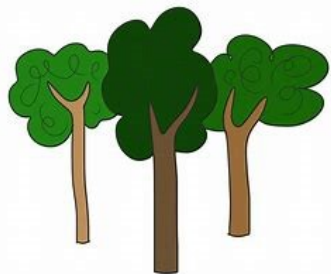




In term 1, 26 year 3 to 6 students applied to be part of a sustainability project. This project was sponsored by Stonnington Council and supported by our school. Throughout the project we worked with Sharron Hunter from the Port Phillip Eco Centre.

In term 1 we made a spider web out of wool to demonstrate how plants, trees and animals all connect. We also created a timeline showing how long it takes for different items to break down.

We went on an excursion to the Glen Iris Wetlands where we learnt a lot about plants trees and the 12 Aboriginal seasons.



We discovered that our school has lots of canopy trees but we don't have many under storey plants, or low herb layer plants for animals and insects.

As a group, we decided to improve our school and work on the area outside the Italian room and 2B.

We want to create a calming, outdoor space for learning where we can grow plants and look at animals.

We split into 4 groups, the first group wrote a script to the school council to convince them to let us start the project. The second group combined everyone's ideas and created a master plan. The third group began clearing the space and the final group interviewed everyone about why the garden is important to them and our school.

Five students are presenting our proposal at the next school council meeting on Monday 7 May.

We really hope we can start this project soon!

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