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EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF LEADERSHIP IN 2023!

The Education Team was SO impressed with Ambassadors during our Peer Teaching Workshops! We began by teaching tips and tricks for effective and engaging communication and then ran Ambassadors through a series of fun ocean-related activities. The Ambassadors loved learning about the local species and they had some amazing ideas about the actions we can take to help the environment! The Ambassadors then practiced teaching each other, and many started off very nervous but quickly gained the confidence to practice and also support each other! Everyone did a brilliant job of teaching the younger classes and in every session had their audience's rapt attention!

The Ambassadors embraced the spirit of leadership as they supported each other beautifully throughout the workshops! Thank you SO much to St Josephs Chelsea, Mentone Park, and Chelsea Primary for hosting and as always to the wonderful teachers, parents and carers that transported Ambassadors to the workshops.



"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!

