



De Mazenod Family  
Education Network

De Mazenod Family Education Network in partnership with GoGreen Student Voice



Welcome to our second edition of our newsletter

This newsletter aims to provide you with updates and inspiring stories about sustainability initiatives in our schools, and introduce you to our 2023 program supporters and partners who will all feature and play an important role in our upcoming 5 day GoGreen Sustainability Summit - 14th to 18th August.

Together, let's inspire change and make a positive impact on our environment.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GOGREEN THIS MONTH?



**GoGreen Student Voice  
Sustainability Summit**  
14th - 18th August 2023

GoGreen Student Voice in partnership with the De Mazenod Family Education Network are inviting interested schools, Social Enterprises and Corporates to showcase their actions and projects over a week-long online summit. After the success of the 2022 pilot programme we are expecting opportunities for Sustainability Teams and class groups to learn, share and inspire each other with their projects utilising the panel format, the Expo Scavenger Hunt and the options of visiting and presenting in the Inspiration Hall.

Cost of \$100 per school (10 registrations)

Corporate and Social Enterprises enquire at [info@gogreenstudentvoice.com.au](mailto:info@gogreenstudentvoice.com.au)

Register your interest at  
[gogreenstudentvoice.com.au](http://gogreenstudentvoice.com.au)



Our theme of learn, Share and Inspire is reflected by the actions of the school communities who feature in our newsletters. Attached are some of the organizations who continue to support our summit and will be featuring in our Expo and Gallery. Students will be able to investigate their work and discover how they are encouraging us to be more sustainable and environmentally aware.

### Dates to remember:

Monday July 31 2023 – Deadline for registrations

Monday August 7 2023 – Programme finalised.

Monday August 14 - Friday August 18 –  
5 day GoGreen Sustainability Summit

Register online on the GoGreen Student Voice  
Sustainability Summit link –

[www.gogreenstudentvoice.com.au](http://www.gogreenstudentvoice.com.au)

**Only 3 weeks to go! until the Go Green Sustainability Summit**

## SCHOOL FOCUS - EXAMPLES OF POSITIVE ACTIONS IN OUR SCHOOLS

School audits continue to recognise programmes and activities that promote sustainability and environmental awareness. Food Technology and Hospitality are areas that tick many boxes when being audited.

Discussions and lessons on recycling, food waste, composting and positive food language feature in the classroom at Mazenod College Vic. Year 10 students recently made bruschetta from the tomatoes and basil grown in the college's edible garden called "Paddock to Plate".



Many schools are developing their gardens and home-grown produce is featuring on their canteen menus. In Food Tech classes at Mazenod waste is separated into the 4 bins, general waste, recyclables, compost and soft plastic. The City of Monash Waste Depot is ensuring soft plastic can be collected and recycled.

Schools are setting up Kitchen Gardens to learn about Permaculture and using their produce in cafes as well as selling to the public. Programmes that teach about growing food, replenishing the soil and caring for the environment in the process are becoming more common in schools. The scope of the Food Technology classes is becoming more onerous and sophisticated. We would like to hear more about how schools have managed their garden and produce programmes and what support they receive from the local community so we can share the information with others who are aspiring to develop their projects.

### SOME OF THE ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTING OUR SUSTAINABILITY TEAMS IN OUR SCHOOLS.

Last year Sustainability Pathways' Ms Kirsty Bishop-Fox encouraged those at our forums and summit to make small changes and celebrate small successes to ensure communities are moving in the right direction. Ms Gwen Michener from Catholic Earthcare and Mr Bill Verhagen from Precious Plastic were keynote speakers and represented their organizations. Check out their work and the contact details of a few other organizations who have provided advice and support leading up to our 2023 Summit.



## SUSTAINABILITY PATHWAYS More on some of our Partners...

**Environmental Sustainability Education**  
<https://www.sustainabilitypathways.com.au>

Through a range of audits, workshops and consulting, Kirsty can help to create a stronger sustainability culture by delivering environmental engagement programs for workplaces and community which influence sustainable behaviour change and operational practices. Kirsty's encouragement style invites schools to recognise what they are doing and challenges them to make small but effective steps to be more sustainable.

## CATHOLIC EARTHCARE

<https://www.sustainabilitypathways.com.au>

Catholic Earthcare designs programs to support Parishes, Schools and Families achieve the 7 Laudato Si' goals and work towards aims are an integral part of Catholic Schools, so it is understandable that the DMF Education Network has signed up to be a member of the Laudato Si Action Team.

The link to their May Webinar is supplied below. Gwen Michener from Catholic Earthcare encourages schools across Australia to be involved. The students from St John's in Ferntree Gully were recognised for their brilliant work under the guidance of Ms Deborah Butler, protecting biodiversity by auditing and responding to local environment issues that were not only documented and shared in their Sustainability Expo.







## LAUDATO SI ACTION TEAM

Revitalizing Out Communities Through Ecological Education – May Webinar

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XN\\_1z3sqME](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XN_1z3sqME)

## KNOX ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY

[www.kes.org.au](http://www.kes.org.au)

To actively promote sustainability within Knox and the wider community.  
 To engage in projects and activities that monitor, protect and enhance the environment.  
 To work with stakeholders including government, the community and business to advance environmental and sustainability policies, programs and practices.

Our Motto: "Principle before profit."



## PRECIOUS PLASTIC

[www.plastic.org.au](http://www.plastic.org.au)

Precious Plastic is a family-owned social enterprise working towards a solution to plastic pollution. We empower and assist businesses, community groups and schools to move from our resource-draining 'take, make, waste' linear system, to a progressive circular economy.

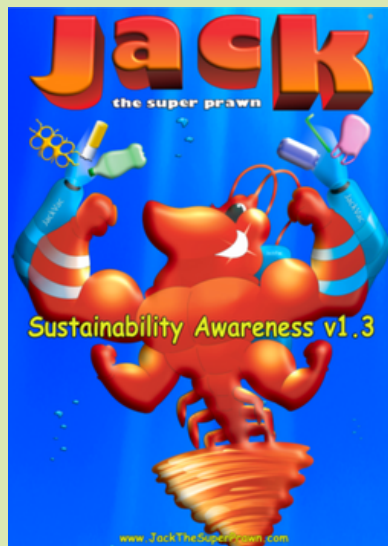
Mr Bill Verhagen is responsible for the education programme and his insights as an engineer provide a great opportunity for our students to understand solutions to the plastic waste in our communities.

## JACK THE SUPER PRAWN

<https://www.jackthesuperprawn.com>

Jack the Super Prawn is the world's first super prawn ocean hero. Jack is a vibrant, muscular animated character that protects the environment. He does this by engaging and empowering children through fun learning experiences and education.

He creates awareness of the impact of plastic and other forms of pollution and aims to find a pollution solution.



## TIMBERLINK

[www.timberlinkaustralia.com.au](http://www.timberlinkaustralia.com.au)

We transform sustainability grown plantation pine into timber products.

Check out the short clip on "The Ultimate Renewable".

<https://timberlinkaustralia.com.au/sustainability/timber-the-ultimate-renewable/>



## ENERVEST

<https://www.enervest.com.au>

Enervest is an Australian owned and operated company specialising in the design, construction and operation of dispatchable generation and storage assets. We provide engineering and operational services on Australia's decarbonisation journey. Enervest is working with schools to provide technology enabling them access solutions that benefit the environment and reduce costs. Mazenod Vic has been a recipient of their services and cost-effective solutions.



## CERES

**Community Environment Park**

[www.ceres.org.au](http://www.ceres.org.au)

The CERES School of Nature and Climate offers education programs in response to the climate and ecological crisis. Programs are offered to all ages and skill levels, including nature playgroups, school excursions, workshops, professional learning, and accredited courses.

## THE WASTE NETWORK

<https://www.thewastenetwork.com.au>

The Waste Network is a resource connected directly to Mazenod College through Mr Daniel Paone's role as CEO and the company's influence on how to reduce waste and recycle effectively provides understanding and knowledge to all involved in our 2023 Summit.



## AGL - ENERGY

**AGL - Energy**

<https://www.agl.com.au/campaigns/join-the-change>

AGL has the largest portfolio of renewable generation and storage on the ASX 200. The change in direction with new goals and programmes will provide great insight into an area that is the focus of households and businesses.

Hear more from all these partners at this year's GoGreen Sustainability Summit. Register your school today to secure your place. If you want your school to get more involved in this year's program and showcase your initiatives, email us at [info@gogreenstudentvoice.com.au](mailto:info@gogreenstudentvoice.com.au).