

Keeping it clean



WHAT'S NEWS

70 years on

THE reality of war hit home on February 19, 1942 when 243 allied service personnel and civilians died and hundreds of others were wounded as Japanese forces launched air raids on Darwin. 70 years on since the attack, an air-raid siren sounded in Darwin to mark the special anniversary. Commemorative services were held to recognise the people who fought to defend our northern border, the men, women and children who were forced to evacuate and those who lived through the nightmare. Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Governor General Quentin Bryce were among the 5000 people who gathered to remember February 19 – a national day of observance.

Take a poll online

MS Gillard said the bombing of Darwin would be taught in schools as part of the new national history curriculum. Do you agree that it should be taught in schools?

Clean-up Video

CLEAN Up Australia is offering a new video competition for schools in 2012 as part of its Clean Up Australia campaign. The Green Kids Award is proudly sponsored by the 2012 release of Dr Seuss' The Lorax. Entries for the award are now open, so if you think your school has great environmental projects enter the Green Kids Award. Visit the Clean Up Australia website for details about the award.

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“Effective waste management strategies contribute to the creation of a cleaner, less wasteful and more sustainable society.” – CSIRO

ANY material that is disposed of incorrectly is litter. Whether dropped on the ground, thrown out of a car window or dumped on the side of the road, deliberately or accidentally, litter is a visible sign of pollution. Not only is it ugly, litter can be dangerous and has significant environmental, social and economic impacts on communities. It can spread germs and disease, contaminate water, kill animal life and even injure people. Rubbish not disposed of correctly can give the impression that no-one cares or is responsible. Our waterways, parks, beaches and streets in local communities are becoming increasingly polluted with discarded rubbish. It is important to change our habits and attitudes to help keep our country clean.

With an increase in the world population and its high consumption of products there is a problem. We are generating more waste than the environment can absorb.

We need to reduce our waste to lessen the impact it has on the environment.

The best way to reduce waste is to follow the 5R's – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Renew and Recycle. It helps us to manage our waste and dispose of it in better ways.

► **REFUSE** – Re-think the products you purchase and avoid those goods that produce excessive amounts of waste.

► **REDUCE** – Minimise the amount of waste by reducing the number of disposable products you use.

► **REUSE** – Instead of throwing items out, find another use for them.

► **RENEW** – When possible use items and resources that are renewable.

NiENewsletter

Coming in March is the new NiE Newsletter. Sign up to receive a weekly update of great ideas for the classroom. Go to your newspaper's website. You should find the address on the front page. Look for the NiE logo in the menu bar and click! Find the link to subscribe to our new NiE newsletter and you'll be able to find more information about APN's Newspapers in Education program.

INTERESTING FACTS

According to the 2010 clean Up Australia report:

The top ten rubbish items are:-

1. Cigarette butts
2. Small paper pieces
3. Polystyrene pieces
4. PET drink bottles
5. Plastic chips and confectionary bags
6. Plastic bottle caps
7. Alcoholic beverage bottles
8. Glass pieces
9. Aluminium cans
10. Metal bottle caps

MOST RUBBISHED SITE TYPES:-

1. Outdoor transport
2. Shops and malls
3. Beach and coastal
4. Roadways
5. River/creeks
6. School grounds
7. Parks
8. Public bushlands

► **RECYCLE** – Many products can be recycled at home or at recycling centres where they can be used to make new products.

Litter-bugs

HAVE you ever seen these types of litterers?

Wedgeers: stuff or wedge their litter in small places, such as a gap between seats, so it will not be seen.

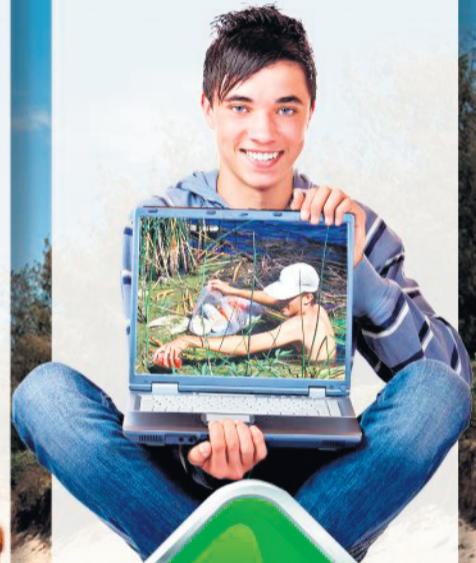
Undertakers: cover or bury their litter under soil, sand or leaves.

Foul-shooters: aim for the bin, miss and leave the object on the ground.



TASK TIME ONLINE

Compare advertisements from past Clean Up Australia campaigns. Go online to view the ads and answer some simple questions. Decide which is the best advertisement and why.



QUIZ TIME

Each week we will test your knowledge on what's been happening in the news. For the answers visit NiE online.

1 What was the result of the ballot for the leadership of the Australian Labor Party?

2 Which film won the Oscar at this year's Academy Awards for Best Picture?

3 The Olyroos have missed out on playing in the London Olympics. Which sport do they represent?

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC:

Sea Splash