

'i sea, i care' AMBASSADORS AWARDS AND FINAL WORKSHOP FOR 2016

The sun was shining and, as always, our Mornington Peninsula Ambassadors arrived smiling at Jacks Beach, ready for their final coastal workshop on November 10. Despite the army of mosquitos that swarmed in full force before the sun worked its way through the trees, the day was full of activities, a BBQ lunch and the presentation of awards for our well-deserving volunteers.

Ambassadors began with a talk about local species of frog, including a pair-matching game involving students finding a partner based on the sound of different shakers.

Next, students had the pleasure of meeting and listening to Lionel Lauch as he shared his knowledge on indigenous heritage and culture. Students were amazed by his tools and the many, many resources he identified along the short walk from the coast to the bush.

Following a BBQ lunch, Ambassadors enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves and pitched in, giving the Green Army a hand weeding and pruning the space around Jacks Beach, improving the clearance of walking tracks and over-hanging trees surrounding the car park. The last session gave students an idea of the animals found in Warringine Park and how to identify different skulls of animals that are found in the park, including those of native and invasive species.



Well done to recipients of the following awards:



School of the Year - Mt Martha Primary School



Hastings Primary School students including joint Ambassador of the Year Emily Smart (far left), and Coordinator of the Year Jannine Reid (far right)



Highly commended Ambassadors of the Year – Ashely Unger and Alannah Woods, Crib Point PS

Fund raiser of the Year - Dakota Nicholls, Somerville PS



Highly commended school of the Year - Hastings PS
Joint Ambassador of the Year – Alexandra Matthews, Tyabb Railway Station PS
Parent Helper of the Year – Lisa Elvey, Moorooduc PS
Outstanding Contribution – Sandi Emile, Rye PS

And to all our Ambassadors for your wonderful efforts and contribution to the success of another workshop program. Every one of you help to support the health of environments and reverse the negative impacts of litter pollution in our oceans and parklands.

Many thanks to Lionel, the Green Army crew, Gerard, Matt and Hannah from the Shire and our parents, grandparents and volunteers for making the workshops a great day for everyone.

