

School Gardening Partnership 2024

We are keen to introduce you to the *Springvale Garden Centre School Gardening Partnership*.

We recognise that each school is at a different place in their gardening journey. We are looking to partner with you to provide the gardening supplies and expertise you need.

Eligibility

The partnership is open to schools (years 1-13) within the Whanganui region.

General Information

The primary goal of the partnership is to offer an introduction to gardening as a life skill for children and young people. Gardening is a way of providing food and a source of recreation with positive benefits to mental health through connecting with the outside environment.

We are keen to partner with your school, providing gardening supplies and expertise to help you teach them about growing vegetables, flowers and other aspects of gardening.

What You Get from the Partnership

As part of the partnership our School Gardening Co-ordinator, Brydie Hamblyn, can visit your school and offer a joint session on an aspect of gardening with your key teacher and students. This could include planting a vegetable garden, growing swan plants, potato growing, strawberry growing and more, based on the level of interest and experience of your students. Some activities can be started indoors such as seed sowing, growing a sunflower in a pot, or beans that students later take home.

If you join the partnership you will receive:

- Free gardening supplies up to the value of \$100 per term
- At least one visit per term from Brydie
- Help from Brydie on a custom gardening program to suit your school
- 10% discount on all gardening products at Springvale Garden Centre

What We Want from the Partnership

In exchange for providing supplies and assistance, we ask that you promote Springvale Garden Centre by making a Facebook or Instagram post at least once a month on your school's page, including:

- A fresh photo of your garden and student gardeners.
- Tagging Springvale Garden Centre's Facebook page
- The hashtag '#SGCgardenpartner'
- Mentioning the 'School Gardening Partnership'.

By joining the School Gardening Partnership you are giving us permission to re-post such material and utilise in our email newsletters and newspaper marketing.

How to participate

1. Nominate a key contact person for your school who Brydie can liaise with.
2. Register online at www.springvalegardencentre.co.nz/school-gardening-partnership/.
3. Brydie, our School Garden Partnership Co-ordinator, will be in contact to discuss your school garden and what your needs are, organise a mutually agreed delivery date & time for gardening supplies, and any other help you may need.
4. **The School Garden Partnership runs all year:** We will work with you to provide your classroom gardening needs and help you reach your goals each term throughout the year.

More Info

If you have any questions about the School Gardening Partnership, please email Brydie our School Gardening Co-ordinator: brydie@springvalegardencentre.co.nz