



2015 School Garden Survey Results

Thank you for taking the time to participate in our survey on gardens in Canterbury schools.

The feedback you have provided will assist us in understanding what schools need to get the best out of school gardens, as well as expanding and maintaining a network of school gardens around the city

KEY RESULTS

More than half of surveyed Canterbury schools*

- Have school gardens (81%)
- Express high interest for professional development for staff around gardening and teaching (82%)
- Use gardens as a teaching resource (61%)

Less than half of surveyed Canterbury schools*

- Have outside help in maintaining their school gardens (31%)

*54 schools participated in survey (25% response rate)

“There is a group of people wanting to build connections and gardening in schools who are planning a hui (date) for the whole region. What do you imagine would be great to cover in such an event?”

Outreach and involvement

- Parental and community involvement
- Creating ongoing interests

Academic integration

- Helping kids understand what food links and pathways exist
- Using produce from garden to table
- Getting more kids involved/supervision

Funding, resources and support

- Supporting gardens through summer break
- Network and industry connections
- Network of volunteers
- Website for ideas and support

Gardening and plant info and tips

- Pest control, pruning techniques, composting
- Growing tips and skills

QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOLS

How can we use the garden to **connect to a wider community?**

How to build closer **ongoing support** from community and organisations?

What **funding and resources** are available for school gardens?

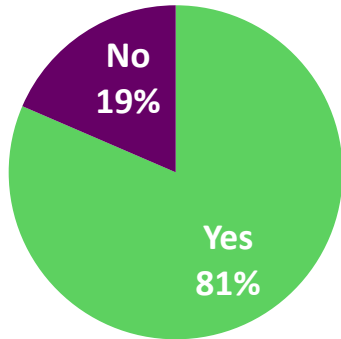
How to make gardens **more purposeful?**

How can gardens be used in teaching **aside** from healthy living and science?

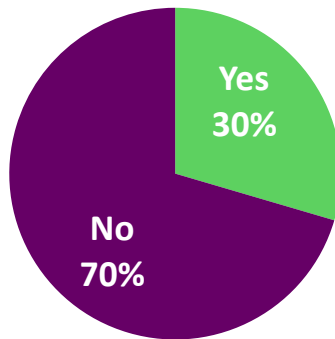
What works for other schools' gardens?

SURVEY RESULTS

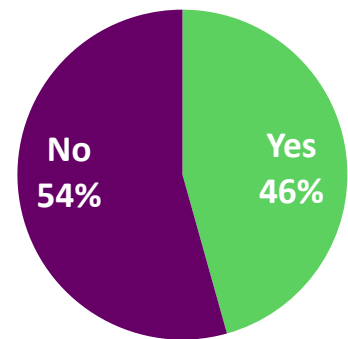
Does your school have an edible garden?



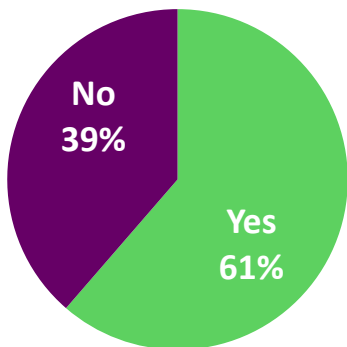
Is there outside help to maintain the garden?



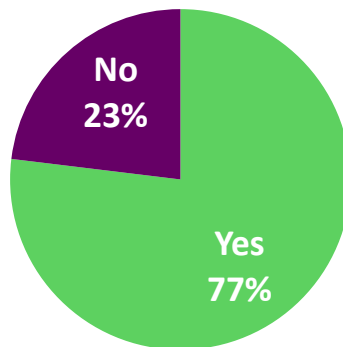
Would you like to create a garden?



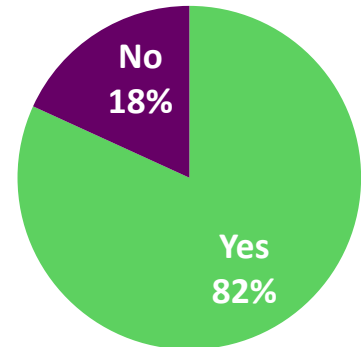
Is the garden used as a teaching resource and integrated into the curriculum?



Would you be interested in attending the hui?



Are you interested in professional development for staff around garden for teaching?



How many children work in the garden each week?

