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# Loreto stands tall

**The secret is in the soil for sunflower growing champions at Loreto Primary School.**

A seed students planted grew to a whopping 2.65m under the careful watch of Year 4 teacher Judy McNeill.

It beat a rival planting at Hollywood Primary School by more than 1m.

The friendly sunflower grow-

ing competition between the two schools started in the spring.

Real estate agents Emma and Adam Gilbert provided the seeds and organised the competition to raise money for the Therapy Focus Charity, which works with children with disabilities or learning difficulties.

"This is great exposure for such a great charity," Emma said.

"We also invited the families of the children to grow sunflowers at home."

Year 2 Loreto student Ashlee Harris and his family nurtured a 1.3m plant at their home in Bicton, beating their nearest rivals the Pereira family in Bruce Street, Nedlands, who raised one 31cm tall.

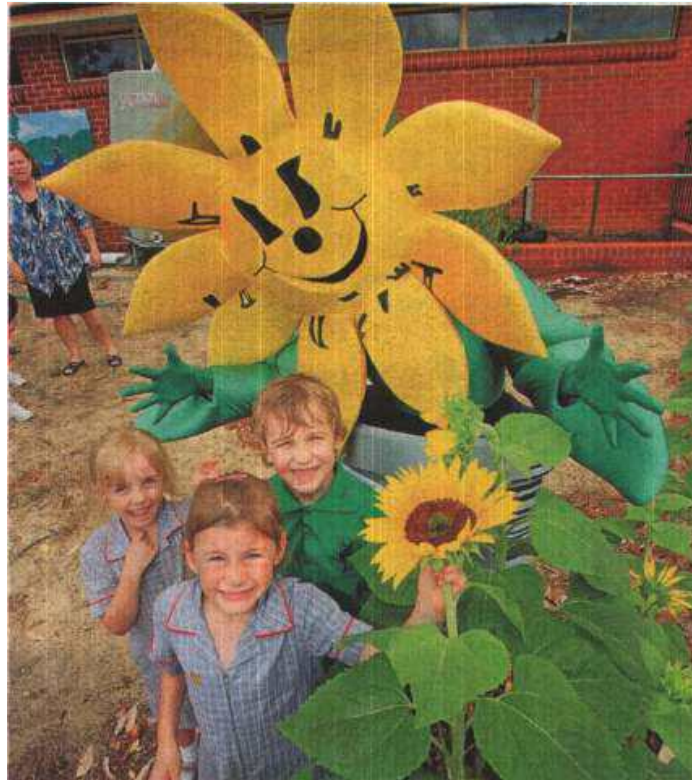
Loreto School won a \$250 voucher donated by Dawson's Garden World and Hollywood received a Therapy Focus gift pack.

Ti Amo restaurant donated a voucher for the winning family.

Emma said agents from Abel McGrath had donated more than \$7000 from their commissions over the past six months.



Emma Gilbert, left, and teacher Sue Archer take the tape measure to the Hollywood Primary sunflowers.



Hollywood Primary School students show their sunflower to Sunny the Therapy Focus mascot. Photo: Billie Fairclough