



Wipe Out Waste



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Upcoming Dates

Early Years webpage

We have been developing our Early Years webpage. Please have a look and provide any feedback

<http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/early-years.html>

Regional WOW shows in 2015

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WOW Awards

Wipe Out Waste Awards were presented at KESAB Sustainable Communities on 24th October 2014 for the second time. Many of the sites recognised below have worked with Wipe Out Waste for several years and have shown long term commitment to waste reduction to landfill and behaviour change within their communities.



A full list, and photos, of sites that received awards are listed on our WOW website <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/2014-wow-awards.html>

Early Years Big Books

WOW is excited to announce the launch of 'The Journey of My Bins' series which explores what happens to materials after being placed in the kerbside bins.

Every preschool and child care service in the state will be sent a copy by mid December, so keep your eyes out for them, then show them to staff and place in resource library. An online version will be available from 2015.



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We are keen for as many preschool- Year 4 folks, their teachers and families to see this FREE performance - so please come along!

WOW Case Studies

WOW has uploaded some new case studies, which offer great suggestions for sites. Particularly Lady Gowrie Child Centre and Banksia Park Kindergarten. Information from Highbury Primary and Encounter Lutheran College will be added during the holiday break!

There is a case study proforma available for sites to share stories of their successes and challenges- we are keen to have mini movies, student samples, images and written information too!

<http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/case-studies.html>

ZWSA Recycle Right search engine

To find out how to recycle an item, simply enter your suburb and the item description, and the search

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Encounter sets new benchmark!

WOW conducted a Bin Materials Audit (BMA) with Encounter Lutheran College at Victor Harbor last year. This year as part of 'Sustainable September' outdoor bins were removed, making classes responsible for managing their own indoor bins, and encouraging staff and students to take home any excess packaging and uneaten food brought to the site. It was so successful in reducing materials to landfill and creating savings in cleaning costs and landfill collection, that the practice will continue and personal responsibility for items brought from home will become part of the college community culture. (We know there are some other sites doing this already and we want your stories too!)

A re-audit of bins this year, took only 20 minutes for one WOW staff member- as there was just over 20L of binned materials from around 400 people on the site!

It was very exciting to crunch the data and discover that Encounter College has set a new benchmark for the state - generating only 0.052L of landfill per person per day- that's less than a little probiotic yoghurt container! Outstanding work by all staff, students and families at Encounter Lutheran College who are well on their way to being a Zero Waste site - keep up the great work.

Highbury Primary shows cost saving with commercial compost collections

Highbury Primary School have had a 'from good to great' campaign this year, introducing very effective separation systems for collecting organic materials (food scraps, tissues and paper towel), 10c containers and paper/card. They have successfully reduced the

volume of material being sent to landfill by 80% in two terms! One of the key strategies was to have organic materials collected by their contractor, which only costs around \$20/wk fro a 660L skip. This has halved their collection costs because the landfill skip is only picked up half as often now - and landfill collections are generally around \$60- \$80/ collection.

This is great information for finance officers and can mean great \$\$ savings for your site as well as having your materials being used in a more sustainable way. An on site PD is planned for March 11, 2015 - watch the website PD page for details.

Stuff! Making sustainable choices at home



engine will provide you with a list of places the item can be recycled.

<http://www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au/at-home/recycle-right>

ROSES - Reuse Scheme

Remember to visit ROSES before the new school year where there are pallet loads of beautiful art books and gorgeous pictorial calendars ideal for collages and book coverings- look up ROSES on the DECD website.... and there are literally thousands of ring bound folders looking for loving homes

Have you ever wondered what to do with stuff at home that you no longer want or need? Look at the 'Stuff! Making sustainable choices at home' educational CD resource. The resource assists students and families to make sustainable choices when deciding what to do with common household items. Check out <http://www.enviromethod.edu.au/>



Reusable lunch bags order bags for canteens



These products have been around for a while, but we have recently seen them being successfully used by a couple of schools.

For more information on the reusable Lunch Wallet and All Rounder check out the

Stickybeaks website at <http://stickybeaks.com.au/>

Some sites are including these with transition packs for new students- a great way to encourage reusable behaviour.

Happy Holidays.....

During the pre holidays clean out, try to reuse items or put in a communal reuse area at your site for others to use. WOW has ideas on [12 ways to Wipe out Waste these holidays](#).

Wishing you very happy and safe holidays! From the WOW Team

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