



Kitchen Refurbishment

Great news! After being delayed by the installation of the new sewerage pit, Ben Harper and his crew of tradesman will arrive in early September to fit out our new kitchen. Working within the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program guidelines, Ben will update the current layout so that it includes two additional work stations, including a further two sinks and oven/cook tops. This will be ready in time for our kitchen and cooking program which will commence in Term 4 with our kitchen Specialist, John Ireland.

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WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT!
 Please come in and check out our Pledge Posters. Choose a pledge from our wall and help make our Kitchen Garden a reality.

Rocket Fuel Delivery

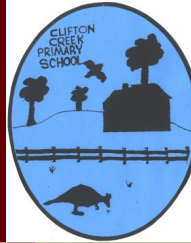
Last term a special delivery arrived of an organic fertiliser called Rocket Fuel. The pellet based fertiliser has been donated by South Australia based company Neutrog, who are proud sponsors of the SAKGP. Thanks Neutrog!!!!!!

Recycling Request from Jill
 Save your old coffees grinds, egg shells and empty egg cartons. Jill Collins would like to use these in the garden. The egg shells and coffee grinds make particularly good organic snail and slug deterrents when sprinkled around young seedlings. Eggs shells simply need to be rinsed, then set out to dry on a plate or on paper towel before being sent to school in a paper bag.



If you know of a local business, individual or enterprise that might be able to assist us, please contact Clare Edwards at the school on 51579251.

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The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation

The Dirt



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Clifton Creek Primary School

Welcome again to The Dirt, our newsletter dedicated to the Clifton Creek Primary School's latest educational initiative - the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project!

Garden Program Commences this Week!

This Thursday will see the start of our much awaited Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Despite the fact that earthworks are still underway on the garden site itself, Jill Collins, our Garden Specialist is keen to get things moving and will start working with the children in the classroom on some preparation activities.

Jill spent time during Term 2 planning these sessions with the Grade 3/4 and 5/6 teachers Jenny Hearnese and Jenny Hirs. It will be great to finally see the kids kick off the term by starting on this exciting journey.



A New Coat of Many Colours

Children from the Little Class had a great time brightening up the Chook Pavillion during a special painting day near the end of Term 2. Miss Eds brought her old paint tins from home and everyone made sure they wore old clothes!!

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Infrastructure Update

Work has been under way to get our program up and running. Unfortunately, we hit a number of setbacks throughout Term 2, which certainly slowed our progress down and has put our construction timeline back somewhat. The design of our kitchen was delayed whilst a new sewer pit was installed to pump waste to our septic tank. We then hit another snag when some unforeseen plumbing was unearthed during the construction of our kitchen garden. This in turn meant that Mal, our landscaping contractor had to down tools for a number of weeks while the problem was addressed.



Landscaping works are well under way in preparation for the Kitchen Garden. The retaining walls are in. The next step will be to finish levelling and gravelling the paths.

Garden Getting There!!!

As mentioned, whilst work was delayed longer than expected, progress has been made to the Kitchen Garden site. Mal and Mel have been working hard to build the extensive retaining walls and pathways that are required on our hillside site.

Ray Whelan has been working hard to build our covered walk-way and potting area and has done a great job recycling as much timber as possible from the original greenhouse structure.

A garden shed has been ordered and will be erected near the site.

From our Co-Ordinator

I am desperately looking for a community member who has experience with PAVING to volunteer to help pave our outdoor dining area. Materials will of course be provided and I am more than happy to help pitch in (and possibly even rope other people in) to help with labour. However, I have ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA about paving (other than the fact that you need to have a decent base prepared first, or it can all go pear shaped). I am also not superman (or superwoman for that matter), so I cannot do this part of the job alone! Paving this area ourselves, will save a lot of money that we need to use elsewhere in the garden. If you can help, please let me know ASAP.



The outdoor dining area - in desperate need of paving!!!!

Cheers, *Clare Edwards* (AKA Miss Eds)

Big Thankyous

We would like to thank Eric Sjerp (Naomi's Dad) from Ethos NRM and Greg Evans from Greg Evans Plumbing in Bruthen who assisted us with planning and co-ordinating the repairs to our plumbing system. We REALLY appreciate your extra efforts. Without Eric and Greg's assistance, we may have had to relocate our entire garden project! We would also like to thank Mal from Mal's Landscaping for being flexible and patient enough to work around our issues.

Thankyou also to Yola Samplowski who delivered with the help of her husband a fantastic load of manure to use in the garden. Yum!



The newly adapted potting benches.



The Little Class are upgrading the chook house, so that it can provide the kitchen with eggs for cooking.

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