

KG Clean Up Australia Day 2015

On Friday the 27th of March, Kangaroo Ground Primary School participated in 'Schools Clean up Australia Day'. Clean up Australia Day is a day when communities come together to clean their area and help save the environment. Each school counts out their amount of rubbish, weighs it then sends their results to the Clean-up Australia Day committee.

On 'Schools Clean up Australia Day' the school was split up into grades to clean specific areas of the school grounds. Each grade had a few buckets and tongs to pick up any rubbish that they find. We were all given 10 to 15 minutes to pick up as much rubbish in our area's as possible.

After all rubbish has been collected and brought to the basketball court Sophie, Charlotte, Dashiell, Harry and Natasha went through all the rubbish (with gloves on) and sorted it into groups of Plastics, Paper, Foods, Confectionary rappers, Aluminium and Other. Once that was done we got into groups of two. One person would count the pieces of rubbish and the other would make a tally to count the amounts of rubbish in each category. The rubbish was then transported into bags to then weigh.

We collected 1 bag of recyclable rubbish and 3 bags of non-recyclable rubbish. We are very pleased with the amount of rubbish we collected this year compared to last year. Over all we collected 23 plastic bags, 9 plastic bottles, 43 pieces of small paper, 1 large piece of bubble wrap, 14 straws, 3 pieces of glass, 9 large pieces of paper, 4 plastic cups, lots of glad wrap and 25 empty cans of soft drink. It weighed approximately 3 KGs!

Even though we are very pleased with our results we would like to give some recommendations so we can achieve even better.

One of them is Nude Food; please try to reduce the amount of rubbish that you bring to school. If you have something like a muesli bar, you could take the rapper off at home and put it in a nude food container, or make sure that you put your rapper in an inside bin.

We have many bins outside in the school yards. We may try to label them with names such as recycling and rubbish.

We also recommend more clean up days after things like the school picnic, so we can keep our school tidier.

Over all, the school did a great job and the yards are looking spic and span.