Our Community Garden

Hillcrest Primary
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/2312/growing_community_booklet_part_2.pdf
Community Gardens in South Australia

A3 sized SA Community Garden Directory

Gardens for learning
Australian School Gardens Network
http://australianschoolgardensnetwork.ning.com/
• 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](http://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