

Sustainability Update – October / November 2024

5-Star School

We officially received our 5th star on 18th September from Sustainability Victoria. MP for Laverton, Sarah Connolly, presented the 5th star to us. We are now a 5-star ResourceSmart school. The presentation afternoon showcased some of the sustainability practices that students have been involved in. Representatives from Brimbank Council, Environment Education Victoria and Sustainability Victoria attended the presentation along with a photographer from the local Star Newspaper. Parents and families were invited to attend the afternoon to see their children in action and be part of the official presentation.



Sustainability Lessons

The term 4 weekly sustainability lessons began with the grade 1/2s receiving a free incursion by Greater Western Water on the water cycle. The focus this term for all classes is water audits of Kororoit Creek - looking for water bugs, identifying them and calculating the quality of the water.

Recycle week – Recycle Shop

Recycle Week was acknowledged 11th – 15th November with students and families getting involved in the Recycle Shop in the multi-purpose room. Parents rostered themselves on to supervise the Recycle Shop at recess and lunchtimes each day. It was once again a great success.

‘WOW’ Wednesday and Fruity Friday

These days are continuing. House captains are responsible for giving out house points and collecting data on these days.

Greening the West

Greening the west have begun to develop the northwest corner of the school with the grass being killed off and a load of mulch being laid. 300 trees and shrubs will be planted. The burnt tree at the back of the oval has been cut down and logs saved in readiness. We also applied for a Landcare grant of \$4885 back in June to rejuvenate this area as a Nature play area/ habitat for the endangered grey-headed bats. We were unsuccessful.

Active travel

Active Travel day in term 3 was on the Wednesday 18th September as part of the 5-star celebration. Parents were encouraged to join their children to ride laps of the athletics track. A final Active travel day will be scheduled after the swimming program has concluded.