**Reducing Waste at Meadows Primary in 2019**

**Meadows Primary School is working very hard to reduce its impact on the environment.**

**So many of our wonderful Green Team students care deeply for the environment and lead the way with recycling.**

**Our goal is to reduce our current landfill and costs by half or more.**

**We have changed landfill skip pickups from weekly to fortnightly.**

**We found that with all the recycling the school does, the landfill skip was not full when it was picked up and was a waste of money.**

 **We recycle paper and cardboard.**

**We have mixed recycling-we recycle things like foil, juice boxes, tin cans plastic bottles and containers.**

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**We enjoy collecting food scraps.**

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**Then composting into our large composting bays in the community garden.**

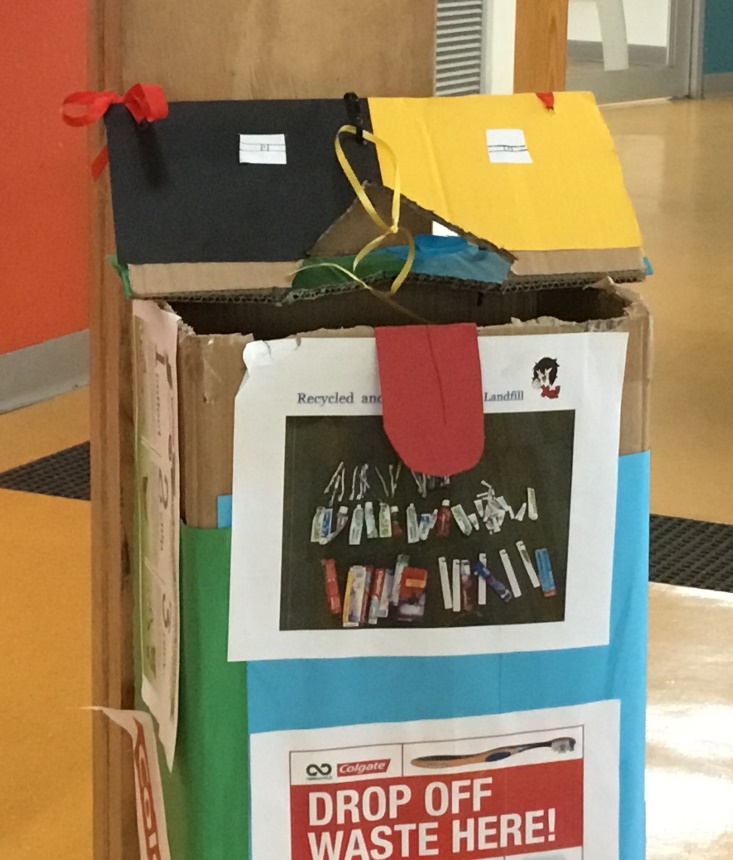
**Our food scraps will make rich humus (rich soil) for our garden.**

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**We have 6 worm farms that we feed and collect worm juice to feed our plants.**

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**We are good at recycling Printer Cartridges.**

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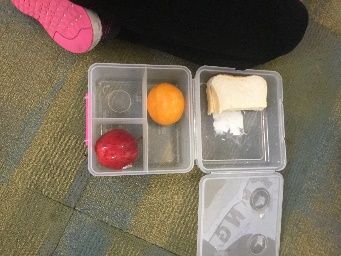
**We love to recycle Oral Care- toothbrushes, toothpaste and packaging.**

**We have Rubbish Free Lunches on Friday’s.**

**The winning class with the most Rubbish free lunches get to have the turtle and fish for the week.**

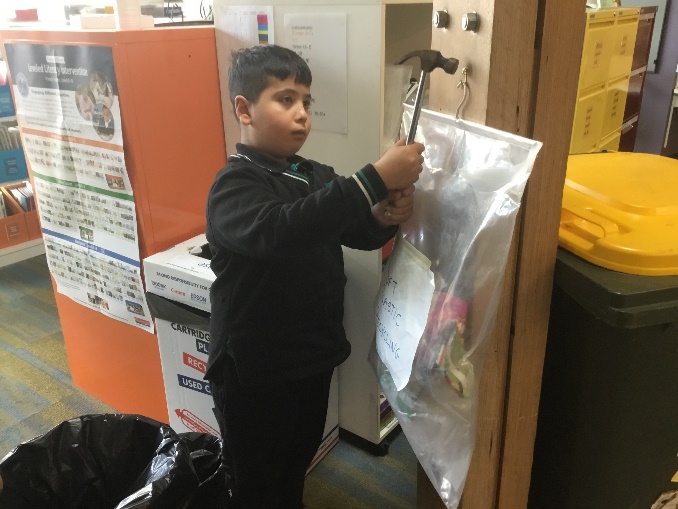
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**We also repurpose things like big book bags, they become costume and prop bags for the Performing Arts Class.**

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**Also the big book bags are used for collecting soft plastics in the classroom .**

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**Books are shared with the school community**

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**We share landfill bins between two classes**

**We also encourage the school community to recycle.**

**We have designated collection boxes for the recycled products.**

**Students use these recycled products in their learning.**

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**At this year’s Community Iftar Dinner of 300 people, there was a focus on being Sustainable. We shared with the community our great recycling, all of our standard recycling of paper, mixed recycling and composting. In addition, plastics- cups, plates, bowls and cutlery.**

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**Our Amazing Green Team washed, sanitized, dried and packed away all the plastics, for our next school event.**