



CENTRAL WEST
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ECO
DAY



The Year 5 State of the Environment Report incorporates feedback from Year 5 students in the Parkes Shire, Forbes Shire and Eugowra who attended Eco Day in 2022.

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2022

In August 2022, Central West Lachlan Landcare, with the support of many volunteers and organisations welcomed over 270 Year 5 students from Parkes Shire, Forbes Shire and Eugowra to Eco Day at Parkes Racecourse. This yearly event is an opportunity for students to undertake workshops and activities with a focus on our environment, including energy, land use, water use, recycling, fish and waterways, Wiradjuri culture, eco art and much more!

Students were asked to answer ten questions to provide insight into how they think we are looking after our environment, what they (and we all) can be doing to improve how we manage all of our local environments (parks, farms, backyards, or schools) and to gauge how much they know about our local environments.

Feedback reflected the fantastic work that our local schools are doing to keep these issues at the forefront of education in schools and also show how our students integrate decisions on recycling into their everyday activities. It isn't an 'extra' job that they have to do...they just embrace it and keep moving.

Throughout the interaction on Eco Day and through this feedback, we should all be encouraged that we have amazing young people in our communities, many of whom will one day be our leaders.

We hope that you enjoy reading their feedback and are equally encouraged to integrate simple solutions to help our environment into your everyday life.

Marg Applebee
CWLL Coordinator



ECO DAY FEEDBACK

WHY DO WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT?



- So that the world can stay here as long as possible.
- For future generation's safety.
- Because this is the only planet we have and if all of the things get destroyed, we don't have a second planet, we only have one planet.
- The water will rise and we will die and the world will die.
- So animals don't become extinct.
- If all the trees are gone, we won't have oxygen and the ecosystem will get ruined.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS PEOPLE DO THAT DAMAGE OUR ENVIRONMENT?



- Chuck plastic everywhere and leave plastic bottles around.
- Throwing rubbish on the ocean.
- Litter.
- Cutting down trees.
- Polluting the ocean.
- Building more factories and creating waste.
- Tipping rubbish everywhere.
- Burning fossil fuels when there are other alternatives.

EXAMPLES OF THINGS THAT YOU DO TO HELP PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT



- Walking instead of driving.
- Get solar panels instead of relying on the grid.
- Don't pre-wash before washing the dishes.
- Plant trees to create habitat for animals.
- Actually use the recycling bin.
- Use a worm farm.

WHY DO YOU THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE COMPOST OR A WORM FARM?



- If you have any food scraps you don't have to chuck it away, you can reuse it.
- You can give food scraps to chickens.
- Feed worm juice and castings to plants.

ECO DAY FEEDBACK

WHAT THINGS DO YOU DO AT SCHOOL TO REDUCE RUBBISH GOING TO LANDFILL?



- The teachers sort out recycling in bins.
- Yellow bins for recycling.
- Instead of packing cling wrap (with lunches) we use reusable containers.
- Use paper lunch bags that can be composted.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU SAW A FRIEND THROW RUBBISH AWAY ON THE STREET?



- Tell them not to do it and pick it up.
- Tell them they need to pick up their scraps.
- Tell them to pick it up while watching the road to be safe.
- Tell them they could kill an animal by doing that.

DO YOU KNOW OF NATIONAL PARKS OR RESERVES IN OUR AREA?



- Goobang National Park
- Nangar National Park
- West Wyalong
- Lake Endeavour
- Lake Cargelligo
- Wyangala Dam
- Burrendong Dam
- Federal Falls.

WHAT THINGS DO YOU THINK CAN BE RECYCLED AT OUR LOCAL TIP?



- Cardboards
- Plastic
- Glass
- Cans of soft drink
- Batteries
- Soil (depends on what the soil is contaminated with)
- Handballs and tennis balls
- Scrap metal
- Milk cartons.

Central West Lachlan Landcare look forward to welcoming Costa Georgiadis to Eco Day 2023.



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