One recent initiative Mt Pleasant Primary School has adopted is highlighting the importance of our primary industries. With the support of The Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia, we are integrating primary industry studies within our curriculum.

The Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia is a tripartite not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, formed through the collaboration of the Australian Government, primary industries organisations and the education sector. It has government, industry and education membership. Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia's vision is for an Australian community that understands and values its primary industries.

To this end the foundation has initiated a website, Primezone, which provides teachers with single-point access to a range of primary industries education resources. These resources are about agriculture, forestry and fisheries industries, including related topics such as exporting and sustainable farming.

Our school will receive funding from the foundation to support and extend our sustainable farming activities, a program referred to as Food and Fibre. Our teachers will integrate relevant studies that will involve the various disciplines of agricultural husbandry and sustainability. Our students will be involved in hands-on activities within the school's produce mini-farm (including chickens and ducks) and the school kitchen. Follow-up activities will be implemented within the classroom.

To assist staff with planning and implementation, a visit to Kelmscott Senior High School was arranged. The school has a reputable agriculture specialist program, which enables their students to develop practical skills relevant to plant and animal enterprises while extending their understanding of the concepts underpinning food and fibre production in modern Australia. Our teachers were given a general introduction to the facilities and operations of the “farm”. The farm is also available for primary student excursions, of which many of our staff intend taking advantage when organising future class excursions. With a hands-on practical experience, students will experience the different facets of farm life, with practical activities in horticulture, animal husbandry and care, and everyday farm tasks.