

Actions from the Regions - Logan



Eco Club by name, Eco Club by nature

One Logan school has shown us how to lead the way through staff engagement, student empowerment and community involvement.

Harris Fields State School

The dedicated team at Harris Fields State School have been busy creating a thriving garden space this year. Each week, students and staff in the Eco Club spend their lunchtimes constructing, digging, planting, nurturing and harvesting.

Step 1 – Location, location, location

Situated safely at the top of a hill, with a ready water supply, and plenty of sunshine, the school community decided the best spot for their garden to grow.



A stand out feature of the Eco Club was the Principal's foresight to allocate School Champions to have their lunchtime duty in the garden. This enabled a regular opportunity for a group of students to participate in a hands-on experience.

Step 2 – Plant and See

Using seasonal calendars to choose the best crops, students decided what to plant and where in their gardens. They couldn't believe their eyes when they came back from school holidays and found cucumbers longer than their arms! The garden produce has been used in many ways already...

- Taste-testing in the classroom
- Creating recipes using digital technologies
- Gifting to the community through a market stall



Unfortunately, other creatures found the veggies and herbs tasty! So the team came up with an alternative – using a broken marquee frame to hang nets.

Step 3 – Other connected activities

On a termly basis, the school runs events to raise awareness around the importance of eating a wide variety of vegetables and fruits, and how it helps us to reduce our footprint on the Earth. Meaningful connections have also been built across the school curriculum, so students have access to this learning both inside, and outside of the classroom too.

For more information on Pick of the Crop, see www.hw.qld.gov.au/pick-of-the-crop.

DID YOU KNOW?

Annually Australian's are creating 67 million tonnes of waste, and amongst this, households are throwing away over \$1000 of food