WASTE FREE FRIDAY

Frequently asked questions

WHY DO WE HAVE WASTE FREE FRIDAY?

- **The average Australian family produces enough rubbish to fill a three-bedroom house per year!**

- Australia is one of the highest producers of waste per head of population in the world. In 1999, Australia ranked 2nd, in terms of domestic waste generation.

- **At OBPS we are doing our part to educate students and staff about the toll that waste has on our planet, and challenge our whole community to find more ways to reduce waste.**

INTERESTING FACTS

Look how long it takes for these common waste items to decompose:

⇒ **Paper - 2.5 months**
⇒ **Orange Peel - 6 months**
⇒ **Milk Carton - 5 years**
⇒ **Cigarette Butt - 10-12 years**
⇒ **Plastic bag - 10-20 years**
⇒ **Tin can - 100 years**
⇒ **Styrofoam - Never**
⇒ **Glass bottles and jars - Never**

WHY ARE THERE NO BINS IN THE PLAYGROUND ON FRIDAY?

- First and foremost, to encourage people to pack zero-waste lunchboxes!

- We also thought it might help parents to see what food is being eaten, and what is not. For example, if you are packing a whole sandwich and your child only eats half, we thought you should know. That way, you can reduce waste AND save money!

AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT LITTERING?

- Yes, always! But we are working with students in class, and the playground to educate them about this, and so far we have had very few problems with littering - smart kids ☺

WHAT ABOUT FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SCRAPS?

- We do collect the morning fruit scraps every day , and these are used in our compost bins, worm farm and to feed our school chickens.

- Other food scraps are sent home on a Friday to alert parents to what is and isn't being eaten.

- Overall Australians throw away an estimated $2.9 billion worth of fresh food, $630 million in uneaten take-away, $876 million in leftovers, $596 million of unfinished drinks and $241 million of frozen food, a total of $5.3 billion on all forms of food! Let 's do our part to reduce this!