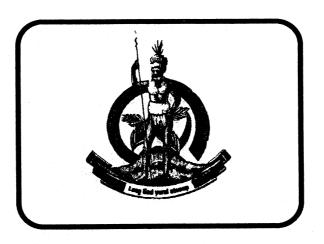
# Republic of Vanuatu Ministry of Education



# A Manual for the Maintenance of Schools

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#### THE PURPOSE OF THE MANUAL

This manual has been prepared to assist Headteachers, School Councils, Parent-Teacher Associations, local communities & staff & students to jointly carry out the routine maintenance of their schools.

With little or no technical knowledge or practical skills, it is possible with personal commitment, organisation & the cooperation of those in communities who do have the knowledge & skills, for Headteachers to manage the routine maintenance of their schools using this manual for guidance.

By employing local resources, on a timely & continuous basis, the costs of major building repairs & maintenance can be significantly reduced, especially after the destructive cyclones which strike Vanuatu seasonally.

Much of the continuous effort that is required to make schools the pleasant places that they should be to work, live & play in is rightly the responsibility of the prime users of the school - the staff & students.

By asking students, with the guidance of their teachers, to take on the responsibility to care for their schools will set them an example of group endeavour which may encourage them, when they leave school, to take an active part in civic projects during their adult lives.

There is much expertise & talent amongst those travelling around the country as part of their work or leisure activities. Headteachers are recommended to seek advice from those they come into contact with & who they feel may have something to contribute to the maintenance of their school.

At a time of increasing need to use the resources of the nation wisely, the proper care & maintenance of schools will contribute to the development of the major resource of the country - its children.

Finally, sometime at every school there will be maintenance & repair works that cannot be carried out by local resources. Headteachers are encouraged to use, through their Regional Education Officers, Advisers & Building Maintenance Managers, those having the necessary technical expertise to advise on & organise the execution of these works.

# THE BENEFITS OF REGULAR BUILDING MAINTENANCE

It makes the school a pleasant, healthy & safe environment for students & staff.

It encourages care for the school & pride of ownership in those using the school.

It minimises the damage to buildings during cyclones & reduces the cost of major repairs & reinstatement after cyclones

It provides a secure place of shelter during & after cyclones or other natural disasters for the local community.

It assists in protecting the contents of the school buildings from damage during cyclones.

It protects & maintains the original investment in the school

#### THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN MAINTENANCE

#### **HEADTEACHERS**

**TEACHERS** 

#### **STUDENTS**

#### SCHOOL MAINTENANCE & CLEANING STAFF

**SCHOOL COUNCILS** 

#### PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

**LOCAL CONTRACTORS** 

LOCAL CRAFTSMEN
CARPENTERS, MASONS, PLUMBERS, ELECTRICIANS, PAINTERS

**REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICERS** 

**REGIONAL EDUCATION ADVISERS** 

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGERS** 

#### HOW TO AVOID MAJOR BUILDING REPAIR COSTS

- 1 Inspect regularly at least once each month & report findings to school council
- 2 Maintain & repair continually
- 3 Take immediate action after identifying a maintenance or repair problem
- 4 Anticipate problems advise local tradesmen & keep stocks of materials
- Acquire an inventory of materials, tools & equipment & use only for the school
- 6 Encourage all staff & students to take care of the school & its grounds
- 7 Allocate parts & areas of the school to be cared for by specific staff & classes
- 8 Encourage immediate reporting, by staff & students, of things requiring repair or maintenance
- 9 Seek advice early if problems of maintenance or repair cannot be solved by the school locally
- 10 Secure the school buildings well when cyclones are coming.
- 11 Secure all loose items outside to prevent damage to buildings by windblown objects
- Wrap & store carefully all teaching equipment & supplies when cyclones are coming to minimise water damage

#### PROCEDURES FOR MINOR MAINTENANCE & REPAIR WORKS

- 1 Identify the work required
- 2 Call in the local contractor or craftsman
- 3 Inspect the work with the craftsman to decide:
  - a What needs to be done
  - b How the job is to done
  - c When the job is to be done
  - d What materials are required & who is to provide them
  - e The cost of the works labour & materials
- Obtain a written quotation for the works (if necessary written by the headteacher) signed by the craftsman contractor
- 5 Confirm that funds are available for the works or seek funds from the school council
- Buy the materials (if the responsibility of the headteacher) & keep all receipts & invoices
- 7 Instruct the craftsman contractor to proceed with the works
- 8 Inspect the works daily to confirm that the job is being done as agreed
- 9 Pay only on satisfactory completion of the works
- 10 Record all action taken in the schools Building Maintenance Register

#### DO NOT

1 Instruct the builder to proceed without a written quotation specifying

## PROCEDURES FOR MAJOR MAINTENANCE & REPAIR WORKS

- 1 Identify the works required
- Advise the Regional Education Officer or the Regional Education Adviser & request a visit by the Building Maintenance Manager
- Consult the Building Maintenance Manager & take his advice either to proceed with the works with his assistance or, if beyond his expertise:-
- 4 Request (through the Regional Education Officer or his Adviser) the Public Works Department to inspect & advise

If the job is a major one then Public Works Department may take over the work & relieve the Headteacher of the responsibility for executing the works.

If PWD decide that the works can be executed through the schools own resources then proceed with the works as for Minor Maintenance & Repair Works.

### ???? WHAT TO MAINTAIN ????

1	ROOFS	Sheeting, ridges, barges, fascias, soffits, paintwork
2	ROOF FRAMING	Timber trusses, joists, purlins, joints between timbers anchoring down of timbers to walls
3	VERANDAHS	Posts, fixings of posts top & bottom, paint to posts & fixings, soffits
4	DOORS	Locks, hinges, bolts, paintwork
5	WINDOWS	Fixings, levers, glass louvres & panes, screening & fixing beads, paintwork
6	SHUTTERS	Hinges, holding open hooks & staples, paintwork
7	WALLS	Plasterwork & paintwork
8	CEILINGS	Fixings, cover strips, paintwork
	FLOORS	Surfaces, paintwork & sealing if any
9	CHALKBOARDS	Fixings & paintwork
10	FURNITURE	Desks, tables, chairs, stools, benches, beds, cupboards, shelves
11	WATER SUPPLIE	ES & COLLECTION SYSTEMS  Gutters & brackets, downpipes, water tanks & covers taps & supply pipes
12	ABLUTION FAC	LITIES VIP toilets, permanent toilets, showers, laundries, septic tanks, soakaways
13	SCHOOL GROUN	and the control of th
		Paths, hedges, grassed areas, gardens, flower beds,

### HOW TO MAINTAIN OR REPAIR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

#### ROOFS

Check all nail or screw fixings to roof sheeting & ridges & verges.

Tighten or replace fixings as necessary.

Check all metal roofing material for rusting. Clean off rust with a wire brush & paint affected areas with suitable metal primer & finishing coat.

Do not paint roofs without first using a metal primer - a galvanised primer for galvanised sheets & a red oxide primer for Colorbond sheets.

#### **ROOF FRAMING**

Check joints of timber trusses & tighten as necessary.

Check anchorages of trusses & joists to walls & from purlins to walls. Replace rusted anchor straps or fix additional straps as necessary.

#### EXTERNAL ROOF TIMBERWORK

Check fixings to fascias, bargeboards & soffits & make good as necessary. Check for rotten sections of fascias & bargeboards & cut out & replace as

Wash & sand down & repaint fascias, bargeboards & soffits as necessary.

#### VERANDATIS

Check timber posts at top & bottom fixings for soundness. If timber posts are rotted or metal posts badly rusted replace whole or parts of posts as necessary. Replace fixings as necessary.

Wash & sand down & repaint as necessary.

#### **DOORS**

Oil locks (through tongue holes), levers & hinges. Check fixings of holding back hooks & staples. Cut out & replace rotten parts of frames. Wash & sand down & repaint doors & frames as necessary.

#### WINDOWS Clean glass weekly

Check & tighten/replace as necessary fixings to walls & posts Oil lever mechanisms.

Check glass louvre holders & adjust grip on glass as necessary with pliers or pincers.

Check glass louvres - replace cracked, broken or missing louvres. Check timber surrounds to louvre windows. Cut out & replace rotten sections.

Wash & sand down & repaint timber surrounds as necessary. Check flyscreening & fixing battens & repair or replace as necessary.

SHUTTERS Check & oil hinges & tighten or replace fixings screws as necessary. Check fixings to holding open hooks & staples & tighten/replace as necessary.

> Check shutters & surrounds & repair as necessary. Wash & sand down & repaint shutters as necessary.

#### WALLS

Cut out & replaster damaged plasterwork & renaint

CEILINGS Check ceiling sheets & fixings & replace/refix as necessary.

Wash & sand down & repaint as necessary.

FLOORS Patch worn areas as necessary to match existing

#### **CHALKBOARDS**

Check fixings & repaint with blackboard paint before each term starts.

FURNITURE Check for loose joints weekly & tighten or reglue before further use as necessary.

Refinish furniture as necessary during school holidays.

#### WATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS

Check all gutters & downpipes monthly & refix or tighten fixings as necessary. Clean out all gutters & tops of downpipes monthly.

Lift off water tank covers & inspect insides of tanks once each term.

Wash down & clean out insides of tanks when almost empty.

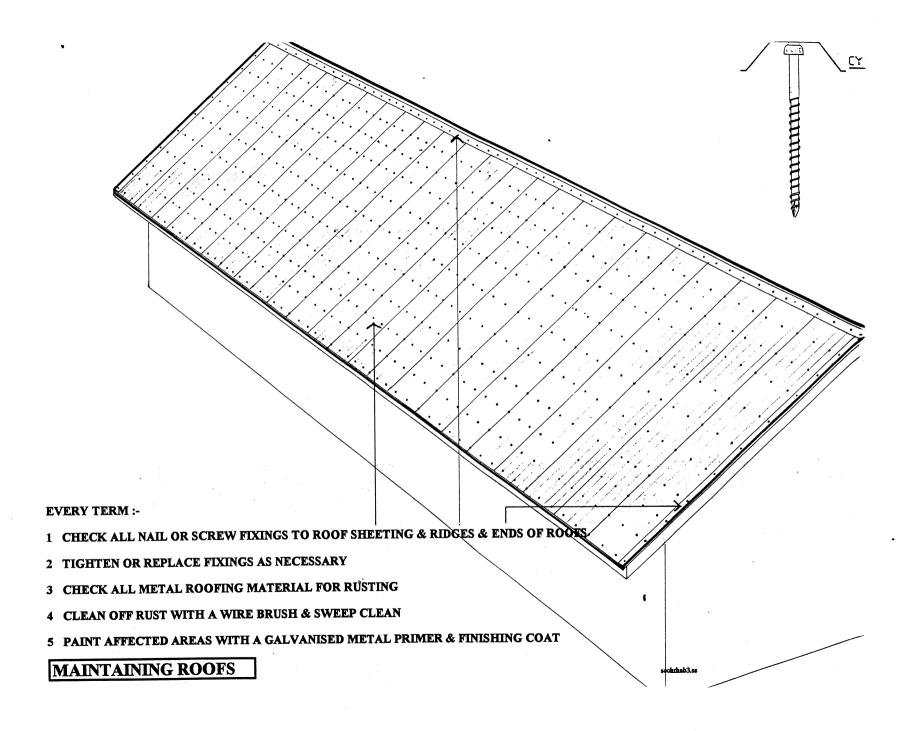
Check & replace as necessary any insect screening to tank tops, covers or access holes.

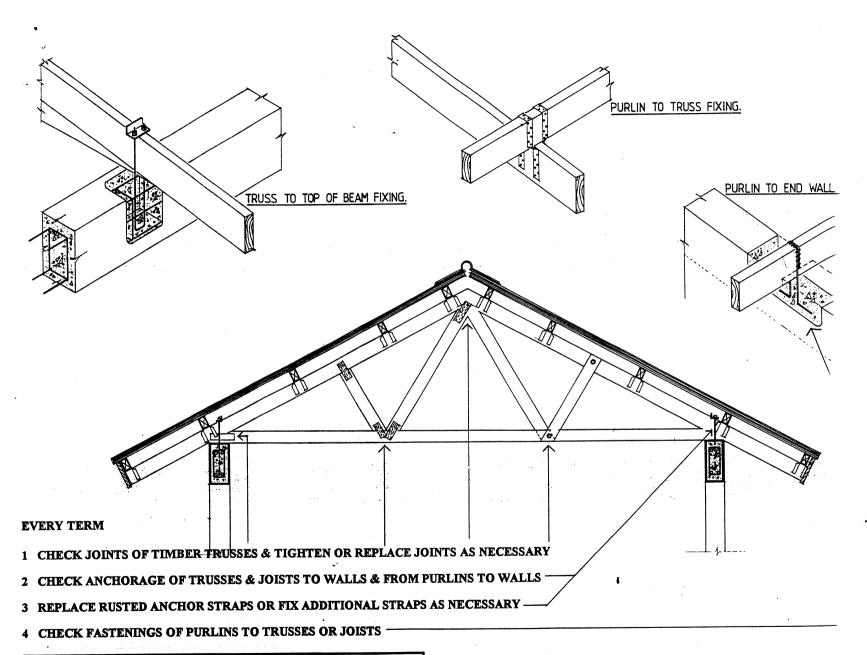
Replace tap washers as necessary when cleaning out tanks.

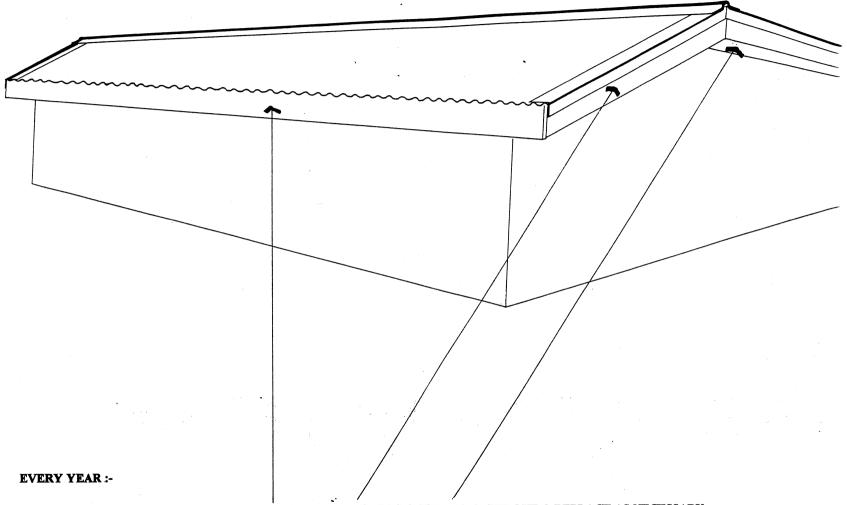
Check joints of supply pipes & tighten or refix as necessary.

#### **SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Sweep open areas of ground daily.
Cut grass regularly & dispose of cuttings well away from buildings.
Trim trees or bushes close to or overhanging any buildings.
Cut out loose or rotten branches of mature trees ( to avoid damage to people & buildings during cyclones).
Dispose of litter daily by burning in a rubbish pit well away from buildings.



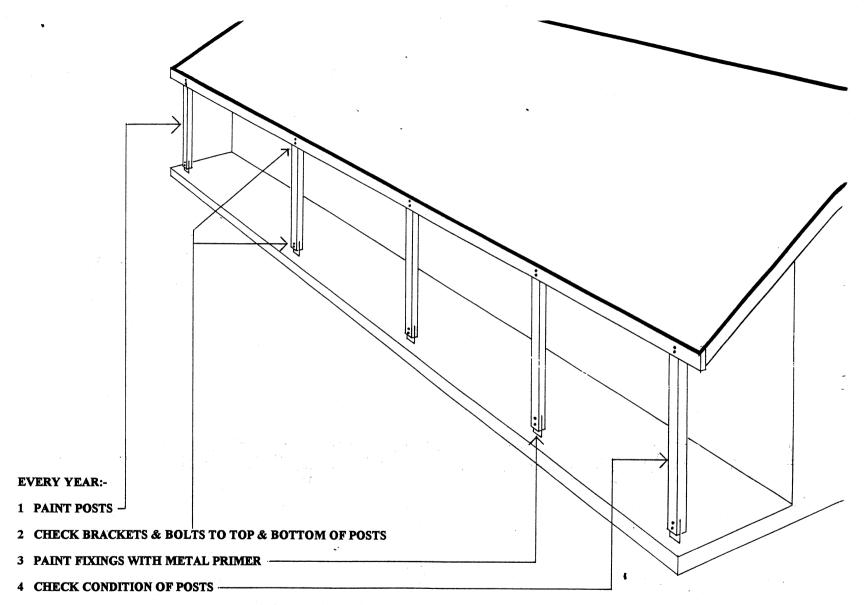




- 1 CHECK FOR ROTTEN SECTIONS OF FASCIAS, BARGEBOARDS & SOFFITS & CUT OUT & REPLACE AS NECESSARY
- 2 CHECK FIXINGS TO FASCIAS, BARGEBOARDS & SOFFITS & MAKE GOOD AS NECESSARY
- 3 WASH & SAND DOWN & REPAINT FASCIAS, BARGEBOARDS & SOFFITS AS NECESSARY

MAINTAINING EXTERNAL TIMBERWORK TO ROOFS

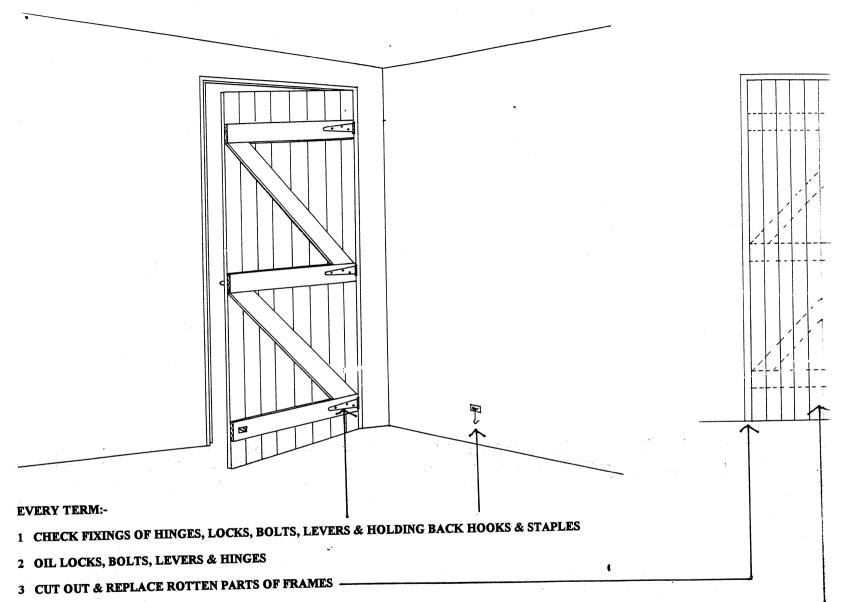
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5 IF POSTS ROTTEN CUT OUT & JOINT IN NEW SECTIONS OF POSTS IF REPAIRABLE. REPLACE WHOLE POST IF NOT REPAIRABLE

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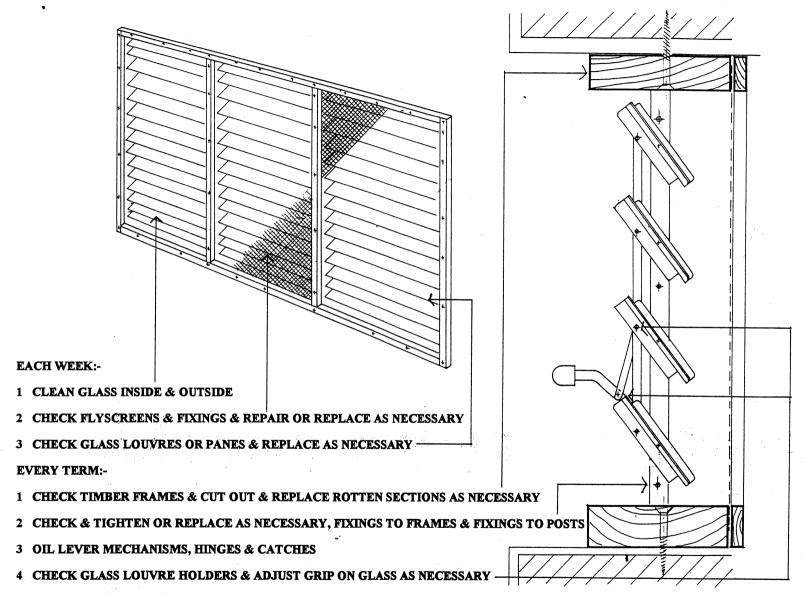
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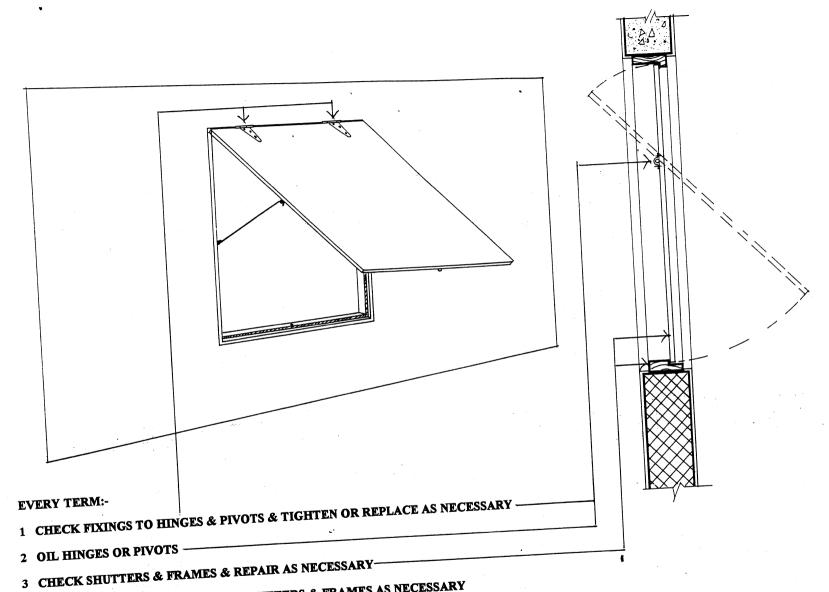
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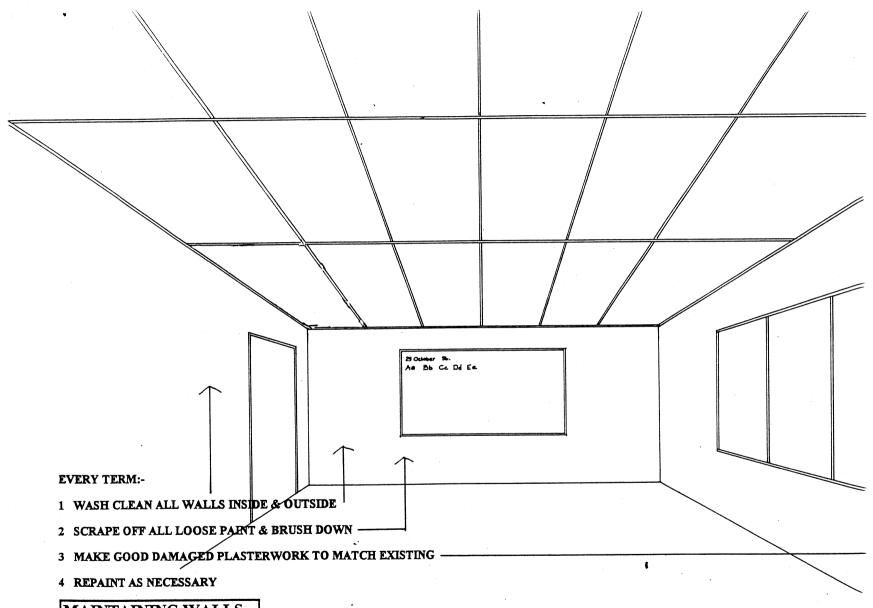


5 WASH & SAND DOWN & REPAINT TIMBER FRAMES AS NECESSARY

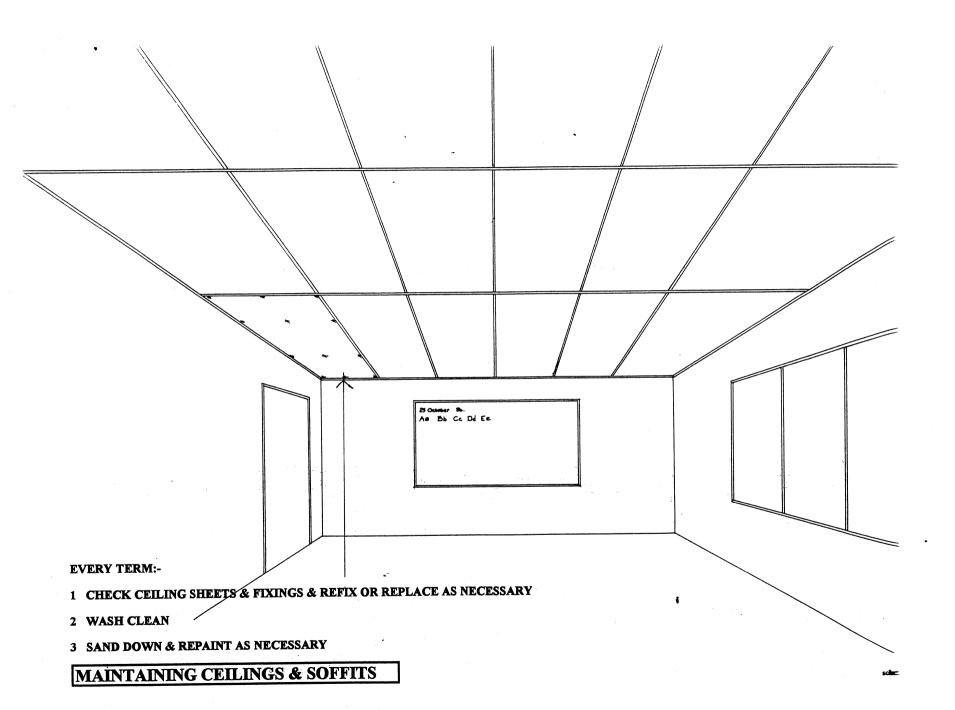


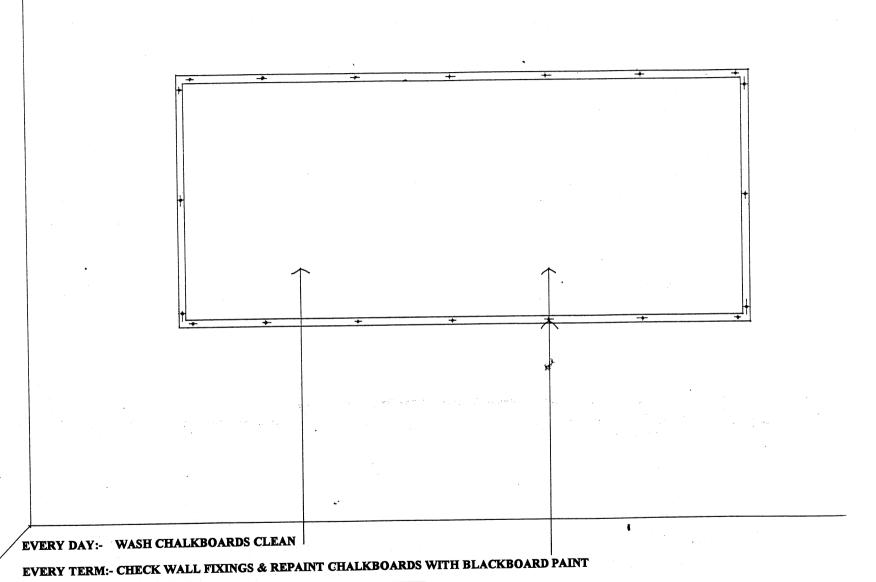
- 4 WASH & SAND DOWN & REPAINT SHUTTERS & FRAMES AS NECESSARY

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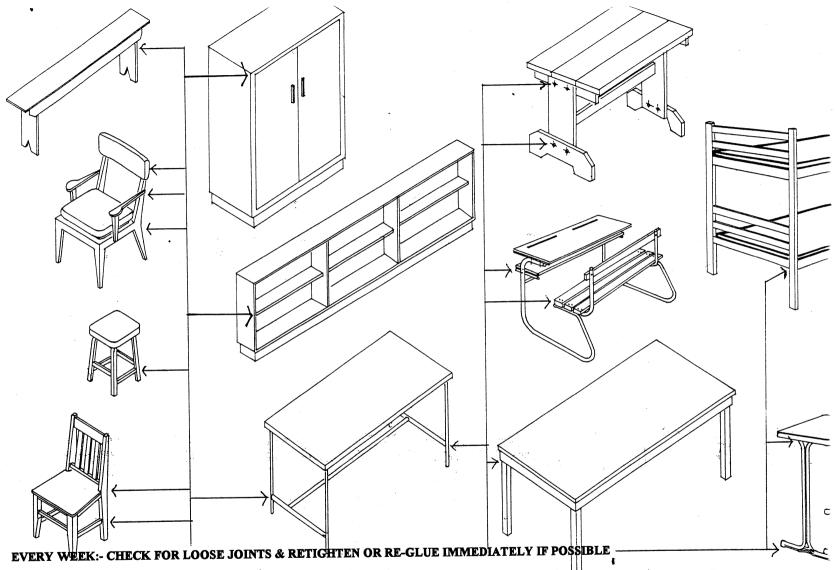
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MAINTAINING CHALKBOARDS & PINBOARDS

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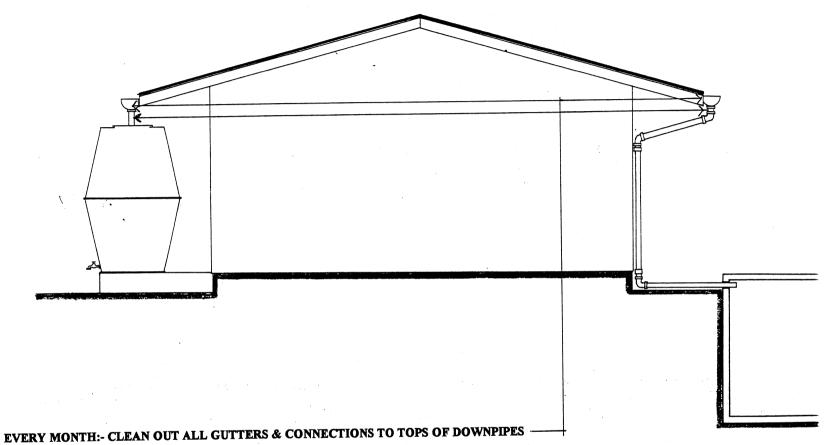


WITHDRAW ALL DAMAGED FURNITURE IMMEDIATELY - DO NOT RE-USE UNTUL PROPERLY REPAIRED

EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY:- REPAIR & REFINISH FURNITURE AS NECESSARY

MAINTAINING FURNITURE

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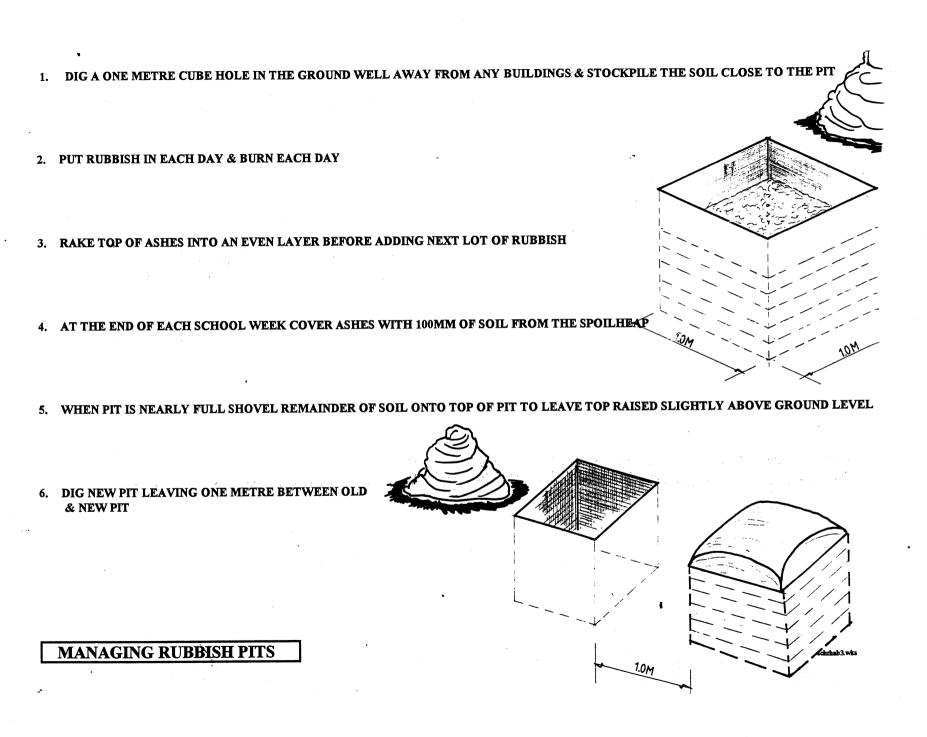
EVERY TERM:- CHECK ALL GUTTERS, DOWNPIPES & TANK CONNECTING PIPES & REFIX OR RE-TIGHTEN AS NECESSARY

LIFT OFF WATER TANK COVERS & INSPECT INSIDES OF TANKS. REMOVE ANY HARMFUL MATTER IN TANKS.

CHECK & REPAIR OR REPLACE AS NECESSARY ANY INSECT SCREENING TO TANK TOPS/COVERS/ACCESS HOLES ——

EVERY YEAR:- CHECK JOINTS OF SUPPLY PIPES & TIGHTEN OR REFIX AS NECESSARY

WASH DOWN & CLEAN OUT TANKS WHEN ALMOST EMPTY. REPLACE TAP WASHERS AS NECESSARY WHEN CLEANING



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SWEEP OUTSIDE AREAS & COLLECT & BURN ALL LITTER DAILY	<b>√</b>					MA KENSI TO BUEN RUBBISH AFTER. SCHOOL CLOSES EACH DAY.			
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ALLOCATE & TIMETABLE STAFF & STUDENTS TO CARRY OUT CLEANING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TASKS INCLUDING:-

SWEEPING OPEN AREAS OF GROUND DAILY

COLLECTING LITTER DAILY & DISPOSING BY BURYING OR BURNING WELL AWAY FROM SCHOOL BUILDINGS

CUTTING GRASS REGULARLY & DISPOSING OF CUTTINGS WELL AWAY FROM BUILDINGS

TRIMMING TREES OR BUSHES OVERHANGING OR CLOSE TO ANY BUILDINGS

CUTTING OUT LOOSE OR ROTTEN BRANCHES OF TREES TO AVOID DAMAGE TO PEOPLE & BUILDINGS DURING CYCLONES

PLANT TREES FOR SHADE & TO IMPROVE APPEARANCE OF GROUNDS GENERALLY
PLANT HEDGES AROUND HOUSES FOR PRIVACY & AROUND GARDENS TO PREVENT ACCESS
PLANT HEDGES AROUND CLASSROOMS TO MINIMISE DISTRACTION OF PUPILS & TEACHERS INSIDE CLASSROOMS
PLANT HEDGES AROUND RUBBISH & BURNING AREAS TO AVOID UNSIGHTLY VIEWS
ERECT SEATS OR BENCHES UNDER TREES TO PROVIDE OUTSIDE SITTING & TEACHING AREAS
ERECT FENCES & PLANT HEDGES AROUND SCHOOL BOUNDARIES TO DELINEATE SCHOOL PROPERTY
PLANT FLOWERS TO PROVIDE PLEASANT OUTLOOK & AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS TO MAINTAIN
PROVIDE CORAL AGGREGATE HARDSTANDINGS AROUND PERIMETERS OF CLASSROOMS TO PREVENT MUDDY AREAS WHEN WET & TO MI AMOUNT OF DIRT CARRIED INTO CLASSROOMS ON SHOES & FEET
KEEP ALL SEPTIC TANK COVERS WELL SEALED TO PREVENT SMELLS
PLANT HEDGES AROUND BUSH TOILETS TO ENHANCE PRIVACY & VIEW
ALLOCATE SPECIFIC AREAS OF SCHOOL GROUNDS TO VARIOUS CLASSES & THEIR TEACHERS FOR CARE, CLEANING & MAINTENANCE
SET ASIDE SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR GAMES TO AVOID DAMAGE TO GARDENS & AREAS PLANTED WITH FLOWERS
PROVIDE AN ATTRACTIVE SIGN AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL TO PROCLAIM ITS IDENTITY & TO SHOW PRIDE IN BELONGING TO THE SCHOOL

ENHANCING SCHOOL GROUNDS

# LIST OF RECOMMENDED TOOLS & EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS

Measuring Tape, retractable, 7.5 metres

Claw Hammer

**Ball Pane Hammer** 

Bradawl

**Pincers** 

**Pliers** 

Hacksaw & Blades

Screwdrivers, large - ordinary & star

Screwdrivers, small - ordinary & star

**Crosscut Saw** 

**Tenon Saw** 

Trysquare

**Smoothing Plane** 

**Hand Drill** 

Drill Bits, various sizes for drilling wood, masonry & metal

Mallet

Firmer Chisel

**Pinch Bar** 

Stanley Knife & Blades

. Distemper Brushes, 4

Paint Brushes, 6, various sizes

Paint Rollers, 6

Paint Buckets, 6, plastic

Ladder, 5 metres

Step Ladder, (1 metre) or oil drum

Oilcan

G Cramps, 1 pair

T Cramps, 1 pair, 1 metre long

**Timber Mitre Block** 

Pipewrench

Adjustable Spanner

Portable electric drill, if power available

Wheelbarrow

Shovels, 2

Spades, 2

Rakes, 4

Bushknives, 6

Sweeping Brushes, 1 for each classroom

Tarpaulins, 4

All the schools tools & equipment should be identified by bright, distinctive painted patches

All tools should be kept in a locked store with one person only holding the key.

# LIST OF RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES TO BE KEPT IN STOCK FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS

Door Hinges, 2 pairs to match existing

Shutter hinges, 2 pairs to match existing

Door locks, bolts & handles, 2 sets to match existing

Roof Sheets, 10 sheets to match existing

Roofing Screws & Washers, 200

Cyclone straps, 20

Nails, small quantities of various types & sizes, galvanised

Screws, small quantities of various types & sizes, galvanised

Guttering, 3 lengths, with fixing brackets, fittings & screws to match existing

Downpipes, 3 lengths with fixing brackets, fittings & screws to match existing

· Polythene sheeting, 2 large rolls

Glass Louvres, 30 to match each existing size

Flyscreening, 2 rolls to match existing

Tapwashers, small quantity to match existing sizes

Paint, 2 twenty litre cans for external & internal use to match existing colours

Metal Primer, 1 litre

Sandpaper, 10 sheets various grades

All purpose oil, 1 litre

Penetrating oil, 1 aerosol can

Masonry Plugs, various sizes to match masonry bits

All purpose wood glue, 1 litre

Pipe jointing tape

Lengths of timber - various sizes to match existing

Cement - 4 bags

Not all of these items will be needed for every school. It will depend upon

# SCHOOL MAINTENANCE REGISTER

SCHOOL.....Page Number.....

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#### **ACTION CHECKLIST TO MINIMISE DAMAGE TO SCHOOLS BY CYCLONES**

#### **BEFORE CYCLONES ARRIVE:-**

- 1 CHECK FIXINGS OF ALL ROOF SHEETING & TRIM & TIGHTEN OR REPLACE FIXINGS AS NECESSARY
- 2 CHECK FIXINGS OF ALL EXTERNAL ROOF TIMBERS & SOFFITS & TIGHTEN OR REFIX AS NECESSARY
- 3 CHECK FIXINGS OF ALL GUTTERS & RAINWATER PIPES & TIGHTEN OR REFIX AS NECESSARY
- .4 CLOSE & SECURE ALL WINDOWS, SHUTTERS & DOORS
- 5 SECURE ALL OUTSIDE ITEMS THAT COULD CAUSE DAMAGE BY BEING BLOWN OR PLACE THEM INSIDE BUILDINGS -BENCHES, RUBBISH BINS, TOOLS, WHEELBARROWS, IRON SHEETS, WATER TANK COVERS, ETC..
- PROTECT ALL SCHOOL MATERIALS, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT THAT COULD BE DAMAGED BY WATER BY WRAPPING THEM TIGHTLY IN POLYTHENE SHEETING & PLACING THEM IN THE SCHOOL STORE IF THERE IS ONE.
- 7 STACK ALL FURNITURE AWAY FROM DOORS & WINDOWS & COVER OVER WITH POLYTHENE SHEETING OR TARPAULINS TO MINIMISE WATER DAMAGE
- 8 CHECK LARGE TREES FOR LOOSE & ROTTEN BRANCHES & CUT OUT IF POSSIBLE
- NB ITEMS 1,2, 3 & 8 SHOULD BE DONE AS PART OF THE NORMAL MAINTENANCE PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE CYCLONE SEASON

# ADVICE

DO inspect regularly

DO repair immediately

**X** DO NOT delay

DO seek advice

DO plan well ahead

DO anticipate problems

DO encourage staff & students to take pride in their school buildings & grounds

appoint staff & students to be responsible for various buildings, rooms & parts of the grounds

use school holidays for major maintenance & repair jobs

DO NOT lend out the school's maintenance tools, equipment or supplies

DO protect well the school buildings & its equipment, furniture, supplies & teaching