

Gisborne Primary School

Planet Ark Tree Day

2009

A small band of tireless workers assembled for the Gisborne Primary School Planet Ark Tree Day/Working Bee on Friday 7th August 2009.

Drought over the past few years has taken its toll on the gardens around the school which are in desperate need of redesign and replanting. The Grade 3/4 students, along with two 4th year student teachers from Victoria University, Emily Farrell and Katherine, have started a 5 year plan to bring the once lush gardens around the school back to life.

With a growing student population, the challenge is to design gardens which give the children room to play, but are both functional and water efficient.

The afternoon was dedicated to creating the framework of the new garden beds, which have been positioned around the edges of the buildings to provide the children with more playground area. Old and damaged plants were removed to make way for new native plants and it was not long before the dumper was full and the groundwork had been laid for a greener future at GPS

Over the next 6 weeks Emily and Katherine will be educating the Grade 3/4 students on the environment whilst replanting and continuing with the 5 year plan.

It is anticipated that other year levels will join the 3/4's and adopt their own garden beds around the school.

