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## DORROUGHBY EEC TERM 4 2022

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



Jingelah Bloggerman! Greeting Colleagues,

Welcome to Term 4. Dorroughby EEC has camps, camps and more camps booked this term with the odd incursion and offsite field study. Dates until the end of the year are fully booked and we are looking forward to a busy term enjoying learning outdoors and connecting with Nature. We are taking bookings for next year currently and if you are considering working with us get in early to secure the dates that suit you and your students.

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



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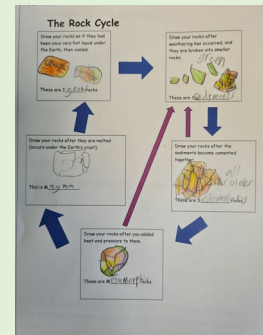
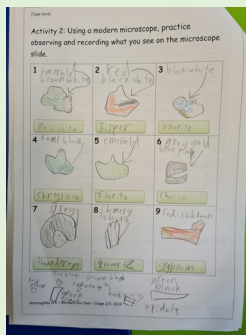
Dunoon Preschool went Nature Hunting



Upper Coopers PS students collected marine debris, participated in whale watching and creating sand sculptures at Angels Beach.



Bellingham HS learning about ecosystems at risk, paddling Evans River.



Upper Coopers Creek Stage 3 students learning about Soil types and the Rock Cycle.



## **LAST CHANCE to apply for Sustainable Schools Grant**

If you're interested in empowering your students to make their learning environments more sustainable, you can apply for a (SSG). Last year's round had only just over 100 applications, so this next and final Round 4 will be a 'super round' where the rest of the total grant money will be up for grabs!

The grants are part of a 4 year, \$10m program giving schools the opportunity to develop innovative hands-on projects that help students learn about environmentally sustainable practices and take real steps to enhance the sustainability of their school environment. This is the final round of the Sustainable Schools Grants program and is your school's last chance to apply for funding of up to \$15,000.

**Projects may include, but are not limited to initiatives to improve:**

- **biodiversity and connect students to nature**
- **energy, water and waste efficiency**
- **environmental education, behavioural change and capacity building**

### **Step 1:**

Check if your school has already received a Sustainable Schools Grant. Schools are only eligible to receive one Sustainable Schools Grant.

### **Step 2:**

Register your interest via our online form to leave your school details by 31 October 2022. You will be given application instructions and resources.

### **Step 3:**

Submit your application between 7 November and 25 November 2022 and successful applications will be announced on 6 February 2023. More information about the SSG is available online including program guidelines, project ideas, case studies and frequently asked questions.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-infrastructure-nsw/infrastructure-planning/school-design-and-property-services/sustainable-schools-grants/SSG-project-ideas-case-studies>

## **Our Nyambir (Small) Muruwi (Forest) is loving 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. *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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**TWO K-6 PROGRAMS** have been developed so far are **Pocket Forest & Forest Dynamics Day ES1-S1** and **Pocket Forest & Forest Dynamics Day S2-S3**



### **Bee Programs on offer for 2023**

Get students buzzing as they learn all about bees and their important role in our ecosystems, culture and agriculture. Students can observe and identify bees, investigate connections between bees and ecosystem functioning, explore bee products and create native solitary bee nesting habitat and pollinator buffets. There is a particular focus on native bees and how we can all become bee heroes.

#### **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.

#### **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

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,

*Team Dorroughby*



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