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CASEY AMBASSADORS OFF TO A FLYING START!!

We had a fantastic term 1 with lots of learning and laughter for our Peer Teaching Workshops! After teaching some tips and tricks for effective communication, Mandy, Jacqui and Chris taught the Ambassadors a range of engaging ocean-related activities and had their rapt attention when talking about the fascinating facts about some of the species that live in our local bays. The Ambassadors practised teaching the activities, and there was laughter from all as they supported each other through the different activities. The Ambassadors then became the teachers, and did an excellent job of teaching the younger grades about the marine environment and the actions we can all take to help protect it!

It is so rewarding to watch the Ambassadors gain confidence in just a few hours to learn and then effectively teach the marine activities to their younger cohorts, and their support for each other was wonderful! Thank you SO much to the City of Casey, and to Pearcedale and Botanic Ridge Primary Schools for hosting, and to the wonderful ISCI teachers, parents and carers for transporting Ambassadors.



"No water, no life, no blue, no green' - Slyvia Earle



WORLD OCEAN DAY 8th JUNE 2023 CELEBRATIONS!

It is time to start planning your World Ocean Day celebrations with this year's theme **Big Blue Future.** The WOD mission is to conserve our wonderful marine resources for future generations, and to end overfishing which is enshrined within the UN sustainable development goals. Last year for example, schools celebrated with gold coin donation fundraisers alongside ocean themed dress ups! ISIC Ambassadors also visited classrooms to present on their favourite marine animals, the issues with marine litter, and how we can all help our precious marine creatures. IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE with projects or fundraising ideas please contact Jacqui and Mandy at DRI. We can't wait to see how you celebrate WORLD OCEAN DAY with your school community and SEND US YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS so we can celebrate with you!

RESEARCH UPDATE ON OUR DOLPHIN DISTANCING PROGRAM

The Research Team have piloted a new approach for improving boating behaviour around dolphins by asking the community to be part of the solution through Dolphin Distancing. Together we can build a strong community committed to doing the right thing around our magnificent resident dolphins and protect them for future generations. You can commit to Dolphin Distancing and receive a sticker to proudly display on your vessel! Please report breaches to DELWP on 136 186. Help your community know the rules — don't approach dolphins closer than 100m in boats (including paddled vessels), 300m on jet skis or 30m if you're swimming. Keep a respectful distance and enjoy the show!

