



West Greenwood Whole School Loose Parts Playground



Loose Parts

- Children need environments they can manipulate and where they can invent, construct, evaluate and modify their own constructions and ideas through play.



Benefits

- When children interact with loose parts, they enter a world of “what if” that promotes the type of thinking that leads to problem solving and theoretical reasoning. Loose parts enhance children’s ability to think imaginatively and see solutions, and they bring a sense of adventure and excitement to children’s play (Daly and Beloglovsky, 2015).

Benefits continued

- Increasing levels of creative and imaginative play
- Children play co-operatively and socialise more –
Less conflict more inclusivity in the playground
- Children are physically more active
- Curriculum outcomes occur through informal play
with loose parts
- Loose parts facilitate communication and
negotiation skills when added to an outdoor
space (Maxwell, Mitchell and Evans, 2008)
- Encourages open ended learning
- Enjoyed by all ages

Fun for all ages!





Storage Ideas



Sea containers,
wheelie bins, large
hessian bags,
plastic storage
boxes.



Loose Parts Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLUkYNAXKb0>

What can you do? Join the committee

We need:

- Teachers and Education Assistance across **all year levels**
- Administration staff
- Parents
- Community Members

Let's get building!

