

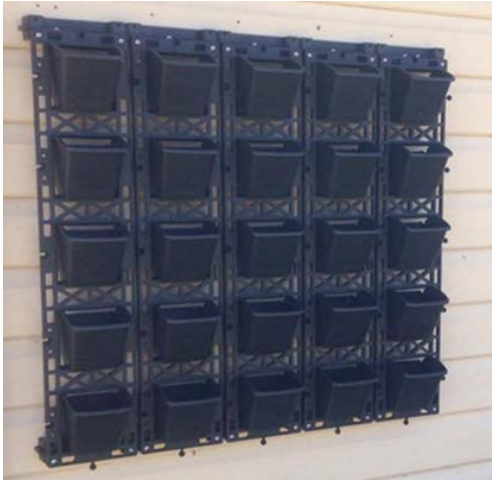


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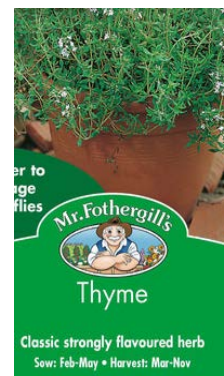
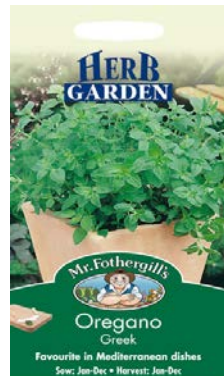
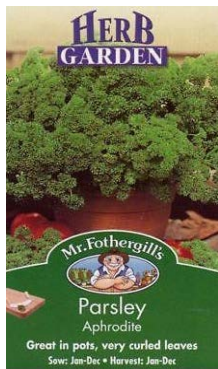
**Primary K-6
Schools Garden Competition**

Miss Kristin Reilly – Garden Coordinator

Activity 1 - What to Grow



Students discussed what would be the best plants to grow in the vertical garden. Due to the small size of the containers, the students decided to make it a herb garden. The herbs chosen were; coriander, parsley, oregano, mint, thyme and basil.



Location



The location chosen for the vertical garden was on the side of the school garden shed. This was because it would receive the morning sun and was in a location where all students' could access.

Students also decided to grow spring onions, leek, cabbage and silverbeet in the garden beds.



Activity 2 - Planting the Garden



Students filled each container with soil and then sowed the herb seeds approximately three seed lengths deep.



Students discussed different ways that they could use recyclable items to grow their plants. They identified milk cartons, yoghurt containers and plastic bottles as suitable materials.



Activity 3 - Maintaining the Garden



Students aim to achieve a neutral PH for a healthy growth by testing the soil regularly.



Sustainability

Our school aims to have a sustainable garden to prevent environmental impact and reduce waste which allows our students to experience the benefits of maintaining a healthy garden.

Compost

Students have been maintaining the compost bin by using 'rich' and 'poor' materials. The 'rich' materials included in the compost are fruit and vegetable waste from our morning fruit break and fresh grass cuttings. The poor materials that are used in the compost are dried grass clippings, dry leaves, paper and cardboard. Students spread compost lightly around plants to assist in providing them with the essential nutrients.



Water Conservation

Students conserve water by using a watering can as it is an efficient way of saving water.



Mulching

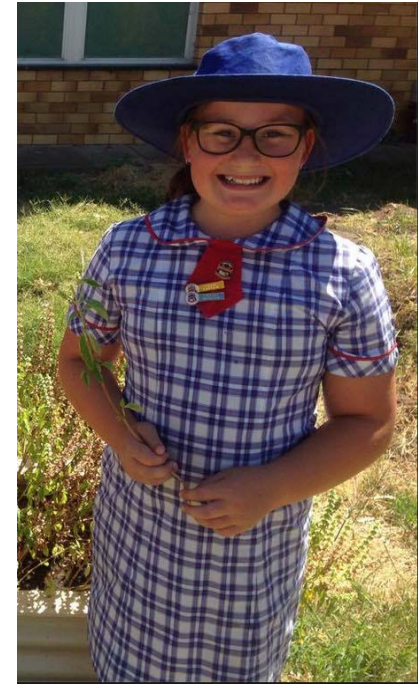
Students use mulch in the garden to protect the structure of the soil and help reduce loss of moisture



Activity 5 - Harvesting



After all the hard work students' put into maintaining the plants and preparing them for harvest, students look forward to the reward of sharing what they have produced together.



Leek



Spring Onion



Ready for Harvest

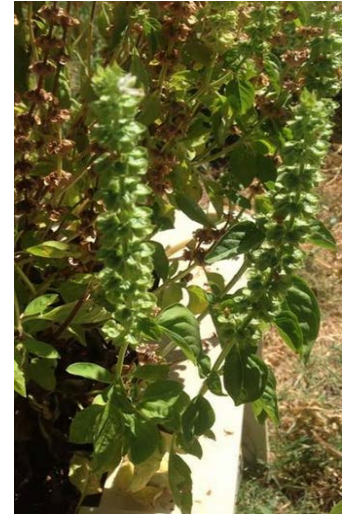
Oregano



Mint



Basil



Moonbi Public School Produce

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