

SCHOOL FOOD GARDEN WORKSHOP



For teachers, parents/volunteers and everybody involved in school food gardens, including those with existing gardens and others considering a garden start-up.

Learn about

- The garden as an inspiring place for student learning
- Curriculum & the garden, including AusVELS connections
- Garden design & maintenance for productivity and learning
- Integrating the garden as an ongoing school resource
- Links and resources to help keep your garden going strong

Presented by

Sharelle Polack & Ben Wilhelms from Cultivating Community

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Location

The same one day workshop will be held in three locations in March 2014

Tuesday 11 March, Parkhill Primary School, Ashwood,
9.30am-3.00pm (lunch provided)

Tuesday 18 March, Mother of God Primary School, Ardeer,
9.30am-3.00pm (lunch provided)

Tuesday 25 March, Thornbury Primary School, Thornbury,
9.30am-3.00pm (lunch provided)

Cost \$150 (GST Exc.)

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Ben Wilhelms BContpArts, GradDipEd(Prim)

School Food Gardens Team Leader

Ben has been with Cultivating Community since 2007, working at various school food gardens across Melbourne. Since taking over as School Food Garden Team Leader, Ben has led the development of an updated curriculum with a stronger environmental/sustainability focus and connections to AusVELS related classroom learning in science, English, maths and the humanities. A father of two primary school age children, Ben's food growing prowess includes Melbourne's best tasting home-grown bananas. Other specialties include garden design, bee-keeping, espalier apples and chicken care. Ben is passionate about creating inspirational food gardens that harness children's sense of wonder and their natural zest for learning through engaging with nature.



Sharelle Polack BAgricSc(Hons), MEnvLaw

Community Gardens Team Leader

Sharelle is passionate about giving more children the opportunity to interact with nature through getting their hands dirty and being food growers. A parent of two young children, Sharelle has established and developed kindergarten and school gardens in Melbourne and interstate. Sharelle's specialist expertise in food waste and composting has seen her play a leading role in Cultivating Community's new Food Know How program. Her own children love tending to their home-based and school composting and worm farming systems. They also love gherkins which has presented Sharelle with some challenges. Sourcing seeds to grow cornichons (French gherkins) being the answer to gherkin self-sustainability. Apart from the many creative ways that school gardens can be integrated into school curricula, Sharelle also values the social and health benefits that come from children growing and sharing food together.

Cultivating Community

Cultivating Community is about people, communities, gardening, farming, the environment and food. We are a non-profit/charitable organisation. Our mission is to work with diverse communities to create fair, secure and resilient food systems.

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