



ONE STEP



The digital newsletter of the Environmental Action Team

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Hi and welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter for 2016.

Can you believe that another term is down already! Congratulations to everyone for all their hard work and continual dedication to the betterment of Golden Grove High School, especially in the field of sustainability. Now that you may have 5 minutes to yourselves over the next couple of weeks, and if you are a lover of bargain hunting or have a whole heap of items you'd rather sell than put in to landfill, check out the following website: www.garagesaletrail.com.au. It's specifically designed for a special Garage Sale day on Saturday 22nd October – you just go to the website to either register your garage sale or find one to go to. How cool is that!

Just remember, in the words of Howard Zinn, “We don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in the process of change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.”

Introducing the Environmental Protection Unit (EPU)

The EPU was created this term and consists of volunteering students from 8-12 who are passionate about the environment. Each member of the EPU team assesses the school once a week during lesson time or after school, and goes to a meeting every Wednesday at lunch to discuss the areas of the school environment in most need of improvement. Although it is not our job to clean the school, it is our job to educate our peers on how lovely our school could be. Some ideas that we have currently generated are to lower the amount of single-use plastic that is being used by supporting the use of the Wrappa Bees (for more information check out the article on August's 'Go Green' challenge). We volunteer our time to promote keeping our school environment clean and tidy, leaving a positive imprint. We hope you do too! Ask yourself: Are you doing the right thing, and being healthy for the environment? We would like to thank all of the people who do the right thing by reducing their amount of rubbish and putting the rubbish they cannot avoid in the right bin. Watch out for our EPU wheel in the yard COMING SOON which will advertise how well the school is looking day-to-day!

Kimberley and Nathan (Year 8 students)

GOLDEN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT DATA SHEET		Date:	Assessor(s):
ZONE	GRADING	COMMENTS	OVERALL GRADING
FRONT OF SCHOOL			
YEAR 8 LOCKERS			
YEAR 9 LOCKERS and QUADRANGLE			
YEAR 10 LOCKERS			
YEAR 11 LOCKERS			
YEAR 12 LOCKERS			
AMPHITHEATRE			
MAIN OVAL			
L BLOCK LAWN			
C BLOCK LAWN			
WALKWAYS			
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VANDALISM			
GENERAL SUMMARY			
SCALE A OUTSTANDING B VERY GOOD C ACCEPTABLE D BELOW STANDARD E UNSATISFACTORY			



Nature's Way: **Honey, Honey, Honey**

Everyone knows how good honey tastes, but not many know that it is an effective remedy for wounds. If you have a small cut or abrasion, or spend a bit too much time in the sun and burn, simply apply a small amount of honey – you will find it heals in no time.



August Monthly Challenge: 'Go Green'

Over the month of August we showcased and placed orders for FIVE environmentally friendly products that we think are fantastic and help us to move towards our goal of a more sustainable community. All products have now been delivered to staff and we have been extremely excited to hear so many stories of how they were very pleased with their new opportunities to 'go green'. For those staff who want to continue purchasing these wonderful products for yourselves, or for anyone else who would like to give them a go, we've provided their websites below 😊 Happy environmentally friendly shopping!

We purchased:

16 boxes of 48 double-length recycled toilet paper from...

au.whogivesacrap.org

11 packs of 2 reusable wraps from...

www.wrappabees.com.au

13 boxes of bamboo toothbrushes from...

<http://environmentaltoothbrush.com.au/>

36 reusable coffee cups from...

www.biopak.com.au/products/reusable-coffee-cups

24 boxes of 8 reusable produce bags from...

www.onyalife.com/product/reusable-produce-bag-8pack/



Propagating Roses



If you have a specific rose that you love and wish you had a second or a third, or you want to give a great gift, consider propagating with a potato. Potatoes provide just the right amount of nutrients and moisture to rose cuttings, allowing them to develop healthy roots. When pruning your roses, cut stems from 15-20cm in length, making sure to cut the top at an angle and the bottom square. Remove all the leaves and check that's healthy by pulling off a thorn. If it's white it may be too fresh, but if it's dark and brown your cutting has a better chance of success. Then simply create a hole in a potato the same diameter as your rose clipping and put your clipping in the hole. Simply plant the potato, allowing only the cutting to be exposed, and you'll have a lovely new rose plant in no time. You will be surprised at how easy this is, even for the novice gardener.

Moving Forward: A 'Sign' of the Times

As you may be aware Golden Grove High is moving towards having a fully functioning recycling centre which is co-managed by the Conservation and Land Management class, the Green Team, and the Landcare class. Recently the Green Team made its sign which tells it all - it was made from an old pallet and a couple of old tree stakes, and was designed and built entirely by the students. Well done to everyone involved!



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