The History

- Discussions with the North East Community House – adjacent to school
- Surveys of community
- Working with Pt Adelaide Enfield Council
- Monthly meetings
- Bus tour
- Grant applications
- BER
Curriculum links

• Community Gardens – Benefits to students & school

• Provides real life experiences – relevance – not just about listening to a teacher or reading information
• Gaining life long skills
• Increasing recreational options – use skills learnt at home and later in life
• Improves the appearance of the school while giving to the community – creating those community links to benefit all
• Community ownership – security & looking after the garden in holidays
• **Maths**
• **measuring** –
• Length – distance between plantings, length of paths, garden beds, seating…
• area - paving, planter beds,
• Volume – soil needed
• Capacity – water
• Weight - vegetables
• **Collecting and using data**
• **Graphing** - Rate of germination, height of plants,
• **Science**
• Plant studies – life cycles, parts of plants
• sustainability – reduce, reuse, recycle – composting, water tolerant plants
• water cycle
• growing seeds
• **Health** –
• Nutrition – food groups, healthy eating
• Menu planning
• Improved well being
• Fresh air
• **PE**
• Physical activity
• **The Arts** –
• Printing, painting, drawing, designing, creating artworks to decorate the area – sculptures, signs
• **Technology**
• Photography – digital and videos
• Cooking
• Planning, designing making
• Computers - Internet research…
• Using tools
- **Society & Environment**-
  - Researching plant types, soils, growing conditions
  - History of plants - development
  - Genetically modified plants – fertilizers
  - Native plants
  - Plants from other countries

- **Literacy**-
  - Procedures – writing and following recipes,
  - Reading – instructions, information in books, on internet, on seed packets

- **Social Interactions**
  - Between students
  - Between children and adults – sharing & supporting each other – learning from each other
  - Getting along
Resources - Websites

• Community Gardens

• Growing Community Booklet
  • http://www.canh.asn.au/media/2309/growing_community_booklet_part_1.pdf
  • http://www.canh.asn.au/media/2312/growing_community_booklet_part_2.pdf
  • http://www.canh.asn.au/media/2315/growing_community_booklet_part_3.pdf
• Community Gardens in South Australia

• **A3 sized SA Community Garden Directory**

• **Gardens for learning**

• Australian School Gardens Network
  - [http://australianschoolgardensnetwork.ning.com/](http://australianschoolgardensnetwork.ning.com/)

![Gardens for learning](image)
• Organic School Gardens – Biological Farmers of Australia
• Download lesson plans and materials
• Register your school for the BFA Organic School Gardens Program, including free access to expert advice and updates
• Australian Community Foods
  • http://www.communityfoods.org.au/

• Australian City Farms and Community Gardens Network
  • http://communitygarden.org.au/fact-sheets

• Excellent fact sheets
• NRM Education - Resources
• Excellent PD for teachers & projects for students to be involved in.
• Also a great source of information & resources

• Community Foodies:
• SA Govt funded project
• www.communityfoodies.com
• Regular newsletter & volunteer ‘foodies’ will come into schools to work with students – planting & cooking
Other Resources

Gardening programs:
• Gardening Australia – ABC2 - & http://www.abc.net.au/gardening - planting guides, interesting practical articles

Grants:
• EasyGrants Newsletter and Information Service at:
• www.ourcommunity.com.au/signup or contact Alan Matic on (03) 9320 6805 or alanm@ourcommunity.com.au
• $55 annual subscription
Resources:
- local businesses
- Bunnings
- Local councils – will usually donate plants – native trees, shrubs & grasses & mulch
- Local service clubs – eg Kiwanis

What we have:
- Fiskars Tools – provided by the Orange Thumb grant
  - includes class sets of trowels, transplanters, soil scoops, weed forks & also shovels, pruning wands, spades, forks, rakes, kangaroo bags – fold-up & very light weight storage & useful in collecting leaves etc.
- Garden Shed – check with Asset Services re requirements – also need Council approval
- Compost Bins & worm farms
- Garden cart
- Children & adult gloves
- Classroom compost bins
- Blower vac & mulcher combined
- Raised garden beds –
  - Longlife Raised garden Beds – Plastic Recyclers – 1m square – can double tier
  - Corrugated steel beds – various sizes, colours & heights available