



Wipe Out Waste



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2016 what a year.....

.... WOW turned 10!

Wendy joined team WOW

Waite Campus Childrens Centre reduced their materials to landfill by 45% (which left less than a handful of items- other than nappies - going to landfill and next year they are switching to cloth!)

Antonio School set a new lowest benchmark for smallest amount of material to landfill

WOW and KESAB were sponsors at the National AAEE Conference where we contributed to three sessions, ran a field trip.....and helped to ensure that the conference very close to Zero Waste events (**only 25L of materials was sent to landfill by 750 people across the 3 days**) !

2016 Term 4, WOW Newsletter

This term has been busier than ever with a Waste Management Conference, National Australian Association for Environmental Education - AAEE conference, UN 3Rs conference and KESAB Awards in November, so we've just managed to get this out before the end of the year (for most sites).

We are nearly booked solid for Term 1, so please contact us for anything in Term 2 onwards early in 2017. We're back from Jan 16th.

End and START of school year REUSE opportunities!

In the last week of the school year- **please** consider having tables or boxes in staff areas to collect quality reusable items for 2017- these may be for staff, families, local early years sites or community groups. It is tragic to see these materials going into school skips at the start and end of the year, so consider how these valuable resources could be reused at your site or in your community!

For any clean-ups at home, check the Zero Waste **Fact Sheets** to find out where you can recycle items or dispose of them safely.

Annual Awards

Details of Wipe Out Waste acknowledgements for sites and individuals making great progress in 2016 are at <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/2016-wow-awards.html>

For inspiration when planning for 2017, check out the keynote speech given by Maddi Hegarty at the AAEE conference, and Glenunga International High School's filmclip showing how their resource management (bin) system can be used! <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/video-case-studies.html>



....and WOW conducted

34 Bin Materials Audits
2 Bin Systems Assessments
34 Performances for over 7 500 attendees
13 PD sessions
2 Holiday Field Trips spoke at 3 Movie nights (all Bag it!) at the Adelaide Sustainability Centre (in the Joinery) and EESSA movie nights..... and worked with lots of fabulous sites, staff, students and families.. as we do every year.

Special thanks to some dedicated teachers involved with WOW since our early Support Schools (in 2005!) and on the WOW Steering committee who are soon retiring. Your valuable contributions are appreciated and we wish you well in your future adventures!



Holiday tips to reduce and avoid....

12 'wastes' of Christmas

The Office of Green Industries SA (formerly Zero Waste SA) provides useful tips to avoid the **12 'wastes' of Christmas** and reduce waste, encourage recycling and put materials in the right bin. <http://12dos.planetark.org/> also has some handy ideas!

and make easy reducing resolutions...

If you are a pet owner looking for a new years resolution- try reducing your plastic by wrapping animal poo in.... newspaper (like the olden days) which can then go into your organics bin! This is inspired by the end of the Bag It movie. Tip: still carry a bag for long walks so that you can put newspaper wrapped parcels into it and then tip parcels out of the bag into organics bin when you get home. The movie 'Bag It' makes a great gift or resource for schools. It's the WOW movie of the decade - as reviewed by Jo!

<http://bagitmovie.com/>

bag it is your life too plastic?

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