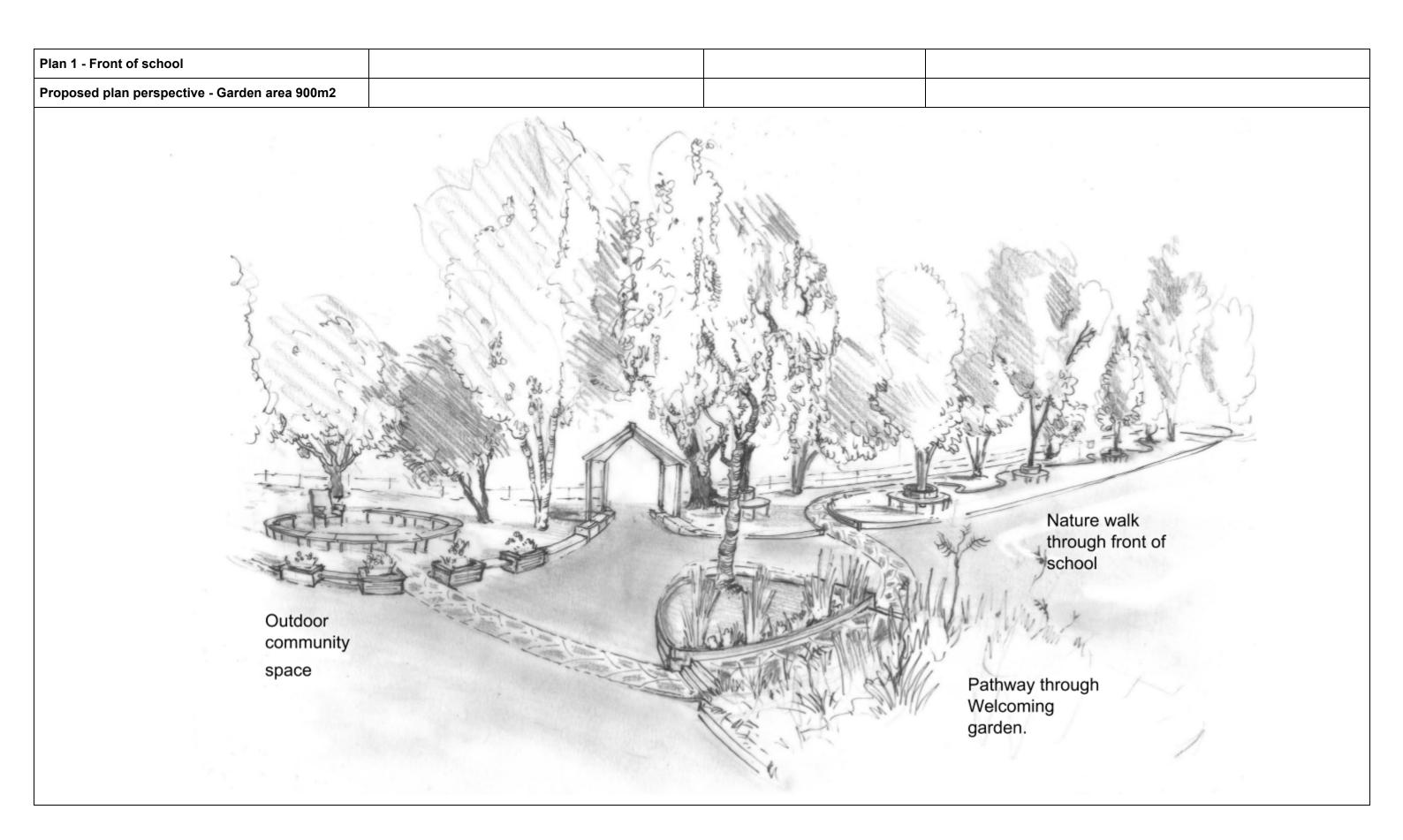












Plan 2 - Eco centre and garden

Current situation

This area is an overgrown and disused area that has great potential to be another community space that will give people access to our Enviro Centre. Adjacent to this area we have a small number of garden beds which have enabled us to involve our school and wider community in education around sustainability. Currently this area is fenced off and access is very limited. Two new classrooms were built in 2018 and the area described is the space behind these two classrooms which will facilitate the expansion of our Enviro Centre.













Action and costings

In this area we intend to establish a nursery so that students can learn more about horticulture and develop their ecological literacy. We will need to level the ground so that we can place a glasshouse, shadehouse, raised garden beds, compost bays, water tanks and worm farms so that our gardens can be self sufficient.

We will remove the fencing that restricts access to this area, and continue the pathway from the school entrance through here. The pathway will be covered with a pergola, making the area inviting to those walking through our school grounds. To encourage users to take a moment and enjoy their surroundings, a number of seats will be placed near the garden beds and a mural created by community members and our students will decorate the surrounding classroom wall.

Costings

Total	\$34,000
Compost and topsoil	\$2,000
Entrance	\$4,000
Fencing	\$4,000
Shade house	\$3,000
Nursery - greenhouse/shed	\$10,000
Beds	\$8,000
Paths	\$3,000

Outcomes

- → Greenhouse
- → Shadehouse
- → Additional garden beds
- → Worm farms
- → Compost bays
- → Seating area
- → Mural
- → Continued pathway
- → Water tanks
- → pergola





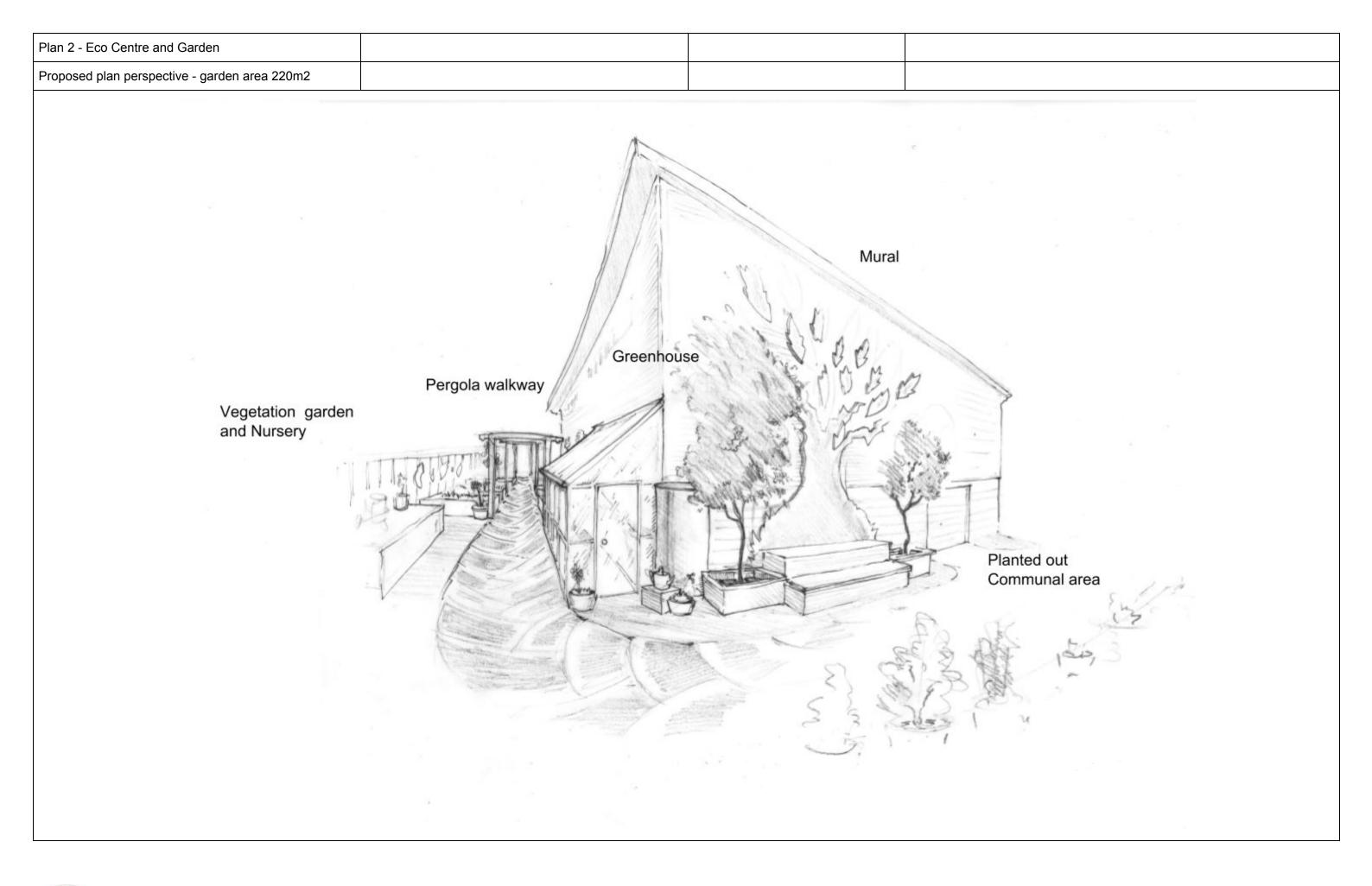












Plan 3 and 4 - Orchard

Current situation

This is a newly configured space which exists due to the construction of four new classrooms. It is currently an empty and unused space, which our students tend to avoid. Our storage containers are located in this area and contribute to its unappealing vibe.











Action and costings

We intend to continue the pathway through this space, which will then lead to our hall and the back entrance into our school. We will plant fruit trees to provide shade, produce and the opportunity to learn about growing your own food. To beautify the containers they will have some murals painted onto them, and other interactive fixtures such as pot plants and vines. This space will be transformed into a space which will feel warm and inviting.

Costings

Planting \$4,000 Murals \$8,,000 Paths \$2,000

\$14,000 Total

Outcome

- → Vibrantly decorated containers
- → Orchard
- → Students use and enjoy this area
- → Pathway continues from the Enviro Centre and leads to the hall and back entrance into our school





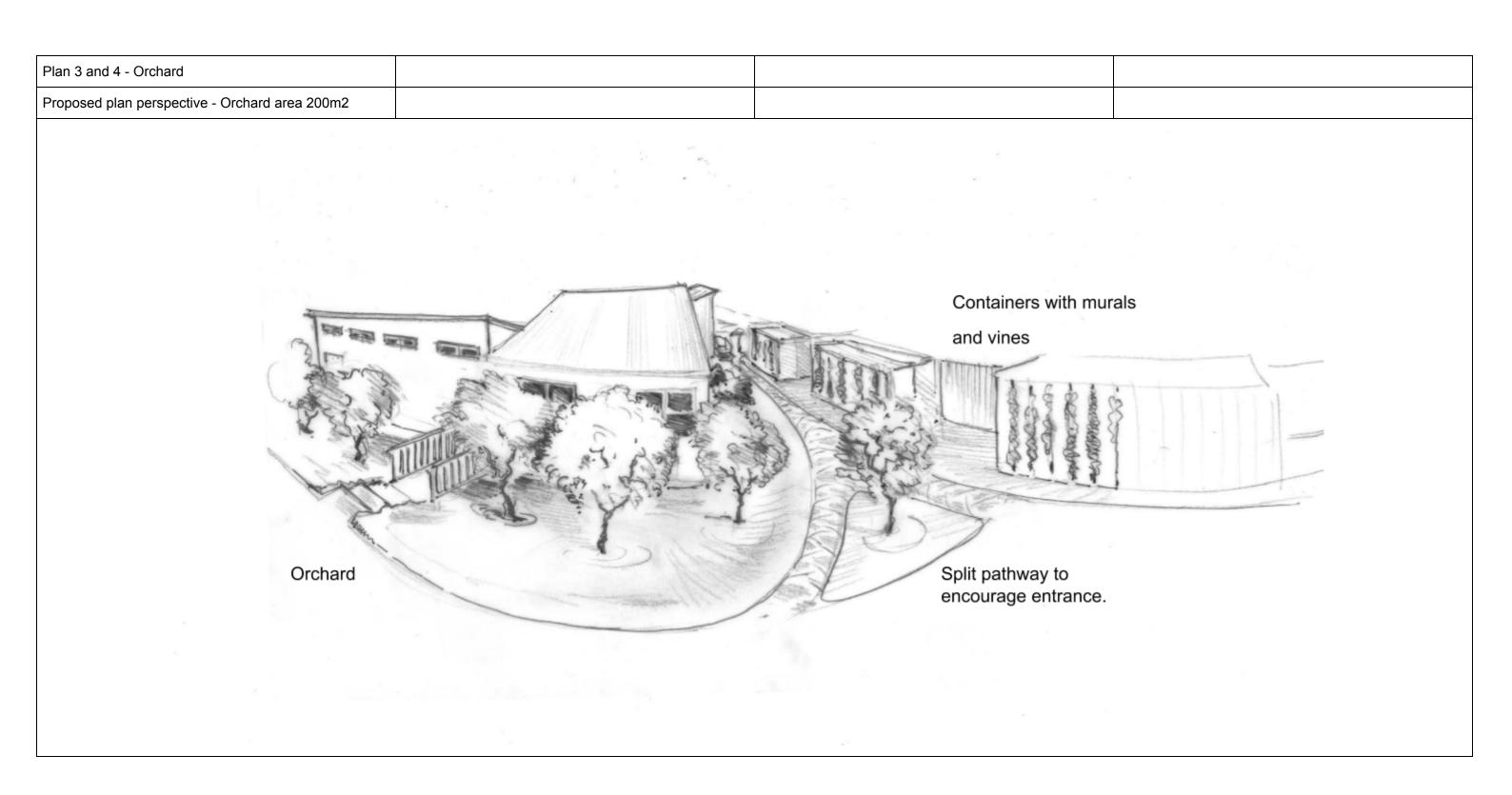












Summary

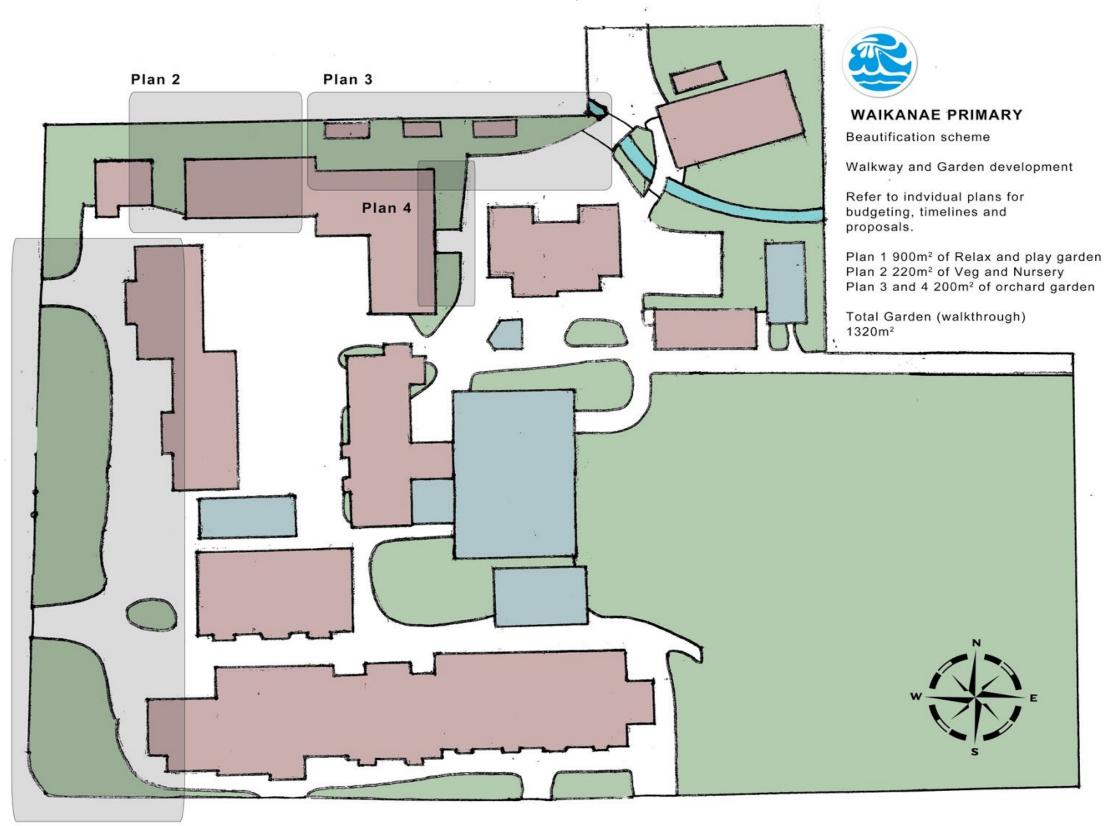
As one of only two schools in Waikanae, our school grounds are a popular destination for families during the evenings and weekends. Our fields and courts are often busy with families playing, scootering, exercising and walking through to access the connecting streets, but with the revamping of our grounds - more gardens, seating and interactive sensory spaces - our grounds will appeal to a wider range of people within our community. For example, our local preschools could bring their children through to experience our sensory garden and the main entrance could host community picnic events. This proposal also provides our children with many great learning opportunities around sustainability, growing your own food and being present in nature. These new spaces will provide enjoyment to our school and wider community years to come.

This Project has a total expenditure of \$121,000, Waikanae School community will gift \$21,000 in cash or in kind.



Some of our current Enviro Group members

Site Map



Plan 1