



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Amanda Rishworth MP**  
Federal Member for Kingston

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### **\$60 000 for a Kitchen Garden at McLaren Vale Primary School**

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston today announced that children at McLaren Vale Primary School will soon enjoy the benefits of growing and preparing fresh food as part of the *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden* initiative.

Ms Rishworth said “I am delighted that \$60 000 will be provided to establish kitchen and garden infrastructure at McLaren Vale Primary School.

“The *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden* initiative provides a fantastic opportunity for local children to gain some hands-on experience and learn about growing and preparing fresh produce. This program is helping to tackle childhood obesity and goes a long way to setting life-long healthy eating habits while children are young.

“Children will work in a productive garden within their school where they will harvest the food and cook it in a purpose-built teaching kitchen, before sitting down together to taste and enjoy what they have made.

“I look forward to visiting McLaren Vale Primary School to watch as the facilities are constructed and share in the excitement of the children and the wider school community as they open for use.”

Ina Laybourne, Principal of McLaren Vale Primary School said “The McLaren Vale community is excited to have the opportunity to be involved with the *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden* program. We see ourselves as one of the food capitals of South Australia and this program will give us the opportunity for our children to develop their skills around food.”

Ms Rishworth said that the Gillard Labor Government has committed \$12.8 million over four years for up to 190 primary schools across Australia to participate in the program.

For more information about the national Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, visit <http://www.healthyactive.gov.au/kitchengarden>.