

MEDIA RELEASE

Gardenvale gains gold over water savings

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Gardenvale Primary School staff and students will be awarded their Water – Learn it! Live it! Gold Accreditation on World Water Day on Monday, 23 March at 3pm.

South East Water's Education Officer Penny Lynch said the school had approached water conservation from both a school and community perspective.

"Gardenvale Primary School staff and students have greatly reduced their water consumption, cutting it back by 59% in twelve months," Ms Lynch said.

"Outside water tanks have been installed, water wise plants have been planted, waste water is collected and used on gardens, and synthetic turf has been laid at both campuses.

"For water use inside, all toilets are dual flush, urinals are on automatic timers and flow reducers have been fitted to all taps."

Ms Lynch said Gardenvale Primary School students and teachers are great environmental ambassadors for the local areas.

"As South East Waters 3rd Gold Water- Learn it! Live it! school, Gardenvale has established itself as a great role-model in the South East Water region and beyond, setting the bench-mark for what others can achieve."

Ms Lynch said as part of the gold accreditation, the school's Environmental Captains oversee the water conservation program and are also involved in community events.

"Some of the things students have done include performing an original play, poems and stories for the local and wider community," she said.

"On one particular project students used these creative means to promote the Shower Exchange the students hosted for the local community."

Ms Lynch said water conservation has educational support at Gardenvale Primary School, especially in Grade 3.

Gardenvale Primary School's Grade 3 unit of work "A Drip In Time" has been showcased at teacher development days and at the Principals Conference.

The gold accreditation will be awarded on Monday 23 March at 3pm during assembly at Gardenvale Primary school, 66 Landcox St, Gardenvale.

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