



Arun & Tom - Reinvigorating school garden beds

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

We had some gardens at our school that were overgrown with weeds, they weren't used that much and I wanted to fix them up so people would actually use them. Firstly I had a meeting with the Principal and found out there were some teachers that were thinking along the same lines, so I met up with them and we got some garden beds. But we didn't put them in immediately, we went to see a community garden in the South Parklands, and then we talked to classes to see who would be better at gardening first, then we started planting.

Who is involved and how did they contribute?

Tom, me, three teachers and the Principal, and now we have three classes working on the gardens and looking after them. The beds are out in the grounds so everyone can see them quite easily. Students that have been involved have been talking with their families about the work, and some family members then helped out too.

I think finding out that the teachers were interested as well made it a lot easier, otherwise it might have taken a lot longer.

Next steps?

Other classes are going to tend the gardens and by the end of the year classes will start cooking stuff from them.

Advice for other students?

When you know what you need to do, just get on with it otherwise you're just going to get caught up in other work.

What have you enjoyed the most?

Doing the project was really fun, especially when we were getting hand-on and actually planting, that was really good.

This case study was transcribed from an interview and poster display. These are Arun's words and opinions.

Biggest success?