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Dig this: Prep student Sophie befriends a garden scarecrow, watched by Madeleine Ridgeway and Christian Trumble. Picture: MIKE KEATING

Green lesson's a bottler

CARNEGIE Primary School is growing a new generation of green thumbs, with students learning sustainable living as a subject next to English and maths.

Employing a dedicated sustainability teacher, the school has integrated the environmental message into its curriculum.

Each class receives a weekly 45-minute sustainability lesson, where students mix practical work such as tending their vegetable patch, worm farm, chickens, rabbits and making scarecrows with learning about climate change.

"We sell the worm juice and eggs to raise money for the school," captain Madeleine Ridgeway, 12, said.

The school celebrated World Environment Day yesterday by giving all 300 students a reusable "mygreenbottle", which aims do to bottled water what green bags did to plastic bags.

Greening Australia will plant a tree for every child who pledges to switch from disposable bottles.

Sustainability captain Christian Trumble, 12, said some students had committed to rubbish-free lunches or walking or riding a bike to school.

Net link: www.mygreenbottle.com.au