

The Sin Bin



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Pambula Public School's Plastic Patrol

Pambula Public School was our first school to take part in the new CRJO waste education program 'Making Change at School'. This group of amazing Year 5 girls are certainly making change and have their own waste warrior identity - 'The Plastic Patrol'! The girls are pictured here in their 'Plastic Patrol' t-shirts and are working towards reducing plastic waste and litter at their school. The new program gives students a structure around the process of making change, they work through the waste problems they see at school and work creatively to solve these problems. These girls are working on making things fun by having rewards and prizes for litter pick up and making the right bin choices, trying to make the canteen plastic free and creating a flyer to send home to parents about reducing plastic waste in lunch boxes. Plastic Patrol - you are an inspiration to us all, keep up the great work!

**“If we don't care for the world, soon
the world will be nothing but rubbish”**

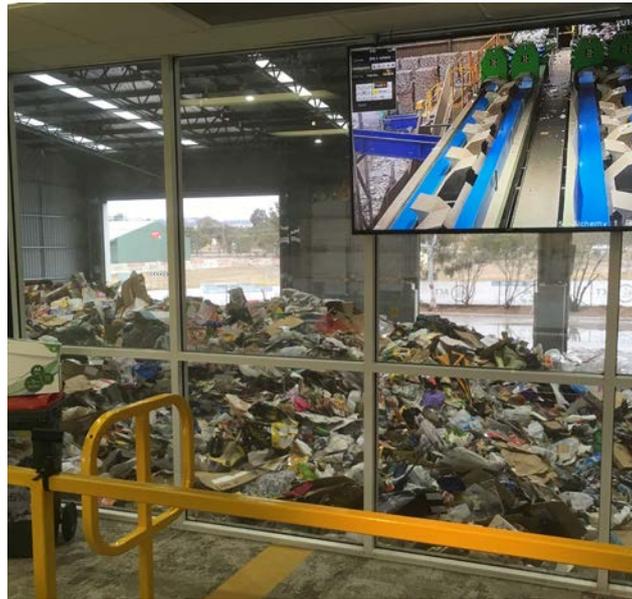
Year 5 student, St. Patricks Parish School, Cooma.

St. Patricks Parish School in Cooma have completed the 'Working with Waste Program' and are receiving their \$500 CRJO waste education grant money. Since then they have been doing fabulous things with their waste - with 5 different types of collection bins in the playground. In Week 8 of this term the Year 5 students took part in CRJO's 'Making Change at School' program and came up with some fantastic ways to work through the challenges they are facing. Two of these ideas were giving all the bins a name like 'Rex the Recycling Bin and Lenny the Landfill bin' and writing a rhyming song to teach the younger students in the school. Awesome work students and teachers!

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Take a visit to the new Recycling Discovery Hub on your next school excursion to Canberra. It's waste-tastic!



A visit to the Recycling Discovery Hub is a fantastic way for students to see first-hand what happens to their waste and recycling after it has been collected. Students can watch the workings of the facility through a large observation window and experience working on the sorting line via a virtual reality experience. Tours can also be organised for the Resource Management Centre. To watch a movie clip about the new facility [click here](#). Bookings can be made at act.gov.au/recycling or by calling 132281.

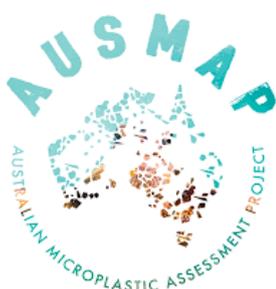
AUSMAP Citizen Science Project

AUSMAP is a joint project between high school students, environment groups, universities and educators to create maps of microplastic pollution hotspots around Australia. Microplastic pollution is a major problem, but is mostly unseen to the human eye. This is a nationwide citizen science project to allow us to see and collect data about the amount of microplastics on our shorelines.

If you are interested in helping to make a difference you can train as an educator and involve your high school in this amazing project.

You can find more details out at ausmap.org or make an inquiry to the Bournda Environmental Education Centre. Contact: Douglas.Reckord@det.nsw.edu.au

'Solutions come fast when you can actually see the problem!'



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Pictured below are students from schools in Eurobodalla Shire Council, Snowy Monaro Regional Council and Bega Valley Shire Council's involved in CRJO Waste Education Programs - 'Working with Waste' and 'Making Change at School'. To register interest for your school to be part of these programs please see contact details at the bottom of this page.



All teachers and council staff - please note:

If you are interested in running a waste audit, or would like support or assistance with any waste education programs at your schools, please get in contact.

Contact Julie.Donne2@det.nsw.edu.au

Access past Sin Bin issues and see our latest waste education news on the Bournda Environmental Education Centres website. [Click here to be taken to the BEEC website](#)

Have a great waste-free Christmas everyone!