Armadale Primary School

Green Team 2009
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Term 1 Activities

School Clean Up Australia Day

Armadale Primary School Green Team
We went to Romanis Reserve on Orrong Rd for Schools’ Clean Up Australia Day.

We found heaps of rubbish! Things like, juice boxes, chip packets, straws, paper bags, glad wrap etc. The thing we found most was cigarette butts!!! Ewwww!!

Wow look at all those cigarette butts

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Energy

• In our school we have 30 solar panels.
• These give energy to the school and benefit everyone!
Our Website has a link to the Solar Panels so we can see exactly how much solar power we are producing each day and each month.
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Our Earth Hour went from 2:30 – 3:30pm we turned off everything we could find ‘at the switch’. This included; computers, lights, air-con, fans, faxes and photocopiers all around the school.

During our School Earth Hour we used 2KW of electricity, usually we use about 6KW in a normal hour! Wow!

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Term 1 - Excursion

Green Team Training Day

Grade 3-6 Green Team members went to Phoenix Park Library for a Green Team Training day on March 11th that was hosted by The City of Stonnington.

A guest speaker came and spoke to us. He was trained to give Al Gore’s speech, the maker of ‘An Inconvenient Truth’.

Other schools in the area came too and we all shared our ideas. We came up with projects we could do throughout the year.

That was fun

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Planting Days

- Every now and then the Green Team go on an excursion. These pictures were taken when we went to a public park to plant trees.
We put buckets under our drinking taps to catch the un-used water.

We use this water to water our Kitchen Garden and other trees and plants around the school.

It saves a lot of water.
We have been focusing on waste this year, as this is our Module through AUSSI Vic Resource Smart Schools. We have done lots of great things like making our school a Nude Food school and have really reduced our waste at the school. Last week we were successful in completing the Module.
Waste Module

Recycling Paper

We have recycling tubs in all the classrooms, in the office, the staffroom and photocopy room for used paper.

We make sure to re-use everything we can first! Then empty them in the schools recycling bin.

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We have buckets in each classroom and the staffroom for food scraps.

We put fruit scraps from fruit time in our bins, as well as food left over from lunch.

Green Team leaders empty the food scrap buckets each day into our school compost bins.

We rotate the bins to give the food time to break down. There is a sign above the bin we have to use.

That smells!
We helped plant our Raingarden last year during Environment Day.

Pipes are arranged so that the rain that hits the roof, gets directed down to the garden.

Raingarden

Raingardens - Nature’s Water Filter

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That looks good
Earlier this year we created a Habitat Garden at the front of the school. We removed all the old dead grass and planted lots of native plants and grasses and put in a pond for the frogs.
Ongoing Projects

Kitchen Garden

We grow lettuce, tomato, chives, capsicum and more but the biggest plant in our garden is the corn by far!

Our basil really has taken off!!!
Ongoing Projects

Green Team Display Area

We have a special section in the library!!!

There is a selection of books in the area that have a focus on our environment.

Some books include;

‘Energy Forever- Solar Power’

‘Global Warming’

Notices and our Yearly Plan can be found in this area too.

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Upcoming Projects

- Rubbish Free Lunches
- Car Pooling
- Re-planting Kitchen Garden
- Maintain Raingarden
- Walk to School Day
- Walking School Bus
# 2009 Green Team Plan

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Thanks for watching
by the green team

I hope you take part in making our school a greener place.