

THE SIN BIN

Welcome to the Term 2 edition of the Sin Bin - click on the stories below to be inspired and inspire others....



Students tackle food waste by creating meals for the less fortunate at Radford College, Canberra.



How two young girls in Bali have been responsible for the country saying 'Bye Bye' to plastic bags.



Meet the self-taught Bolivian teenager who makes robots completely out of trash.



Try a plastic free morning tea in your staff room or office as part of 'Plastic Free July'.



A turtle gets released from entanglement in a plastic bag.



How about making a house completely from waste! Bricks are made from construction waste to create a four storey building.



'Working with Waste' with St. Peters Anglican College, Broulee.



Year 6 students from St. Peters Anglican College participated in a Working with Waste Day on 3rd May. Gillian Kearney from the Eurobodalla Shire Council introduced the day with a presentation about 'Where our waste goes'. The students then participated in games and interactive iPad activities with Jules from BEEC focusing on what is waste and what goes in what bin. The final part of the day involved the students conducting a waste audit of their playground rubbish and brainstorming ideas of how to reduce the amount of organics and recyclable materials going to landfill. Comments from students included: "We really need to be careful with our rubbish decisions that we make", "I need to change the amount of waste I use! It makes me want to make a change, or to interest other children". Students are now working towards an action plan to create change in the school.

Eden Public School's Environment Club - time for action!



Great work students, teachers and council staff!

Students from Eden Public School's Environment Club met with organising teacher Emma Bolten and BEEC's Jules Donne to brainstorm an action plan to reduce the amount of waste their school sends to landfill. The students were super enthusiastic about being the 'champions' for waste reduction in their school. Students are going to tackle paper waste and organic waste, with some great ideas including a school colouring competition. Bega Valley Shire Council will provide recycling bins for the school.



TRASH TALK... CONVERSATIONS ACROSS THE REGION

- **Bombala High School** - students and teacher Leisa Mackey from Bombala High School have finalised their action plan and are going to use their \$500 in-school waste initiative grant money to purchase a worm farm for the school. Organic waste from the school can then be recycled, rather than sent to landfill. This process will be incorporated into both Year 10 Geography and Year 10 Food Tech subjects. Great work Bombala HS!
- **Monaro High School** - students and teachers from Monaro High School ran a waste audit as part of the in-school waste initiative in 2014. It's great to hear that students are still very active in their aim to get recycling happening across the whole school - a new environment group has been formed and they now have introduced co-mingled recycling bins alongside every red waste bin in the school. Teacher Richard Moser has been working closely with the local council to create this change in bins. Sounds like a great system and terrific news that recycling is still a major force at the school.
- **Snowy Mountains Grammar School and Eden High School** - students and teachers from Snowy Mountains Grammar School and Eden High School have decided to take on the challenge of 'Working with Waste' at their schools next term. Welcome aboard to those two schools, we really look forward to working with you. Bega Valley Shire Council and Snowy Monaro Regional Council have both already expressed an interest in working with these schools in their respective areas.

New unit of work now available for Stage 3 students.

SERRG has developed a new Science and Technology Stage 3 unit of work. The unit aims to increase awareness of the issues surrounding waste generation and disposal, to enable students to plan and implement strategies appropriate to their school to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

The unit is currently available in PDF format, please e-mail Jules at BEEC - Julie.Donne2@det.nsw.edu.au to receive your copy.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR SRC WASTE SURVEY YET?

SERRG and BEEC have created a survey that may be able to help us help you with reduction of waste at your school. If you have not received a copy please let Jules know at BEEC on 02 64945009.

Thank you to those schools who have sent these surveys back - this information is extremely useful as we work towards assisting as many schools as possible over the region.

Thank you to all teachers, council staff and students for your great work in Term 2. We are looking forward to working with you all in
Term 3.

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