



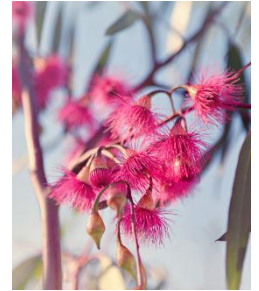
Environment News



Term1

Welcome to Our Environment News! 🌿

We are coming to end of Bunuru, the very hot dry season. April is the beginning of the Noongar season of Djeran and we will notice a break in the hot weather. The nights are already getting cooler. We will also start to see red flowers on the native trees, especially from the red flowering gum (Corymbia ficifolia).



This term, students at North Dandy have been busy exploring, learning, and caring for our environment. These experiences help students build a deeper understanding of the world around them and be environmentally responsible citizens. From outdoor learning spaces to hands-on activities, we are proud to share the wonderful ways our students are connecting with nature.

Gardens

Our beautiful garden area has become a hub for learning and discovery.



We have been growing Sugar Baby watermelon plants from seed with Mrs Brabyn. They are growing well, but something has been eating them. We are now exploring ways to protect the plants so they can grow fruit.



Our tomato bushes have been very productive. The little yellow ones are really yummy.



Our huge hands of bananas are growing, and our orange tree is continuing to grow fruit for us to eat next term for tree planting.



Our vegetable garden is thriving and being visited by many insects to help with our pollination and keep our garden healthy.



We have planted native seeds with the help of Men of the Trees and have been watching them grow ready for tree planting next term.

Waste Sorted

We are proud to say we are an accredited Waste Sorted School again for 2026. This recognises that much of our school waste is diverted from landfill through recycling initiatives through the school.

Our students are taught the correct bin to place their waste, and all food scraps are recycled by our worm farm, compost and chickens.

Students audit the bins and learn to care for these animals during our Monday sessions.



Sustainability in Action

Students have been learning how to care for our planet through simple and meaningful actions such as reducing waste we create and reusing materials in the classroom. This term students have been researching and preparing to make beeswax wraps as a way to reduce plastic use. We would like to thank Julie Byrne for generously donating the beeswax to support this initiative. This project will continue into next term.

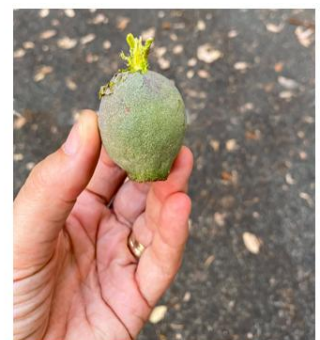


OzHarvest has supported our school this term through their generous food rescue program, helping to divert quality surplus food from becoming waste. This has provided our school with a range of fresh food, which we have been using in our breakfast club, cooking lessons, and our much-loved Fresh Fruit Fridays. Students have really enjoyed having access to healthy food while learning about the importance of reducing food wastage.

Pathway to Nature

We are fortunate to a protected bushland behind our school, our Pathway to Nature. This term we have been learning how to tell the difference between jarrah and marri trees by the bark.

The Marri trees have been in flower, and we have been learning to identify which bird has been eating the honkey nut by the markings that are left on them.





We have been having some great cooking lessons and together we have made
 potato and carrot fritters
 potato pancakes
 fresh apple juice
 and banana smoothies.

We have been using food donated from Oz Harvest this term.



Student Voice

Our students have shared their thoughts about the environment:

"I like the chickens because we can look after them and it's fun to be outside." Fae Yr5

"We do environment to learn about nature and stuff, because we need it to live." Leo Yr4

"You shouldn't litter because it will decay and hurt the animals and environment." Ethan Yr3

"Cooking is the best because we make yummy stuff from vegetables." Josheb Yr3

"I like being an environment leader because I teach the little kids and it brings me joy." Kenzi Yr6

Thank you

We are lucky to have great volunteers at North Dandy.

Thank you to the people in our community who commit their time to help us learn during the environment sessions. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. We really appreciate you.

Environment programme is held on Monday mornings at 9.30am, immediately after assembly.

We are always looking for more volunteers and would love it if you could stay for the hour to help.

If you can assist us on these days, please let Mrs Maddern or the ladies in the office know.

Coming Up Next Term

We are excited to continue our environmental journey in Term 2 with:

- New tree planting projects with Men of the Trees in our local area
- Continued outdoor learning activities
- Student-led sustainability initiatives
- Incursion to build bird boxes for our native birds

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for supporting our environmental efforts.

Together, we are making a positive difference!