



newsletter

Welcome to the April 2020 issue of the Eco-Schools Australia newsletter!

During these unprecedented times of COVID-19, Keep Australia Beautiful and Eco-Schools are working tirelessly to support all of our participating schools, students and teaching staff to continue reaching their environmental goals and staying engaged while 'staying at home'.

In this newsletter, we bring you a number of wonderful activities that you can take part in to stay engaged and connected.

Stay safe, stay at home and stay active!

**Seed Grant Funding - deadline for applications extended**

In light of the current disruptions to school activities, we are happy to announce that deadlines for submissions for the Litter Legends Campaign (LLC) and Young Reporters for the Environment competition (YRE) have been extended to 8 May 2020.

Schools that would like to participate in the Litter Legends Campaign, [CLICK HERE](#). Those who would like to take part in the Young Reporters for the Environment competition, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Say hello to Footkin**

Footkin is the new Eco-Schools mascot created by Mind Your Footprint – a non-profit organisation founded by a social entrepreneur couple, Assal and Pendar Vatanian.

Footkin inspires children to engage in environmental topics and action through a range of illustrations, activity books and games.

Footkin's Keep Healthy activity book, which was created as a response to COVID-19, is the first of a series of activity books that will be released soon. The books will help students navigate the Eco-Schools Seven Steps and the sustainability themes covered by Eco-Schools.

In the Keep Healthy activity book, Footkin teaches children what a virus is and how to protect themselves and others around them from it. Children learn about cough and sneeze etiquette, hand washing, face touching and much more in a simple and fun way: through colour in drawings, word searches and other engaging activities.

Footkin Keep Healthy is a great tool for teachers and parents who are looking for ways to support children in these difficult times and help reduce COVID-19 related stress and anxiety.

[Download the activity book here](#)

Eco-Schools activities at home

Care and Share!

1 Call your grandparents! (or other older relatives or friends)

2 Talk to them about how they are doing!

Then ask:

- Did they produce less waste when they were young than us now?
- Why was there less waste in the world when they were young?

3 Take notes and discuss what you learned with the rest of your family.

4 Share on Facebook! What changes we can make or habits we can adopt to create less waste now? Also, show us a picture of your grandparents!

5 Post with **#ESPACE #EcoSchools #EcoSchoolsStayHome** (You can also ask your parents to post for you)

LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOW!

STEP 1 Take a picture of what you see.

STEP 2 Make a list of the plants, animals and objects that you see in your picture.

STEP 3 Do you see any waste in your picture? Discuss with your parents. Where did it come from? Why is it there? Ask yourself: why doesn't nature produce any waste?

STEP 4 Share your picture and a summary of your discussion on FB with **#ESPACE #EcoSchools #EcoSchoolsStayHome** (You can also ask your parents to post for you)

The Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) has put together some amazing educational resources for learning from home. The list includes tips, guides and samples of daily/ weekly schedules.

This resource serves as a wonderful springboard for you to create your own lists for sharing with your school community.

[Download the resource here](#)



Looking for teachers inspiring positive action

The Foundation for Environmental Education



Join a webinar

The Foundation for Environmental Education

(FEE) is inviting teachers participating in the Eco-Schools programme, to develop and submit lesson plans that promote an action-oriented pedagogy about specific SDGs.

[Learn more and enter here](#)

(FEE) has launched a series of webinars for teachers and students. The goal of the webinars is to provide further education opportunities.

[For a list of upcoming webinars click here](#)



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