



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Children.

I hope / trust the holidays were enjoyable and (mostly) relaxing for you and your children. I would like to welcome everyone back to another exciting term of learning.

We have hit the ground running in our first week back for term 2 and staff continue to provide high quality programs designed to develop our children into 'powerful learners'. An important aspect of our learning is through inquiry and exploring solutions to the question: *'How do we further develop our existing Kitchen Garden environment to be sustainable and eco – friendly?'*

Throughout the school there are many exciting pathways we are following that will lead to children taking real actions to solve problems.

A couple that I look forward to being involved in require a lot of collaboration between children, adults and outside groups. For example:

Reduce Food Waste through Art:

In conjunction with Port Adelaide Enfield Council, Studios across Red and Yellow Neighbourhoods have joined 2 other schools to tackle the food waste that occurs everyday in our community. It's about learning to be more responsible in the way we dispose of things. How to recycle, reuse and compost, and think about what we are purchasing. The lens through which we will focus on the problem is an artistic one. It involves artist (Bob and Kalyna) working alongside staff and children to raise awareness about reducing food waste.



-: DIARY DATES :-

RED 2 EXCURSION URBRAE WETLANDS

Tuesday May 8

YEAR 6/7 AQUATICS WEST LAKES

Year 6 - Monday May 14

Year 7 - Monday May 21

NAPLAN Yrs 3, 5 and 7

Tuesday May 15 to Thursday May 17

QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Week 7 Monday June 11

FAMILY CONNECTIONS DAY

Tuesday July 3 - Mid Year Reports to go home

Purple East Recycling:

This includes food waste, paper waste and using less plastics.

I was talking to *Elsa* from Purple 2 who explained how they re cycle food waste.

This is what she said. "We are recycling food waste and looking after the environment. Our goal is to make the earth happier. To do this we are trying not to make that much waste. With food waste we feed it to



the worms in Purple 1. It is called a worm farm. The worms take care of banana peels, apple skins and a tiny bit of bread. They eat it all up and we can keep feeding. What the worms make we put on the garden to help the earth and plants."

We will keep you informed through out the term about these programs and other great learning opportunities that happen across the school through our news letter, website and facebook page!

Regards
Theo Schlooz. (DP)



Blair Athol North B-7 School
**Children's
Centre**
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BABY PLAYGROUP

Mondays 9.30-11.00am

(Starts Monday 7th May 2018, second week of term)

For parents/caregivers with babies (not yet walking) to connect, play and learn together.

Located in the Learning Together room

Blair Athol North Birth-Yr7 School Children's Centre

5 Marion Ave, Blair Athol

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