

**“WE NEED TO RESPECT THE OCEANS AND TAKE CARE OF THEM AS THOUGH OUR LIVES
DEPENDS ON IT. BECAUSE THEY DO”.**

As our oceans become more polluted with plastic than ever before, in the week that we celebrated both World Environment Day and World Oceans day, local Ambassadors learnt for themselves in their peer teaching workshop how our rubbish affects our marine environment.

Through fun and interactive learning, the Ambassadors now know that it's easy to be waste warriors, and reduce single use plastics.

Did you know that plastic straws take about 1 minute to make, 10 minutes to use and last for over 100 years? Many cafes are now turning to paper, metal and bamboo alternatives. Balloons are one of the biggest threats to our seabirds as they can ingest them or become entangled. *Choose bubbles instead at your next party.*



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TALK TO A DRI RESEARCHER ON A CLIFF OR IN A WHALE !

The family-friendly 'Island Whale Festival' is on again! Join us at Phillip Island on Friday July 6 to Sunday 8 (this is the middle weekend of the school holidays). Learn about whales, their migration routes and a whole lot more.

- Our amazing inflatable whale will be at the marquee at the Cowes Cultural Centre every day – with sessions at 1pm, 2:30pm and 4pm. Book for one of the FREE 45 minute sessions, and climb into a whale!
- Or try and spot a real whale on Saturday and Sunday from one of the Island's lookouts at Cape Woolamai (9:30am) and Pyramid Rock (11:30am). DRI's researchers will be there to inform and inspire you - and tell the difference between a spouting whale and a wave.



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