

Woolworths Landcare Grant 2021

Albion PS was once again successful in receiving a Woolworths Landcare Grant for \$1500. The grant that we applied for was in three parts:

To Recycle and improve waste management practices at our school - Implementing the 4 Rs -Refusing, Reducing, Reusing, Recycling more consistently with new bins in classrooms

Building five native habitats

Bee grant.

The aim of our project is to set up the 4 Rs – refusing, reducing, reusing and recycling more consistently at Albion PS. We want to achieve this consistency with a bin system in all classrooms and the staffroom. Our hope is that our project will make our school more sustainable by minimising waste going to landfill and that the school community will become better informed and more consistent in implementing the 4 Rs at school and at home. Students will learn how to refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle - food waste, paper, cardboard, wrappers, pens, oral care, bottle caps, bread tags, can rings, water, electricity and explore other items. With each classroom having the same bins, students will know where to place their rubbish and consistency will build at Albion PS. Students will make connections between how their actions at school help the broader community and environment. They will transfer some of their learnings to sustainable actions at home, e.g., responsible water use, reducing waste, recycling household containers and composting kitchen scraps.

By building nest boxes and planting bee friendly plants we will be enhancing habitats for birds and insects at our school.

We are planning on planting native flowering plants to attract bees and pollinators to the garden around the Bee 'hotel'. The 'hotel' was constructed in 2020 using our old chicken coop (we have a bigger and better chicken coop now) and bamboo grown in the school garden. We also used old bricks with holes in them found at the school. We will be purchasing tube stock plants from a local/indigenous nursery – Newport Lakes Indigenous Nursery. We will also be planting pollinating plants around the vegetable gardens to attract bees and pollinators, the species of plants we plan to grow include: annuals – alyssum, perennials – daisies and salvias, herbs – rosemary, oregano, basil, dill, parsley, lavender. The resources that we are planning to purchase for the library include: Bees a lift-the-flap eco book, The Australian Native Bee Book, The Book of Bees, Flight of the Honey Bee, Why Do We Need Bees, What if There Were No Bees?, You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Bees and The Big Book of Bugs.



Building Nest boxes



Classroom & Staffroom bin system