

Sustainability Update – February 2024

We continue to work towards our 5star Sustainability rating - **ResourceSmart School (RSS)**. We have our 4th star and are awaiting certification of our 5th module – Energy. Marita had a zoom meeting on Thursday 3:30-5pm to go through the feedback from Sustainability Victoria about our Energy module. I needed to get Mat to do a fan audit on Friday and get the maintenance briefs from Adrienne. I will need to give staff a 10-minute PD on Wednesday about Energy efficiency in their classrooms. (See attached) Once our Energy module has been certified we then prepare for a school visit from Sustainability Victoria where our student leaders will be involved in a school tour to highlight our sustainability practices. We also need to be at or below benchmark for each resource module. We are getting very close to benchmark for Energy, Waste and Water. RSS suggests that we **celebrate our success** as achieving 5 Stars is a huge achievement. I spoke briefly with our local member at the graduation ceremony about where we are at with Sustainability at Albion PS and he was very keen to recognise be involved with our celebrations when we receive certification of our 5th star.

The weekly Sustainability lessons have begun with the focus this term on **Biodiversity**. Students will look at habitats in the school grounds and do a weekly bird audit.

We will continue ramp up our **classroom & staffroom bins** on our return to school. Each class will receive a quick refresher as to what goes into the bins.

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

‘WOW’ Wednesday and Fruity Friday has begun once again. House captains are responsible for giving out house points and collecting data on these days. We have moved away from stickers this year. A trial was done in term 4 and it seemed to work.

Active Travel - a ride & walk to school day will be held each term so the first one will coincide with National Ride2School day on Friday 22nd of March, this is also the day schools celebrate Earth hour and we will run our House cross country carnival. I have sent information about suggested Earth hour activities to Tracy & JSC. The theme is ‘Wear it Wild’.

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