



SAVE THE DATE !

**Rumbalara EEC - Sustainability Leaders Forum 2023**

**Wednesday, 10th May, 2023**

### (Term 2, Week 3)

Each year Rumbalara EEC brings together teachers involved in environmental and sustainability education in their school setting. This is a professional learning opportunity - including guest speakers, sharing of resources and information and an opportunity for skills development.

Although we usually hold this in Term 1, this year we have **tentatively set the date for Wednesday 10th May 2023**. Please pencil this date in your diaries. We will be providing more information over the next few weeks.

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## EOIs now open for Student Leadership Initiative 2023

**Rumbalara EEC is pleased to announce that EOIs are now open for our student leadership program for 2023.**

This is an opportunity for 4-6 students from Stage 3 to work on a project that develops their leadership skills and delivers a tangible outcome.

As part of the program, we will be holding a **Leadership Forum on Tuesday, 28 March 2023 at Kincumba Mountain** (venue to be confirmed). This will be an opportunity for selected students to hear from others about leadership, participate in games that develop their skills and identify a project for their school. **Rumbalara EEC staff will then support students as they work to deliver their project.** (Cost is \$15 per student).

After running the program for a couple of years, we will trial a new format in 2023. In previous years, projects were over the full year. Both students and schools struggled to maintain momentum with many competing interests and demands on students and teachers.

**In 2023, we will be looking at a Project that students are able to work on during Term 2 or Term 3.** This will mean that we will work with students and schools over a full term to identify a project that is an appropriate scale in order for students to achieve their goals.

To qualify for the Leadership Program, students must have an interest in the environment - and a good record of behaviour at school. The program is intended to be an opportunity for enrichment for interested students.

**Each school must also complete the EcoSchools assessment to be eligible to join the program.**

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[Download our information flyer here](#)

[Download an EOI form here](#)

**EOIs are due by 5pm Monday 13 March 2023.**

[Visit our website here](#) to download information about the program - and an EOI to be completed by each student.



## Rumbalara Bookings for 2023

Its time to start thinking about this year's bookings. Send in your [EOI](#) any time now.

Please contact us If you would like us to attend a staff meeting or assist with some programming to ensure you get the most out of the field work for 2023. We can assist designing whole units of work with a STEM design focus in collaboration with Central Coast Academy of STEM.

**Price Increase:** Central Coast Council will be charging Rumbalara EEC for the use of Council Reserves. This has resulted in a price increase by \$2 per student. Our new price is for 2023 will be \$7 per student.



### FREE KITCHEN-GARDEN WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF

**When:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023

**Where:** Empire Bay Public School

**Time:** 3:30pm registration, 3:45-5:30pm

[Link to register](#)

### Workshop Program

| Time        | Activity   | Presenter         |
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| 3:30pm      | Registration opens   |                   |
| 3:45-4:15pm | [Optional] Let's cook - Cooking experience and afternoon tea in the Empire Bay kitchen. <i>To take part, participants can arrive between 3:45-4pm.</i> | Lisa Maddick      |
| 4:15pm      | Case study presentations from the Harvest for Health Grant Winners   | Schools           |
| 5:10pm      | Health Promotion Update, including planning materials for your kitchen garden in 2023  | Nina Kingon       |
| 5:20pm      | Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre Update on sustainability initiatives with a focus on waste  | Christine Freeman |
| 5:30pm      | Close  |                   |



## SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS GRANT 2023

We invite all NSW public schools and preschools to apply for funding of up to \$15,000 to deliver hands-on, sustainability-focused projects that link to the NSW curriculum.

School Infrastructure NSW Sustainable Schools Grants are part of a four-year, 10 million dollar program:

- giving schools the opportunity to develop innovative hands-on projects
- helping students learn about environmentally sustainable practices and take real steps to enhance the sustainability of their school environment.

Note – non-government schools, and preschools not owned and operated by the NSW Department of Education, are ineligible to apply.

This will be the final round of grants for the Sustainable Schools Program.

- Applications open Monday 27 February Term 1 Week 6 2023
- Applications close Monday 20 March Term 1 Week 9 2023
- Mid Term 2 2023 schools will be notified if they are successful in receiving a Round 5 grant.
  - Projects to be implemented June to December 2023
- Friday 1 December Term 4 Week 8 2023 – all projects must be completed.

[More info here](#)

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## THE BLENDER BIKE

Central Coast Health has an amazing Blender Bike which is available to borrow and "mix-up" your event to promote healthy eating and active living.

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