

## MOONRAKER WITH DOLPHINS EVERY DAY!!

We had dolphins visit us everyday on our Term 1 Moonraker Workshops! The dolphins brought squeals of delight from Ambassadors and everyone else on board!! This workshop highlights how special this experience is to further inspire our Ambassadors to act for the planet!

There were young calves with our dolphin pods so we stayed on the boat to witness their majestic beauty as they followed behind and beside us and some seemed to delight in racing the Moonraker!!

We also snorkeled with a huge array of marine life at the beautiful Popes Eye Marine Park and we loved watching the lazy Australian Fur seals rest on the rocks and swim in and around our delighted Ambassadors! We also visited the Weedy sea dragons at Portsea Pier! We were so proud to witness our Ambassadors embracing the challenge and their support for each other throughout the day was inspiring!

Thank you so much to Torie and her crew aboard Moonraker Dolphin Swims for making these trips so special, and to the teachers and parent carers for transporting Ambassadors to the workshop!



*"I started my activism at home, changing my parents' and relatives' habits and ways of thinking."*

- Greta Thunberg



## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY - 22nd APRIL 2024!

### Planet vs. Plastics

The theme this year aligns perfectly with the values of the ISIC program! Planet vs. Plastics calls to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics, urgently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and demand an end to fast fashion. For ideas big and small about how you can help head to <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/> We would love to hear about what you and your school did to celebrate Earth Day at our next workshop in Term 2!

## DOLPHIN ETIQUETTE FROM THE DRI RESEARCH TEAM

With Easter holidays coming up this is great chance to educate your communities about dolphin distancing. Did you know vessel interactions with dolphins can disrupt their regular behaviours, such as feeding and looking after calves? Remember give our dolphins space!

The minimum distances for approaching dolphins are:

- \* Boats/paddled craft - 100 m
- \* Jet skis - 300 m
- \* Swimmers - 30 m

If you're passionate about protecting our dolphins, jump on board our Dolphin Distancing program and join a community of people who do the right thing around dolphins and encourage others to do the same. You can make your Dolphin Distancing commitment via the DRI website under the Dolphin and Whales tab.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Dolphins swim faster in areas of high vessel traffic, creating an increase in their energy demands.

Recurring vessel interactions also lead to higher levels of stress for dolphins in the long-term.

