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### Solving Organic Waste Project: Project Update

We wanted to share with you the progress we have made this semester with the Solving Organic Waste project. Early in term 1, a few of our classes did food waste audits or we did a whole of school food waste audit, as well as a survey to understand more about food waste in our school community. We found that many students were leaving XXX food uneaten. Include other key observations / findings here.

As a result of this the students came up with a few different initiatives we should implement as well as our compost bins and worm farms!

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Our overall aim is to remove our food waste sent to landfill by the end of the year.

We are doing this by: e.g.

1. Establishing an organic waste collection system throughout the school with caddies in the classrooms, staffrooms and canteen.
2. Establishing a composting system to accommodate students’ fruit break scraps and produce high-quality compost for new and existing garden beds, and an organic waste collection to deal with our other food waste.
3. Creating a team of Waste Heroes / IBIS who will support the initiatives and help educate the school community on correct usage of bins to help minimise contamination of our bins!

Profile one of the initiatives here if there is enough information to share, or ask students to write up for student leadership opportunity.

We already know we are making a difference.

If you would like to be involved or are able to support us on this exciting journey please reach out to NAME on XXXX XXX XXX or email address.

In the meantime, a big shout out to everyone who has been involved in the project especially our Waste Heroes (names, year and team photo) who are helping us put the right things in the right bins as well as collecting up our food waste bins for our compost bins and worm!

Stay tuned for further updates!

*The Solving Organic Waste project is a partnership between the NSW Environment Protection Authority and NSW Department of Education.*