Learning and living together with climate change

This term, we invite the School community to engage with our Learning and Living Together with Climate Change vision for 2024. We begin in term 1 with exciting projects in classes and in the community. We hope everyone will find something that resonates with them for participation.

Our vision supports wellbeing for self, community and planet. It is based on these values:

- Stronger together, many voices/ perspectives
- Invitation as the gesture of engagement of our parent community
- Practical, creative and achievable projects
- Celebration in doing things together.

Early in the term, we will share with you our Vision Statement (collaboratively designed last year by a group comprised of staff, parents, a grandparent and an ex-student). It will be in a beautiful poster format as an invitation to you, to put it on your fridge or somewhere prominent as a reminder of our collective community endeavour.

Projects for term 1
Grow Food and Share the Surplus – Launching the Permaculture Plan

We are launching our Permaculture Plan as part of the Edible Gardens' Trail on Saturday 2nd March. Leni of Alchemy Farm has collaborated with the teaching staff to produce a coherent plan for gardens, outdoor play and learning spaces. The plan will be on display around the School and there will be perma-blitz bees to further transform the School gardens into wealth for sharing.

Soft Plastics
Classes are once again collectively soft plastics for recycling. We will also be working with the children and their families to reduce the amount of single use plastic.

Transport to and from School
- Mode Shift Mondays – this is an initiative of the Climate Council. We are inviting all families to try for an alternative to the single family car drive to School on Mondays. This could include coming by train, carpooling with another family or if

you live close by, bike or walk in. We will post our Mode Shift Monday on the Climate Council website. Mode-Shift Mondays | Climate Council

- Class 5 -6 will conduct an audit of how much time, money, fuel/emissions their class families use on car transport to and from school, with a view to getting traction on less cars and more use of public transport for older students.
- Class 5 -6 families are already active in coordinating a shared train journey down the mountain in the mornings including Monday.
- All High School students are encouraged to use public transport where possible.

Clothing Sip and Swap

- Kirsty and Kindy families – a chai and clothing swap or buy on the Kindy verandah,
- Makers Market at the Autumn Fair to include clothing swap and buy (Class 3 -4).

Craft it Sustainably

- The craft group will make sustainable craft for the Autumn Fair which will be early in term 2. Kirsty is coordinating this.
- Repair and restore workshop with Derek.

Conscious and Contributing – the noticeboard

Each fortnight, families will be invited to action a new achievable initiative in the frame of Learning and Living Together with Climate Change – these will be posted on the blackboard front of School and in the fortnightly newsletter. This first fortnightly initiative is Mode Shift Monday.

Collaborative visioning – Learning to Live Together with Climate Change

Curriculum Inclusions

Throughout the School teachers are exploring ways the children and young people can participate. You'll hear about these in your Class news.

In addition to the many and diverse ways we typically care for community and planet, Class projects include:

- Participation in various community days such as Earth Day, Clean up Australia
- Class 10 Necessary Traditions project
- Year 11 Desing and Make Sustainably project and getting started on a Permaculture Design Certificate
- Class 5 – 6 audit of transport to and from School
- Edible Garden's Trail preparations by the Primary School
- Refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle.