



Garden Teacher at Yarrunga PS

The aim of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation is to establish and support and evaluate projects in primary schools that introduce young children to the wonderful world of good food by means of developing a productive food garden and an exciting kitchen that includes a nurturing place to share food. All as an integral part of the school curriculum.

The Kitchen Teacher and Garden Teacher at Yarrunga Primary School will work together, with classroom teacher and specialist staff to deliver a high quality kitchen garden program which excites and engages the children at the school.

Specialist Kitchen and Garden Teachers are employed in the program to engage the curiosity of the young students and to help them learn how to grow the very best food in the very best way, how to care for it in the garden, how to recognise when it is ripe and at its best, how to prepare it easily and enjoyably and how to develop an expanding culinary palate and be excited by all of these experiences. This approach seeks to convince children to modify their eating habits because the food they are experiencing tastes so good rather than because they are being told to eat some foods and not to eat others.

The best of all possible worlds would be for the Kitchen and Garden Teachers to also engage the classroom teachers, the providers of food elsewhere in the school, the parents and the community to become excited by the possibilities this project offers.

Successful applicants will have a desire to make a difference to the health and well being of primary school children and an appreciation and empathy with the Foundation mission and values. See www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au

Yarrunga Primary School will provide you with a supportive working environment. You will be treated as part of the professional team of teaching and support staff at the school in your work. This is a great opportunity for creative, committed and innovative people from a range of work backgrounds to be involved in important curriculum innovation at Yarrunga PS.

Applications should

- Address the "Attributes and Experience Required" statements in the attached position descriptions. (No more than 4 pages)
- Include a record of work history and personal skills and achievements. List up to three referees including contact numbers. (No more than 2 pages)
- Include your personal address and contact details.

3 Copies of your application should be sent to
Garden Position"
Yarrunga Primary School
PO Box 342
Wangaratta Vic 3676

By 4pm Tuesday March 11th 2008



Garden Teacher

Attributes and experience required:

You will

- be an enthusiastic and passionate vegetable gardener
- have a sound knowledge of food cycles and seasonal planting
- have proven experience cultivating a wide range of edible plants
- have proven experience managing and maintaining an edible garden
- have a practical understanding of organic gardening
- be able to work alone and be self directed and motivated
- have good time-management skills
- have good organisational and record keeping skills
- have creative ability to prepare stimulating activities and class plans
- have basic IT familiarity
- have proven experience working with children

Desirable qualifications

- Horticulture

Non-essential qualifications

- Teaching

Time Fraction: 0.4 EFT, Two days a week Monday-Tuesday, 15.2 hours a week (may be spread over 3 days)

Hours: 8.30am-4.30pm (Negotiable) includes 1/2 hour lunch break. Hours will vary during school holiday breaks.

Tenure: Fixed-term 7/4/2008 – 31/12/2009

Position Classification: School Council Employee; Gardener (Non-trade) 48/52

Conditions: 4 weeks Annual Leave (not during the school terms), 6 days sick leave, plus superannuation

Remuneration: Above Award Rate - \$21.64 per hour, Annual Rate \$42,905 x 0.4 EFT = \$17,162

Applications close: 4pm Tuesday 11th March

Position commences: Monday 7th April 2008