

EfS Term 2 Report

The garden at Waite is thriving. During Term 2 there has been a focus on planting seeds and when ready, the seedlings into the gardens. These have been very hands-on experiences for the Room 2 and 3 children. Room 1 children were also involved in planting strawberries into the strawberry patch. At the moment, we currently have carrots, lettuce, beans, broad beans, rocket, beetroot, potatoes, chives and basil growing. We are patiently observing them so we can harvest and eat them soon. A new addition to the small self-watering pots were bulbs (jonquils). They are already flowering and we look forward to more colour brightening out our outside yard soon.

There has been lots of maintenance also occurring with the vegetable patches with the children assisting in the weeding and fertilizing of them.

We have shown Pilyabilyangga some love by planting 4 new plants with a State Flora voucher we received from TAFE SA as a thank you for a recent sustainability tour. We also purchased a bat box with the money and this is on the building outside Room 3. Discussions have occurred about bats, what they eat (mosquitoes) and nocturnal animals since its installation. Weeding, pruning and tidying up has also occurred in Pilyabilyangga.

During NAIDOC Week we explored Aboriginal symbols, created stories using them and used charcoal to draw.

A Room 3 child brought some lemons in one day, so we took the opportunity to use them in cooking, so we made lemon pancakes. Discussions about what children grow in their own gardens took place, and I sent an email out inviting parents to bring in home grown produce we could use for cooking. We have since made orange pancakes when a huge bag of oranges were brought in.

There have been a variety of group times undertaken during the term. Different books about trees have been read including a fantastic book called 'Each Breath a smile'. This book gives the children the opportunity to slow down and notice the world around them.

We look forward to more Education for Sustainability learning in Term 3.