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DORROUGHBY EEC TERM 3 2021

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



Jingelah Bloggerman! Hello Colleagues!

CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS for DEEC PROGRAMS

No camps are allowed at the moment.

DEEC are able to attend your schools to conduct programs.

Excursions to DEEC are available.

Excursions at offsite venues are available if in your local area.

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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Last term DEEC 2021

Our Gifted and Talented Environmental Arts camp was a huge success in Term 2. The students were respectful, creative, engaged, well behaved and an absolute pleasure to spend time with. 2021's art camp students will become the stuff of DEEC staff mythology - remember the 2021 students, what a fantastic bunch.



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Big Scrub Pocket Forest

Last term Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre, with the assistance of a Sustainable School's Grant converted 100 square metres of the school grounds into an Akira Miyawaki inspired Pocket Forest. In Pocket Forests plants are placed densely enough to encourage upward growth as opposed to reaching outward mimicing the natural patterning of an established forest. Pocket Forests are said to grow up to ten times faster than conventional reforestation projects, sequester more carbon, are far denser and have a far larger range of biodiversity.

In Week 7 DEEC staff and community members, Corndale PS school community and our Director, John Lynch planted over 500 Big Scrub saplings from over 30 different species, including species listed vulnerable and endangered. Many of the species included are also known bush foods for example - Lemon myrtle, Macadamia, and Davidon's Plum. It is hoped the the Big Scrub Pocket Forest will be used as an educational resource in the future and program creation is happening currently. If you have an idea of how this resource might fit into your curriculum, or you are interested in creating a Pocket Forest in your grounds, give DEEC a call and we will collaborate on a program specific to your needs.



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New Programs at Dorroughby EEC

MINDFULNESS & WELLBEING IN NATURE STAGE 2-3

This program explores our connection to nature through mindfulness with guided activities that connect us to nature and regenerate our minds. Students will go on a mindfulness journey in the forest, learn the processes of nature journaling, techniques for wellbeing, and how to be as calm, grounded and resilient as trees.



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'.



Under Construction:

K-6 Programs which focus on Native Bees

S3-S4 - STEM program focusing on Indigenous use of resins

Please contact DEEC if you have an idea of how DEEC can collaborate with you to support Education Delivery



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Project Blue - Take 3 for the Sea

This project is a free interactive 5 week online program designed to educate and inspire future leaders and changemakers all about plastic pollution and Ocean Conservation. The program develops young people into passionate, educated and self-determined young leaders who have the tools and knowledge they need to spark environmental change.

Students aged 9-12 can enrol to attend 5 inspirational weekly workshops with Take 3 education staff and mentors. At the end of each session, students will be given a follow up activity and by the end of the 5 weeks will receive a certificate of completion and will be ready to invent, innovate and campaign for change! Workshops are held on Tuesday afternoon 2:15- 2:45 (AEST) commencing Tuesday 17th August. You can register for live or recorded sessions to watch at a time that suits you.

To register go to <https://hub.benojo.com/campaigns/project-blue-young-leaders-program>.

For more information contact - youthleadership@take3.org

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

Enjoy the Term

Team Dorrroughby.



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