

In the garden

May 2011

Costa Comes to OLR!



On Tuesday May 3rd OLR welcomed landscape architect Costa Georgiadis from SBS' program Costa's Garden Odyssey to our school and Garden.

The children had an opportunity for a lively question and answer session with Costa whose infectious character, passion for life and gardening both entertained and informed.

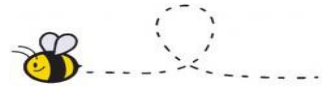
The wonderful questions asked by our enthusiastic kids had Costa covering topics on organic food, self-sustainability, healthy lifestyle choices and career paths!



Congratulations to our Lookalikes Bethany & Roscoe



A "Little Leonie & Costa Lookalike Competition" was held and after a shared lunch, Costa took a tour of the garden with some of our budding garden gurus!



Chook Chatter

The chooks have settled nicely into their new home. It's a wonderful sight to see chook-cooperation in full swing with all seven ladies squished together on one perch early in the morning! No hen pecking order here!

The chooks are lucky to have doting visitors most lunch-times but last week they had the good fortune of rubbing shoulders with celebrity!



The Lunchtime Menu

This was the hit on the day! We even had a special request for this recipe to be included on the menu for Harvest Day! It was so popular with the kids that we thought we'd share it. Enjoy!

Semi-dried Tomato & Tapenade Pasta Salad

500g pasta

250gm cherry tomatoes, halved,

50gm baby rocket

½ cup shaved parmesan cheese

Tapenade

½ cup (125gm) drained semi dried tomatoes

½ cup (60gm) seeded black olives

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

2 teaspoons brown sugar

Cook pasta, and rinse under cold water, drain.

Blend all tapenade ingredients until smooth.

Combine all ingredients in bowl and serve. Recipe serves 10

Kids Corner

Costa is cool. He taught us about gardening. He is a hairy man. He looked like Santa. His favourite food is tomato and avocado. Georgia 2M

He talked about how he got his career on TV. I hope Costa comes again and does a video. Harry M.P. 2F

Costa is a good gardener. He loves fresh food. Costa does not like fast food. He learnt gardening from his Grandad. I like Costa. Rhianna 2M

Costa said he was nine months old when he started gardening. Costa said to grow food in your backyard because it is fresher. Costa is a good gardener. Bethany 2M

Costa told us a little bit about himself. He lived in Sydney. He also liked surfing. He kissed Mrs Fay, I was not surprised. Ella D



The Lunchtime Menu

Arrowroot Salad with Pesto Mayonnaise Dressing

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Mixed Leaf Salad with Cranberry Dressing

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Semi Sundried Tomato & Olive Tapenade Pasta Salad

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Garlic & Chive Butter on Ciabatta Bread

Ingredients used from our garden where possible



Wish List

- Garden broom
- Old shed shelving
- Terracotta pots for garden art.
- Secateurs



Come Garden!

The kids love to share their experiences!

Lend a hand, offer some guidance & have some fun! Come for an hour or stay all day.

This Thursday 12May is gardening day. Love to see you there!



Kids! We'd love to hear from YOU!!

Have you got a great story? Something to share about the chooks or garden? We'd love to see your stories, poetry, pictures, discoveries, and jokes!

Hand any work you would like to share to Mrs Knight in the library and we will feature it in our next newsletter.

Love to hear from YOU!