

Grounds Report

Wanted

- Someone with a large chainsaw to assist with removing some dead logs/trees that we can repurpose into edging for our bush tucker gardens
- Someone who can lift and dig in the new outdoor “desks” for the Education Room
- Someone with an angle grinder to help cut up the old Bateman Bush sign so that it can go in the bin
- Someone who is able to pave the area behind the P&C garden shed
- Weeders to assist weeding the new BT area

If you can assist us with any of these areas, please get in contact with Alison Moore 0431 488 838

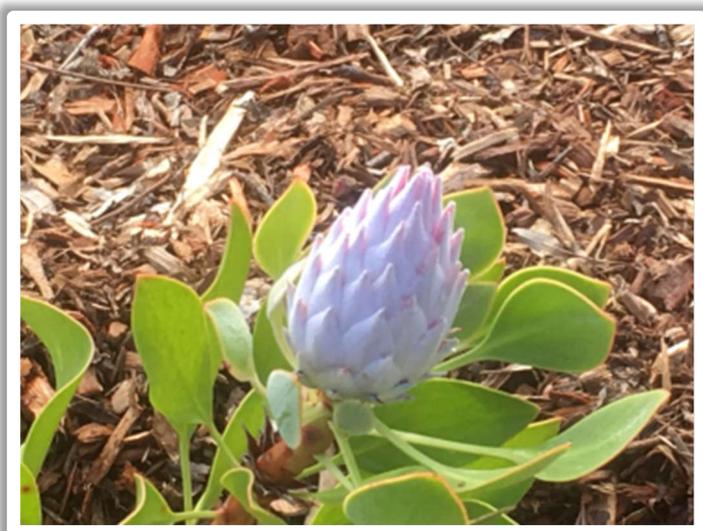
Did You Know

That it takes nearly a year for a grass tree to grow 2 cm? One that is only 30cm high has taken 15 years. I know it is tempting to break off their fronds but they take a very, very long while to grow any back. We have just discovered some beautiful ones in our bush - **please let everyone enjoy them without damaging them.**

Bush Tucker Area

We guess that Bateman PS is perhaps the only school in the state lucky enough to have our very own Bush Tucker garden actually set in our own piece of bushland. With school holidays rapidly approaching, we have been working very hard to complete the weeding and levelling of the Outdoor Education room. The desks will be going in over the holidays, as will all mulching of the area, ready for classes to use in spring. **Special thanks to all our “design engineers”:** Jocelyn, Amanda, Kylie and Sylvie who have regularly given up their time to help us get this ready.

The huge amount of rain we have had is doing wonders for all the new young plants that are just starting to flower. They are all very delicate and we request that you leave the flowers for everyone to enjoy - they are always best left on the bush where the bees can do their best work. It is very disheartening to see them broken off then left on the ground.



Try to stick to the paths we have created as this will ensure the new, young plants are protected and prevent the spread of dieback in our bush. Our volunteers have worked very hard for months to find and source small and large **branches to create the paths for each garden room.** Please leave these in place as they are protecting the many plants we have planted - without these paths and borders they will get squashed. Please respect all the area, the volunteers who have been working tirelessly in and we will have an amazing space in spring.



Kitchen Garden

Damien has been working very hard over the last 2 weeks, shifting the garden shed, into the shade of the banksia tree, where it will hopefully catch the rain and runoff from the roof of the undercover area. He has also laid out and reticulated four new vegetable garden beds. All they need now is to be filled with soil so we can plant them with vegetables. This weekend we will have a delivery of new soil to top up these four beds and the large round bed, which will be planted out with a crop of carrots and kale. All other beds are growing well and will be ready to harvest just before our first monthly market in September.

Almost all couch grass, bar a small patch around the fruit trees, has been lifted out and this weekend the surrounding area will also be mulched to prevent further weeds popping up. **Thanks to our parents: Damien, Gemma, Kylie and Amanda with this. A special thank you to the kids who have been regularly coming down to assist on the weekends with raking, planting, shovelling and weeding: Caitlyn, Alexis, Kyra, Xavier and past student Adrian.** Brilliant job! Anyone else who would like to assist should contact us.

July 31 National Tree Planting Day

We have been lucky enough to score 40 small trees and shrubs from the City of Melville to add to our bush land area for National Tree Planting Day on Friday 31/7/2020. We will be planting most of these throughout our Busy Bee for our Year 1 parents.

Busy Bees

In Term 3 there will be two Busy Bees for the Year 1 and 2 parents/carers. The first one will be on Friday 31/7/2020 for Year 1's and the second one on Friday 21/8/2020 for Year 2's. Please put these dates in your diary and we look forward to working with you and meeting you on the day. Do not forget to bring your own

hat and gloves. We will supply tools. Both Busy Bees kick off at 3.15pm. They will be followed with drinks and a sausage sizzle.

We can be reached on the P&C email batemanpandc@gmail.com or alisonmoore300666@gmail.com or 0431 488 838.