

OLC FOOD GARDEN PROGRAM – LESSON & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

TERM 1

Class	Week	Description	Frequency	Comments
P/P	All Term	Pre-Primary food scraps taken to compost bin	Every second day	Class teacher to organize roster for students to take fruit scraps to compost bin.
P/P	Start of term	Introduction to Composting	One -off	Class teacher to advise students of their compost duty for term. Briefly explain composting and its benefits to the environment. Hand out 'Compost Lasagna' Recipe to take home (located on website). Encourage composting at home.
Year 2	All Term	Taking Kindy food scraps to worm farm	Tuesdays/Thursdays	Class teacher to organize roster for students to take fruit scraps to worm farm.
Year 2	Start of term	Caring for Worms	One-off with follow-up activities & roster duty.	Lesson run independently by class teacher.
Year 3	All Term	Compost Duty – taking canteen food scraps to compost bin.	Canteen Days (Tues & Thurs)	Roster for one term only then duty passes onto Year 4.
Year 3	3	Introduction to Composting	One -off	Class teacher to advise students of their compost duty for term. Briefly explain composting and its benefits to the environment. Hand out 'Compost Lasagna' Recipe to take home (located on website). Encourage composting at home.
Year 4	Any week	Designing & Making Scarecrows	To be determined by class teacher	Design & create scarecrows for the school's food garden using recycled materials.
Year 5	All Term	Management of Worm Farm	Fortnightly	Yr 5 reps to check that worms are being fed by other classes and that worm farm is working well. Report any problems.

 Compost duty

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Class	Week	Description	Frequency	Comments
Kindy	Colour Theme Week	Planting a Rainbow Garden	One activity	Small groups to be taken into the garden. Flower seeds to be sown in the shape of a rainbow or block colours. Teacher to seek support from class parents.
Kindy	Any week	Adopt-A-Veggie Program 4 Kids - Peas	One activity with ongoing observation in garden	Students to sow peas in the food garden, observe their growth and then harvest and eat during fruit time. Teacher to seek support from class parents for sowing.
P/P	All Term	Pre-Primary food scraps taken to compost bin	Every second day	Class teacher to organize roster for students to take fruit scraps to compost bin.
P/P	5/6	Adopt-A-Veggie Program 4 Kids – Broad Beans	One activity with ongoing observation in class	Students sow own broad beans into pots, observe their growth for a few weeks, then take home to plant in home garden.
Year 1	3 or 4	Seed to Seed Cycle – Broad Beans – Part 1	One activity	Teacher to seek support from class parents. Small groups to be taken on a rotation basis to sow broad bean seeds in newspaper pots. Growth observed in classroom.
Year 1	Last week	Seed to Seed Cycle – Broad Beans – Part 2	One activity	Teacher to seek support from class parents. Small groups to be taken on a rotation basis into the food garden to plant broad bean seedlings.
Year 2	All Term	Taking Kindy food scraps to worm farm	Tuesdays/Thursdays	Class teacher to organize roster for students to take fruit scraps to worm farm.
Year 2	Any week	Adopt-A-Veggie Program 4 Kids - Potatoes	One activity with follow-up lesson	Small group of students to plant potatoes in food garden. Potatoes harvested and made into 'people'.
Year 3	Any week to be determined by teacher	Designing Labels – Autumn Plantings – Part 1	One lesson	Lesson run independently by class teacher. Labels created on computer using digital images, then printed & laminated. Refer to lesson outline for plant names.
Year 3	Any week to be determined by teacher	Designing Labels – Autumn Plantings – Part 2	One activity	Teacher to arrange for laminated labels to be attached to small garden stakes using a staple gun (in garden shed). Students are then taken out into the garden to match their label with the corresponding plant growing in the garden.
Year 4	All Term	Compost Duty – taking canteen food scraps to compost bin.	Canteen days (Tues & Thurs)	Roster for one term only, then duty passes on to Year 5.
Year 5	All Term	Management of Worm Farm	Fortnightly	Yr 5 reps to check that worms are being fed by other classes. Report any problems.
Year 5	All Term	Growing Food for the Community	5 separate lessons held fortnightly	Facilitated by parent volunteer with organic gardening knowledge

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P/P	All Term	Pre-Primary food scraps taken to compost bin	Every second day	Class teacher to organize roster for students to take fruit scraps to compost bin.
Year 2	All Term	Taking Kindy food scraps to worm farm	Tuesdays/Thursdays	Class teacher to organize roster for students to take fruit scraps to worm farm.
Year 2	Any week	Making a Mini Worm Farm	One-off lesson	Lesson run independently by class teacher in classroom.
Year 5	All Term	Management of Worm Farm	Fortnightly	Yr 5 reps to check that worms are being fed by other classes and that worm farm is working well. Report any problems.
Year 5	All Term	Compost Duty – taking canteen food scraps to compost bin.	Canteen days (Tues & Thurs)	Roster for one term only, then passes on to Year 6.
Year 5	1 or 2 (no later to allow enough time for adequate decomposition)	Waste Management – Part 1	One lesson.	Lesson run independently by class teacher in classroom
Year 6	Week 3 or 4	Growing Food for the Community	2-3 lessons (subject to produce available) harvesting vegetables & making up hampers.	Facilitated by parent volunteer with organic gardening knowledge

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TERM 4


Class	Week	Description	Frequency	Special Comments
P/P	All Term	Pre-Primary food scraps taken to compost bin	Every second day	Class teacher to organize roster for students to take fruit scraps to compost bin.
Year 1	1 or 2	Seed to Seed Cycle – Broad Beans – Part 3	One activity	Teacher to seek support from class parents. Small groups to be taken on a rotation basis into the food garden to pick beans pods for the purpose of drying and saving seed. Follow-up activity: Sorting dried beans seeds into seed packets for students to take home.
Year 2	All Term	Taking Kindy food scraps to worms	Tuesdays/Thursdays	Class teacher to organize roster for students to take fruit scraps to worm farm.
Year 4	2 or 3	Making Coleslaw	One-off	Teacher to seek support from class parents. Students will work in small groups.
Year 5	All Term	Management of Worm Farm	Fortnightly	Yr 5 reps to check that worms are being fed by other classes and that worm farm is working well. Report any problems.
Year 5	Any week	Waste Management – Part 2	One lesson	Lesson run independently by class teacher in classroom
Year 6	All Term	Compost Duty – taking canteen food scraps to compost bin.	Canteen days (Tues & Thurs)	Roster for one term only.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Please note that the allocated week in this table is a guide only. The confirmed date for the lesson/activity is yet to be confirmed and will be determined by the teacher's class schedule and parent volunteer availability.

Potential for Year 6 students to help with selling produce at stalls as and when required, in consultation with class teacher.

 **Adopt-A-Veggie Program 4 Kids** to be run as a separate program at discretion of class teacher. Teacher to organize parent support for any plantings.

 **Growing Food for the Community Program** – The running of this program is subject to availability of parent volunteer with organic gardening knowledge.