



Environmental Achievements 2012

The Canungra State School Green Team is an active group comprising staff, students and parents. The Green Team recognise the importance of increasing environmental awareness throughout the school and greater community and providing opportunities for staff, parents and students to become involved in environmental activities.

The following summary outlines some of the achievements of the Green Team throughout 2012:

- Regular monthly meetings with increased participant numbers
- Weekly Gardening Club /Cooking Club
- 3 working bees—Approx 2,000m² weed management and installation of 500 riparian tubestock
- National Green Job Program partnership undertaking riparian restoration
- 2 Nude Food Days promoted each week resulting in decrease of waste bins by 6 bins per week
- Increased school recycling from one bin to four bins each week
- Celebrated National Environmental events including Clean Up Aus Day, World Environment Day and hosted display at Family Fun Day
- Integrated senior Green Team members as school leadership roles
- Year 3 visited Fleay 's Wildlife Park and undertook planting of *Paristolochia pravenosa* vines
- Applied for funding for ongoing riparian restoration works and gardening club resources.
- Hosted Worm farm logo competition.
- Successfully secured funding and installed Commercial Worm Farm for improved waste management of green and food waste. Currently using food scraps from two local businesses in addition to school waste. Potential to develop fertilizer for use on school grounds.
- Modified veggie gardens for access by physically disabled students.
- Developing positive behavioural program for students to be integrated with Green Team activities.
- Continued development of partnerships with regional NGOs, educational facilities and local government
- Development of Green Team information sheets and stationary suite.
- Currently undertaking SEMP (School Environmental Management Plan) review.
- Promotion of Environmental achievements at Nerang Alliance event.
- Planning for 2013 to promote further feel good, exciting projects!

Keep a green tree in your heart and a singing bird will come!

