



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

## CALENDAR

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April

**Litter Free Lunch Day**

**LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Prep School Nurse forms due back to Teachers

No assembly this week

The Resilience Project Parent Webinar 6:30pm – 7:30pm-all invited-link inside

SRC badge presentation at 9:00am Assembly

**Payment of \$15 due for Whole School Incursion 'Let's Get Moving'**

Whole School Incursion 'Let's Get Moving' commences (more information inside)

**Hot Cross Bun Order Forms / Money due at the Office (or on Qkr) by 3:15pm**

**Hot Cross Bun Collection Day & Guess The Easter Egg Competition & Easter Raffle Drawn**

**LAST DAY FOR TERM 1 – EARLY DISMISSAL OF 2:15PM**

First day for Term 2

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – please wear full school uniform**

Year 3/4 (including Senior Unit Year 4's) Camp departs (more information to follow)

## School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Week 6 has been a very busy week, with quite a few staff absences due to illness making a normally settled week a bit more challenging. It seems a bit of a cold is doing the rounds. Those staff whom have fallen ill have taken the necessary steps to get COVID tested and whilst have returned negative results, have stayed off site due to being unwell and having symptoms. Please understand in such times we have interruptions to classroom programs as a result and finding a Casual Replacement Teacher can be a challenge when all schools are in the same boat... only so many good CRTs to go around the many. We're managing okay though – just making you aware... I think we are all looking forward to times where we don't just have a COVID-NORMAL, but have what we used to have as NORMAL.

### CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- Wear a mask when indoors or if you cannot social distance 1.5m. If you feel safer, wear a mask.
- Hand sanitise on entry to the school grounds
- Stay off site if unwell
- Keep children at home if unwell – sore throat, runny nose, cough, fever/chills etc. Children at school who are unwell have to be sent home – please ensure your emergency contacts are up-to-date
- If your child has a recurring illness with symptoms similar to COVID-19, such as an allergy, persistent cough etc. the advice is you must take your child to see a GP, get COVID tested and return your child to school with a doctor's certificate and negative test result.

### PREPS COMMENCE FULL TIME SCHOOLING NEXT WEEK

As of Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, our Preps will be full time students! Next week will be the first time we have our Preps here on Wednesday – so it will be the first time our Preps do more than two consecutive days. With next week being a shorter week – it's probably a blessing for the Preps to have a 4 day week to begin. You might find your child is tired each night as they adapt – all normal and nothing to worry about. Lots of rest and reassurance is the key.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

A free breakfast club runs each Thursday in the multipurpose for all students. Clare Grant, one of our ES, provides a nutritious on-the-go breakfast for students from 8:30am until class time. It's a big deal getting this club up and running for our community and I thank Sharyn for all the ordering and organising she does and to Clare for all her work ensuring Thursday mornings are something to look forward to for our students.

### LONG WEEKEND – PUBLIC HOLIDAY ON MONDAY

With Monday set as the Labour Day PUBLIC Holiday in Victoria, all students and staff will have a long weekend as a result. With no school on Monday, our students, staff and hopefully YOU will have a bit of an extra rest. School resumes on Tuesday.

### NO ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

Our timetable is organised to allow Monday assemblies. As a result, as to not disrupt classes on Tuesday, there will be no whole school assembly. Student of The Week, Reading Awards and Big Rewards will be presented in class, with photos taken and uploaded to our Facebook page instead.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)**

Our Chaplain Cara and I have looked over SRC applications and chosen our SRC for 2021. The SRC will meet several times a term to organise fundraisers etc and special events, as well as look at ways to improve the school from the point of view of the students. Cara has announced the SRC representatives to the school students and a list of students chosen is included in this week's newsletter. Congratulations to all students chosen. Looking forward to working with you. Badges for SRC will be presented on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March (not next week, the week after) at our 9:00am assembly. All parents are welcome!

## **SMILE SQUAD DENTISTS**

Initial consultations for students have now finished for those children whom had consent forms returned. Next week, from Wednesday onward... the SMILE SQUAD DENTAL VAN will be located on site in our STAFF CARPARK. During the time the DENTAL VAN is here, students identified as needing dental work will be able to visit the van and have their dental needs addressed. This is a great program for our community and I thank so many of our parents for making use of this wonderful service. By using the service, we send the message that support in the area of dentistry for children is greatly needed and appreciated.

## **FINAL CHANCE - AN ELECTION IS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL OF BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Office and must be lodged by 3:15pm on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021 (TOMORROW). If a ballot is required (depending on the number of nominations), this will close at 3:15pm on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of Office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

| <b>Membership Category</b>           | <b>Terms of Office</b>  | <b>Currently Held by</b>   | <b>Number of Positions</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Department of Education and Training | March 2021 – March 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pauline Mulcair</li><li>• Kate Dole</li></ul> <i>(Both will need to renominate if they wish to continue)</i>   | 2                          |
| Parent                               | March 2021 – March 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toby Sullivan</li><li>• Shane Chapman</li><li>• Naomi Pietzsch</li></ul> <i>(Toby, Shane and Naomi will need to renominate if they wish to continue)</i> | 3                          |

## **ELECTION TIMELINE**

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| <b>Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> | Call for nominations (forms available from the Office)   |
| <b>Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | Closing date for nominations (forms must be returned to the Office by 3:15pm on this date).<br>Nominations assessed and the need for a ballot decided.<br>If ballot is not required, new School Council announced and meet soon after this date.<br>OR Ballot set up (if required) |
| <b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>   | Close of Ballot (if required)  |
| <b>Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | Counting of Ballot (if required)<br>Declaration of Ballot<br>New School Council announced and will meet shortly after this date  |

## **STAFFING**

As outlined, we have had some staff absences due to illness. Dean White has been on Long Service leave this week and will return on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March to his normal duties. We thank Mik Weir and Ben Dyett for sharing the teaching of Dean's class during this time. Ainsley Stanley commences Long Service Leave tomorrow and will return to normal teaching duties next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. During Ainsley's 2 day absence, we welcome back Amanda Bateman. Rhys Bull has recently changed time fraction from 5 days a week to 3 days a week. This will remain in place until the end of term. During the next 4 weeks Rhys will teach Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, with experienced Prep / Year 1 teacher Jo Cordy working with the class on Tuesdays and Fridays. Sharyn Burnett commences Long Service Leave next week – we wish her all the best as she endeavours to find some sunshine at the beach.

## **AMBULANCE / CPR**

If you saw an ambulance on site yesterday, don't despair... they were supposed to be here! Our Year 6's were given a special treat of working with Ambulance members who were trialling educational training and delivery of basic CPR to our students. The practice run will help with the formation of the official training delivered to schools in the future. Our Year 6's are also now skilled in some basic First Aid that we hope they will never have to use.

### **SOMERS CAMP**

We have a small group of students currently enjoying Somers Camp on Western Port Bay. Students involved have until next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March to enjoy this wonderful network camp, which is only offered to 5 of our students every two years. We will welcome back students from Somers on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, provided they are not too worn out from all of the fun and learning!

### **SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY AND RUBBISH FREE**

Tomorrow is NATIONAL CLEAN UP DAY. We will be working hard to clean up areas of our school as well as promoting a RUBBISH FREE LUNCH. Tomorrow, can you and your child/ren rise to the challenge of sending along a lunch box with no rubbish? Canteen will still be running, with Tammy endeavouring to reduce rubbish items as much as possible also.

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS (P&F) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

The AGM of the P&F is set to occur next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm in our Multipurpose. Members of the P&F are invited to come along and vote in new office bearers for the 2021 calendar year.

### **THE RESILIENCE PROJECT – PARENT WEBINAR**

This year our school has made a large financial commitment to THE RESILIENCE PROJECT. This educational program, revered across our system, aims to teach us all to have GRATITUDE, EMPATHY and MINDFULNESS (GEM)... which in turn builds resilience in our children and ourselves. The project has several components, including staff training, student workshops, student curriculum materials and diaries, and a parent session.

We have our parent session being delivered next week via Zoom. The session is delivered as a Parent Webinar and will take about 60 minutes of your time.... so don't miss it... **next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March**, from **6:30pm – 7:30pm** with Hugh van Cuylenburg.

Here is the Zoom link for you to access the session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89749581955?pwd=UFdqTUJRb1ljkVzUWVQbTJoK1ZNZz09>.

### **MOBILE PHONE BAN IN STATE SCHOOLS**

Like ALL schools in Victoria, Big Hill PS bans the use of mobile phones at school. Students are not permitted to have a mobile phone on site, unless they are switched off and handed into the Office on entry to the school. Phones must not be turned on until leaving the school grounds. The ban also includes devices such as Apple Watches etc.

The only exemptions are for children with a medical condition, where a mobile phone is included as part of the monitoring of conditions such as diabetes. When handing in mobile phones/devices at the start of the day, Kerry/Janet follow procedures and lock devices/phones away in the safe securely. They can only be collected on departure and again, only turned on when off the school grounds.

The ban is part of regulations set by the MINISTER FOR EDUCATION and THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING. We suggest, unless your child really needs a phone on them for travel to and from school, to keep mobile phones and devices at home on school days. Please talk to your child about these rules and ensure they are compliant, as non-compliance will result in consequences outlined in our Behavior Management Flow Chart. Again, this is in line with DET expectations. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **HEAD LICE**

We have had a couple of cases reported over the last week and I would like to remind you to check your child's hair weekly to stay on top of things. Keep in mind that you need to initially treat the hair and retreat weekly for 2 weeks after the initial treatment to ensure that any eggs that haven't hatched are found and disposed of. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Evie S, Neriya T, Harry S, Addison M-L, Samuel S & Summah J.

With 4 weeks to go, the term is flying by fast. That in itself is a reminder to make the most of now with your child/ren.

Have a great Friday and an even better long weekend...

*Matt Pearce,*  
*Principal*

## FIRST STEPS NEWS

### ART SMOCKS & LIBRARY BAGS

Some students are yet to bring in art smocks or library bags. As specialist classes are now in full swing, we ask that these come to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

### NURSE FORMS

Nurse forms for Prep students have been sent out recently. Just a reminder that these completed forms need to be returned to school by next Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March.

### READING AWARDS & READING EVERY NIGHT

It has been great to see reading diaries starting to fill up with home reading. Reading every night is extremely important to the development of your child's reading skills, which is why it is such a big focus at Big Hill PS. Students are starting to reach the first milestone of 25 nights of home reading. This means they will receive a reading award at the next assembly to acknowledge this achievement.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

*For being kind, caring and a good friend to others in the classroom:*

FSN *Valentine J*  
FSP *Haize W*  
FSR *Dante D*

*Nicole, Leisha, Pauline & Rhys*

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

### RESPONSIBILITY

We have spent a lot of time this term talking about our School Values of 'Respect', 'Responsibility' and 'Safety'. As the term progresses, we are encouraging the children to take responsibility for their home reading and spelling. Bringing their reader bags to and from school each day, changing their readers, writing their individual spelling words into their Home Spelling books and completing both reading and spelling at home each day. We would appreciate your support and encouragement with this.

### PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAM

This week the children in the Junior Unit have begun doing the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) in the Multipurpose. The children work through a series of gross motor activities such as balance beams, ladders, throwing, catching, crawling and balancing. They had a ball today and will continue to participate in the program throughout this term.

### ALL ABOUT ME BOOKS

A month ago your child brought home an 'All About Me' mini book which we asked to be returned to school by Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. If you haven't already, please take the time to help your child work through the booklet as neatly as possible. Once returned to school your child will share their booklet with the class and answer questions about their favourite things and themselves. We look forward to hearing all about our new students and the things they love.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*For being capable, kind and always eager to begin their work:*

JC *Mica B*  
JJ *Jacob S*

*Catherine, Jen & Zoe*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### WEEK 6

This week we have been focusing on retelling stories (Jabber the Reteller), writing sizzling starts for our narratives and working on vertical addition in Mathematics.

### DRINK BOTTLES

Just a reminder for students to bring a named drink bottle to school every day.

### YEAR 3/4 BILLABONG RANCH CAMP

Information regarding the Term 2 Billabong Ranch Camp to Echuca will be sent home shortly. If you have any questions about our upcoming camp, please contact your child's teacher.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*For displaying the School Value of Safety :*

MW *Chase L*  
MR *Vienna F*  
MD *Bobby S*

*Rena, Leisha, Wendy & Dean*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP BOOKLETS

These are due back at school by TOMORROW, Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please give them to Matt or Brett.

### HOMEWORK

This year in order to support families and students in the Senior Unit, we are giving students the **option** to complete homework each week. Students will be provided spelling and maths homework in the form of spelling words from targeted lists and access to activities via Essential Assessment: Sunset Maths for **all** students but it will be not considered mandatory for students to complete weekly.

We feel that with the strain of COVID-19 and the extra-curricular activities that impact on families as students progress throughout their schooling, we want to support all students emotional & mental health.

Please keep in mind that **all** students will have work given to them but it is up to **students and families** to decide whether it can be completed in the week that it is due. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher for any concerns or questions.

### CAMPS AND SPORTS PROGRAMS

This year the Senior Unit will be participating in a range of activities including the Year 5/6 Camp (Year 3/4 Camp for our Year 4's), Swimming and Gymnastics programs.

At this stage the bookings for these are as follows;  
Gymnastics at Palmers Gym- Week 1 Term 3  
Coastal Forest Camp – Week 1 Term 4  
Swimming at Golden Square Pool- Week 10 Term 4

We will be advising of costs and sending permission notes closer to the dates mentioned.



# SENIOR UNIT CPR SESSION PHOTOS



**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For being safe in the yard:*

- SA *Rylan S*
- SB *Logan K*
- SK *Eliza K*
- SL *Ayman M*

*Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*

**WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS**

**“Let’s Get Moving Incursion”**

“Let’s Get Moving is back! This is the fourth year Alli Watts has provided a dance program that is suitable and engaging for all of our students.

For those not familiar with Alli’s program and performance, it is a dance inspired fun movement to music program, developed by local primary educator, Alli Watts.

“Let’s Get Moving” incorporates fitness, performing arts, beat, rhythm and many other components of the curriculum. Routines are age specific.

Presenter Alli Watts will work with every class for three sessions, commencing on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March and culminating in a whole school performance on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March.

The cost per student is \$15 and if you have applied for the CSEF, it will be covered by these funds.

Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend as in previous years, due the COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Please complete, detach and return the note and make payment by Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March.

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**“Let’s Get Moving”**

Child/ren name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Group/s: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have made payment via Qkr, or ticked the box below to use the CSEF, or will come into the Office or call the Office to pay for my child/ren’s participation in the “Let’s Get Moving” program commencing on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March to be conducted at school.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent/guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Qkr
- CSEF
- EFTPOS

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)**

Congratulations to the following students for their selection to SRC for 2021!

- ✚ *JC – Cooper S & Rhett C*
- ✚ *JJ – Blair W & Jobe D*
- ✚ *MW – Remi R & Jack E*
- ✚ *MD – Chelsea A & Alaena H*
- ✚ *MR – Addisyn J & Olivia K*
- ✚ *SB – India H & Indigo B*
- ✚ *SA – Jordan M & Bailey P*
- ✚ *SK – Asha M & Charlie W*
- ✚ *SL – Tiffany P & Nate J*

The badge presentation will be at assembly on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

**FREE BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast Club is going really well on Thursdays. We had around 50 students attend today!

It is open from 8:30am to 8:45am and all students are welcome to come and have some brekkie ☺.

We have Cheerios, Weetbix, milk and fruit cups, with more variety coming soon.

**OSHC NEWS**

**ACCOUNT PAYMENTS**

Please remember to make fortnightly payments to keep your accounts manageable and to secure your place in the program.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Janet Dean, OSHC Admin*

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Our stock on the Qkr app has been updated to our Summer stock, so get in quick – ALL ITEMS \$2. If you don’t have access to the Qkr app, please contact Janet in the Office to see what is available.

We do still have some winter uniform, so if you need something, please call Janet in the Office.



## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### GUESS THE EASTER EGGS COMPETITION

Our guess the Easter Eggs competition has started at the Office.

It is 50 cents a guess and the lucky winner of the jar (closest to the number if not exactly the number) will be drawn on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Good luck to everyone and we hope you all enjoy this competition again this year!

### EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are running our annual Easter Raffle again this year and would greatly appreciate if any families might be able to donate something towards the raffle.

If you need some ideas, here are a few things you might like to donate:

- ✚ Easter Eggs
- ✚ Easter Craft Activities
- ✚ Blocks of Chocolate
- ✚ Easter Baskets
- ✚ Cellophane or Wrapping Paper

We would like to thank all families again so much for your support with our fundraisers, we couldn't do it without you!

### HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE & EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

We are running our annual Hot Cross Bun Drive and Easter Raffle again this year.

Order forms and raffle tickets have been sent home with your child.

If you don't receive your order form or raffle tickets, there are spares at the Office for you to collect. Also if you would like any extra raffle ticket books, they will also be at the Office to collect.

Order Forms will need to be returned to the Office and paid for by Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.

You can pay at the Office or using our Qkr app.

Collection Day for the Hot Cross Buns will be on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. More information to come closer to the collection date.

### P&F FACEBOOK PAGE

Keep up to date with our P&F activities by joining our Facebook Community:

[www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/)

Our page provides reminders and updates on all the activities as well as connecting you with other families at our school.

***Thank you all for your support with P&F activities, it's really appreciated***

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY NEWS

### CONFIRM YOUR INCOME!

As part of Child Care Subsidy balancing, families need to confirm their income. For the 2018–19 financial year families need to do this by 31 March 2021. The deadline has been extended from 30 June 2020 to 31 March 2021 because of COVID-19.

Services Australia is sending letters to families this week reminding them to confirm their 2018-2019 income. Many families may be unfamiliar with this process. If you don't confirm your income by 31 March 2021 your CCS will stop. This means you'll be charged full fees when you use OSHC.

If families confirm their income after 31 March, their CCS can start again but it won't be back paid. Please read the letter from Services Australia.

There's also a fact sheet to help families understand the process here: <https://www.dese.gov.au/child-care-package/resources/information-sheet-confirming-income>

If you have any questions, please contact Services Australia here:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/how-much-you-can-get/your-income-can-affect-it/time-limits-confirming-income>

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**LOWES**

**ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**  
2 DAYS ONLY - 11TH & 12TH MARCH

**20% OFF SCHOOLWEAR & EVERYTHING ELSE**

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**Not the right size? - No worries!**  
See our exchange and return policy on our website.

**SHOP IN-STORE OR ONLINE**

On the days of the event, Lowes will have measures in place to restrict customer numbers and movement throughout the store. Lowes will be enforcing social distancing with marshals wearing hi-vis vests on site. We ask for your support in limiting the number of people you take with you into the store.  
Thank you for your support.

**DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS. \*T&C'S APPLY.**

\*Offer ends midnight 14/03/2021. Not on Sale or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes gift cards, fuel, postage & electronics. Offer is limited to one per store. Offer is subject to stock availability. Offer ends midnight 14/03/2021. For full details, please check website, brochures and in-store signs. Offer subject to change without notice.

# Litter Free Lunch

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

as a part of Schools Clean Up Day

It's important to do what we can to decrease the waste we're contributing to landfill. Our school does have a litter issue and we are trying to combat it. Please help us to reduce our litter and waste problems.

## What we do at Big Hill PS:

- Organics bin in each classroom to collect food scraps,
- Mixed Recycle bins,
- Cardboard and paper collection. This is collected separately to the mixed recycling and recycled as paper and cardboard,
- Encourage families to bring as little food packaging as possible to school,
- Ask families to label all food containers and drink bottles so they can easily be returned to children,
- Tubs are located outside each room so if children take containers and drink bottles outside they can return them to the tub when they have finished with them,
- Each class has a clean-up area that they ensure is rubbish free, clean and safe.

Waste free means only packing items that can be composted or recycled and that won't end up in the garbage bin. That means, no plastic wrap, no foil, no zip lock bags and no packaged foods. Please use containers on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March and if there are any wrappings, children will bring them home in their lunch box.

## 5 Easy Tips for Packing Waste-Free Lunches from [www.recyclenation.com](http://www.recyclenation.com)

1. Pack food that has its own container like a banana,
2. Invest in a good quality reusable lunch box,
3. Think reusable for utensils, containers, napkins, etc,
4. Ask your child to bring home their lunch leftovers and rubbish,
5. Have your children help shop for and pack their lunches.

