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DORROUGHBY EEC TERM 1 2021

Please distribute this newsletter to all teachers interested in Sustainability Education/Outdoor Classrooms.



Jingelah Bloggerman! Hello Colleagues! Welcome to 2021

CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS for DEEC PROGRAMS

Operating as normal.

DEEC are able to attend your schools to conduct incursions.

Excursions to, and camps with, DEEC are available.

Excursions at offsite venues are available as long as the groups (including teacher and DEEC staff) are less than 100.

DEEC has a current COVID-19 Safety Plan and COVID-19 Risk Assessment to supply visiting schools with when booked with us.

Program information is available from our website or call our centre

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New Program for Senior HS



Depth Study - Earth and Environmental Science -

Djaning, Permaculture demonstration site: Year 11/12

DEEC now offers a program that targets Stage 6 - Science - Earth and Environment students. The program focuses on Module 4: Human Impacts and Module 8: Resource Management. Students visit a local permaculture demonstration site, Djaning, in The Channon, and attend a workshop run by an experienced permaculture expert and teacher, Fionn Quinlan. The program involves visiting the site; viewing the water management system and sustainable practices employed; learning about permaculture, its principles and ethics; drilling down into concepts relating to Soil Food Webs; collecting and analysing soil samples; and an introduction to permaculture methodologies applied at 'Djaning'.

Dorroughby EEC's murnong harvest.

Four months ago DEEC planted Murnong Yam Daisy - *Microseris lanceolata* in our wicking bed. At the beginning of term we harvested, roasted and ate the tubers. This native bush tucker plant is said to be 8 times more nutritious than potato and great tasting - DEEC staff thought they were like crunchy roast potatoes. We harvested some Murnong seeds - Contact us for seeds that you can cultivate.



Seeds of Hope - Regenerative Agriculture Field Days 2021

Brunswick Valley Landcare, in partnership with Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre, will host field days on **Regenerative Agriculture** with supporting educational materials for local Stage 4 Ag students. The field days will have both a social and environmental focus creating connection by bringing students and their teachers together in a hands-on day of activities, learning and demonstrations from experienced practitioners and professionals. **Byron Bay Field Day** is scheduled for **Friday 7th May at The Farm, Ewingsdale Rd, Ewingsdale** and **Grafton Field Day on the 21st May** at a venue yet to be confirmed. If this sounds like something your Stage 4 Ag students would be interested please contact our centre and we will include you in information emails.



Green Innovation Awards



It's that time of year again! Time to put your thinking caps on and plan your entry for the 2021 Green Innovation Awards.

Do you have a passion to save the planet? The Green Innovation Awards is a local science and environment competition where students invent, develop and present their ideas for greener living. Be sure to register early to book your mentor from a list of incredible local scientific and industry leaders. Online registration is quick and easy and you can either choose a local expert mentor to work with! For more details visit the Green Innovation Awards website.

www.greeninnovationawards.com.au

DEEC 2020 Art Camp for Year 5

Our Gifted and Talented Visual and Performing Environmental Arts camp **will be back in Week 8 Term 2 - 8th - 10th June 2021.** Schools are asked to nominate **ONLY 3** stage 3 students who are environmentally minded and artistically gifted. Places are limited and **FIRST IN FIRST SERVED** so contact DEEC to reserve your spot. Applications will be on our website at the beginning of Term 2

Enjoy the Term

Team Dorroughby.



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