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MELBOURNE AMBASSADORS ARE 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.

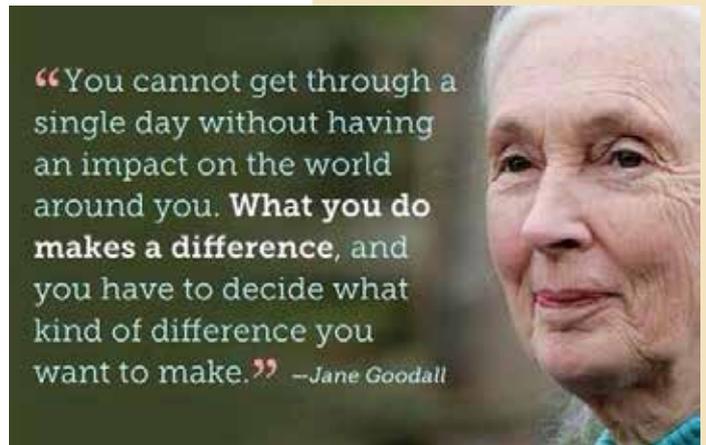
2018 is the year that taking action on global plastic pollution is at the heart of World Environment Day and World Oceans Day, both in June. Here at Dolphin Research Institute, we are behind this 100%. Our Marine Ambassadors across Melbourne continue to inspire their school communities and look for more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



The Ambassadors from across the Melbourne region had a busy start to 2018, with four trips on Moonraker on Port Phillip and four peer teaching workshops. Thank you to the host schools and their co-ordinators, Deb at St Justins PS, Sarah at St Judes PS, Carmela at St Macartans and Matt at Woodleigh, Penbank Campus.

At these workshops, the Ambassadors learnt how to teach junior students about Victoria's marine treasures, and the issues facing them. Role-plays were important (and fun!) in this. One of the key messages was that it's difficult for dolphins and other marine creatures to find food when there's rubbish in the ocean.



After some rehearsals, the Ambassadors took their messages to the younger students. Everyone had a great time, and learnt some very valuable lessons. 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.



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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