

THE SIN BIN



Term One was a busy term in schools for waste education activities. Thank you to all the schools involved for fantastic work by all your great students. Pictured here are some students involved in waste audits, students playing waste relay games, students creating waste reduction action plans for their school, working with council staff and demonstrating some of the waste reduction strategies already in place at their schools.





Great ideas and grant opportunities

Lumen Christi Catholic College at Pambula Beach have installed these fantastic drinking water fountains. Each time a student uses a reusable drinking water bottle to fill with water, the fountain has a counter that records how many throw away plastic bottles the school has saved. The canteen has recorded a big reduction in plastic water bottle sales. Great idea LCCC!



A good news story from the NSW government is that littering is reducing and recycling and renewable energy are increasing. [Click here](#) to find out more.



Trash Talk is an interactive eBook that will help your students explore the world of waste. Written by Elizabeth Shenstone and available for free download from the iBook store.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOLS:

Are you a high school with a winning idea for a clean energy or sustainability project? You can win \$100,000 in the Zayed Future Energy Prize. Applications are open so [click here](#) for more information and reach for the stars! Funding is also available for an exciting variety of environmental education projects through [EcoSchools](#). Eighty grants of \$3500 are up for grabs.

Have you just received new computers for your school? Are you wondering what to do with the old ones?

FREE eWASTE RECYCLING PICK UP IS AVAILABLE!

There is an arrangement with each of the end-user computer device vendor partners to come and pick up e-waste from a central location at Department of Education schools. This is only available 30 - 90 days after the delivery of new devices to your school. More information is available in the T4L News for Schools Newsletter W6 T1 edition.

Watch this [inspiring video](#) showing how a school community has linked in with a local market to create an awesome waste solution.



Well done to all schools that participated in 'Clean Up Schools Day' in Term 1. 2223 primary schools and 1119 youth groups (including high schools) removed rubbish from locations right across Australia. If you missed out on the day, it's not too late - schools can still run an 'Everyday Clean Up' day. See Clean Up Australia's website for more information.

*We are always looking for **good news stories or trash talk** to add to the next edition of the Sin Bin. If you have anything that you would like to share or are particularly proud of, get in touch with us here at Bourda EEC:*

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WHAT SOME OF OUR AMAZING SCHOOLS AND COUNCILS ARE UP TO:

Lumen Christi Catholic College - Martin McGee and his Grade 5 and 6 students took part in a number of waste activities on 22nd March. Jules (BEEC) and Sam (BVSC) worked with the students on the day. The results from the audit showed that approximately 30% of the waste was from organic material and another 30% from recyclable materials. The students are now using these results to determine how they can have the biggest impact on waste reduction in the school. Thank you to BVSC for offering to supply recycling bins to the school.

Mulwaree High School - Students and teachers from Mulwaree HS conducted a video conference with BEEC staff on February 23rd to discuss ideas on how to implement recycling in their school. The SRC is now working hard to come up with ideas of how to run successful playground recycling for the whole school. We look forward to hearing all about it. Thank you to Goulburn / Mulwaree council for providing the recycling bins.

Eden Primary School - The Environment club from Eden Public School enjoyed a day of learning all about waste on March 31st with staff from BVSC and BEEC. They conducted a waste audit and came up with some terrific ideas about how the school could reduce its waste. Results from the audit showed that if students were able to place all their recyclable materials in a recycling bin and all organic waste in compost bins the school could reduce its waste to landfill by over 50%. The students believe that they can change the way they deal with waste at their school, which is fantastic. The Bega Valley Shire Council will be providing recycling bins to the school for next term, thank you BVSC!

St. Peter's Anglican College - Trina McCallum and a class of eager year 6 students from Broulee will conduct a waste audit on the 3rd May. Gillian (ESC) will be running a session on the day to educate the students about waste services. They will also take part in a 'waste relay' and be using the interactive iBook 'Trash Talk' to help increase their knowledge about waste management (see the link on the previous page to access Trash Talk).

Yass High School - Brendan Roberts and Emma Ventrella had fun running a waste audit with year 8 students at the end of last year as part of their In-School Waste program. They are looking to continue with more waste education activities this year.

Bombala High School - Leisa Mackey and her Year 10 students are planning a Project Day for later this year. The students have run a waste audit in previous years so will be looking to come up with a plan to help reduce waste at their school.

Thank you to all teachers, council staff and students for your great work in Term 1. We are looking forward to working with you all in
Term 2.

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