

## Sustainability Update – August 2023

We continue to work towards our 5-star Sustainability rating and we are nearly there! The Water module was submitted at the end of term one to Sustainability Victoria for verification and we heard this week that we have gained our 4th star. Hooray!!!!

The weekly sustainability lessons are up and running for semester two with the focus on Energy. Each class will receive a quick refresher as to what goes into their classroom bins. We encourage everyone to have 'nude food' at school so that we do not have the litter and rubbish at school.

**Yellow** bin – paper & hard plastic,

**Blue** Murfee bottom – other recyclables – bottle caps, bread tags, ring pulls, oral care, old pens, pencils, textas & glue sticks

**Red** bin – land fill – all other waste

Relevant documentation is continued to be uploaded onto the ResourceSmart Schools system and we are hoping, that by the end of term 3, we will have completed 100% of the Energy module so we can submit it for verification to gain our 5 star rating. There are currently no 5-star schools in the Western Metro region so we are working hard to make Albion THE one. (There have been schools in the past but their rating has lapsed.)

### **Landcare Grant – Biodiversity**

Students will be shown the sensor camera that was purchased as part of the Landcare grant and has been mounted in the tree in the courtyard. So far, the only real action has been the occasional bird coming in and out of the tree and the wind blowing the branches.

The bottle-cap biodiversity mural is growing. The Friday afternoon sessions, from 3:30-4:30pm in the Multipurpose room, have been terrific. We have had a number of families designing and creating elements for the mural. Mrs Ryan has begun gluing the caps on the container and it looks amazing. The weather has to be right to do this – *no wind*, not too cold or hot.

The class set of binoculars, also purchased as part of the Landcare grant, will be used on Thursdays with some of our student leaders running a bird watching club.

### **Melbourne Water Experience**

We were offered an opportunity to trial a new educational activity that Melbourne Water is currently designing and that is scheduled to be presented at Science Works in the September school holidays. Students from the 3/4 and 5/6 classes participated in a trial on Wednesday 12th July. The interactive activity was run by Zoe, a professional writer, who is putting together a story about where our sewerage goes and what sewerage encounters along its journey through the pipes underground. Students had to make decisions along the way. Students were asked questions about what they learnt, enjoyed, did not enjoy, any ideas to make the activity more enjoyable, etc. To finish, students were asked to make a water pledge. These pledges were very simple and have been displayed for all to see on the wall on the way to the student toilets.

### **'WOW' Wednesday and Fruity Friday**

House captains are responsible for giving out stickers and collecting data on these days. It is running well.

### **Walk and Wheel Wednesday**

We will schedule at least one Walk and Wheel day in term 3.