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CASEY AMBASSADORS -CARING FOR OUR BAYS!

Teaching that *what we do* on land has an impact on our marine environment - this has been our core message from day 1. It's as important today as it ever was.

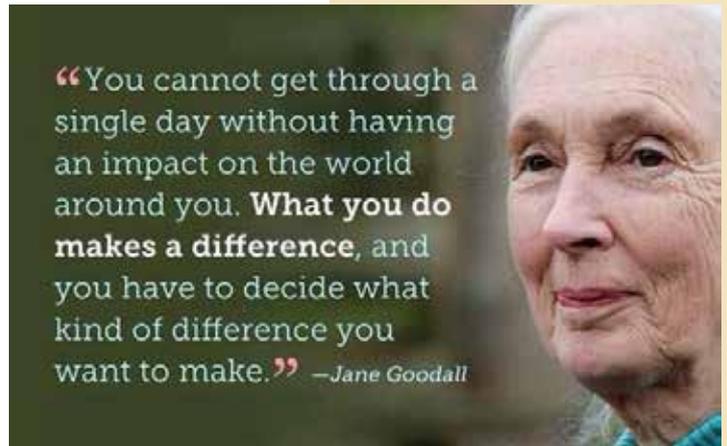
2018 is the year that taking action on global plastic pollution is at the heart of World Environment Day and World Oceans Day, both in June. Here at Dolphin Research Institute, we are behind this 100%. Our Marine Ambassadors across Melbourne continue to inspire their school communities and look for more ways to reduce, reuse, recycle.

Plastic doesn't break down!!! It breaks up into smaller and smaller pieces. The consequences for our marine life are devastating, with seabirds being amongst the biggest losers.

Wherever you can in your daily life, choose to refuse single use plastics. Coffee cups and pods, straws, bags, balloons, fruit and veg packaging to name a few. They make up 50% of our plastic consumption and have an *average use of only 15 minutes*.

And we can all do our bit by picking up rubbish when we see it, on our streets and beaches, and in our schools.

Let's make 2018 the year when we really do declare a "War on Waste!"



AMBASSADORS LEARN THEIR LESSONS

After starting their Ambassador year out on a boat, experiencing our very special marine environment, it was time to learn the skills necessary to teach the message of caring for our bays. With interactive games, crazy role plays and colourful props, the Ambassadors got to grips with eating like a sea star, yawning like a seal, camouflaging like a decorator crab and pretending to be hungry dolphins in a sea of plastic. All in a days' work for our amazing environmental champions.

They will take these activities back to school and the wider community with the aim of influencing real behavioural change to protect our marine life.



Many thanks to David Westlake and the City of Casey for their ongoing support of the program. And also thanks to Sue Jones from Cranbourne Park, Colin Avery from Rangebank and Leigh Johnson from Harkaway for being such excellent hosts.



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

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