

YEAR TWO | SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN

Following in the footsteps of Miss D and the Year Two class of 2012, this year's class also took part in the Care for Hedland, 'Best School Vegetable Garden' competition.

Work began early in Term 2 and with the help of the senior class, 1 tonne of soil was carried by hand to fill up the 3 garden beds. Thanks to Mrs Claire Smith who helped source a trailer load of horse manure that was mixed with the soil. Ten bags of potting mix was then used as a top soil cover and this was the starting point for our vegetable garden.

In the school nursery seeds were planted in readiness for the garden. A mixed collection of vegetables were germinated. This included Pak Choy, Capsicum, Tomatoes, Orange and Yellow Carrots, Dwarf Snow Peas, Beetroots and Zucchini.

The Year Two class also grew plants for the P & F fete, so it was the perfect opportunity for the students to learn about plants and gardening.



Zucchini and Beetroots



Learning to re-pot plants

With the fete and the judging of the garden in Term three, we were under pressure to get the plants growing as fast as possible. Luckily the Port Hedland weather is conducive to healthy plant growth.

At the end of the first week, of Term Three, the judges came to visit our vegetable garden. One of the judges was Sabrina Hahn from the ABC gardening show. A select group of students were on hand to talk to the judges and answer any questions they may have had. The judges also passed on some very handy hints on getting rid of caterpillars without harming other insects or animals.



Showing the judges the snow peas.

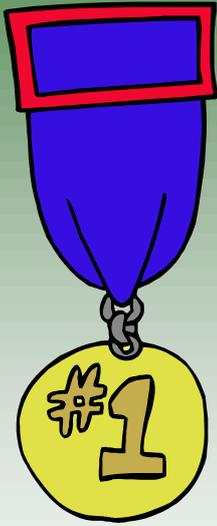


Students talking with the judges.

At the Spinifex Spree on Saturday, 27th July, the winner of the Schools Vegetable Garden was announced. A number of students from school were on hand for the big announcement. And the winner is...

Yes! St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School.

For the second year running we have won the best school vegetable garden prize, beating all the other schools in Port Hedland.



Accepting our first prize certificate.



Checking the growth of the zucchinis



Our first harvest of dwarf snow peas. Not many but they were very sweet and crunchy.



Corn and Pak Choy.



The green thumbed Year Two Class of 2013



Our first zucchini.

