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## **Dear Knox Parents**

Currently many schools across Australia struggle to provide adequate assistance for students in need. Inadequate resources create another barrier for these students to successfully complete their education and realise their potential.

I have recently become aware of a wonderful initiative to establish a national second-hand textbook depository; this project being named the Textbook Muster.

Textbook Muster will undertake an annual drive to collect donated textbooks from across the country and make these textbooks available to schools' welfare officers and charities at no cost

Surplus donated textbooks will be sold online to provide recurrent funding to the project, with a portion of these funds being directed back to the contributing school, and another portion being allocated to charities that provide assistance in this area.

This project will provide schools and charities with a valuable resource that will realise a meaningful difference to these students and their families.

Sustainable School Shop has undertaken the lead role in establishing this project and is seeking support from schools and families to raise the necessary seed funds via crowdfunding on Pozible: <a href="http://pozible.com/textbookmuster">http://pozible.com/textbookmuster</a>

For Children (Australia) Inc. is a charity known for their work in providing education support to young people and families experiencing disadvantage, and is supporting this project.

I would encourage all our families in our school community to support and learn more about the Textbook Muster project.

Rewards for families are offered for those who wish to pledge support including:

- Annual subscriptions to the Sustainable School Shop
- Muster Mate pledge that includes recognition for your family's generosity to the project, and a lifetime subscription to the Sustainable School Shop.

Pledges are only payable if the crowd funding target is met, and the project becomes reality.

We can all make a difference!

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