Following the successful growing of flowers for the P&F fete, the Year Four class turned their hand to growing vegetables. Carrots, cucumbers, celery, tomatoes, watermelon, rock melon, butternut pumpkin, egg plant and lettuce were all planted near the basketball court. Unfortunately, not all the plants were fruitful. However, the students did get to eat cucumber, lettuce and carrots. Without the use of sprays and chemicals, it was not easy keeping the bugs and grubs away from our precious plants. Students had to remove caterpillars by hand, which they seemed to enjoy. We wanted to keep the vegetable garden as organic as possible.

I liked going to see the veggies because I couldn't wait to eat them—Breanna

I liked working in the veggie patch because I learnt something new—Jeffrey

I liked working in the veggie patch because I learnt how to do many things—Maddie

I loved all the veggies I ate. My favourite was the lettuce—Georgia

I liked working in the veggie patch because I enjoyed learning about plants and veggies—Tess

I disliked working in the veggie patch because I had to get dirty—Emmalene

I liked working in the veggie patch because it was really fun and I enjoyed it—Destiny

I loved working in the veggie patch because I love veggies and it was really fun—Imogen

I liked working at the veggie patch because it was fun and it taught me more about gardening—Elyse

I liked working in the veggie patch because I’ve never grown veggies before and I learned a lot—Ella

The students have put in a lot of work into trying to grow their own vegetables and they have enjoyed the experience. They have learned new skills and are keen to try again next year. With any luck and armed with better knowledge of vegetables and the growing conditions in Port Hedland, there should be better crops to harvest next year—Mr Sta Maria.