

## DANDENONG AMBASSADORS - SPLASH IN 2019

Ambassadors from schools in the City of Greater Dandenong got up close to some of the living marine treasures in Port Phillip recently. They had an amazing time at Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary - and special thanks to DRI's Jacqui for sharing her snorkelling skills with the super keen Ambassadors!

Victoria's Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries are protected areas of our ocean and contain a wide diversity of species. At Ricketts Point the Ambassadors learnt about why these areas are so important, investigated the seagrass habitat and explored the rock pools.

Thanks to everyone who made this such a wonderful experience for these future marine champions.



## WORLD OCEANS DAY - TOGETHER WE CAN RESTORE AND PROTECT THE OCEAN



Our planet is facing a man-made disaster on a global scale and our oceans are directly in the firing line. Whether it's plastic, overfishing or climate change, the ocean faces a threat like never before. Every action we take on land has an impact on the marine environment and with 8 billion people, that's a lot of impacts. And if we don't radically change the way we live by 2030, our planet could be damaged for ever. But there is hope and time to turn things around, if everyone works on their little piece of the jigsaw.

World Oceans Day is a global celebration of our largest and most inspiring environment. **It takes place on June 8th and we invite you and your school to get behind this date.** Do something for our ocean. Hold an event, write a poem or song and perform it at assembly, dress up at school, go plastic free for the whole day, week or even month. Go to our website for more ideas [dolphinresearch.org.au](http://dolphinresearch.org.au)

You can download posters and other great stuff at <https://www.worldoceansday.org/promotional-materials>



## PHILLIP ISLAND WHALE FESTIVAL 5-7 JULY 2019



Come to Phillip Island during the school holidays - and see whales! Meet researchers, chat to the team, and find out about whales and more.

Spread over the middle weekend, this is a fun, **free festival** on beautiful Phillip Island; more at [islandwhales.com.au](http://islandwhales.com.au)

