

## 7. MARSHLAND SCHOOL – KIDS EDIBLE GARDENS

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The purpose of this report is to request funding for the Kids Edible Garden programme at Marshland School.

The School has requested \$720 to pay the garden facilitator to work with children in the edible garden programme for one afternoon per week. The facilitator will work alongside parents, children and the Principal. This a valuable part of the school's programme as Marshland is an agricultural community, and this has always been acknowledged within the school through the children's Garden Club where the children grow their gardens at home and receive awards for their efforts. The Principal would like to extend this interest in gardening to involve the school as a whole.

The Board has provided funding for Kids Edible Garden programmes at Belfast, Casebrook Intermediate and Northcote schools.

**Recommendation:** That the Board grant \$720 from 2001/2002 Discretionary Funding to Marshland School for the Edible Gardens programme.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.