



De Mazenod Family
Education Network

De Mazenod Family Education Network in partnership with GoGreen Student Voice



Welcome to the inaugural edition of our newsletter, a collaboration between the De Mazenod Family Education Network and GoGreen Student Voice.

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

Register your interest at gogreenstudentvoice.com.au

Our theme of Learn, Share and Inspire is reflected by the actions of the school communities who feature in our first newsletter. Also featuring are links to some of the organizations that have provided us support and advice last year and leading up to this year's summit.

It won't be long before we are registering schools and organizations for the August week-long event, designed to be flexible for schools so they can engage online, at their convenience.

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

Only 8 weeks to go! until the Go Green Sustainability Summit

SCHOOL FOCUS - EXAMPLES OF POSITIVE ACTIONS IN OUR SCHOOLS

St Joseph's P.S. Sorrento under the guidance of Ms Jane Byrne has worked to receive a Climate Action Grant. This enables the Green Gang to develop their programmes: Boomerang Bags, Protection and Awareness of the Hooded Plover and the Crazy Hat Programme to support the Dolphin Research Institute's work. The students with the support of the Briars Nursery on the Morning Peninsula continue to propagate and plant indigenous species in three environments on the Peninsula, The Dunes, the Coastal and the Urban areas. Ms Byrne and the Green Gang's work have inspired the work of the Ecology and Sustainability Team at Mazenod Vic to plant their Indigenous Garden last week and establish a propagation area for future development.

Grants require persistence and experience and Mt Lilydale under the guidance of Mr Andrew Feher have received a Melbourne Water Grant as part of their Healthy Rivers Programme. Yarra Valley Water has

also funded the college because of their outstanding work that is being once again recognised by Resource Smart Schools and Sustainability Victoria.

The Rehabilitation / Revegetation project at the College involves so many groups, VCE VM students, Science, Humanities, Horticulture and others. Mt Lilydale is on the verge of achieving their 5-star status.

Mazenod College WA inspired schools last year with their podcasting work and this year are developing their upcycling programmes to reduce waste. Mr Alizzi and his team, the Bin Chickens, at St Eugene's in Queensland are continuing to reduce waste and raise money for Rosies. This programme will interest the Victorian schools as they realise the opportunity with the Container Deposit Scheme being introduced later this year.

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

WORLD BEE DAY

Una Hingst (Environmental Science Student Deakin University)

<https://www.cleanup.org.au/world-bee-day>

As part of Clean Up Australia Day awareness Una Hingst wrote an informative account of the need for bees in our communities. Una is keen to be part of our Summit this year and share her passion for sustainability and spreading the positive work that is being done at a tertiary level to create awareness and action in our communities.



PRECIOUS PLASTIC

www.plastic.org.au

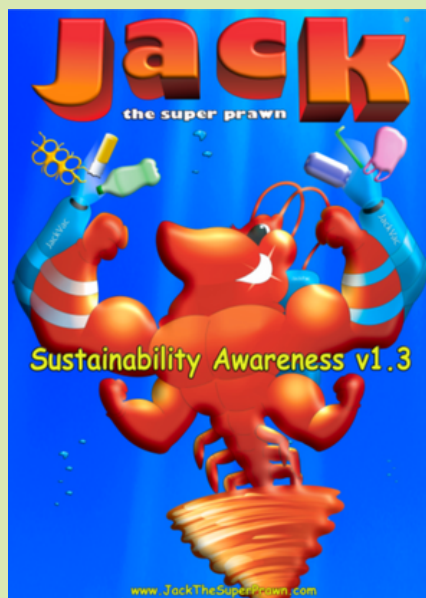
Precious Plastic is a family-owned social enterprise working towards a solution to plastic pollution. We empower and assist businesses, community groups and schools to move from our resource-draining 'take, make, waste' linear system, to a progressive circular economy.

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 has been created by Antoine Jaja and his books, games and educational activities provide an entertaining way of understanding a very serious problem in our oceans and waterways. The need to reduce the amount of plastic entering our waterways is critical for the health of our planet. Jack, through his adventures, explains the problem and what can be done to help the vulnerable creatures being impacted.



RESOURCE SMART SCHOOLS

<https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/energy-efficiency-and-reducing-emissions/resourcesmart-schools>

Resource Smart Schools provide guidance and support to reduce waste, reduce energy consumption and protect biodiversity. Their structured programmes and incentivised award system provides clarity and support. Brentwood Secondary College, Mt Lilydale College and St Joseph's Sorrento are examples of the programme's success. Each of these schools have been leading examples to the community on how to be more sustainable.



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

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

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<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.