

Celebrating Mini Farmers Day in 2025: A Harvest of Fun and Learning in South East Qld

Now in its 3rd consecutive year, Mini Farmers Day returned once again to bring the joy of farming into classrooms in South East Queensland. The event continued its mission to connect students with where food comes from, while sparking curiosity, creativity, and healthy eating habits.

This year, 10 Pick of the Crop schools across the South East and Metro South Education regions joined in the celebrations - each choosing their preferred date within a flexible two-week window in Term 3.

The event was organised by Kim Theron, Regional Coordinator, who is hosted by Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service.

Activities for Every Classroom

To help schools make the most of Mini Farmers Day, each received a resource pack filled with activity ideas such as fruit stamp painting, veggie counting games, cooking, friendly scarecrow making, scavenger hunts, and word searches.

In addition to the pack, schools joined in:

- composting chats
- fruit-and-veg bingo
- digging up potatoes,
- potting seeds



Other schools had reading and dance sessions with George the Farmer, tastings of veggies and fruit, or taking exploration 1 step further and using microscopes to look at veggies, fruit and worms up close.

Schools shaped the day to suit their communities - some involving the whole school while others focused on particular year levels, and a few even welcomed local playgroups to join in.

Fresh Produce, Books, and Trees

Each participating school also received a special delivery to make their celebration extra meaningful:

- fruit and vegetable box to inspire healthy eating
- set of George the Farmer books to bring food and farming stories into the classroom, and
- dwarf mandarin tree to nurture for years to come.



Hands-On Fun and Fresh Discoveries

The variety of activities gave students the chance to explore food and farming from different perspectives - whether through art, problem-solving, maths, gardening or cooking.

Trying new veggies and fruit proved a highlight for many, with students encouraged to taste and talk about foods that were new to them.

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Making Lasting Memories

Mini Farmers Day once again proved that combining education with fun, especially outdoors, creates lasting impact. From making scarecrows to planting mandarin trees, every activity was designed to celebrate the farm-to-table journey in an engaging way.

The event encourages positive conversations about nutrition, agriculture, and creativity, leaving both students and teachers with memorable experiences to take forward.



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