

GREEN THUMBS: Holy Family Catholic Primary School students taking part in the Tomato Patch Program last week (from left) Lauren Wilson, Lucy Sidney, Diesel Drury, Jayden Tyler, Lachlan Anderson, Jack Kelly, Matthew Blanch and program co-ordinator Andrew Addenbrooke.



Kids have green thumbs

THERE were plenty of little green thumbs at Holy Family Catholic Primary school, Skennars Head, last Thursday.

And they were planting little reds!

The school was selected for the Tomato Patch Program after students in Years 1 and 4 had the winning entries in a colouring-in competition run through Ballina Fair in the April school holidays where the kids had to design their own plant.

The Little Green Thumbs Tomato Patch program is a hands-on activity whereby students learn about gardening, sun safety, backyard hazards and the correct way to handle and care for gardening tools.

And the students also learn how to grow their own edible plants and develop healthy eating habits.

Andrew Addenbrooke, a former Lennox Head resident, runs the program.

He taught the children how to pot a tomato seedling, and the kids got to take their plants home to watch them grow.

The Ballina Fair competition was part of the Let's Live Better program, a unique partnership with the Children's Food Education Foundation to grow healthier communities.