



We are becoming **Resource Smart**

This term, we have completed our first module of learning with *Resource Smart*.

This has resulted in a *series of initiatives* around the school:

- Establishing a working veggie garden
- Using classroom compost bins
- Establishing a Bakashi central composting system (located in Art Room)
- Placing thermometers in classrooms
- Creating Gardening Gurus who are working hard to keep our school healthy & beautiful
- Including environment modules in our curriculum plans across all grades
- Planting trees, native irises & vertical garden to 'green' up our school
- Creating bird seed balls for native birds (thank you, 3/4B)
- Moving to co-mingled recycling (plastic, aluminium, glass & paper can now go in our recycling bins)
- Purchasing of green cleaning products by school cleaners
- Buying Carbon-Neutral paper only
- Recycling furniture (classroom tables re-dressed to become outdoor tables, logs for stools, grade 5/6 pallet woodworking lessons)
- Creating a Bug Hotel
- Art Room use of Urban Upcycle
- Monitoring of all our energy usage (12 months of data entered for all electricity, gas, water, waste, recyclables, paper usage)

What can you do to help?

Talk to your children about *energy saving initiatives at home*: put on an extra jumper rather than the heater, turn off lights when you exit a room, shut the door to keep the warmth in, don't leave the tap running when doing your teeth, start a home compost.

Encourage them to *look after our plants & gardens* (especially at the front of the school during arrival & departure times).

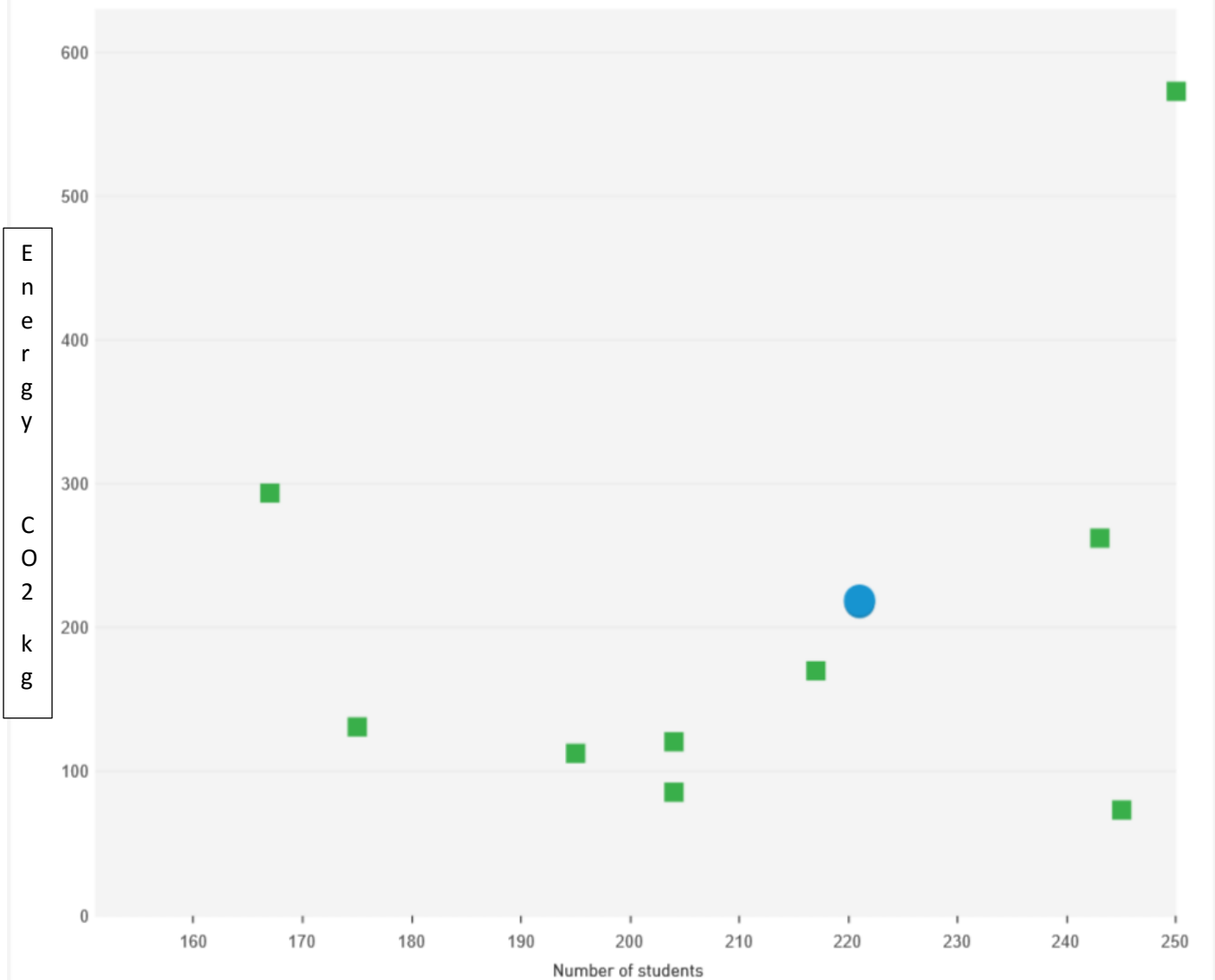
HOW DO WE RATE?

Overall, our data shows that *we are a fairly energy efficient school*.

Our **main problem area has been water usage** which spiked during in January during the leak under the BER. Our **electricity usage is reasonable** but there's room to improve: staff & students will be monitoring heaters & lights closely for the remainder of the year. Our **paper use is good**, with key spikes occurring only at report writing time. Our **gas consumption is reasonable**. Please see the graphs below for further information.

Benchmark report:

Energy - CO₂ (All) per student (kg of CO₂/year)



Year: 2017
Maximum: 573.16
Minimum: 73.37
Average: 204.27

YOUR SCHOOL
Benchmark

- Primary
- Secondary
- P-12
- Special
- Camp
- Early Childhood

Our next focus is **WASTE**. We will be doing waste audits to determine how much and what type of rubbish is being disposed of in our school. Our goal will be to reduce this significantly during term 4.

EnviroWeek in week 9 of this term will help our students learn about this.