

## Garden Journal responses from Senior I: Tuesday 12/6/07

### What I learnt today that I didn't know before...

Was going to different plants and collecting seeds so we could grow it and we picked the weird berry. We opened it and got the seeds out and it was cool when we were drying the seeds. When we were collecting seeds I found nine seeds, it was cool finding what they were, but some of them were buds and Salaichanh found this huge one.

By Nikita

Some plants are annual plants, which means we pick, we eat it and then in a year it dies. There was another, which is called a perennial, which dies more than one year. I found those two words interesting because I didn't know the words before.

By Salaichanh

Kate told us that some plants only live or do their cycle for one year and then they die. That means annual. Then we eat them. Kate told us that some plants can live for more than one year, they can live for a long time. They keep on doing the cycle. That means perennial, we can eat them too.

By Nicole

Was that on a seed packet there is lots of information. You can find things like:

- What season to plant it in.
- Whether to plant it in a punnet or just into the garden.
- If you're meant to plant in a sunny or frosty place.
- And obviously what fruit/vegetable/plant it is.

By Liz

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June we had our other garden session. A couple of kids had to spread out horse poo. I asked Kate if Whakairo and I could help. She said yes. So we got some shovels and started spreading out the poo. It was yuck but fun.

By Jaiden

I learnt that there are seeds in nearly every plant in the school. I learnt that horse poo smells worse when it is on your shoe!

By Tyson

What I learnt today that I didn't know before is that cabbage seeds are very small and they look like fish food. While my group and I were walking around the wetlands we saw some small little seeds on a tree and I saw a little fluffy thing and it was white and on some other trees we saw these things that looked like nuts and some were cracked open.

By Winston

### Today I most enjoyed...

I most enjoyed when Steve, Drew and I, went and shovelled horse poo. We used a pitch fork, that was gross when it went on our shoes, and then they smelt yuck.

By Tyson

Whakairo and I helped Kate pack away all the different tools. I enjoyed the session a lot.

By Jaiden

Cutting up the worm food. It was messy but it was fun because we were all laughing, even though we were getting grossed out at the same time! We were all screaming because Nikita cut a slug in half by accident! The only thing was, we only got to do it for 5 minutes, and I wanted to keep going.

By Liz

When we had to go in the worm farm and we had to chop the food up for the worms so they can eat the food better. Sarah, Liz, Jenna, Sal, Nikita and I saw heaps of slugs and Nikita cut one of the slugs. It was soooo sad and for the slug it looked soooo painful.

By Nicole

Today I most enjoyed planting. Sarah and I planted bok choy. I liked it because it was an easy and fun activity. I also liked composting; we had to cut up the furry, rotten, and gone off fruit. When we were cutting fruit up, Nikita cut a slug in half. It was so yucky because all these things came out.

By Salaichanh

Cutting up the rotten food for the compost and it smelt really stinky, especially the apples, they smelt so stinky that I almost vomited. I tried to handle it but it just smelt real, real, really bad. When I was playing with my scissors, I accidentally cut a slug in half and this stuff was coming out of it. We were laughing and grossing out at the same time at the slug because it was still alive.

By Nikita

I enjoyed the whole day but most enjoyable one was when Liz, Steve, Drew and I got to go in the front of the school and put horse manure in the wheel barrow. The poo smelt really disgusting, but I'd love to do it again.

By Jenna

I enjoyed this day when we were picking plants and finding seeds in the plants. If we had more time I would have picked more plants.

By Jacinta

I enjoyed putting a pair of gloves on and getting dirty and disgusted by the rotten, off, furry and squashy fruit and vegetables. Also pouring worm pee into bottles to pour over plants was unpleasant because it was going everywhere.

By Sarah

Today I most enjoyed picking and finding seeds for our gardening class. It was the most fun thing I did today because I got to pick and feel the textures of seed pods and berries.

By Ashley

Today I most enjoyed going into the wetlands to find seeds because we got to go around and look at the plant to see if it had seeds. I liked the smell of some plants, I smelt a plant and it smelt like tea.

By Tuan

Today I most enjoyed picking plants to see if they had seeds or not because I enjoyed picking flowers and I enjoyed that activity. When we were picking flowers I found a mushroom that could have been a toadstool but it was a mushroom luckily because toadstools are poisonous. I would like to do that activity again because I really enjoyed it and I love being outdoors. I smelt a plant that I thought was mint or rosemary but it was really tea.

By Bernice