

From the Kingston on Murray Primary School Newsletter– 7/8/13

Kingston on Murray Primary School are showing that small is beautiful, and throwing out the challenge to other sites.

Even though their school population is smaller than most sites, they have HALVED the quantity of material to landfill in the second day of the challenge!

Outstanding.

They also informed us that the mini bin volume is in fact 450mL (not 300mL which we have stated) which is true, if filled with liquid and no air spaces.

We have estimated it at 300mL because most items going into the bins are plastic packaging which is difficult to compact completely so there are usually some air spaces within the bin. A great opportunity for some maths exploration around volume.

WIPE OUT WASTE



Once again we are participating the **"Wipe Out Waste Less to Landfill Challenge"**

This challenge is an important part of our Environmental Education for Sustainability Action Plan. For many families this will not be difficult as many of you have continued the challenge from previous years with many students regularly using "Nude Food" lunch boxes. It is our hope that families take this challenge beyond the school and attempt to send Less to Landfill each week by buying in bulk, using compost bins/worm farms/bokashi buckets and reducing the wrapping on our foods.

Aluminium foil can be recycled if you collect small pieces and make a ball as large as a tennis ball. These balls can then be put into the recycling bin.

We began our challenge on Monday with half a 300ml bin of landfill. This is a great effort and means since this was the first day of the challenge and I had not had time to let you all know we now have the challenge of being this good every day and attempting to reduce this. On Tuesday we reduced our landfill from our lunch boxes to 1/4 a 300ml bin.

We discuss the items in our bin each afternoon and talk about ways of further reducing our landfill waste as we record our waste.

We are looking at being even better than previous years.

We are now looking at our classroom waste and hoping to have less than 1, 300ml bin per day.