SUSTAINABILITY NEWS: Term 3 Week 7, 2025

Our Amazing Biodiversity Mural

In our last newsletter you would have seen the photos of our beautiful school mural, painted by the incredibly talented PJ of <u>Mural Nomad</u>. This amazing artwork was commissioned to highlight the importance of caring for our local environment and continuing to preserve and enhance the biodiversity of our local area. By learning about and embracing sustainable practices, we are helping to protect the flora and fauna that is so special to the Bellarine Peninsula.

PJ didn't just paint, she became part of our school community during her time here, often pausing her work to chat with students, answer their questions, and share her passion for art and nature.

The feedback from students, staff, and parents has been nothing short of glowing, with many describing the mural as *inspiring*, *uplifting*, and such *a wonderful gift to our school* grounds.

Click on the link below to view more photos and the interview our Year Six Arts and Media Leaders conducted with the artist, PJ. This insightful interview will help you understand further the inspiration behind the mural and the important messages it has for us all.

CLICK LINK: Mural - PJ Interview with Yr6 Visual Art & Media Leaders - Student Art Work

At the end of the video you will see some of the art work created by Yr 5&6 students which inspired elements of the mural and species selection for this work of art, as they learned about biodiversity in Term 1 Visual Art.

This project was made possible thanks to our 2024 Junior Landcare "Hands up for Biodiversity" grant, with a portion of the funding proudly supporting the creation of this mural. A massive thank you to PJ, Junior Landcare and the Victoria State Government for helping to bring this vision to life.







Energy and Water: STARS 4 and 5 here we come!

Throughout terms three and four we are excited to continue our ResourceSmart Schools journey by striving to achieve our energy and water certification and our 4th and 5th ***.

The **energy** module will focus on smarter energy use, efficiency and reducing our carbon footprint. To achieve our **energy** certification our actions will include:

- Monitoring energy use across our school and improving strategies to reduce consumption.
- Building staff and student knowledge around energy conservation and sustainable choices.
- Involving families and our wider community to support energy saving habits, at school and at home.

SNAP ENERGY AUDIT by SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS

WELL DONE TO GREEN HUB (Yr2s) who had ALL heaters in their classrooms and hub turned OFF, there must be a lot of warm body heat in Green Hub as the average temp of the hub was still sitting around 21 degrees, with all heaters off. The outside temp was only 15 degrees...brrrrr!