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## About us

Welcome to our December School Newsletter from the Surf Life Saving NSW Community Education team!

Our motto at Community Education is to "*Engage, Educate and Empower*" schools though our beach and water safety education programs. We have lots on offer and will be showcasing these through our quarterly newsletter to you.



#### **Meet our Lifesavers**

"My name is Jack Paterson, I'm a member of Swansea Belmont SLSC. I have just turned 15 and can't wait to get my bronze. I help patrol our beach from September to April and also do water safety for Nippers on a Sunday. I love being a lifesaver and I am very proud to wear the red and yellow. I was lucky enough to visit rural schools in my first Beach to Bush program last year and be part of this years' inaugural virtual program. If you see me at the beach or on the road make sure you come and say G'day."



# **Brand New Primary Teaching Resources – NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR RESOUCE HUB!**

These curriculum linked and stage based unit outlines have a 3 week lesson plan for teachers to download and use in class and include supporting activities. All units are aligned with our key beach safety messages:

- Find the red and yellow flags and swim between them
- Look for and read the safety signs
- Ask a lifesaver or lifeguard for safety advice
- Go swimming with an adult
- Signal for help when you get into trouble in the water
- Dangers of rip currents

**Early Stage 1:** This unit delves into the amazing world of the beach, ocean and inland waterways and lays a foundational knowledge of coastal and inland water environment safety.

**Stage 1:** In this unit students will uncover the hazards in our waterways and coastlines and will learn how to keep safe when enjoying them.

**Stage 2:** Students will conduct daily investigation of the conditions of the beach, discover how river systems form and create a water safety prevention strategy.

**Stage 3:** Students will discover how river systems form and use 'real world" water safety scenarios to create a strategy to manage and remove the danger or risk to make a safe situation.

Check them out! <u>Beach & Coastal Safety Resources & Programs: Stay Safe at the Beach</u> (beachsafetyhub.org.au)



### **Get creative!**

Looking for fun, interesting and educational beach and ocean themed activities for kids this school holidays? Join the fun...

- Get Creative and Crafty
- Create a jellyfish in a bottle with Noah
- Make a bluebottle on the sand with Acacia
- Beach fun with the Minions learn more



### **B2B21 - BIG BEACH WEEK**

#### That's a wrap on the 2021 BIG BEACH WEEK and our annual Beach to Bush Program!

Last week we brought you a whole week of beach and water safety activities to help your students prepare for the summer ahead. We educated 18,000 students around NSW, bringing to a close our very successful BIG BEACH WEEK.

During the week our dedicated volunteer surf lifesavers presented our vital beach, coastal and waterways **Beach to Bush** program to 74 schools throughout rural and remote NSW. We met 7,500 primary students and delivered 100 live virtual sessions directly from surf lifesaving clubs along the NSW coastline! We love meeting your students and can't wait until 2022. This program wouldn't be possible without our incredible volunteer presenters and the support of Your local club and the NSW Government. #yourlocalclub. <u>Read More</u>

#### Read More

Our 28th year of **Bush to Beach** will be held over 3 weeks from 7th to 25th November 2022. Don't miss out on this amazing program where we bring our lifesavers to rural and remote NSW schools. Please submit your EOI here: <u>https://bit.ly/B2B22schoolEOI</u>

In 2022 we will also again bring you our **BIG BEACH WEEK** full of teacher resources, activities for students and competitions aimed at educating our rural schools on beach and water safety. This week is scheduled for 28th November to 2nd December and will include National Water Safety Day on the first day of summer: 1st December 2022. To register for this week please submit your details here: <u>https://bit.ly/BBW2022schoolEOI</u>

## Stay in the loop

Our next On Patrol newsletter will be sent to you at the start of Term 1 2022.

You are welcome to sign up to receive our *On Patrol Newsletter*. We will keep you updated on how to access our free resources, what's new, any exciting programs we have developed and any news items, especially for teachers. Please sign up here: <u>https://bit.ly/SLSNSWNewsletter</u>

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."



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