

Moorabbin
Primary
Schools
Green
Achievements.

We attended the 1st Big Green Schools conference earlier this year. Since then we at Moorabbin Primary School have been working really hard to make our school sustainable.☺



Our Garden Beds

In June we had a giant working bee to clean up, build raised garden beds and plant fruits/vegies in our yard. We had lots of helpers including mums, dads and kids, who we are very grateful to. Our hard work has paid off and we have had vegies growing and fruits sprouting, which we are delighted about.



Our Sustainability Classes

Every second Tuesday our school has started sustainability classes so that everyone in the school can learn how to keep the earth and our school clean, as well as how everyone can assist in achieving the Five **Stars** of Sustainability. These classes are not in our home groups. The groups consist of students from years prep, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. This is so the older kids can interact and help the younger students.

In these groups we learn about being Water wise, Reducing, Reusing, Recycling, Gardening and Composting.

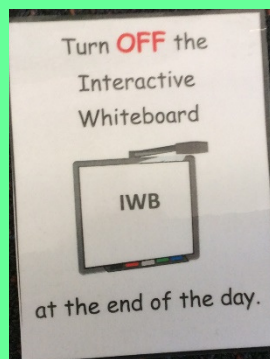
The Compost Bins

Something new we have recently added are our Compost Bins. Every class has a clearly labelled bucket with the items that can and can't go in it. These buckets are emptied into our larger compost bins that live outside by students everyday. We use this compost on our garden beds to help the plants grow.



Energy

We, Moorabbin Primary School, are trying to achieve the five stars of sustainability, so we thought a great way to help us get there is to work on energy. In each classroom we have put signs next to all the heaters, lights, interactive whiteboards and fans, in the hope that when they are not needed they will be turned off. This will help us stop us wasting our energy.



Water

Another way to help us be sustainable is by reusing our water in our water tanks. We have four water tanks located around the school each for different uses . There are two tanks in the front of the school that waters our oval. There is another water tank next to our lovely library that is used to constantly flush all of the toilets in the junior building. The last water tank lives next to the chicken coop, and that one supplies water to the hose that we use to water some of our many raised garden beds.

Waste

Waste is sometimes a problem at school, but we try our best to keep our lovely school as clean as possible. We use 10 minutes after lunch to pick up all rubbish in the yard. Every class room at Moorabbin has three different types of bins general waste, paper and compost. Every Tuesday our wonderful year fives go around the school and sort through the paper bins before putting the paper in a bigger bin and they go on the side of the road to be emptied.

Biodiversity

Our community is planning to make a culture corridor to help our wildlife expand. This corridor will be placed behind the junior building. There we will have native plants and bird feeders (etc.).

At the start of the year our school introduced a new science program that the kids love to participate in. The science program was brought to the school to help our students learn about wildlife and how to protect it along with learning about science.

In conclusion

Moorabbin Primary School is on a great journey to becoming a five star sustainability school.
Thankyou for listening.

