

AMBASSADOR PEER TEACHING WORKSHOP

We had a fantastic day with lots of learning and laughter for our Casey ISIC Marine Ambassador Peer Teaching Workshop with students from Pearcedale Rangebank, Cranbourne South and Devon Meadows. After two years of lockdowns and online learning, students and DRI staff were so excited to attend the workshop and the Ambassadors loved getting to know students from other schools! After teaching some fantastic tips and tricks for effective communication, Mandy taught the Ambassadors students a range of engaging ocean related activities and had their rapt attention when talking about the fascinating facts about the species that live in our local bays.

The Ambassadors then practised teaching the activities, and there was a great deal of laughter as they supported each other through the different activities. After practising the Ambassadors then became the teachers, and they did such a fantastic job of teaching a younger class all about the marine environment and the simple actions we can all take to help protect it!

It is so rewarding to watch these young students gain so much confidence in just a few hours to learn and then effectively teach the marine activities to their younger cohorts, and the support that they gave each other was just wonderful! Thank you so much to Pearcedale Primary for hosting the day, and as always to the wonderful teachers, parents and carers that transported our Ambassadors to the workshop, without you these workshops would not be possible!



CLIMATE CHANGE 2022 *Climate Change is the single biggest threat facing all humanity, bushfires, flooding droughts, extreme weather, record temperatures and melting ice. These are all examples of the impacts of Climate Change. It is no longer in our future but our present.*

AMBASSADOR FEATURE

These two beautiful drawings of Victoria's marine fauna emblem the Weedy Seadragon were donated by the wonderful Lola, a 2021 Ambassador and they will be used in a future fund-raiser! So keep your eyes on our website to learn how you can bid for one of these amazing drawings and help DRI raise much needed funding for our education and research projects. Thank you so much Lola you are such an inspiration!



UPDATE FROM THE DRI RESEARCH TEAM

A Humpback whale was sighted breaching off Sorrento Bay beach in March! DRI researchers note this doesn't necessarily mark the beginning of the migration which normally begins in May. Join our Citizen Science project by reporting sightings to the Facebook page 'Two Bays Whale Project'



2022 ISIC MARINE AMBASSADORS FOR THE GREAT SOUTHERN REEF

We are so excited to announce a change in 2022 for our ISIC Logo to the ISIC Marine Ambassadors for the Great Southern Reef! The GSR extends from NSW, south and across to Kalbarri in WA, and many species, like the beautiful Weedy seadragon are not found anywhere else on Earth! Follow this link to hear Mandy explain why it is so important that we represent the GSR: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yy01ffqgaYo>

