Our Unit of inquiry journey continues with us learning about ways we can help the environment.

In Buddies we have been reading Bible readings about what God says about the environment. We then made KidPix pictures about these Bible readings.

We also learnt that we can take care of the environment by saving water and energy. We made water saving posters. After reading a story about pollution and viewing short clips about the environment, students made a picture that shows a beautiful environment and a polluted environment.

We then learnt it is important to reduce, reuse and recycle. This week we are looking at how we can reduce our rubbish.

We made some nude food savoury cheesy scrolls and will be having a Nude food day next week.

In Maths we have continued to look at shapes but have moved onto 3D shapes and lines of symmetry.

On Thursdays we have rotational maths groups where students explore through hands on the topics we have learnt. This is a time where students use a variety of materials and explore the topics through a hands on perspective. While learning, students are asked adult directed questions to help find out their knowledge and this is where we can find out misconceptions and work with students to help correct them.

On Monday, August 6 we were lucky enough to have echidna expert and mother of Mrs John come to visit us.

Mrs K ran a session teaching us all about a Barossa endangered species the ‘Short beaked Echidna’.

We were able to learn many new facts about the echidnas and Mrs K showed us some footage of some real life echidnas from when she visited Kangaroo Island recently. Mrs K introduced us to her puppet friend “Eddy the Echidna” who told us the many things that scare him.

We went on a treasure hunt to collect facts about our new echidna friend and Mrs K even taught us how to make gorgeous echidna puppets and echidna drawings. We had so much fun!

These are some of the fantastic facts we learnt:

★ Echidna’s only produce one egg a year – Henri
★ I learnt that echidnas have no spikes when they have just been born – Aiden
★ I learnt that there is different kinds of echidnas. The one in the Barossa Echidna is the short beaked echidna – Jemima
★ I learnt that echidna spikes are called quills – Zehta
★ The scientific name for the echidna is the tachyglossus – Ryan
★ Tachyglossus means quick tongue – Emma
★ They don’t live in one home area they move around – Cassie
★ They are called a monotreme. The platypus is the only other monotreme – Jordan