



Mollie & Makeely 2021 - supporting climate change learning

Goals for the year

Over the course of the year Mollie and Makeely worked in partnership with Green Adelaide, guest speakers and some of their peers to help their teachers educate the Year 4 cohort on climate change.

Mollie and Makeely were given an outline of the Climate Ready Schools project by the teachers coordinating the program, and were tasked with re-decorating the booklet and simplifying the questions and tasks for a Year 4 audience.

The cohort learnt about what global warming and climate change are, their current and future impacts on Earth, humans, plants and animals, and ways students themselves and communities like schools can help to mitigate the damage of climate change, or adapt to the changes.

The Year 4s learnt information and then completed activities and questions in the booklet in 'sessions'. Mollie and Makeely and their peers mentored the younger students and assisted them in answering their many questions to the best of their abilities. Their role was also to prompt ideas and solutions.

One way the learning was captured was by the Year 4s writing down new things they had learnt, and their subsequent questions on sticky notes.

The older mentoring students answered the ones they could.

Finally, the Year 4s collaborated in groups to create a method of adaptation and or mitigation for climate change at the school. The designs and ideas were judged, and the winning group was a 'rooftop garden' upon the gym! The group included a powerpoint to illustrate how they would achieve their design.

Promotion and awareness

The winning group attended the Climate Ready Schools Expo in November at the Thebarton Community Centre to represent their school. They were able to share their climate change issue and design solution with guests from local councils, Green Adelaide, Kurna elder Aunty Lynette Crocker and students and teachers from other schools.

Biggest success or achievement

Mollie and Makeely really enjoyed working with the Year 4s from their school to help educate them on climate change and what they can do about it. They both feel strongly on taking a stand against the damage being done to our planet, and enlightening and inspiring people around them to take passionate action - no matter the age!