



Merimbula Public School



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Boomerang Bags Project

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

In the last week of Term 1 to further develop our understanding of our Conceptual Unit, we were fortunate to have a guest speaker, Ms Dörte Planert address the students about Boomerang Bags. Ms Planert is the Co-ordinator for Boomerang Bags Bega Valley Sapphire Coast and explained to students how Boomerang Bags works to reduce the use plastic bags by engaging local communities in the making of bags using recycled materials.

Boomerang Bags are fabric shopping bags that are made by volunteers for the public to use instead of single use plastic bags. The bags are made from discarded or donated fabric and can last for 30 years and one bag can replace thousands of plastic bags. The organisations goal is for there to be more and more Boomerang Bags in circulation replacing plastic bags.

Ms Planert showed the students a number of different ways to make bags out of old shirts and t-shirts, fabric and pillow cases. Students were interested and engaged in her talk about plastic pollution and are keen to make their own Boomerang Bag in a step to reduce the use of plastic bags and ultimately reducing their impact on our environment.

Students will be making their own Boomerang Bag at school and to support them we are asking parents and caregivers to send in an old or unwanted pillowcase. They will be using needle and thread to construct their bag and will be able to gift their made bag to someone special. Bags will be made in week 2 and 3 and we would appreciate you sending a pillowcase in with your child/children as soon as possible and by Monday 7th May 2018.

We look forward to seeing the students' completed bags.

Kind regards

Stage 2 teachers



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