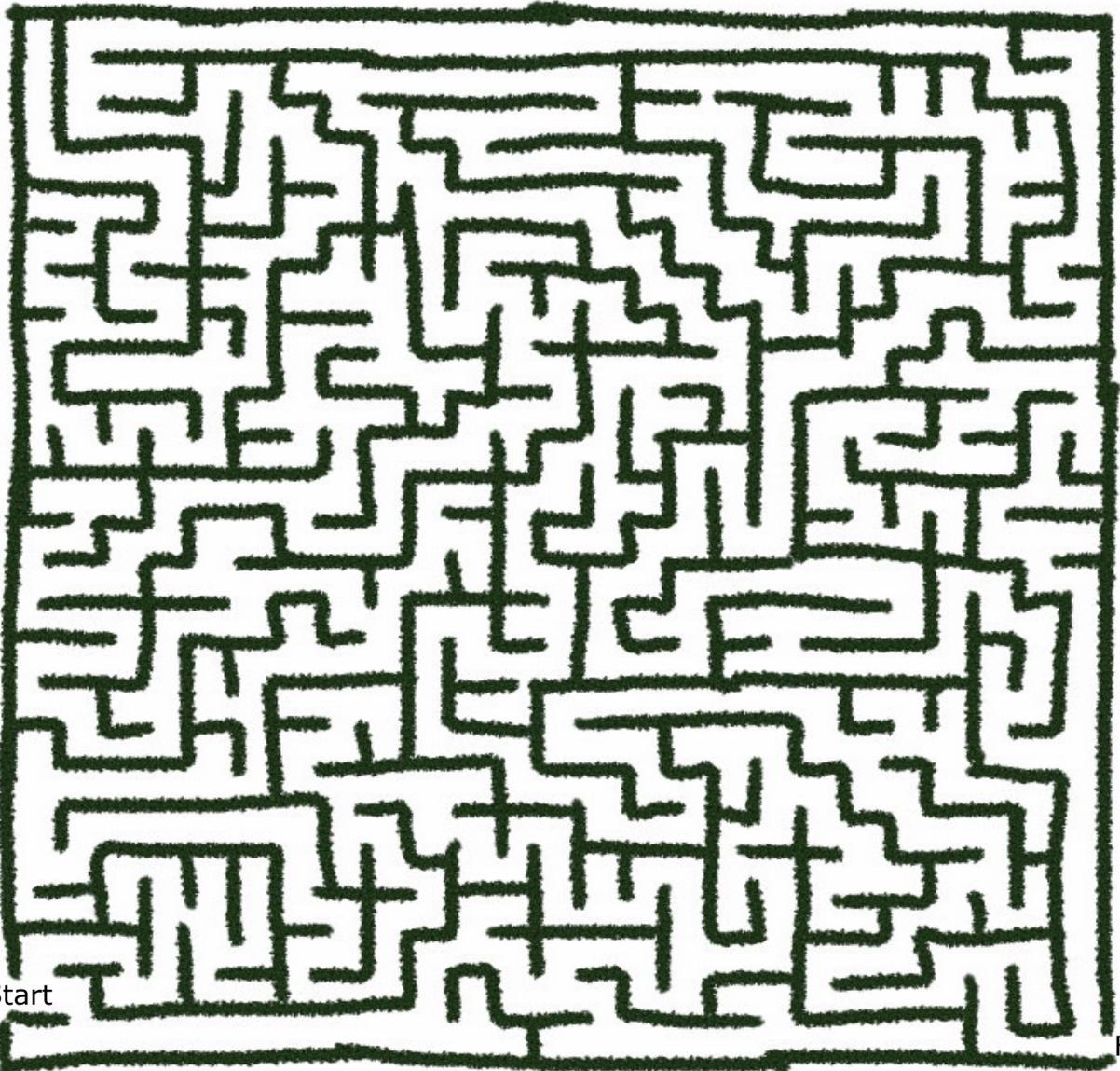




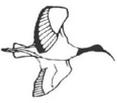
THE SIN BIN

Help the Sin Bin get to the empty bin (his future self!) and reduce waste to landfill.



It's not an easy task but it is possible!

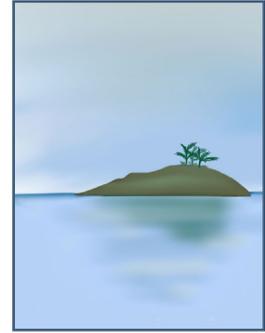
Using the 5R's - refuse, reduce, reuse, repair and recycle will make a big difference in reducing waste to landfill but often it can be hard to get motivated. Participation in the global 'Trash on Your Back 5 Day Challenge' will bring you face to face with your own individual waste footprint. Find out more on the next page.



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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY:

It's that time again! Thursday the 5th of June is **World Environment Day**. This year's theme is "Raise Your Voice, Not the Sea Level" focusing on small island nations and also on the bigger picture of climate change and the effect on all regions, not just small islands. The UNEP website has a challenge (pledge to take action) stories, reports and resources like this [A - Z list](#) of what you can do to make a difference in caring for our Planet.



MOBILE PHONES - Teaching Resources:

Everyone has a mobile these days and most likely, they'll replace it within 12 to 18 months even if it still works. The manufacture and disposal of this ubiquitous product is causing concern socially and environmentally and is a very interesting subject area to assist in fulfilling those syllabus outcomes.

- Mobile Muster continue to improve the variety of mobile phone **resources** they have to offer. Lesson modules are available for primary and secondary students on subjects such as exploring the impact of mobile phones on society, analysis of data on mobile phone usage, investigations of the resources used to make mobile phones and recycling. You'll just need to generate a login to get to the good stuff.
- The Jane Goodall Institute Australia has identified illegal mining of coltan, a mineral used in mobile phones as one of the biggest threats to chimpanzees and other Great Apes. Have a look at her **message** on her website encouraging you to recycle your old mobiles. Also available are educational resources such as an information sheet, worksheet and teachers guide.

CARROLL COLLEGE - Storm water pollution prevention:

Take a look at these **videos** made by students at Carroll College in Broulee. They show 5 simple steps that can be undertaken to reduce the amount of plastic ending up in the ocean. Well done Carroll College!



Total World population:
7,236.4 million
Global mobile subscription:
6,915.4 million

WASTE DEEP - A documentary that will change the way we cook and eat:

"Food and packaging waste is not simply something that goes away when we pop it in the rubbish bin for collection by our garbos. Waste has an insidious, long term impact on our environment, our wildlife and ultimately our health. But how do we avoid it?"

Have a look at this revealing **film** created by the team at Sustainable Table. Can you ask your students the same question?

What's happening in the news...

- CSIRO finds no Australian beaches are rubbish free
- New thrust to eliminate all waste to landfill - Sydney
- Mushrooms to mine for gold from old phones
- Waste Management is a \$10 billion industry
- Plastic marine pollutants to be tackled

THE
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A short film competition for high school students across the south east.
 Can you *sell the unsellable?*
[Find out more...](#)



TRASH ON YOUR BACK!



Attention EVERYONE! This is your chance to become an **Aussie Trash Warrior** and collect your non-perishable waste in a bag and carry it on your back for 5 full days from the 2nd to 6th of June. Be a part of the global challenge to bring the issue of responsible waste reduction and management into the realm of 'personal experience'.

It can be done individually or you can register a school group [here](#). It is also possible for your school to take the challenge in a different week if that is more appropriate.



TRASH TALK... CONVERSATIONS ACROSS THE REGION

Goulburn HS and Goulburn Mulwaree Council get the ball rolling - Teena Riley from Goulburn Mulwaree Council and Ally Madden (BEEC) had a fantastic day with Goulburn HS SRC students preparing for a co-mingled recycling service to begin in term 3. Goulburn Mulwaree Mayor started off the day by talking to the SRC students about the growing importance of improved waste management. Principal Peter Brown, Deputy Principal Vero Joseph and teacher Ricky Chamberlain also showed their support. Read the full report of the day [here](#).

Cooma Monaro Council and Monaro HS meet to discuss improving recycling rates at school - Cooma Monaro Council have been collecting recycling from Monaro HS for some years however the success of this service is dwindling. Council have started conversations with the schools Principal, Adrian Bell and the schools Enviro Group to give the service a boost by building a recycling centre in the school. Students will be provided with a mini-grant of \$500 to support this centre.

SRC Conference in Tuross Heads - 21 students from 18 different high schools attended the workshop 'Nurture the Future' being run by Ally Madden (BEEC) to learn more about the nature of waste and its impacts on our environment, wildlife and health. This was followed up by examples of small changes making a big difference, playing games and workshoping ideas to improve waste management in their schools. Read the full report of the day [here](#).

SERRG Education Working Group Meeting - This meeting will be held on the 17th of June in Queanbeyan. This meeting will discuss the future of the Education Program. If you have any comments on this then please contact Geoff Pryor - SERRG Coordinator.

Snowy Mountains Grammar School (SMGS) and Snowy River Shire Council - Several meetings have taken place between BEEC, SMGS and Margie Ferguson from Snowy River Shire Council to begin work on reducing playground litter in the school. Three year 12 leaders met with Ally Madden and Margie Ferguson to discuss what needs to be addressed to combat the issue such as accessibility to bins, student behaviour and mentality and bin design.

*Photos taken from a recent roadside litter survey undertaken in the Bega Valley by Bournda Environmental Education Centre. This **draft** report provides further details.*



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