Sustainability Update – November 2022

We continue to work towards our 5-star Sustainability rating - **ResourceSmart School (RSS)**and **Ec0-Schools Litter Legend Campaign**. Documentation in continuing to be uploaded onto the RSS program and system 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.

Students have been introduced to the **River Detectives program** to assess the quality of the water in our nearby Kororoit Creek. This is very much a hands-on activity that gets students thinking about water as another habitat for animals to live in and why it is important to keep the creek clean from waste and litter. When it was too wet to take water samples, samples were taken from our frog pond.

We continue ramp up the use of our **classroom and staffroom bins.** Monthly litter and waste audits are conducted each month.

The Aussie Bird count was conducted in October and students were able to count birds at recess and lunch time during the week of 17th-23rd October. Families were encouraged to participate over that weekend with information in the E-News.

Landcare Grant – Biodiversity we were successful in receiving this grant $3500 which includes a class set of binoculars, a night camera to monitor our nesting boxes and frog pond, a biodiversity mural on the shipping container using bottle caps – including a bbq for families to come together to kick the project off.

'WOW' Wednesday and Fruity Friday will continue. House captains are responsible for giving out stickers and collecting data on these days, it is running well.

Walk or Wheels Wednesday – happened on Wednesday 26th October and proposed future dates are, Wednesday 24th November and Wednesday 14th December. They have proven very successful.

The **Recycle Shop** in the MPR during 7th November – 11th November was a great hit. All items were 'sold' and nothing had to be taken to Op Shop.

NB: Attach Rivers Detectives report.