

No-Dig Garden at Mary Brooksbank School

Attending the Sustainable Schools' Expo at MCSL always provides enormous impetus for schools to work on new environmental projects. Last year's Expo was no exception, especially as schools attending for the first time in 2007 were awarded an special free half-day workshop to help them start new projects.

Newspaper, straw and lucerne were flying as students and staff from Mary Brooksbank School set up the first of their special raised no-dig gardens. Students from stages 4 to 6 were instructed by the Centre's Schools' Education Officer, Joanne Tola, on the finer points of setting up the garden bed. They were then able to plant out the bed with vegetable and herb seedlings.

Such was the newfound enthusiasm for gardening, that the school held a special weekend working bee to convert two other enormous beds to no dig gardens as well. Our photo gallery shows some of the students from the school involved in putting the garden together.



