



NetWaste School News

NetWaste
A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

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A Collaborative Approach

Congratulations

To the winners of the last newsletter competition.

Worm Farm

★ **Monique Orton** from **Orange Christian School**

Recycled Popper Bag

★ **Maddie Reid and Courtney Ward** from **St Lawrence School Forbes**

A Big Thank You

During 2007 residents from Blayney, Cabonne, Forbes, Orange and Parkes have recycled over **3334** tonnes of recyclable material. The environmental savings are equal to saving:

- **22** Olympic swimming pools of water
- Greenhouse gas savings equal to removing **399** cars off the road
- Energy savings equal to the annual electricity needs of **2570** households

Look out for Litter!

Every piece of litter damages our environment. Litter can make an area look uncared for and dirty and can attract more litter. Littered areas are not pleasant to be in and are less likely to be used by people. Some types of litter can even cause harm to us.

Litter is mobile and often ends up in our waterways through stormwater drains or by being blown by wind. Waste in the form of litter also poses a threat to wildlife. Litter such as cigarette

butts, plastic bags and other plastics can harm animal and marine life by polluting the water they live in, causing entanglement or choking if eaten.

So what can we do to help Australia and our local environment to stay litter free?

- ✎ Reducing the amount of litter we produce by making your own litter free lunch;
- ✎ Having your school enter in the Plastic Bag Reduction Awards



Litter Links



- **Clean Up Australia - Clean Up Australia Day** - www.cleanup.com.au
- **Keep Australia Beautiful - Litter Index and Plastic Bag Reduction Award** - www.kab.org.au
- **NSW Police - Litter Laws** - www.policensw.com/info/gen/l1a.html
- **NSW Government - Litter Prevention Program** - www.environment.nsw.gov.au/litter

Waste Hotline 1300 725 415

Waste Education Program Dates. For education enquiries ☎ Sue Clarke 6393 8772.

Educators will be visiting the region at set times throughout the year, the next date is:

- Term 1: 10th - 14th March 08
- Term 2: 26th - 30th May 08
- Term 3: 4th - 8th August 08
- Term 4: 10th - 14th November 08

Look out for the Faxback Expression of Interest form being sent to your school.





Student Activity: Litter Find A Word

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B	K	O	V	E	G	C	R	D	I	E	U	W	A	B	S	A	N	U	X
N	T	H	G	G	N	I	O	V	U	V	I	A	E	G	T	Z	F	T	C
S	D	I	S	P	O	S	A	B	L	E	N	H	I	E	I	D	R	I	R
Z	Z	G	E	P	A	W	B	S	Q	U	I	E	R	C	I	N	T	O	C
T	A	U	Z	T	C	A	Z	Y	Q	J	Q	W	Q	R	Q	S	G	N	M
B	I	P	Y	H	X	L	G	A	D	M	A	K	T	I	A	A	M	R	X
R	E	C	Y	C	L	E	P	F	I	Y	P	Y	T	L	I	M	Z	H	U

Find these litter words: BAGS, DISPOSABLE, LAWS, LITTER, PLASTIC, FINES, PACKAGING, POLLUTION, RECYCLE, STORMWATER, WIND, WATERWAY, EPA, ENVIRONMENT, CLEAN, WILDLIFE, DIRTY, REUSABLE.

WIN a Worm Farm

By answering the 5 questions below you could win a worm farm or your school could win a cool 'recycled popper' bag. Just send your answers along with your name, age, school and telephone number to:

Sue Clarke
NetWaste
Environmental Learning Advisor
PO Box 35
Orange
NSW 2800

Answer these 5 questions

1. What are the most common reasons for littering?
2. Name 2 of the most common littered items.
3. How many Olympic swimming pools of water have been saved by residents this year?
4. Are plastic bags litter?
5. How does litter end up in our waterways?

HINT: All the answers are in the newsletter!

GOODLUCK

The first correct entry drawn will win a worm farm. The next 2 correct entries drawn will win a 'Recycled Popper' bag for their school.

PS: Don't forget to put your name on your answer sheet.