Enviro Captains
2015 Review

Developing a good sustainability program is not just about the future but learning from the past and this year’s Enviro Captains were able to share their experiences when they sat down with So-Eco in late November. This is what they had to say:

What have been the highlights as Enviro Captains?
* "Helping the environment"
* "We all have different ideas but we are one big team with different skills."

What ideas do you want to pass on for next year?
* "A ‘Switch Off’ competition every week"
* "Develop Habitat Haven"

What advice would you give the incoming Enviro Captains?
* "Don’t be afraid to ask or tell teachers about your ideas."
* "Have a checklist (action plan) so you can tick things off; it helps get things done."
* "Have fun working as a team."
* "Just go for it!"

Our thanks to the outgoing 2015 Enviro Captains for all their hard work and great insights.

Finding out what the Enviro Captains think about sustainability at their school and their ideas for the future - Neha, Josie, Occa, Zara, Sarah (top row) Jonathan, Aadarsh, Vonara, Mackenzie, Marcus, Lona Parry (bottom row)

A big "thumbs up" for Pinewood Primary's Sustainability Program

To find out what the school community thinks about sustainability and how it impacts our everyday lives at home and at school, So-Eco for Schools recently conducted a Community Engagement Survey of school teachers and families.

The response rate was very positive and showed huge support for Pinewood’s participation in the United Energy & So-Eco Sustainable Schools Program. Some key findings were:

* 92% felt it was important for Pinewood Primary to be implementing a sustainability program
* 63% were aware of the difference between an energy retailer & distributor
* 78% were aware of how to minimise energy use during peak time
* Parents are already doing a lot at home with sustainability but they are keen to find out more about waste minimisation, biodiversity improvements and energy efficiency
* 39% stated that a school’s sustainability credentials are a factor when considering a school for their child
* 42% parents indicated that they wanted to be more involved!

Embedding sustainability in a school takes a whole school community approach. So-Eco for Schools, United Energy and the Enviro Captains look forward to working with teachers and parents to make Pinewood Primary School a great Sustainable School in 2016.

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