St Louis Student Sustainability Day

Sponsored by Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, Kids Teaching Kids and City of Kingston

**Wednesday 6th November 8.45am - 3pm**
**St Louis de Montfort Primary School 37 Dolphin St, Aspendale**

*Bring your environmental leaders for a hands-on sustainability day including:*

- Guest speaker covering sustainability architecture and landscaping
- Developing a sustainability plan for your school - learn from St Louis 10 year plan
- Participating in a range of sustainability hands-on activities led by students - video microscopy, compost making, farm husbandry, seedling growing, garden harvesting, pizza making, seeing St Louis' new kitchen and bush tucker garden
- As a team your students will build a 3D sustainability model for your school
- Each school to present their sustainability plan to everyone
- Each school receives a sustainability showbag
- BYO Waste Wise lunch

To book your school into this leadership day and to find out more please contact Julie Wynne (03) 9580 5169 juliew@stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

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Trashed Presentation 25 November

If you think waste is someone else's problem think again. In this special presentation founder of the clean beach initiative and leading environmentalist Tim Silverwood will share the challenges and solutions of waste, in Australia. Included in the presentation is the screening of Trashed which follows Academy Award winner Jeremy Irons on a world tour as he discovers the pressing issues surrounding waste and sustainability.

Tim Silverwood will also deliver a special 1 hour student leadership workshop that will demonstrate how Kingston students can be hands-on with protecting our beaches, how they can be part of an Australian-wide clean beach initiative and how their leadership skills can help our community.

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AusVELS and Sustainability Workshop

**Thursday 7 November 4—5.30pm**
**St John Vianney Primary School Brisbane Terrace, Parkdale**

This workshop is open to all teachers, curriculum coordinators, principals and parents interested in understanding how sustainability, and the AusVELS cross-curriculum priority can be embedded into each learning area.

The workshop is being presented by Anthony Mangelsdorf an environmental educator, teacher and consultant from the Barwon Region of Victoria.

Sustainability education is futures-oriented, focusing on protecting environments and creating a more ecologically and socially just world through informed action. Learn how to integrate actions that support more sustainable patterns of living (including consideration of environmental, social, cultural and economic systems and their interdependence) into your curriculum.

Anthony delivered this hands-on workshop at the Greening Australia Toolbox in March and feedback from our sponsored Kingston teachers was—“we need to have him at one of our TEN meetings” - so here he is.

Anthony's workshop will be using origami, passion mashing and traditional presentation techniques in a format that allows every participant to take these techniques back to their school.

Please RSVP by 5 November to Karen Jones 95814364 E: karen.jones@kingston.vic.gov.au

*Anthony’s workshop opened my eyes to the possibilities and flexibility of Sustainability in the curriculum. Working with others during the ‘Passion Mashing’ activity, I found creative ideas and achievable outcomes were not hard to come by, no matter what school or community group you are working with. I have since used this technique at a staff PD and it was well enjoyed by all.”* — Jamie Rohan Edithvale PS

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New Website for Sustainable Schools

Sustainability Victoria is developing a new website for ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic to be launched in early 2014. This website is replacing the School’s Environmental Tracking System (SETS) currently used to track a school’s sustainability journey. The new website will have:

- An intuitive interface that is easy for teachers and students to use
- An easy to use built-in certification system
- Greater resource sharing capabilities between schools

When the website goes live Kingston Council will hold training sessions. To be kept informed of the training sessions please contact Karen Jones 95814364 Karen.jones@kingston.vic.gov.au
In the News

Graduating Marine Ambassadors

Kingston’s 30 Marine Ambassadors celebrated their graduation in the company of the Victorian Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment Brad Battin, Mayor Cr Ron Brownlees OAM, Junior Mayor Daniel Passante, Councillors West and Beasley, local Members of Parliament Donna Bauer and Lorraine Wreford, parents, teachers and staff from the Dolphin Research Institute. The celebration event included presentations by Marine Ambassadors from 10 schools, which outlined the achievements of their 2-month Ambassador journey including environmental and leadership outcomes. Congratulations to the following:

New School of the Year: Aspendale Gardens Primary School
Supporter of the Year: Maggie Crofts, Kingswood Primary School
Coordinator of the Year: Julie Wynne, St Louis de Montfort Primary School
Ambassador of the Year: Rowan Torkington, St Joseph’s Primary School
Ambassador School of the Year: St Louis de Montfort Primary School

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Above: Graduating Marine Ambassadors with dignitaries

Upcoming Events

Congratulations:

St Louis de Montfort Primary School
Finalists in the ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic Awards. On the 8 November they have the chance to be crowned the Waste School of the Year.

Kingswood Primary School
Received a State Government Energy Efficiency Grant to reduce energy use and promote sustainability practices at their school.

Carrum Primary School
The staff and students at Carrum Primary School have been working extra hard in term 2 & 3 to complete the paperwork to become a 5 Star sustainable school. We are still awaiting news from the Environment Minister. Sustainability 5 Star is the highest level a school can achieve.

Kids Teaching Kids Conference
Clayton South, Carrum, Edithvale, Kilbreda and St Louis de Montfort will all be participating in the Kids Teaching Kids Conference.

Royal Botanic Gardens Teacher PD
29 Oct: Children and Nature—why they need each other and 15 Nov: Food gardens for schools and kinders

Organic School Gardens

National Water Week 20-26 October
http://www.awa.asn.au/nationalwaterweek/

Garage Sale Trail 26 October

Kids Teaching Kids Conference 28- 29 October

St Louis de Montfort Student Leadership Day 6 November 8.45am—3pm

St Louis, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne and Council are hosting an Environmental Leaders Sustainability Day. Environmental students will learn about planning whole school sustainability and participate in hands-on activities. See P4 for details.

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National Recycling Week 11-17 November
http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/about/

“Trashed” Environmental Student Session 25 November 5-6pm Environmentalist Tim Silverwood is presenting an environmental student session on protecting our beaches and student leadership. Contact Council 9581 4713 ourplace@kingston.vic.gov.au

Outstanding Organic Oasis Competition—closes 12 November