

Subject:	REEN Term 4 – Face to face
Venue:	West Ryde Public School
Date:	Tuesday 30 October 2024
Time:	4.00pm to 5:30pm
Chair:	Bonnie Mackenney and Emily Quinn Smyth

1.0	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
2.0	<p>Guest Speaker 1 – Jess Francis Teacher at West Ryde Primary School and 2024 Premier’s University of Sydney Mathematics Scholarship Recipient Naturally Mathematical: How school gardens provide a fertile environment for growing young mathematicians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess completed a study tour of Europe and visited several gardens and schools who are doing amazing work in the sustainability/edible gardens/mathematics space • Integrating school gardens into curriculum- mathematics, science, cooking • Taking mathematics from abstract concepts to real life- measuring strawberries, getting students to design gardens, student led learning, observing maths in nature • Wellbeing benefits for students and staff
3.0	<p>Guest Speaker 2- Nicole Payne Veolia Recoverables Program - Free incursions available for Preschool, Primary and Secondary Schools in the Ryde LGA The interactive and engaging program provides educators with the tools to shape the behaviours of our next generation and take curious children on a journey on how to make positive changes for the future and environment and teach them that though they might be small their impact can be mighty!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive face-to-face learning experience • Take-home activities • Thorough curriculum-linked activities in geography, science, maths and living world • Students discover how everyone can make the planet more sustainable by taking simple steps to recover resources and carefully dispose of residual materials in the most responsible way <p>For more information and to book visit - https://www.anz.veolia.com/the-recoverables</p>
4.0	<p>Environment and Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development Opportunities

- **Sydney Metro's professional learning program:**
<https://www.sydneymetro.info/education/teacher-professional-learning>
- **Sustainable Schools NSW network professional learning webinar**
Leading Sustainability in Schools
Wednesday 6 November 4-5:30pm via Zoom -
https://events.humanitix.com/leading-sustainability-in-schools?mc_cid=c57ff4b15f&mc_eid=5ded2539dd
- Lesson plans
 - **Free curriculum aligned lesson plans for all ages-** Planet Ark and Cool.org - <https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek/at-school/lesson-plans>
<https://treeday.planetark.org/toolkit/#lesson-plans>
 - **Mental Health Month-** Schools pack and games for stage 1,2,3 and 4
<https://mentalhealthmonth.wayahead.org.au/download/schools-pack-in-collaboration-with-nsw-department-of-education/>
- Competitions
 - **Litterarty Competition**
Enter artworks made from repurposed rubbish. Submissions due 20 Dec 2024 <https://www.oceanloversfestival.com/litterarty>
 - **Mobile Muster Competition**
Submit an artwork or short film that shows what materials are in a phone, and what they can become when they are recycled
Open to primary and secondary students
Entries close 1 November 2024
<https://www.mobilemuster.com.au/education/schools-competition/>
- Citizen Science Programs
 - **Waterwatch- National Citizen Science Program**
Monitor the health of local catchments
Teachers' guides and field manuals available for download for primary and high school students - <https://www.nswwaterwatch.org.au/>
- Grant opportunities
 - **Real School Grants Program**
Up to AUD \$5000- one school and/or school group/committee
Must align to one or more values: Health, Learning and Development, Information and Technology or Community and Infrastructure
<https://www.realinsurance.com.au/grants/school-grant>
 - **Bunnings Hands on Support and DIY Workshops**
Hands-on assistance with grassroots projects like assisting with garden makeovers and providing DIY support -
<https://www.bunnings.com.au/about-us/in-our-community>
 - **Australian Science Teachers Association Grants for National Science Week**
Open March 2025 - <https://asta.edu.au/programs/national-programs/national-science-week/school-grants/>

5.0 Council updates and General Business

- **City of Ryde- Picnic Day**
Saturday 23 November, 12-2pm, Jim Walsh Park, Eastwood
https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Bookable/Picnic-Day-A-fun-outdoor-event-for-people-of-all-abilities-ev_6e7bffb708b4f9da98fc71d90b2ec89
- **Sustainable Waste to Art Prize- SWAP**
Congratulations to the winners of the Schools Participation Awards
Primary School: Putney Public School
High School: Marist Sisters College Woolwich
<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/SWAP-Sustainable-Waste-2-Art-Prize>
- Community workshops
 - **Reusable Personal Care Products**
14 November 6-7pm
<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Eventbrite/Reusable-Womens-Health-Products-Workshop-City-of-Ryde-Residents-Only-1032960642087>
 - **Clothes Swap**
16 November 11am-1pm
<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Eventbrite/City-of-Ryde-Clothes-Swap-1027691030537>
 - **Waste and Recycling Info Session (Korean Translated)**
19 November 10:30-11:30am
<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Eventbrite/Waste-Recycling-Info-Session-Translated-in-Korean-1046611702777>
 - **Reusable Nappies**
26 November 9:45-10:30am
<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Eventbrite/Reusable-Nappies-Workshop-City-of-Ryde-Residents-Only-1032923962377>
 - **Worm Farming**
22 February 2025 10am-12pm
https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Bookable/Worm-Farming-Workshop-ev_b4c80bb446a042ff84425b668f18e337
 - **Composting**
8 March 2025 10am-12pm
https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Bookable/Composting-Workshop-ev_cc4c93027af54c99be4fd023dceb60bd
- **Current available incursions**
 - Keep Australia Beautiful NSW EnviroMentors
If interested contact Shani Patel spatel@kabnsw.org.au
- **General Business**
 - End of year REEN network survey link will be sent out. Please give us your feedback and input into what you would like to see next year
 - Tour of the West Ryde Public School Edible Gardens

