

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS

Core value: Our preschool community's actions reflect that we are all capable and responsible for contributing towards sustainable communities.

We have the following **sustainable practices** in place:

- Three bin system (landfill, recyclable, compostable) which are labelled and accessible
- Children are informed through games, stories, songs, guest presenters and discussions about sorting waste, where rubbish goes and which waste items can be recycled or composted
- Children are encouraged at snack times to separate their rubbish for composting and recycling. Landfill and re-usable items are sent home e.g. zip lock bags
- Food scraps go into compost bins, or fed to the chooks or worm farm (at Taylors road) and children are involved in maintaining these systems
- Children and families are reminded in the Nutrition Policy and new family's information session to send food with minimal or no packaging
- Community donates packaging, boxes, cartons, lids etc. which are re-used for creative craft experiences
- Use both side of paper at the preschool e.g. fax machine, drawing
- Tissues and paper towel go in the Council green bin
- If equipment is broken, the preschool try to repair it before considering replacement.

We are **working towards embedding** these sustainable practices:

- Burying different types of rubbish to watch decomposition with the children
- Sorting and measuring waste
- Diverting more recyclable and compostable items away from landfill
- Purchasing durable, natural or salvaged materials and equipment where possible e.g. pre-love pots and pans, timber, bricks and pipes
- Discussing with children the concept of re-use e.g. what is used more than once? What else could this be used for?
- Asking children to collect information about waste systems at home
- Promoting nude food
- Reducing energy and water wastage