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### Solving Organic Waste: Project Update

Our Compost Champions elected in each class have been collecting fruit and vegetable scraps from the Crunch ‘n’ Sip breaks and we have been weighing and recording them. So far we have collected X kgs of food waste. This means we have saved x amount in greenhouse gas emissions.

Our Compost Champs can also volunteer to check the food scrap bins at the end of recess and lunch everyday to make sure no-one has accidentally put plastic of food wrapping into the bins.

In addition to our composting and worm forms, we also have organic waste collected weekly by the waste contractor. This ensures we can divert as much waste as possible from landfill. As organic waste tends to be heavy, diverting it from landfill is handy as it avoids incurring the landfill levy that gets applied to all general waste.

We have learned about how to compost and the role worms play in converting food waste into beautiful rich humus that we are using on our school gardens.

Did you know that:

* That the worms used in worm farms are different to your everyday garden worms. They are known as Red Worms or Tiger Worms.
* One worm can eat its own weight in food each day.
* When eating your food waste, worms produce two types of fertiliser that can be used on your garden: worm pee (vermiliquid) and worm poo (vermicast)
* We have been using the worm juice on our herb gardens which we have then harvested in our kitchen garden program.

Profile one of the initiatives here if there is enough information to share, or ask students to write up for student leadership opportunity. Maybe include involvement of parents and carers here or materials / videos that students have created.

It is not too late to get involved so if you have the time to help out with our composting and gardening 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!

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