

## **Find a Frog in February**

Children and their families at C&K Killkivan Community Kindergarten have joined a quest to learn about what is happening to frogs in the Mary River.

The children are collecting data as part of the 'Find a Frog in February' project, an initiative of the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee (MRCCC).

Kindy Director Anne Bicknell says it's a great experience for the children to learn about their local habitat and its wildlife.

"The children have been searching at home and at kindy to collect data, but we hope to visit a local creek too," she said.

"As a group we have discussed what is happening to the frogs and their habitat in the Mary River and the children are fascinated by how the frogs are responding to their environment", she said.

'Find a Frog in February' is a citizen science project involving a range of schools and kindergartens across the region.

Ms Bicknell says it's important that children start learning at a young age about their local environments and how to protect them.

"At the kindy we do a lot of work on sustainability and nature play.

"Many of our children at the kindergarten are from farms so they do have a good idea about livestock and crops, but it's also important they understand the local habitat and the principles of environmental management".

Frog workshops have also been held around the region to raise awareness of some of the challenges being faced by frogs in the river and Ms Bicknell says the children have become good at identifying the different types of frogs they have discovered.

"With one third of frogs worldwide under the threat of extinction, this is a really important project to be involved in.

"This is really an extension of our philosophy of "learning through play" and we are looking forward to sharing the results of our studies".

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