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Dear Parents and Carers

The Year 5 students from Room 14 have been researching the effects of plastic and other waste on our environment and what we could do to make a positive impact.

During science week, Room 14 investigated how much rubbish was thrown away each day during recess and lunch time from their classroom. The data was recorded using a tally for each piece of rubbish to find the total amount over the day at school. The results suggest there is an average of 53 pieces of rubbish thrown away each day from only one classroom. Imagine how much rubbish is thrown out every day over the entire school. Following this experiment, the Year 5 students from Room 14 trialled a waste free day and the results were positive. Only three out of 31 students had wrappers in their lunch boxes that day.

As this was so successful, the Year 5 students are promoting a ***whole-school 'Trash Free Tuesday'*** for ***Tuesday 22 September***.

This means, we would like students to avoid bringing lunch boxes with items that would be thrown away such as plastic wrappers and tubs, juice boxes, glad wrap, paper and aluminium foil etc. Suggestions for some healthy options include fruit and vegetable sticks, sandwiches, crackers, home-made muesli bars or other treats. Items may be packed in reusable containers or wax paper.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to making a positive impact to our environment.

Kind regards

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