



Website Resources to inspire at-home discoveries!



Biodiversity on our Farmlands – *Living in Harmony with Nature*

Do you notice and share the big and tiny living things around your home garden or farm? How could you contribute to the UN Decade of Biodiversity and its vision of ‘*Living in Harmony with Nature*’? First use web and book resources to identify and record what is living in your garden and farmland. Observations from my place are included in my projects: *Otherways* articles, my first enviroed4all website at <http://enviroed4all.com.au/biodiversity-on-our-farm/>, the citizen science website *Atlas of Living Australia*, and also shared on FB enviroed4all webpage and as LinkedIn posts occasionally.

Read4Nature project

How can you get the most out of picture books and make Science a part of your family life? It’s easy. These reviews and suggestions were made by parents and children, for ways to increase Science knowledge when reading picture story books found in (Wimmera) libraries, including the schools MARC van. They are on-line at <http://enviroed4all.com.au/read4nature-2/>

Soil Selfies’ project – ‘*Healthy soils for a healthy life*’

How much does soil vary? Discover the diversity of soils, their uses and issues from the on-line ‘Soil Selfies’ photo project at <http://soils.enviroed4all.com.au/soil-selfies/>. Soil Selfies show the ‘*Healthy soils for a healthy life*’ theme of the International Year of Soils from first hand experiences, aiming to keep growing into a great global soil education resource. Use it with your children to create, and contribute, one for your soils too. Other soils activities are in *Otherways* 2015, and at <http://soils.enviroed4all.com.au/soils-in-stories/>

Family Farming Snapshots project *Feeding the World, Caring for the Earth*

Are you a ‘family farmer’ and don’t know it? Discover the diversity of ‘family farming’ in the world, under the UN definition - ‘growing or catching food or fibre which is at least partly used for the family’s immediate needs, and the rest may be shared or sold’. Family farming covers everyone from those with one pot-plant of herbs to backyard gardeners to broad-scale farmers - if they eat some of their own produce. This project provides first hand accounts of family farming to show what the theme “*Feeding the World, Caring for the Earth*” means on the ground in as many places and at as many sizes as possible. Use it with your children to create your own contribution about your farm and help grow this Decade of Family Farming global education resource at <http://familyfarms.enviroed4all.com.au/family-farm-snapshots/> Other activities for family farms can be found in the *Otherways* 2014 collection above.

“Sustainability and our Farmlands’ Environments” project

What do you think sustainable actions cover? Dealing with drought, weeds and pests, and salinity? What about improving machinery and seeds to raise production? Is it a concept for today- or has it occurred in the past? Read and discuss these ideas with on-line picture story books written by children for children from Hopetoun’s St Joseph’s and Beulah Primary Schools Science Talent Search projects at <http://www.sjhopetoun.catholic.edu.au/sustainability--farming.html> and <http://www.beulahps.vic.edu.au/index.php/events> (start at introduction). Discussion sheets are at <http://familyfarms.enviroed4all.com.au/sustainability-farmlands/stories-by-the-children/>.

2016 IY Pulses project ‘*Nutritious seeds for a sustainable future*’

Just getting started on this! First two articles with activities are in *Otherways* – 2016. Pulses were also a subgroup of *Great Grains* activities which can be found in *Otherways* – 2014 and <http://enviroed4all.com.au/wimmera-biodiversity/crops/great-grains-events/>.

‘Otherways’ quarterly environmental education articles

Quarterly **articles with how to do activities** to fit each current International Year or other events since 2010 have been published in the Home Education Network’s magazine *Otherways* and later put on my website at <http://enviroed4all.com.au/4-learning/otherways/>

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