



# War on Waste!

Recently I have had the opportunity to work in all classrooms across the school on delivering the curriculum aspects of the Waste Module. It was very positive to see that our students already know so much about waste disposal and where to put the items that they are not able to repair or reuse. Our goal moving forward is to make St Joseph's Primary School a waste aware school. Following the 5 R's of waste. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse and Repair. The students are already armed with the knowledge to make this happen so now our mission is about behaviour change, and we want your help. Below are some ideas of how you can reduce waste in the home as well as some ways that you, the parents, can help us to reduce our waste here at school. Each class in the Year 2-6 area have designed a project that they will work on over the coming terms to help St Joe's be a waste wise school. Stay tuned and watch this space, we are excited to tackle this area of improvement for our school.

## Soft Plastic Recycling

RED Group, a Melbourne-based consulting and recycling organisation, has developed and implemented the REDcycle Program; a recovery initiative for post-consumer soft plastic. RED Group has teamed up with Coles, Woolworths and some of Australia's most-loved brands to make it easy for you to keep your plastic bags and soft plastic packaging out of landfill. The REDcycle Program is true product stewardship model where manufacturers, retailers and consumers are sharing responsibility in creating a sustainable future. Through RedCycle we are able to recycle our unwanted soft plastics like glad bags, cling wrap and supermarket bags and turn them into hard plastic furniture and playground equipment.

## Recycle with Mondo

Recycle with Mondo is a Melbourne based company that collect unwanted clothing items to be upcycled, reused or recycled. The company works with schools and organisations to organise collection days. For each kilogram of unwanted clothing collected the school receives 10c. This is a great opportunity to clean out those cupboards and dispose of unwanted clothing in an environmentally friendly way. A collection area will be set up in the foyer, opposite the canteen, in Week 10 this term from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd June. Our collection day will be Monday 26th June mid morning. So go through your unwanted and used clothing items and bring them into school in Week 10 and assist us with not only helping the environment but putting some money into our environment club budget!

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## ABC - War on Waste

The ABC are launching a three part series next Tuesday 16th May at 8:30pm titled War on Waste. It addresses our national waste crisis and what we can do in our homes to assist with reducing our national waste. Currently the waste produced by Australian families is growing at a rate twice the population.

## When visiting our school.....

I would like to take this opportunity to give a few little reminders to parents and others visiting our school. Coffee cups purchased from Justin at the coffee van can be fully recycled. Ideally we would love for you to purchase one of our school Keep Cups (which come with a free coffee), they are available at the coffee van on Friday mornings for \$17.50 or see me in my classroom. The RedCycle bin which is located outside the canteen is for soft plastics. Although it is red, it is not a general waste bin and is labelled with pictures letting you know what we can place in this bin.

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