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Dear Parents

### SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAMME

WSPS is currently embarking on a waste recycling programme at school. We are doing this for a number of reasons: *To conserve our earth and to teach our children the importance of recycling and not being wasteful.*

We are in discussion with the **The Wildlands Trust (<https://www.wildlands.co.za>)** as to whether the rebate will be in the form of a desk-chair unit for every 40kg of combined waste that we collect (which we will donate to an underprivileged school whom we have close ties with) or whether it will be a cash rebate. They collected our waste last year and we await their decision on the rebate.

**Mary Hunybun ([www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za](http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za))**, an octogenarian and a retired nurse who lives in CT is the recipient of our bread tags and bottle tops. These are transported to CT at no charge by a transport company. The tags are reprocessed with other polystyrene products to make 'ingots' which are sent to specific companies who make new products (e.g. picture frames, skirting's, cornices, seedling trays, coat hangers) and so the cycle continues. The money Mary gets for the waste is used to purchase wheelchairs for the needy. Please have a look at their facebook site.

### WASTE THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY ABLE TO RECYCLE

<b>GLASS BOTTLES</b> ( <i>Beer / Wine / Food jars etc</i> ) (Instructions: clean, remove lid, remove label if possible)(no window glass or light bulbs)(We don't judge... we want your bottles!)	<b>PLASTIC BOTTLES</b> ( <i>Milk / Coke range / Oros / Oil etc</i> ) (Instructions: clean, remove lid, and squash)
<b>CANS</b> ( <i>Coldrink cans-Coke etc / Food tins &amp; cans etc</i> ) (Instructions: clean, remove label, and squash if possible)(no deodorant, spray & cook cans i.e. pressurised cans)	<b>BREAD TAGS &amp; PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS/LIDS</b> (Instructions: do not mix) <b>THERE IS AN INTERCLASS COMPETITION FOR BREAD TAGS. WINNER GAINS BRAGGING RIGHTS!</b>

### TO MAKE THIS VENTURE POSSIBLE, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

MONDAY is our official drop-off day (after your weekend) so that we can arrange for collection of the recycling waste mid week. We are relying on you, as parents, to ensure that your effort or that of your children is to make sure the waste is sorted and sent in separate plastic packets or boxes.

All containers must be clean. We need to respect the people on the other side who are sorting through this waste and we cannot waste time and water cleaning the bins on our side.

No classroom drop-offs or front/back gate drop offs. The waste must be taken to the tuck shop area on a Monday any time before 14h00.

We do not have staff to sort through the waste that is dropped off so we need this venture to run as smoothly as possible so that is not deemed a failure.

If you have bulk waste (e.g. glass bottles) please contact me beforehand to ensure that we have storage space. We cannot allow our school to become a dump-site so we need to ensure that this venture is managed expertly. Please contact me for any other related queries.

If there are any parents who are passionate about recycling and would like to help us grow this project at our school, please make contact with us.

Sincerely

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