

SUSTAINABILITY

SUPPORTING OUR ECO-WARRIOR KIDS IN 2022

Behind the tree-scenes of our LPS Tree Planting Day on 29-7-2022

We hope your child enjoyed themselves last month at Lugarno Public School's tree planting day. We certainly had fun! Almost 50 volunteers "united" to get their hands dirty & put 200 seedlings into the ground to beautify our native landscape and spread sustainability spirit. We appreciate Greening Australia for gifting 100 seedlings & a \$250 Seedling Bank grant from Planet Ark for the other 100 seedlings.

Planting site #1 (next to the library windows)



Planting site #2 (next to the fruit trees)



Planting site #3 & #4 (beyond the OOSH building)



Australian Wildlife Society (AWS)

The generosity of the LPS students on the day raised \$282 in gold coins which were donated to AWS. This donation was kindly dollar-matched by Count Charitable Foundation to increase our fundraising to a total of \$564. This will go straight to current real-life conservation projects that aim to protect Australia's wildlife, such as protecting the amazing Aussie Platypus: www.aws.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/The-Platypus-1.pdf

Win \$1,000 by entering the AWS video competition before 31st August. Or visit their Art Display in Hurstville or their Online webinar as they celebrate Australian Wildlife Week in October. More details here:

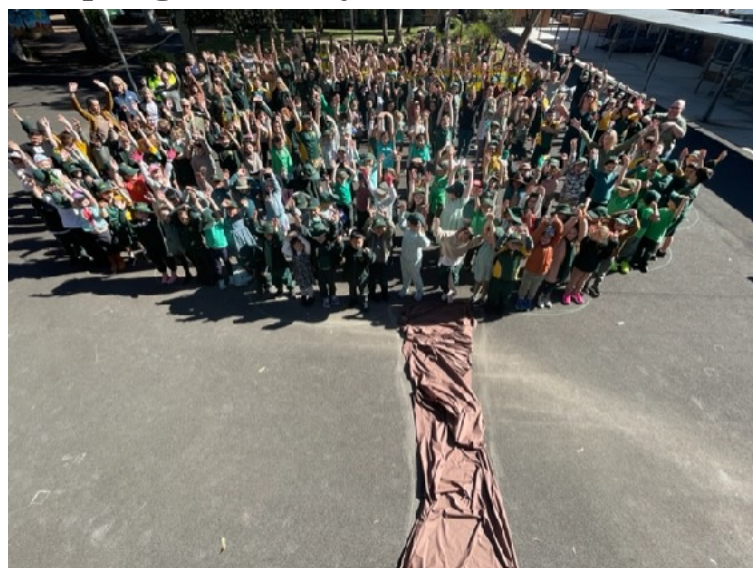
www.aws.org.au/australian-wildlife-week-2022/

Every LPS student is entitled to free membership of AWS. Click here to learn more about member benefits (like their quarterly publication "Australian Wildlife").

www.aws.org.au/membership/



We love the environmental pledges made by the kids!



Insightful guest talk on the significance of old trees & how hollows can take up to 70 years to form.



Brad from Finesse Trees installing 1 of 4 bird nest boxes near the school driveway to provide shelter for local birdlife who can't find vacant tree hollows.



We were lucky to be given a "double" beehive of stingless bees by Billion Bees Foundation. Check out their new pollinating home near the school cricket nets.



Mission Possible: Reduce single-use plastic for lunch & recycle all waste

Although the P&C storeroom has plenty of plastic cutlery, plates and cups, we did not wish to use it for our luncheon to volunteers on the event day. Thinking sustainably also forces us to act sustainably. Although it was a short term challenge to find plastic-free solutions for the lunch, we succeeded. See below how:

- 1) Club Rivers kindly lent us 50 plates for the day and donated biodegradable coffee cups.
- 2) The drinks were served in glass containers and the finger food selected to minimise individual plastic wrapping per food serving.
- 3) The lunch waste was collected in separate labelled bins and then disposed of into the corresponding waste location (eg yellow recycling bin or compost bin). There was no "red bin" landfill waste on the day!

The Leader Newspaper: www.theleader.com.au/story/7832889/kids-sprout-a-seedling-growth-for-national-tree-day



Community spirit and co-operation: Many hands make light work

In addition to many parents (and politicians), many members from the following community groups gave up hours on the day to assist and educate the LPS students on how to plant and to organise & tidy up the site preparation areas. Every year they give their time freely to many local projects & events. Keep track of their other pro-activities on social media and consider joining them & volunteering too one day to pay-it-forward:

- 1) Oatley Flora & Fauna Conservation Society (OFFCS)
- 2) Lugarno Lions
- 3) Conservation Volunteers Australia (and Conservation Volunteers Sydney)
- 4) Friends of Glenlee (and Lugarno Progress Association)
- 5) Rotary Padstow
- 6) Billion Bees Foundation Watch our beehive installation here! www.facebook.com/BillionBeesFoundation/videos/577668150557703/



We also wish to thank Count Charitable Foundation (CCF) for making a financial donation of \$4,718 to the Lugarno Public School Building Fund in recognition of more than 100 hours of voluntary unpaid community work by Jasmine Theophile in organising the LPS Tree Planting Day event. This is a significant financial contribution that will help with the construction, improvement and maintenance of the buildings at Lugarno Public School over the coming year.