

**National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2009  
Project Report**

<b>Project title: Greening and Growing our school together</b> A visual record of changing our school environment for the future
<b>Project description:</b> Develop a DVD/CD showing the history of change over the past three years in the whole school environment by students and the community at Karonga School. Developing an across-the-school sustainable horticultural program, including native gardens and vegetable gardens. The project will be from the participant's perspective. Students will conduct interviews with other students/staff and community members/collate photos/develop a story board, develop the DVD content, take photos and research the project, as well as present the project to the school. The project will be an active historical record of recent change in the whole school expressed through a literacy/technology skill program.
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<b>Number of students, teachers, parents, other community members directly involved:</b> The project team will comprise 5 students in the senior class who will involve the following people through interview/questioning. 5 students 4 teachers including Principal Members of Permaculture North Community Group Parents Other community volunteers
<b>Intended literacy and/or numeracy outcomes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved and application of skills in using technology (computers/cameras)</li><li>• Improved and application of specific expressive language skills (questioning/interaction) seen as priorities for the project students that can be translated into future work experience skills.</li><li>• Improved and applied research skills using computers</li><li>• Improved self-esteem (presentation to an audience)</li><li>• Improved written language skills (typing)</li><li>• Improved and application of skills to integrate written (questioning) and verbal (asking) skills into a project</li><li>• Team work and work skills.</li></ul>
<b>Evidence of achievement of intended literacy and/or numeracy outcomes:</b> Student enjoyment and participation in the project.
<b>Other information:</b> Final project is still being developed as we only had limited time to undertake the project so it will be forwarded as soon as production is completed. Hopefully early Term 4. We hope to show it at the end of year assembly.

**Feedback about making grants available for such projects:**

Excellent idea which provides an opportunity for schools to develop projects that fall outside of other funding guidelines. This project can assist in developing skills that are essential and are cross-disciplinary in nature.