



Mikaela - Finishing the pond so the frogs will come

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I'm doing the frog pond at my school. I'm getting a recycling water system in for it because we don't get much rain, so we need something to keep it going. The school started a frog pond that they never finished and I wanted to build onto it. My vision is to have the pond set up and going well by the end of the year. I like frogs and a few frogs have come to our school, but we don't get much rainfall anymore so it's been hard for them.

I've gone to Student Forums to get more ideas and my friend and I have helped build it with the Year 5 class. The Environment Coordinator and our Principal and teacher have also helped, and we've done some working bees on the weekend. I've been trying to get the word out and help from the teachers. I've also shared the project and got ideas at a regional student voice summit where reps from a range of schools meet up.

What have you enjoyed most?

Spending time outside and watching all the kids having fun around the frog pond when there is water in it. Watching the students helping us out and the Year 5 class digging it all up.

Advice for other students?

Don't give up. When it's hard and things are not going well, let things be and keep going and hopefully things will work out.

Next steps?

We need to put the rocks in and get some mesh for the top then we can get the water system going.

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