Sustainability Update – Friday 4th March, 2022

Albion Primary School is continuing to work towards becoming a more sustainable school. A big thank you goes to the students, staff and parents for supporting the initiatives that have been presented this year. We would like to share the data that has been collected so far by classes, house captains, student leaders and staff members.

'WOW' Wednesday – Wipe out Waste

P1B was the best class last week with 17 out of 21 students having nude food – no wrappers. P1A was the best class this week with 16 out of 21 students having nude food – no wrappers. The big improvers were 34C, with 6 more students having nude food.

Fruity Friday - Gold house had the most students with a piece of fruit last week – 22 students. Blue house had the most students this week - 21 students. Last week 73 students brought fruit to school on Friday, this week we had 72 students bring fruit and get a sticker.

Litter Audits – 56A, 56B, 34A and 34B have conducted litter audits of our school grounds on a Friday after recess. The amount of litter has varied over the weeks.

56A – 222 pieces of litter 50% could be recycled / 50% to landfill.

56B – 149 pieces of litter – 550g, 75% could be recycled / 25% to landfill.

34A – 179 pieces of litter – 800g, 66% could be recycled / 33% to landfill.

34B – 309 pieces of litter – 800g, 40% could be recycled / 50% to landfill.

Waste Bin audits - 56A, 56B, 34A and 34B have conducted waste audits of a school bin on a Friday after recess. The amount of food scraps in the bin has been quite high.

56A – 2.35kg in the bin, 1.6kg or 65% was food scraps, 10% landfill

56B – 4.05kg in the bin, 3kg or 75% was food scraps, 10% landfill

34A – 5kg in the bin, 1.8kg or 30% was food scraps, 30% landfill

34B – did not audit a bin.

Our aim is to get all food scraps into the food scrap buckets which go to the chickens, worm farms and compost bins at school each day, rather than into landfill. Soft plastic goes to Woolworths each week then onto Redcycle to be made into furniture like our Buddy bench on the oval. The juice boxes, hard plastic, paper and cardboard to go into our yellow bins which are collected by council each fortnight.

Drink bottle audits – during PE lessons students were asked about their school drink bottle. Was it a re-usable bottle or just a one-use drink bottle? 80% of students had a re-usable bottle, 10% were absent - so unknown, 6.5% had a one-use drink bottle and 3.5% did not have a drink bottle. A week later with an offering of a re-usable drink bottle rather than a one-use bottle and absent students returning the results were: 95% of students have a re-usable bottle and 5% have a one use-drink bottle. Our aim is for all students to have a re-usable bottle at school.

Recyclables that can be brought from home and placed in your child's blue recycle Murfee bucket or directly into the Recycle Hub bins at the back of the library – bottle caps, bread tags, ring tops, oral care, pens, pencils, glue sticks can all be sent to school to be recycled. Parents sort through the recycles at the end of each term and drop them off at collection stations. The Art room also uses some of these items in their classes.

Thank you once again for all of your support.