

CROSS CURRICULUM NEWS

Sustainability

Biodiversity Action:

During the summer holidays our garden continued to grow, with herbs, pumpkins and capsicums thriving. Our **Market Day produce stall** will be operating on Friday mornings, so look out for these. Remember you can use your boyas to purchase produce.



Classes are starting to plan for their 2013 garden beds in the context of their **Biological Science** focus. For example, Year 7 students will be working in the bushland with a Dept of Environment and Conservation expert, while Year 4 and 4/5 students will be studying our endangered cockatoos and taking conservation action.

Biodiversity action is also embedded into **Technology and Literacy** studies. For example, this week Andrew Paul (Chaplain) worked with the Year 7s to construct an animal enclosure for the school. Here are some of our students in action – reading and following construction directions. This project arose directly from student leadership input.



Community Consultation: Please contact Elaine by 28th February if you wish to have input about the animal enclosure, for example:

1. The species of animal – our enclosure could be for e.g. chooks, rabbits, guinea pigs.
2. If you would be willing to take home school pets on the weekend to ensure their safety (as you may recall the weekend release of our guinea pigs in 2009!).
3. If you would be willing to loan your pets to the school during some school days.
4. If you would like to coordinate/participate in the school pet program.

Contact details: Elaine.Lewis@education.wa.edu.au; in the Kwobadarn on Tuesdays; or leave a note at the office.

WasteWise:

Clean Up Australia Day action involving a focus on the 5 ocean gyres that are full of rubbish, as well as composting and worm farming care. We are holding **Schools Clean Up Day** on Tuesday 26th February. Look out for a map of the world ... filled with rubbish!

WaterWise:

World Water Day is held on Friday 22nd March and we will be celebrating this with special activities.

TravelSmart:

Our TravelSmart action commenced enthusiastically this year. The **Walking School Buses** started running in Week 1! Fume Free Fridays have also resumed. Please seek to come to school in a TravelSmart way to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions as well as congestion around the school. Thank you.

Our first assembly this term, Friday 1st March, will include a visit from a Department of Transport officer to present the school with our **'Silver' TravelSmart Award**. The Year 6s are going for 'Gold' this year!

Australia's Engagement with Asia

Harmony Day is on 21st March and we will be celebrating with a dress-up day. This annual celebration will be preceded by an incursion by a Polynesian performer on Tuesday 19th March, 1.50-2.50pm.

Thank you
Elaine Lewis
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14 February 2013

Important Dates:

Clean Up School Day - 26 February
Harmony Week Incursion - 19 March
Harmony Day Dress-up - 21 March
World Water Day - 22 March