

Dalmain Primary Sustainability Squad

2024



Term 3 - Week 1

Today we planted some new veges for TA8 and TA9 to kickstart the sustainability squad program. We settled on planting silverbeet and snow peas seedlings for the winter.

We discussed some ideas for our club and projects we can start for the school.

Ideas

- Upcycle micro plastics
- Restore Dalmain Primary School greenhouse
- Upcycle for Scarecrow
- Containers for Change initiative



Term 3 - Week 2



Greenhouse restoration planning

As a group, we researched some greenhouses that other schools have up and running. We brainstormed ideas about what we would like to grow in our own greenhouse and items we will need e.g. locks, shade sail, shelving, seedlings, miniature fruit trees etc. We went down to speak with Karen, the Dalmain Primary School gardener and investigated the current greenhouse equipment and plants, and the work we will need to do to restore it.

Next week:

- Come with a plan on what we would like to grow and layout
- Discuss shopping items and plan to start restoration



Term 3 - Week 3

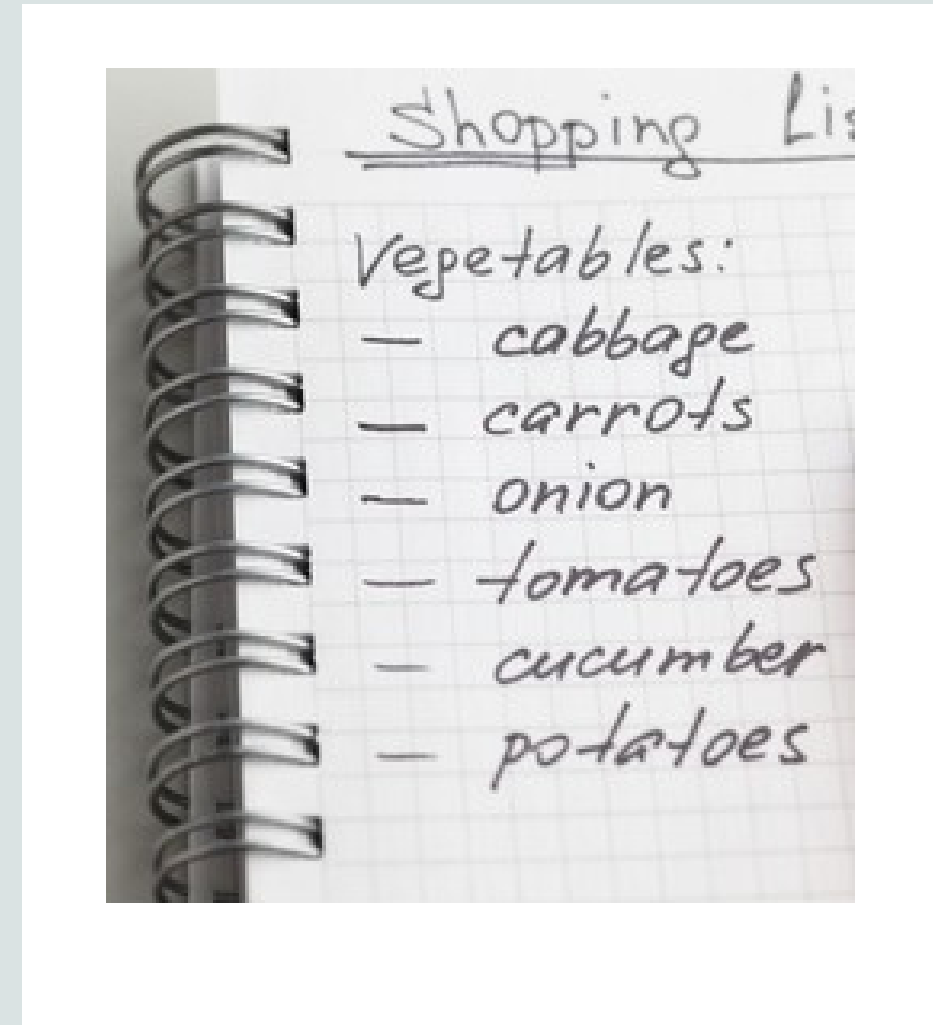


Greenhouse shopping list

- Knee pads
- Watering cans
- Dwarf citrus trees
- Gloves + tools + lockbox
- Seedlings + soil

Donations + repurpose

- Insect hotels
- Birdbath (donate?)
- Succulents
- Passion fruit vines



Term 3 - Weeks 4, 5, 7 & 8

Now we had gathered all the tools and items from our shopping list, we set to work on restoring our greenhouse. We planted snow peas, strawberries, the dwarf lemon tree, lettuce and petunia seedlings.

We continued to maintain our greenhouse by weeding, cleaning out blown in leaves and pruning. We also moved all our succulents to the shaded area. Mrs Killoh wrote a letter to Bunnings Warehouse in Wangara to request donations to help our greenhouse to flourish.

We made sure the greenhouse will be looked after during the holiday break, so our hard work does not get impacted by lack of water!



Term 3 Ready to Grow!



Term 3 - Week 9

Harvest and enjoy!

Today we went into the garden and harvested rocket and parsley to use on our pizzas.

We also got to take some of our yummy veges home! All our hard work deserves a reward – you can see how happy we are!



Term 4 - Week 2



- We caught on up on some projects we wanted to start this term. Particularly focusing on sustainable practices and how we can extend these into our lives outside school.
- Mrs Killoh and Mrs Ridley have used the rest of the donation money from TA8's upcycling project to buy materials and tools for making beeswax wraps for us to take home and potentially sell at school for making more funds to invest into the greenhouse.
- We are also going to get the "Containers For Change" project implemented at Dalmain Primary School to reinvest the funds into the Sustainability Club initiatives.

Term 4 - Weeks 3-5

Maintain, harvest & eat!

Our Greenhouse is in full bloom!
We needed to harvest quite a lot
today as the dill was taking over.
Our snow peas were also ready to
harvest, and we got to eat them
for crunch and sip. YUM!!

We were excited to see our
tomatoes are growing and some
have now turned from green to
red.

It sure is rewarding job being on
the sustainability squad!



Term 4 - Weeks 6 & 7

New projects - Beeswax wraps & Containers for Change



Today we only spent a short time in the greenhouse, we needed to continue cleaning out the weeds, and all the bottlebrush that had blown into the greenhouse.

We are going to make Beeswax wraps so we can start using sustainable practices in our daily lives. Mrs Killoh kept all the clothes donated to TA8's Upcycling Project and sorted out the 100% cotton clothes as we can only use this type of fabric for our wraps. We started cutting different shaped fabric for sandwich wraps, dish covers for leftovers and cans. We can't wait to get started making our wraps!

The Containers for Change is a great initiative and incentive for people to recycle. Mrs Killoh and Mrs Ridley have investigated how we can introduce this project to our school. We have the bins ready to go and we will be designing posters to inform the school community of the golden rules for the containers for change program. All our proceeds will be invested back into expanding our sustainable projects at Dalmain Primary School.

Special Mention

Thank you, Bunnings Wangara



A generous donation from Bunnings Warehouse Wangara provided the squad with essential items to enhance the greenhouse, such as shade cloth, hanging baskets, seedlings and even strawberry plants and a mandarin tree!

This amazing donation was so incredible, we are just blown away by the helpful staff and generosity at Bunnings. Our greenhouse is again thriving and will benefit so much from having the shade cloth to protect our more vulnerable plants.

The Bunnings Warehouse logo, featuring the word "BUNNINGS" in white on a dark green background and "warehouse" in white on a red background below it.

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warehouse





Weeks 8 & 9

New projects coming to life

Our Containers for Change competition planning is in full swing. We wanted to get this out to Dalmain students before the holidays - what a boredom buster! We have some exciting prizes to giveaway...



We FINALLY got around to making our beeswax wraps after a busy term of planting and harvesting. After some hilarious trials and waxy messes, we all walked away with a wrap to use at home. What a fantastic sustainable practice that is easily transferable to our everyday lives!

Thank you for supporting the sustainability squad!

A huge thank you to our squaddies for 2024 because without you this initiative wouldn't have been possible.

Eliza, Evie, Bethwyn, Lily, Daniel, Kai, Smith, Cara, Joni,
Elodie and Jaime

We would love to hear your feedback on this initiative for 2025. If you have any comments or concerns, please email us on the below.

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