

Wednesday the **5th of June, 2013** is  
**World Environment Day.**

This years theme is...

**THINK.**

**EAT.**

**SAVE**

According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation **1.3 billion tonnes** of food is wasted every year.

In 2010-11, over **1.2 million tonnes** of food went into landfill from homes and businesses across NSW. That's an Olympic size swimming pool of food every 9 hours (NSW EPA, 2013).

THINK.EAT.SAVE is an **anti-food waste campaign** that encourages you to become more aware of the environmental impact of the food choices you make and empowers you to make more informed decisions.

Check out the rest of The Sin Bin for links and resources relating to food waste and start discussing it with your students now!



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South East Regional Resource Centre (SEROC)  
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South East Regional Organisation of Councils



**Think** before you **eat** and help **save** our environment



# THE SIN BIN



The Sin Bin is looking better each month. Firstly, he's had all recyclable material transferred into the yellow top bin and this month, all organics have been put into the compost bin.

There is still a lot more that can be done to **turn his frown upside down**. Keep reading The Sin Bin to know more.

## Did you know?

- Recycling one aluminium can saves enough electricity to run a TV for 3 hours
- When organics are sent to landfill they undergo anaerobic decomposition generating methane. Methane is a greenhouse gas *24 times* MORE POTENT than Carbon Dioxide.





## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED)



There are so many resources to get your students thinking about WED and issues surrounding food waste. The United Nations World Environment Day [website](#) is a great place to start. This quick facts page gives you an overview into what is happening across the globe and the financial, social and environmental effects of food waste.

To support your students with more closer to home examples check out this [youtube video](#) created by Hungry Beast and this banana file [infographic](#) prepared by the University of NSW for their WED discussion panel.

Do yourself a favour and check out this fantastic [FOODWISE](#) website

## RECYCLING WARS AND CASH FOR CONTAINERS

TV advertising is a powerful way to deliver a message. When the message is against a beverage giant on an issue such as recycling it's not surprising that things have intensified. Are you following this debate with your students? Check out the latest [article on this issue](#).

### What's happening in the news...

- Plastic bag use plummets in Wales due to [5p charge](#)
- Push to increase recycling of [mattresses](#)

### Myth Busters!

Have you ever heard anyone say "I don't recycle. It all biodegrades in landfill", or "recycling is not worth the effort because it is not economically viable"???

Planet Ark [bust these myths](#) and more in this report...

## SCHOOL WASTE WORKSHOPS

Bournda Environmental Education Centre and the South East Resource Recovery Group are looking forward to two upcoming workshops to be held in **Cooma** and also **Goulburn**. These workshops will look at issues surrounding the waste stream and how schools can make a difference. The day will be supported by the expertise of the Eton Gorge Theatre Group and the Salt Media video production crew. Make sure you check out next months edition to find out how it went (and hopefully we will have some videos to show you that the students will create on the days). Want to know more? Drop us a line!

### Are You Making a Difference?

Do you have any **stories** about how your school or a school you know is **making a difference in waste minimisation**? We would love to hear about it and so would everyone else!!

Please email your story to [bournda-e.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bournda-e.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



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## TRASH TALK... CONVERSATIONS ACROSS THE REGION

Ever wondered what other council areas are doing in relation to waste education? This new section of The Sin Bin allows you to get an idea of a few conversations and plans being put in place by various waste-savvy movers and shakers.

**Bega Valley Shire** Annie Werner, Sustainability Officer has put together a menu of activities to promote International Compost Awareness Week. This included liaising with Bournda EEC for a school composting workshop at Bega Valley Public School.

**Goulburn Mulwaree Shire** Teena Riley has been working towards making school recycling bins a reality. Teena is working with Bournda EEC on a "Can you help the Sin Bin?" workshop in Goulburn on the 20th June.

**Snowy Mountains Shire** Margie Ferguson is coming to the Cooma "Can you help the Sin Bin?" workshop on the 14th June. Margie has some great ideas for youth involvement including a "Tropfest" style video competition.

**Queanbeyan Shire** Kaya Michener has been working with Bournda EEC on the Schools Day for the Enviro Expo on September 6th at Queanbeyan Showgrounds

**Cooma-Monaro Shire** - Jeff Tate/ David Paterson are running a school photography competition for their waste facilities calendar. First Prize is a day at Bournda EEC! Great idea guys!

**DO YOU HAVE A TRASH TALK STORY TO SHARE?  
SEND US THE DETAILS!**

### USING OLD TINS TO CREATE A GARDEN...

