

ResourceSmart SCHOOLS PRINCIPAL LUNCH

Andrea Lane (Sustainability Leader) and Sue Paulka (Principal) from St Patrick's Parish Primary School in Port Fairy, recently presented at the inaugural ResourceSmart Schools Principals' Lunch at the Community Centre in Port Fairy. This event was hosted by James McLennan from The Farmer's Place. Andrea and Sue spoke to the group about St Patrick's involvement in the ResourceSmart program, which the school first became a member of in 2008.

During that ten year journey, the school has been able to significantly improve their practices in the ResourceSmart module areas of Waste, Water, Energy and Bio-Diversity through such initiatives as waste-free lunches, adjusted play break times, regular monitoring of data including water, gas and electricity usage, use of colour-coded bins, planting of native trees, preference for ordering recycled school supplies, reusable containers for canteen orders and participation in environmental initiatives. St Patrick's has achieved 4 star ResourceSmart status and is just awaiting the approval of their final 5th star. The school's involvement in ResourceSmart has also increased their opportunities for educating their students and school community about stewardship of our earth and our role in this.

Other speakers on the day included representatives from Sustainability Victoria, Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group and Penshurst Primary School and the audience included representatives from other district schools, the Moyne Shire, Warrnambool City Council and Wannon Water.

Sue Paulka – Principal, St Patrick's Parish Primary School Port Fairy



L-R: James McLennan (Facilitator, The Farmer's Place), Andrea Lane (Sustainability Leader, St Patrick's Port Fairy), Sue Paulka (Principal, St Patrick's Port Fairy), Joe Ewing (Principal, St Pius X Warrnambool), Adele Webster (Sustainability Leader, St Pius X Warrnambool)