

Sustainability Update – March 2024

We continue to work towards our 5-star Sustainability rating as a ResourceSmart School (RSS). We currently have 4 stars and have received certification of our 5th module – Energy. We are now awaiting a date 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 the benchmark for Energy, Waste and Water. The 5th star is within our reach...

The weekly Sustainability lessons began in term one with the focus on Biodiversity. Students looked at habitats in the school grounds that were man made and those which have been made by animals. The older students have used the class set of binoculars to identify birds and do a weekly bird audit. Eighteen different species of birds were sighted during these audits. Students were able to borrow the binoculars to continue their bird watching at recess on Fridays.

We continue to ramp up our classroom and staffroom bin usage. Each class received a quick refresher as to what goes into the bins at the start of the year.

Yellow bin paper and hard plastic

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

Red bin land fill – all other waste

‘WOW’ Wednesday and Fruity Friday started up again during the term. House captains are responsible for giving out house points and collecting data on these days.

Students participated in National Ride2School day on Friday 22nd of March. This was also the day our school celebrated Earth hour and we also ran our House Cross Country event.

In celebration of Earth Hour, this year teachers were given a list of ideas of to use with their class. The grade 5/6 students went off to interschool sport and classes ensured that lights and electronic devices were all turned off.

Active Travel – students participated in National Ride2School day on Friday 22nd of March. This was also the day schools celebrate Earth hour and we also ran our House Cross Country event. 62 students rode or scooted to school on this day. 52 of these students chose to ride or scoot on the oval at lunch time where obstacles were set up to create a challenge. 122 students currently have a Ride2School agreement signed – these agreements are now in the enrolment pack which has been a huge success, with 32 out of 37 prep parents signing the agreement. 7 students rode/scooted that did not have a signed agreement. There will be follow-up with these students and their parents. A ‘Hands Up’ count was also conducted on this day – 62 students rode/scooted to school, 40 students walked, 3 students used public transport and the remainder came by car.

Earth Hour – this year teachers were given a list of ideas of how to celebrate Earth hour with their class. All students were running the House Cross country from 2:20-3:20pm and 34B had their Sustainability lesson (10-11am) where they were doing a Biodiversity audit – looking at habitats and identifying birds. The grade 5/6 students went to interschool sport (9-11am) where classes ensured that lights were off and electronic devices were all turned off.

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