

# Enviroweek @MEPS

Next  
Week!



SMALL  
CHANGES  
BIG  
IMPACT



**To celebrate this wonderful time of year, students are invited to participate in a variety of fun and educational 'Enviroweek' activities.**

There will be plenty of lunchtime activities and competitions for our students to get involved in next week, including participation in our first ever **EnviroDay!**

## Main events:

- EnviroDay (Monday)
- 'Spring Search' (Monday)
- Toy Swap (Friday)
- Mulching (every day)
- Plastic waste sculpture
- Recycled Art Competition
- Writing Competition
- Daily Nude Food winners
- Spring free-dress fundraiser

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# TOY SWAP



BRING YOUR OLD TOYS TO OUR FIRST EVER **MEPS TOY SWAP**

Next Friday



**MAIN BUILDING – 1:10-2:00PM**



**Start sorting your toys into used and unused piles. You may wish to participate in our first ever Toy Swap!**

All you need to do is drop your unwanted toys off to the 'orange couch area' in the Main Building, before school, on any day next week.



- 1.** Drop off up to five toys.
- 2.** Collect tokens to use at the Toy Swap.
- 3.** Claim your new toys at the Toy Swap!



## **RULES for participation**

- Only bring toys which you would be happy to give to a friend.
  - We will not accept broken, damaged or dirty toys.
- Battery-operated toys must have working batteries.
  - No stuffed toys please.

**(Please note: our Grade 5&6 Enviroweek helpers have the right to reject toys relating to the above)**

# Enviroweek

## Recycled Art Competition



THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS "AWAY".  
WHEN WE THROW ANYTHING AWAY IT MUST GO SOMEWHERE.



**As part of our Enviroweek activities, students are invited to create an artwork or functional item using recycled materials, to be entered into our Recycled Art Competition.**

Over the last few years, we have seen some truly amazing pieces, created from 'waste' materials. It is definitely a highlight of Enviroweek.

Entries could be in the form of a picture, sculpture, something functional like a wind chime, bag or toy – basically, anything that turns something no-longer used, into something decorative or useful.

We have even had students use their piece to communicate concerns about the ongoing waste problem across the globe.

**Entries must be labelled and handed in to the office by Friday 25th October.**

**1st, 2nd & 3rd award places will be announced during assembly on Monday 29th of October.**

We look forward to seeing all the amazing creations. Good luck!



# Enviroweek

## Writing Competition 2019



"WRITING  
IS THE  
PAINTING  
OF THE  
VOICE!"



Students are invited to write about an environmentally-themed issue that they are passionate or interested in learning more about.

### Eligibility

All MEPS students are welcome to enter.

### Guidelines

There are no minimum or maximum word requirements. Students may choose any style of writing they wish. Some suggestions include but are not limited to:

- Poetry
- Information Report
- Persuasive
- Letter
- Narrative

### Presentation

How students wish to present their writing piece is up to the individual. Students may wish to create a persuasive poster, a small picture storybook, an information flipbook, or it can just be written on lined paper. Students may be as creative as they wish and are welcome to include illustrations.

### Winning Criteria

Judges will be looking for:

- Originality
- A strong environmental message or knowledge about an environmental topic
- Word Choice
- Presentation

### Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the winning entry of each year level. All winning entries will be made available to read and borrow from the library.

### Judges

Special guest judges

### Closing Date

All entries must be handed in to students' teachers by Friday 25th October. Entries must be clearly labelled with students name and grade.

### Winners

Winning entries will be announced at assembly on Monday 4th November.



# Enviroweek

## Plastic Waste Sculpture

### PLASTIC ITEMS NEEDED!



We do not inherit  
the earth from  
our ancestors,  
we borrow it  
from our children.



Following on from this year's Enviroweek, students will be given the opportunity to participate in the construction of a whole-school **plastic waste sculpture!**

The aim of this activity is to develop greater awareness around the ever-growing issue of plastic waste, which in most cases, ends up in landfill.

Of course, plastic is an amazing material – one which we could not live without. As consumers, we are constantly bombarded with a multitude of options, to make life much easier and fun! But comfort and fun does not particularly equate to good long-term solutions.

The Coles 'little shop' collectables campaign is a good example of how retailers target our young consumers with a 'profit-at-all-costs' attitude. Not really the sustainability message that we want influencing our kids.

This issue has stirred up many emotions in regards to the use of single-use/short-gain plastics, and has opened up healthy dialogue for our kids to contribute to. Thus our motivation for pursuing this project.

To get this art project off the ground, we will need lots of clean, 'no-longer-useful' plastic products to give inspiration for the eventuating art piece. We are looking for objects no larger than a tennis ball, so that 'small' hands can manage these in the construction process.

**Ideally, we are looking for objects which are single-use or short-term purpose items, such as straws, bottle tops, coffee cups, plastic cutlery, unwanted promotional toys (eg. Coles 'little shop', etc.** Items can be placed in the large blue bin, just outside our artroom, from now until the end of Enviroweek.

Our sculpture will eventually be displayed within a very public place in our school grounds to generate discussion and reflection around this global issue. We do hope though, that discussion continues beyond our school grounds.



  
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