



Kids Projects

Growing seedlings for your school fete

Do you want to help your school make some money? You can raise money by growing some vegetable and herb plants to sell at your next fete or fundraiser.

You'll need to start about six weeks before the date of the fete.

- 1.) First collect some pots. Many people have old garden pots they'll be happy to give you. But if you need to, you can re-use plastic containers like margarine tubs. Just make sure you poke some drainage holes in the base.
- 2.) Wash containers well before you start.
- 3.) Fill each container with some good quality potting mix. The mix should be moist before you handle it. If it's dry, water gently using a watering can or soft spray from the hose.
- 4.) Once the mix is in the pot, water again to settle it into place.
- 5.) Wash and dry hands before choosing some seeds to sow into the damp mix.
- 6.) What to sow? In spring sow tomatoes, spring onion, basil, zucchinis and chillis. In autumn sow beetroot, mixed lettuce, rocket, radishes and silverbeet.
- 7.) Make sure you put a label in each pot (otherwise you might forget what you've planted). You can cut name strips from an old ice cream container.
- 8.) Keep the pots in a shady place until the tiny plants appear. Then move into a spot that gets some morning sun.
- 9.) Water every day (but make sure the water can drain away from the base) and feed every couple of weeks by adding some Thrive Soluble or Aquasol to the water.

Remember to always:

- Wash your hands well after gardening.
- Wear shoes to protect your feet.
- Wear a hat and sunscreen.