10 Easy ResourceSmart Activities That Will Help You to

Finish 2021 on a High!

1. Ensure your **bills** are up to date! Upload recent bills, and check for RED/ missing bills - contact the supplier and get copies of these missing bills to fill the gaps.
   (Required for all module submission; baseline data; Core A1.10)
2. Check your **Annual Data** under the School Settings tab: Ensure that student and staff numbers etc, are correct and up to date for each year (Core A1.2).
   Download a short guide here to make the job of updating the data easy.
3. **Annual Biodiversity audit**: Under the School Settings tab is "Biodiversity". If you have done it before and nothing has changed, then you can copy the data from the previous year, but keep in mind that undergrowth may have flourished in the good rains and the mulch may well have broken down considerably.
   (Core; Baseline data for all modules and Biodiversity A1.1; A1.2)
4. Share your wins! Catch up on **uploading** the projects and activities you have done in 2021: (Core A1.12). Update:
   a. Your *school's sustainability webpage* (Core C1.3; C1.4)
   b. The next school newsletter to demonstrate your school's *communication on sustainability*. One idea is to share the front page of the portal, which shows how much you saved this year; or !
   c. The *RSS portal*
   d. Write a *school story* that we can post on our EEV School Stories webpage or for you to share with local media, sharing you struggles and successes (Core C1.4)
   e. **Learning stories** are needed for each module. These can be a great opportunity to share your experience with the school, management, parents, the broader community and the public.
5. Check that your policies, MoU etc are up to date and ratified/endorsed (Core B1.2)
   a. Our **MoU** may need to be renewed, so check if it is still current and let us know if you need a new one. (Core A1.1)
   b. The School Environmental Management Plan (**SEMP**) needs to be reviewed annually and used like a live, working document.
6. Develop your **2022 Action Plan and Targets** (we recommend a 4-5% reduction of resource use, few points increase in biodiversity) and update them in your SEMP (Core A1.7; A1.8)

   Some ideas for Action Projects:

Biodiversity	Waste	Energy	Water
Planting indigenous	Waste and Litter Audit	Energy Audit and Plan	Do Water Audit
Rain garden	Composting program	Switch Off Regime	Join SWEP or other water monitoring

Frog Bog	Extend Recycling	Computer shut down regime;	Install water efficient equipment
Habitat creation	Re-use campaign	Alternative energy - solar	Dual flush, waterless urinals / low flow taps
Vegetable garden	Mobile Muster	Light regime: Natural, sensors, low wattage	Grey water usage – flush/garden
Bush tucker garden	New signage	Join SWEP/ Powerpal smartmeter	Water-wise gardens and irrigation
	New bin regime	Heating/Cooling Regime	Water tanks

7. Complete a Sustainability **Report** of school governance (Core C1.6)
8. Search up and apply for **grants** (Biodiversity, Waste, Energy and Water)
9. Work with students to create tips or resources on how to hold a "No Waste, Sustainable Christmas" to share with parents and the school community; or even hold a no waste, eco friendly Christmas stall after school (All modules refer to community engagement)
10. **Join our Facebook Page "West ResourceSmart Schools"** – we regularly share information on resources, grants, new initiatives, and other relevant ideas. You can share your own great ideas and experiences here too.

And a Bonus:

Chat to your RSS facilitator if there is anything we can help you with.

Have a fantastic summer break!