

Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

Pumpkin, Silverbeet & Feta Couscous Salad

Season: Summer/Autumn

Serves: 30 tastes in the classroom or 6 at home

Fresh from the garden: garlic, lemons, parsley, pumpkin, silverbeet **Recipe source:** Adapted from a recipe from Mansfield Primary School

Note: You can substitute sweet potato for pumpkin if pumpkin is not available.

Equipment:

metric measuring scales, jug, cups and spoons clean tea towel chopping board cook's knife baking tray large frying pan wooden spoon medium saucepan bowls – 2 small, 1 large heatproof with lid

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Ingredients:

600 g pumpkin, chopped into 1 cm cubes 1 tbsp olive oil 1 tsp ground nutmeg 1/2 cup sunflower seeds or pepita seeds 500 ml chicken stock 2 cups couscous 1 large handful of silverbeet, finely chopped 150 g feta cheese, crumbled

For the dressing:

- 2 lemons, juiced for ¼ cup lemon juice and zested
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tsp honey
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 cm knob of ginger, finely grated
- 1 small of handful parsley, finely chopped

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

What to do:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 200°C.
- 2. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
- 3. Place chopped pumpkin on the baking tray, drizzle with oil and sprinkle with nutmeg.
- 4. Roast for about 20 minutes or until tender.
- 5. Dry-fry the seeds in a large frying pan. When they start to brown, remove them and set them aside.
- 6. Heat the chicken stock in the medium saucepan.
- 7. Put the couscous in the large bowl and pour the boiling chicken stock over it.
- 8. Cover with the lid and let stand for 5 minutes.
- 9. Stir the shredded silverbeet into the couscous. Cover and stand for another 5 minutes.
- 10. Crumble the feta into the small bowl.
- 11. Combine all the dressing ingredients in another small bowl.
- 12. Add the pumpkin, feta, seeds and dressing to the large bowl with the couscous and toss gently to combine.