

## Grounds Report

### Wanted

Anyone who is bored over the holidays, we'd love your assistance to shift the two **new piles of mulch** that were delivered today to top up all the front school gardens in readiness for our 50 year celebrations, after our Busy Bee groups did all the weeding. If you want to help, please meet in the **Early Childhood Carpark on Saturday the 3/10/20 at 9.00am**. Pitchforks will be provided. It would be helpful if you would like to bring a wheelbarrow. Many hands make light work!!

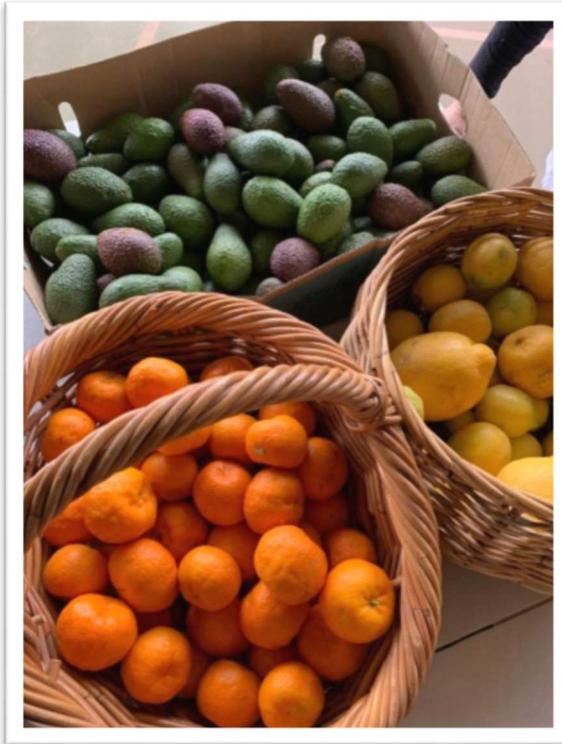
### Monthly Market

Thanks to everyone who helped initiate our very first Market last Saturday. A great many people worked tirelessly to ensure we had enough produce and plants to sell over many months. Despite the horrendous weather - it was only meant to be between 1-4 mm of rain we had downpour after downpour. We didn't think anyone would come. Around 3.00pm the sun came out and so did all the Bateman people, with their dogs!



We sold out of fresh produce - twice, our fresh eggs went in approx. 17 minutes, as did all the local honey we had sourced from Bateman beekeepers. The beautiful fresh avocados, mandarins and lemons provided by local orchards didn't last long either. There were long queues for the natural oils and beeswax wraps, and almost everyone sampled one of Mike's delicious gourmet sausages with the lot. Nearly every dog who came with their owner walked away proudly with a brand new specially designed doggie scarf - the height of fashion!

Gardens will be buzzing with all the new little plants and some happy mums were receiving beautiful hand-made bouquets - consisting of many of our plants from the surrounding school gardens and bush areas, along with some beautiful roses. We even sold some of the chicken manure to top up the local gardens - our feathered friends are really earning their hay and pellets!



A sincere thank you to all the parents and locals who came and supported our first efforts. We raised a substantial amount, which we intend plowing back into school projects, in the near future. The feedback was nothing but positive from parents and locals, with plans to add a local bread baker, cake maker, a lemonade stand, dried flowers, potted herbs, seeds and seedlings, a golden chook tour and live music for our next one on Sunday 25 October from 3 to 5pm. Put the date in your diary! Along the way there may be some more

beautiful produce that matures from our Kitchen Garden so please keep your eyes and ears open for announcements.

Thanks to everyone who assisted on the day and in the lead-up to the Market. We hope that several other people will assist our small team next time, by helping set up tables or stand on a stall and collect the tickets. We need to share the workload around. We will need another keen dad willing to work his magic at the bbq - Mike is happy to show you the ropes and the suppliers we are sourcing our products from. Funds are going back to your child's school so what a great way to get involved.

### **Market Thanks**

- Damien - for all his hard work in the Kitchen Garden that allowed it to produce so many items for the Market
- Nat - for her poster design to promote the market initially
- Inae - For all the brilliant local advertising and sourcing the mandarins, avocados and lemons from local orchardists
- Sylvie - for designing the ticketing system - it worked so well
- Klaire - for all her hard work with the chooks, the care they receive is second to none
- Mike and Kathy - for their ongoing work for years with the chooks and preparing all of the eggs for sale
- Mike - his legendary culinary skills and organisation on the bbq and distributing all the flyers in and around Bateman, even cheekily putting one up at Yidarra PS
- Ethan and Nieve - the dynamic duo for their assistance on the bbq site
- Jemma, Jocelyn and Emily - for all of the lovely plants they grew and nurtured
- Janelle - for presenting beautiful oils for everyone to try and buy
- Shaera - for supplying beeswax wraps for everyone to purchase
- Ghislene - for her famous doggie designer duds
- Cate - for the amazing flower displays, making our bush beauties look magical
- Christine - for assisting with serving and selling throughout the market

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