

## *'i sea, i care'* AMBASSADORS IN ACTION IN 2017



The Ambassadors from the City of Greater Dandenong braved the heat recently to have a fantastic last workshop for the year with lots of fun educational activities. It has been amazing to see how our Ambassadors have grown in confidence over the year.

The meeting point for the workshop was Pencil Park in Keysborough. Students studied the macro-invertebrates that live in the wetlands. Macro-invertebrates are good environmental indicators of the water quality and its health. They are also an important part of the food chain. Wetlands like those at Pencil Park help provide habitat for many birds, snakes and lizards. But illegal dumping, pollution and litter can adversely affect the water quality and the health of macro-invertebrates. These polluted waters can eventually make their way into Port Phillip.

Students discovered the amazing frogs that live in their local wetlands and how they are biological indicators of a healthy waterway and wetland. Students pretended they were frogs and had to find a frog with the same call – not an easy task with the whole group shaking their frog shakers!

After a short break the Ambassadors learned about the local area from Dean Stewart, and the Aboriginal words we still use today. Ambassadors also learned about life as an Aboriginal teenager before European settlement. Students used their keen research skills to help practise dolphin fin identification.

Thank you to all the schools, staff, parent helpers, Kirstine Oh (City of Dandenong) and Dean Stewart.



\* Well done to Lyndale Greens Primary School  
Ambassador School of the Year \*



This summer, let's all try to reduce our plastic footprint by saying no single-use plastics such as straws, water bottles, balloons and plastic bags!

