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## **DORROUGHBY EEC TERM 1 2022**

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



Jingelah Bloggerman! Hello Colleagues and Happy 2022!

### **CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS for DEEC PROGRAMS**

- DEEC can conduct programs in your schools (cohort rules apply).
- Day excursions to DEEC are available (cohort rules apply).
- Excursions run at offsite venues are available (cohort rules apply)
- O/N stays at DEEC can happen (cohort rules and interschool risk management planning applies)

DEEC has an updated COVID-19 Safety Plan and COVID-19 Risk Assessment to supply to visiting schools.

**Program information is available from our website or call our centre**

[www.dorroughby-e.schools@det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.dorroughby-e.schools@det.nsw.edu.au)



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## Whats growing at DEEC?



### We filling up our school nursery!

Some Big Scrub rainforest plants are fruiting, so we have been busy propagating seeds for our nursery. We have adding Small Leaf Tamarinds, Dianella, Birdwing Vine, Bopple Nuts and Davidson Plums so far.



## Our Nyambir (Small) Muruwi (Forest) LOVES the rain!



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. Our big plan is to utilise our Big Scrub Nyambir Muruwi as an educational resource.

**TWO NEW K-6 PROGRAMS** have been developed so far are:

**1 . Pocket Forest & Forest Dynamics Day ES1-S1** – a Science, Creative Arts and Geography Integrated ES1-S1 Program focusing on habitat, compass points, identifying plants and their needs, and Indigenous use of plants.

STe-1WS -S ST1-1WS-S STe-3LW-ST ST1-4LW-S STe-6ES-S ST1-10ES-S VAS1.1 VAS1.1 GEe-1 GE1-1 GE1-2

**2 . Pocket Forest & Forest Dynamics Day S2-S3** – a Sustainability, Science, Geography and History Integrated S2-S3 Program – students observe, interact, hypothesise about, Pocket Forests and the ecosystem it creates. Focus will be again on habitat, compass points, identifying plants and their needs, and Indigenous use of plants but will extend to learning about Indigenous land management, historical timelines of the area and forest stratification.

ST2-1WS-S ST3-1WS-S ST2-4LW-S ST2-5LW-T ST3-4LW-S ST3-5LW-T ST2-7MW-T ST3-7MW-T GE2-1 GE2-2 GE2-3 GE3-1 GE3-2 GE3-3 HT2-2 HT2-3 HT2-4 HT3-1 HT3-2 HT3-3 HT3-5

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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Our insects are happy!

The native bee mural is coming along, when we get a break in the rain we are adding more to it. It is already attracting insects.



**TWO NEW BEE PROGRAMS** have emerged in order to support our school communities:

**ES1-S1 Buzzy bees**

Get busy with bees, with a focus on native Australian bees. Investigate bee activity and habitat outside; learn about the fabulous diversity of bees, their biology and connections with humans; look at bee products & create a pollinator patch or bee hotel.

STe-1WS-S, ST1-1WS-SSTe-2DP-T, ST1-2DP-T STe-3LW-S ST1-4LW-S ST1-5LW-T STe-6ES-S

**S2-3 Bee Heroes**

Dive into the fascinating world of bees by investigating bee habitat and activity outside. Explore bee biology and diversity with presentations and samples. Role play to learn about bee conservation. Build bee models and habitat for solitary native bees.

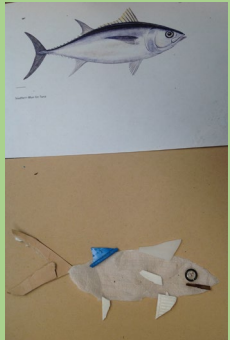
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*Some of last term pics...*

**Wardell Ps Bee, Indigenous and Habitat Days.**



**Squirrel  
Glider days  
with  
Lismore  
South PS**



**Leeville K-6 Water Day**



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DEEC have a few spots left for this term. Our programs can be viewed via our website.

<https://dorroughby-e.schools.nsw.gov.au/programs/primary-programs.html>

<https://dorroughby-e.schools.nsw.gov.au/programs/secondary-programs.html>

Please don't hesitate to contact the DEEC them if you have an idea of how they can collaborate with you to support Education Delivery

**Enjoy the Term**

*Team Dorroughby.*



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