



THE SIN BIN

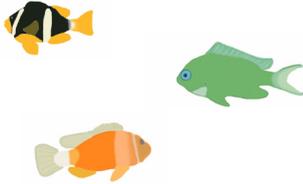
Ahhh, compost. Nothing makes me happier than seeing kids engaged and learning about this useful resource. These kids from Bega Valley Public School have built an awesome compost bin and the new worm farms (one for each class) have been constructed (see Trash Talk for a link to more pictures). The brilliant garden vibe is spreading across the valley and more schools are starting to grow their own gardens and compost their own food waste!





MARINE DEBRIS - An excellent set of **lesson plans** for all ages

18,000 pieces of plastic are estimated to float in every square kilometre of ocean.



All schools *take note!* The Tangaroa Blue Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation focused on the health of our marine environment. This organisation has created **education kits** for early years, upper primary and senior units (years 7 - 10) based on the constructivist approach to learning - the five E's (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate). These lesson plans dig deeply into what marine debris is, the impact it has on our marine environment and how to combat the issue. As an added bonus, its aligned with the Australian Curriculum. This is an excellent resource on an important subject.

TED TALKS: Charles Moore - Seas of Plastic

Meet Capt. Charles Moore of the Agalita Marine Research Foundation as he draws attention to the growing, choking problem of **plastic debris in our seas...**

LADIES: Recycle your old bras!

For women in disadvantaged communities, a bra is often unobtainable or unaffordable. **The Uplift Project** collects new and second hand bras and sends them all over the world.

A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

What is a circular economy? Look out this **YouTube video** and find out more. It's been made by high school kids in the UK and it makes so much sense!

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED!!!

There is so much coming up on our calendar over the next few months. Here are just a few to look out for:

- The **Pitch**: a tropfest style film competition where students are required to *sell the unsellable*
- The **WASTE channel**: an opportunity for high school students and local government staff to connect online and learn about waste, discuss what is happening in their schools and communities and share ideas
- More **mini-grants**: Will your school be eligible?
- New **waste resources** based on the new syllabus documents
- A new waste **excursion guide** highlighting where you can take your students
- More editions of **The Sin Bin!**

What's happening in the news...

- Funding for e-waste recovery in South Australia
- Queensland minister rules out charge on plastic bags
- Recycling of mobile phones in developing countries is a critical health issue says World Health Organisation

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TRASH TALK... CONVERSATIONS ACROSS THE REGION

"I don't believe that the solutions in society will come from the left or the right or the north or the south. They will come from islands within those organizations, islands of people with integrity who want to do something."

Karl-Henrik Robert - Founder of The Natural Step

Improving waste management and resource recovery across the South East needs to be a collaborative effort between schools, local government and the broader community. Lets keep the conversations going and link people with *integrity that want to do something*.

Bega Valley Shire - Staff at Bega Valley Shire have assisted in getting the equipment together to support the building of six 'bath-tub' worm farms at Bega Valley Public School. The worm farms have been built (and decorated) by the students and are ready for the worms. [Here are some pictures](#) of the busy children and the end results.

Snowy Mountains Shire - Margie Ferguson spent the day at the Bournda EEC last week to star in a new video being prepared for The Pitch competition. Margie strutted her stuff for the big screen and also assisted in preparing The Pitch plan of action.

Queanbeyan Schools Performing Arts Festival - With 2 high schools and 8 primary schools attending this years event, the festival at Canberra Theatre was quite the event! Advice to the organisers was provided by Queanbeyan City Council staff to reduce the waste generated by the event. Check out [this link](#) for the story and some great pictures!

Enviro Expo - A meeting between Natania Copp and Kaya Michener from Queanbeyan City Council and Doug Reckord from Bournda EEC took place last week in preparation for the '[Enviro Expo - sustainable homes and gardens](#)' schools day which is being held on the 6th of September. Over 400 students will be attending this big event!

Litter Leadership - At a recent mountain bike race near Parkes NSW, I was impressed when the race organiser included in his pre-race briefing the message that littering was not going to be tolerated. He clearly spelled out that if anyone was seen littering they would be taken out of the race. Compared to the 2011 event, there was much less litter (gel packs, plastic wrappers and drink bottles) on the track as a result. Congratulations to the organisers of the [Big Foot](#) for getting on the front foot and tackling the litter issue! By Doug Reckord, Principal, Bournda EEC

**DO YOU HAVE A TRASH TALK STORY TO SHARE?
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