



Erin, Sivneang & Irfan - Golden Bin Award motivates clean-up

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

We were working on waste and decreasing the amount of waste that's produced because our school has a lot of litter and not many people put their waste in the right bin.

We did this project called Clean Up Parafield Gardens Day and it's when we collected all the litter from different classes and we sorted them out into different things. The class with the most rubbish wins a prize.

It took a long time to sort all the rubbish out and the outcome of it is like a lot of rubbish in our school. It's to educate them as well, showing the assortment of rubbish.

So after people realize where rubbish goes and which bins it goes into, we got a new bin arrangement because before we only had one bin and everything would go in there but now we have a red bin for landfill, a recycling bin for paper and cardboard and blue bins for 10 cents deposits. We went around school educating people on which bins to put them in so they are aware.

Who is working with you?

We worked with our principal and we were trying to buy compost bins and he produced the money for us to get the compost bins and the 10 cents. We worked with our teachers, the two teachers that came here with us because they run the YEC and we also worked with a group of our peers who were passionate like us but didn't get into the council.

What promotion have you done?

We made a presentation with a quiz, because it makes it more interactive and tests their knowledge as well, so we educated classes that way, and we also spoke at assembly.

Biggest success

Our Golden Bin Award - we thought about these ideas in Term 3 and they finally got everyone on board because they started cleaning up their area. Every class has their own cleanup area and we check it every two weeks and whoever collects the least rubbish in their area wins the award.

Next steps

It's not complete because we haven't started on our compost bins yet. We've got permission but we haven't started up yet, so we still need to do that and I'm pretty sure we'll get it done before the end of the year. We want to keep the golden bin award running because it's working really well.

What is your advice to other students?

If you have finished your project, just keep going and know that whatever you do you're successful in your idea of making the project. I hope that the compost bin and Golden Bin Award will last, and other students will keep running what we've started.

I would say just don't give up because we haven't succeeded in everything we wanted to do, but we still done other stuff, we tweaked our projects to suit what we could do, so just keep trying.

What was most enjoyable?

I think I've enjoyed the school being much cleaner after the Golden Bin Award because many classes were on board with how enthusiastic they were.

I think I just really enjoy planning all of it and working with my other peers to share our ideas and celebrating our successes.

I enjoyed throughout the year seeing all the events that we accomplished and what we have been through with all the planning.

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Erin's, Sivneang's and Irfan's words and opinions.