

I SEA I CARE PEER TEACHING WORKSHOP SUCCESS!!

We had a blast with our Ambassadors during our Peer Teaching Workshops at Woodlands, Princess Hill, Heritage College Knox, Heany Park and Saint Macartans's! We began with communication tips and tricks, and then taught Ambassadors a range of fun and engaging ocean-related activities about our local marine species, the challenges in local marine environments, and how we can all help to protect our precious blue planet!

The Ambassadors practiced teaching each other, and then they became the teachers, and all did a brilliant job of teaching the junior students! Many commented they were nervous at the beginning of the day, but we tell them "You are nervous because you care!" The nerves soon settled down and Ambassadors had a ball teaching their younger cohorts! It is always so inspiring to all attending! Thank you to our amazing host schools, and we loved the beautiful snacks! Thank you as always to our wonderful ISIC teachers, parents and carers for transporting Ambassadors to our workshops for without you these workshops would not be possible!



CHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL WINS WITH THE NAME COMET!

Ambassadors were given the opportunity to name one of our identified third generation common dolphin calves in Port Phillip Bay. With DRI's Research and Education teams coming together, ISIC school's submitted a name and reason, and the winning school named one of our 154 catalogued common dolphins! Congratulations to Ambassadors - Cara, Matilda, Tommy and Calvin who chose the name COMET because "This dolphin looks very fast likes Halley's Comet. Comet is a gender neutral name and fits its mother's name nicely".



ICHATS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND IN 2024!!

To celebrate World Oceans Day and World Environment Day our ICHAT began with Ellie presenting on all things dolphins and whales, and how DRI help them through research, school and Citizen Science programs. We then held a Q&A session and Ambassadors had some great ideas about how they could help our precious marine environment. We also heard about what actions our ISIC Ambassadors and their schools are taking to act for the oceans and we were so inspired by their efforts! Look out for the next ICHAT in term 3!

DRI RESEARCH CELEBRATES SOME SPECIAL DOLPHIN BIRTHDAYS!

Recently, our Research Team has been out catching up with some young calves and celebrating their birthdays! April pictured above has just turned 2 and is known for her spirited and cheeky nature, often zipping around the boat during surveys with her doting mum, Jean. Pictured below is Tally who has just turned 12 and she is the calf of V-Nick, who was one of the first common dolphins surveyed! Tally's young calf (alongside Tally) is V-Nick's grand calf and part of 3 generations of dolphins in the bay! Tally's dorsal fin changed after she left V-Nick's side, and she had been seen almost every year since 2012. After some recent detective work researchers uncovered her identity. Want to help with our citizen science projects, it is easy, if you are lucky enough to see a dolphin or a whale, you can report your sighting via PodWatch here:

<https://www.dolphinresearch.org.au/research/report-sightings/>



PHILLIP ISLAND WHALE FESTIVAL 5-7 JULY 2024

Looking for something fun this coming school holidays? Come on down to The Phillip Island Whale Festival and meet our DRI Researchers who are undertaking some of the workshops during the festival! There is so much to do, including learning how to spot whales, whale watching cruises, whale and dolphin citizen science programs, kids activities including whale art and crafts, and much more!