

## **Student 6.**

### **Grafting – the whip graft.**

Step One: Cut off a branch of the under stock, leaving a foot left on the ground. Leaving the foot allows the remainder of the plant to keep growing.

Step Two: Make a strong slanting cut about 6cms long on the scion and stock.

Step Three: Make the cut straight to insure they fit into each other perfectly.

Step Four: Make a straight cut but insure you do not split the branch. Begin near the top and cut about the full length of the level for the tongue.

Step Five: Match the two parts of the lemon branches together.

Step Six: If the toe of either the stock or the scion are larger than the heel of the other, cut it off evenly. This is so the two pieces fit together neatly to ensure best possible growth.

Step Seven: Bind tightly with tape, so that it keeps disease out of the open cuts. Then cover the union and binding material with grafting compound [1].