

Sustainability Update – February 2023

We continue to work towards our 5-star Sustainability rating - **ResourceSmart School (RSS)** and **EcO-Schools Litter Legend Campaign**. Documents are being uploaded onto the RSS system – much easier since it has been upgraded. The focus this term is to work towards completing the **Water module**, to gain our 4th star. We are currently at **87%**, nearly there.

The school was asked to host a ResourceSmart Schools workshop 8th March. The day will be run by RSS with a half hour tour of our school grounds and a ten-minute talk about how we became involved in RSS. We will be reimbursed by RSS for a CRT day so that Marita Ryan can attend the day.

The weekly Sustainability lessons have been put on hold until semester two as timetabling does not allow this in semester one.

We will continue to ensure correct use of **classroom and staffroom bins**. Each class will receive a quick refresher as to what goes into the bins.

Yellow bin – paper and hard plastic,

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

Red bin – land fill – all other waste

Unfortunately, the soft plastics can no longer be collected so we will be encouraging students to have 'nude food' – food without wrappers as much as possible.

Landcare Grant – Biodiversity we were successful in receiving a grant for \$3900 to purchase a class set of binoculars, a night camera to monitor the nesting boxes and frog pond, and materials for the creation of a biodiversity mural using recycled bottle caps. Mat is looking into the night camera and we have purchased the binoculars. An email was sent out to parents asking for interest in helping with the mural.

There is another Landcare grant for \$1000 which we could apply for to go towards getting outdoor bins for our school. This grant closes on 15th March, 2023.

'WOW' Wednesday and Fruity Friday has begun once again. House captains are responsible for giving out stickers and collecting data on these days and it is running well.

Walk or Wheels Wednesday - we decided to hold a ride and walk to school day each month so the first one was held on Wednesday 22nd February. The next one will coincide with National Ride2School day on Friday 24th March. We now have 74 students registered for active travel which is 40 % of our student population.

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