With only two more weeks until the end of term the focus this week turned to purposeful plants and reflecting on the term that was.

Dan Bakker, from Bournda Environmental Education Centre shared with the students a range of plants whose uses move beyond nutrition. From Aloe Vera plants to soothe skin, mint for a refreshing tea, banana tree leaves for plates, to rushes for baskets. There are so many different uses for a variety of plants and it is important that students get a sense of the range of incredible uses.

The final plant the students were shown was the humble garlic, which is not only great as a healthy way of warding off a cold, but acts as a wonderful insect repellent (that’s for the insects we do not want in our garden). So it was off to plant garlic cloves throughout the garden. Sharon (our wonderful parent help) even had enough time with some classes to propagate some beets in our paper pots.

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to have the students capture some of their experiences in the garden. And what better way to do this in an engaging way than to use the IPads we have available. We discussed some of the things we have done in the garden, from landscaping to paper propagation pots, and discussed how we could capture some images to share our understanding. It was great to see the students focussing hard on capturing each image and also wanting to take photos of them having fun in the garden!

That’s what we want to see in the garden, kids enjoying themselves!