



# The Dolphin Report



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Welcome to the latest newsletter from Nathan, Candice, Ashleigh and Daniel. We have been on a great adventure this week and thought we could share some of our thoughts.

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Mrs. Moncrieff, Nathan, Ashleigh and Candice travelled to Sorrento to meet some other DRI Ambassadors from other schools and travel out into the bay on the "Bluefin", an Australian Maritime College's research and training ship.

Apart from a bit of seasickness!!!! our day was great. We learnt a lot about the creatures found in the bay, how the ship works and what special adaptations fish have to live in different parts of the bay. We even saw some dolphins!!!



Some interesting things we learnt were:

- You can tell where a fish lives by looking in its stomach.
- Sea stars eat by throwing their stomachs out and over their prey.
- Some ships are so big they are 17 houses long. Walk along a street and count the houses to see how big this is!
- The deepest part of Bass Strait is right inside our rip at Point Lonsdale.
- There are spider crabs in Port Phillip Bay with 8 long legs like a spider.
- We probably know more about the surface of the moon than we do about the bottom of the bay.



As from the beginning of term 3, look at the noticeboard outside the Library for our new DRI display and for some photos of our expedition onto Port Phillip Bay. The marine Treasure for each month will also appear inside the giant treasure chest!!!!



Stay tuned for our special Science Week Spellathon in August.

## REPORT FROM THE BLUEFIN

Hello, my name is Ashleigh Parr,

On Wednesday myself and other students went on FTV Bluefin it is a ship. First we got shown around the ship. After that the people on the ship showed us a sea-worm, a crab, sea stars, sponge squitter and sharks but they were in a tank. We all got a booklet, in it there was a competition who could find the first lighthouse, first seal, first Dolphin, first Jelly fish and the first person to see a bird going down into the water eating a fish. I saw the bird so I won a swish fish, and your probably wondering what a swish fish is, it is a toy. I thought it was a fish in a container but I was wrong. Then we had morning tea.