

Sustainability Update – May 2024

We continue to work towards our 5star Sustainability rating - **ResourceSmart School (RSS)**. We now have a date (**Friday 7th June 2023**), for a school visit from Sustainability Victoria. Our student leaders will be involved in a school tour to highlight our sustainability practices. Although we are not at or below benchmark for Energy and Waste, they are wanting an explanation of why. Prior to the visit School Council needs to also endorse our SEMP for the next 5 years 2024-2029. We originally developed this document in 2019 when we were completing the first core module.

The weekly Sustainability lessons continue in term two with a focus on **waste/litter**. Students in the prep classes looked at their classroom bins and where the food scraps go – compost bins, chooks and worm farms – and audited one outside wheelie bin in the school grounds. They found 10 drink boxes in one bin that had 10c on them so we talked about where they could go, so that the school could get the money. The 5/6s will do a waste audit of the bins both inside their classroom and the outside bins.

We continue to encourage the correct use of bins in the classrooms and staffroom. Each class received a quick refresher as to what goes into the bins. We have introduced **10c bins outside** and students can also put items in their blue Murfee bin in the classroom or take them home to get the 10c themselves.

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, 10c returnable items

Red bin land fill – all other waste

‘WOW’ Wednesday and Fruity Friday

House captains are responsible for giving out house points and collecting data on these days. The Fejoa trees are currently fruiting. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, fruit is collected and cut up for students to enjoy! They are also left in an accessible place with limes from our lime tree for parents to help themselves to the produce.

Active Travel

Students were encouraged to participate in National Walk to School day on Friday 10th May. A Hands Up count was conducted on this day and the data logged onto Ride2School Hands up portal.

Two students from 23A count and record the number of bikes and scooters at school each day.

Biodiversity Bottle cap Mural

Work began on the final part of the mural last Friday 3rd May. The wire at the back of the sandpit has been rolled back so we can finish the mural. We encourage students and parents to come along to help finish this section of the mura.

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