

## Education for Sustainability Update

### Request for Contact Details – School Environmental Sustainability Staff

There is so much information arriving in my email about Education for Sustainability – awards, professional learning and resources – and I want to share it with our schools. However, I do not want to send too many emails to Principals. To assist in this endeavour, could each school please **send the name and contact details of the staff member responsible for Environmental Sustainability** in the school to Susan Crowe – [scrowe@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scrowe@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au)

If these contact details could be sent by early Term 2 it would be greatly appreciated.

### Resource Smart Schools (RSS) program

The Resource Smart Schools (RSS) program is up and running – after a slower pace during 2020. Please contact [Susan Crowe](#) if you require any assistance with your RSS program, even if only to send you the excellent online meetings being run by the different RSS facilitators.

### Victorian Schools Garden Program Award

An award that is currently being offered is by **Victorian Schools Garden Program**. Information can be found at this site: <https://www.vsgp.org.au/vsga-awards-program/>

The VSGP wants to encourage schools to expand their green spaces and is providing opportunities through our Grant and Award Programs for schools to apply for funding for garden projects and programs. There is over **\$85,000 worth of nursery vouchers and products to be won by schools**.

### 2021 Grants Program

The grants program encourages schools to start new gardens or repair existing ones by providing funding to put towards school garden projects.

Entries opened on Monday 1 March and close on **Friday 30 April**.

To apply for a grant, you must complete an application through the VSGP website on your planned garden project.

There are 14 different categories to enter and **\$45,000 worth of nursery vouchers and garden products to be won**.

### 2021 Awards Program

The award program recognises and rewards the achievements of students and school communities in their gardening endeavours.

Entries opened on Monday 1 March and close on **Friday 24 September**.

There are 10 different categories to enter and over **\$40,000 worth of prizes to win**.

The program is launched early in the year to allow schools to plan which categories they wish to enter and record the progress of their garden works throughout the year.