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Dear Parents

Herschel Girls School acts as a collection depot for recycling for the OASIS ASSOCIATION. Everyone is invited to support this environmental / outreach initiative by bringing their recyclable goods to school every **Tuesday morning** before 9:00 am. There are 3 areas where you can off-load recyclable goods:

- just inside the gate on the pavement on your left,
- on the centre island at the turning point,
- behind the music block at the top gate of the school.

Not everything is recyclable. Please consult the list below. Post it on your fridge!

ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED	INTERESTING FACT (from Oasis website: http://www.oasisrecycling.co.za)
METAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooldrink cans • Food cans • Broken appliances (metal ones only) • Redundant computers 	Tin foil containers or trays [Broken PLASTIC appliances are not accepted.]	<i>The recovery rate of steel beverage cans sold in South Africa has grown to 63%. A tin can takes 100 years to decompose and aluminium can 200 to 500 years.</i>
GLASS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass jars and containers • Glass bottles 	Light bulbs Fluorescent tubes Windscreen glass Mirrors	<i>33% of all glass containers produced are returnable or reusable. A glass bottle can take as much as a million years to decompose.</i>
PLASTIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear plastic sheeting and packaging • Plastic shopping packets • Plastic cooldrink. Milk, detergent and other bottles (easily identified by the number 1 or 2 in a triangle at the base of the bottle or container) • Plastic margarine, yoghurt and ice-cream containers (easily identified by the number 5 in a triangle at the base of the container) 	Please note that Oasis cannot accept any other kind of plastic or polystyrene containers, e.g. Plastic containers with a 6 underneath: muffin, fruit, biscuit, vegetable and meat trays, etc. Cling wrap ALSO NOT ANY CONTAINERS THAT HAVE CONTAINED CHEMICALS SUCH AS POOL CLEANERS.	<i>Among plastics, soft-drink bottles are transformed into polyester carpets, and dry-cleaning bags. Milk bottle lids become irrigation pipes. Plastic used to cover trays of packaged goods in the supermarket can be recycled into products such as black bags. Other mixed plastic waste can be used to make road signs, fencing and outdoor furniture.</i>
PAPER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office paper • Newspaper and magazines • Cardboard packaging • Junk mail and envelopes • Cardboard • Egg boxes • Second hand books 	Telephone directories Milk, juice and other boxes that are wax-lined (terepak / banana boxes) Florist wrap Tissues	<i>A piece of unrecycled paper takes 2-4 weeks to decompose. If you recycle just a year's daily newspapers, you will have eliminated the need for 3 pine trees to take up natural habitat for 16 years. Every ton of paper that is recycled saves 17 pine trees and 3m³ of landfill space. South Africa saves 10 million trees annually through paper recycling programmes. Almost every type of paper produced in South Africa has a recycled content.</i>
DEFINITE NO-NO'S: Please do <u>not</u> bring disposable nappies or food remnants – THEY CANNOT BE RECYCLED by Oasis!		
N.B. IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY FOR OASIS ASSOCIATION WORKERS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ALL PACKAGING THAT HAS CONTAINED FOOD OR LIQUID, IS RINSED.		