

“Optimism is a strategy for making a better future. Because unless you believe that the future can be better, you are unlikely to step up and take responsibility for making it so” - Noam Chomsky

Conservation during Corona : Supporting our Ambassadors

To our ISIC Ambassadors, parents, teachers, and partners of the Ambassador program, we say a huge thank-you for your participation and support during Term 2. This has been a challenging time for all, and particularly for our Ambassadors who were looking forward to the ISIC workshops. We have had to re-think the way we communicate the environmental message, and communicate with each other!

I SEA I CHAT sessions focus on supporting Ambassadors through quarantine, and beyond. These sessions are about having a conversation, and the lively chat room have involved questions such as how marine animals were coping with a quiet ocean, what the future looks like, living in quarantine, and adapting our conservation actions during this time! The ongoing I SEA I CHAT sessions are essential to support and motivate each other, brainstorm for innovative environmental actions at home, and help our Ambassadors spread conservation awareness within their online communities... and they are so much fun!!!

ONLINE WORKSHOPS. The Education Team was granted permission during the quarantine period to film outdoors, so that our Ambassadors can experience the next best thing to attending a workshop! We visited locations including Balnarring rock platform and Sorrento rockpools, to film a litter collection and a rock-pool ramble to highlight pollutions issues in these areas, and also the beautiful animals, algae and seagrass that live in these intertidal zones. We also filmed at Blairgowrie to show how we collect seagrass for our workshops, and also the some of the animals living in these precious habitats! Online Peer Teaching Workshops were a hit, and additional staff sessions were also recorded for those unable to join our live sessions.

Term 2 will be remembered like no other, and whilst we love seeing your faces online and traveling all about to film sessions for you, we cannot wait to catch up with you in person, and hope that will happen in the near future. So, stay safe, motivated and inspired to communicate the environmental message far and wide, and help us help the environment towards a better future for all!

- The DRI Education Team



WORLD OCEANS DAY June 8, 2020

The World Oceans Day mission calls on people around our beautiful blue planet to celebrate, honour, and protect the ocean! This special day shows us that by working together, we can, and we will protect and restore our shared ocean.

Create your own World Oceans Day event !

Create your own competition: Create an online photography, video, or art competition and ask people to vote.



Gain Support and Raise Funds: Create an online fund raiser and spread the word to your online communities.



Go LIVE : Do a 360 live stream video; or talk about your World Oceans Day actions. Make sure to make it is easily accessible, fun, and interesting!

THEME FOR 2020 Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean: In 2020 World Oceans day explores innovations in technology, systems infrastructure, resource management, consumer products, and scientific exploration; and their applications, potential impacts, and the resources needed to ensure they support long-lasting positive environmental solutions.

FOCUS for 2020 World Oceans Day is uniting conservation action toward a global movement, starting with a petition to protect 30% of our blue planet by 2030, which is called "30x30". By safeguarding at least 30% of our land and ocean through a network of highly protected areas, we can help ensure a sustainable ocean for all creatures!

Find the petition at <https://worldoceansday.org/about/conservation-action-focus/>, as well as World Oceans Day events you can join, blogs from some awesome people contributing to sustainable oceans, and campaign resources to help you protect a range of creatures and habitats!