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Castletown Primary School digs in for Lake Warden

Students at Castletown Primary School flexed their green thumbs recently to help the Esperance Regional Forum (ERF) plant 4,000 trees in the Lake Warden Catchment.

Lake Warden Project Officer Cindee Hage was approached by a small landholder to help plant 2,000 trees in a previously cleared area with deep non-wetting soil. The landholder suggested the daunting job might be a great challenge for the children at her daughter's school.

Over 50 children from Castletown Primary School answered the call and managed to plant double the number of trees expected. All the trees were planted with hydrating crystals which kept the children very busy.

Ms Hage said she was thrilled at engaging a new school with the Lake Warden Recovery Project, with the assistance of South Coast NRM Community Engagement Officer Ian Hartley and Biodiversity Officer Robyn Cale.

"Working with landholders to plant trees has led this stroke of luck. This school had had no prior engagement with the Lake Warden Recovery Project and the landholder had struggled previously to get the job completed," she said.

The day ended with an opportunity to teach the children why planting trees was of benefit to the environment, and a well deserved sausage sizzle. Given the success of the project, two other teachers have since contacted ERF to see if they too can get involved with projects in the area.

For more information on ERF and how you can get involved, contact Cindee Hage on (08) 9071 6129 or 0429 831 154.

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