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## On Patrol with Community Education

### About us

Welcome to our **July School's Newsletter** from the Surf Life Saving NSW Community Education team! Bringing you all the latest beach and coastal education related news, programs and resources for NSW teachers and schools.

With blue skies and sunshine filled days, it has been hard to believe it is winter.

Our motto at Community Education is to '*Engage, Educate and Empower*' schools through 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

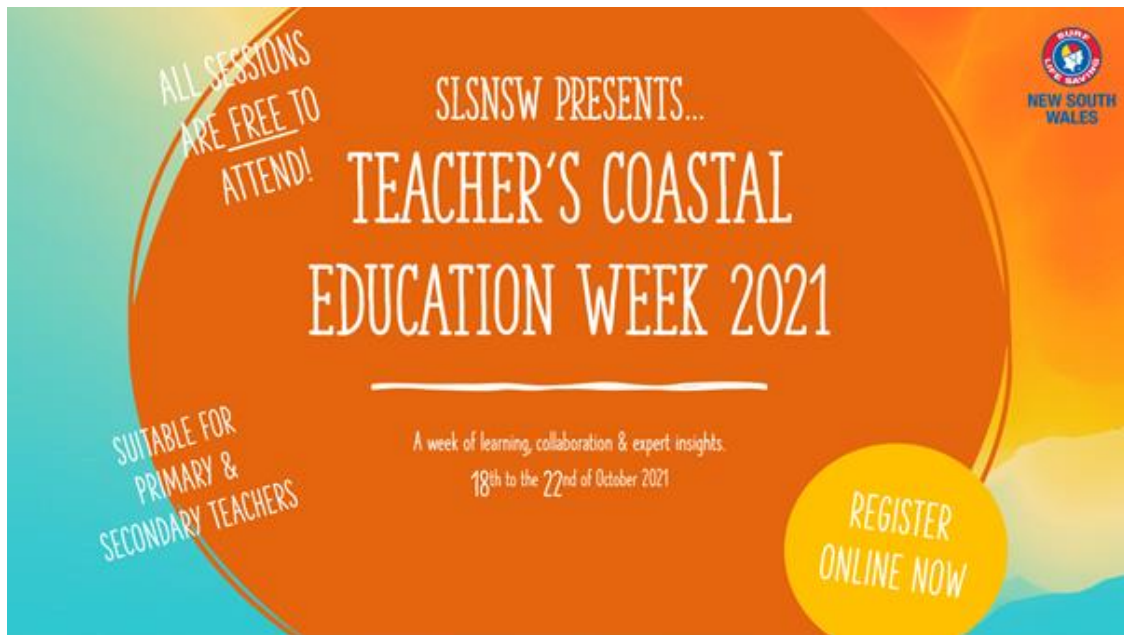
*"Hi! My name is Andrea, I'm 20 years old and I'm from Sydney's Northern Beaches. I'm a patrol captain at Freshwater SLSC and have been involved in surf lifesaving since I was 5 years old. I love the beach because it's so peaceful and refreshing and can be so much fun.*

*To stay safe around water, make sure you're always swimming with a trusted adult, and if you're at the beach always, always, ALWAYS swim between the red and yellow flags."*

### What's new

Here is a sneak preview of our brand new Beach and Coastal Resource Hub! Whether you are looking for a particular program for your class to participate in or need information on beach and ocean safety you will be able to access it here. As a teacher, you will be able to access exclusive information. Our hub will be launching soon.





## What's coming up

**Teachers Coastal Education Week 2021: Monday 18 - Friday 22 October**

Join us for a unique week of **FREE** exciting and interactive learning, collaboration and expert insights specifically for Primary and Secondary teachers in these subject areas: STEM, PDHPE, Wellbeing & Pastoral Care, HSIE, Secondary VET Career Pathways.

### Sneak peak:

- Dr Fish - fish and shark behaviour
- Dr Rip - surf, sand and rip currents
- Dave, Bite Club founder - surviving and overcoming shark attacks
- UAV pilots - past, present & future of drone technology
- Coastal Safety & Surf Survival Certificates – learn how your school can get involved
- Mental health & basic emergency care training
- Coastal risk safety
- Q&A session with our female and youth lifesavers of the year
- A tour of our brand new school programs and resources.

[DOWNLOAD THE PROGRAM](#) | [REGISTER NOW](#)



## Beach to Bush 2021: 8 - 26 November

Our very popular Beach to Bush surf education program will be returning for the 28th year to rural and remote schools in NSW in Term 4!

Each year our volunteer lifeguards travel “bush” to teach your students about beach and water safety through our interactive, engaging one-hour FREE presentations. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

## Curriculum

We will soon be able to offer you curriculum aligned units with weekly lesson plans for all stages. We'll let you know more about this in our next newsletter.



## Current programs

### Primary

*Creatures Big & Small (Kindy to Year 2)* – 45 minute virtual FREE session: Your students will explore the ocean and beach with a real lifesaver and learn about the amazing creatures that live within the deep ocean and our coastal rock pools. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

*Ocean Myth Busters (Year 3-6)* 45 minute virtual FREE session: We will discover some of the greatest myths of the ocean and coast with your students and learn about the amazing stories and events through history that have changed the way we know and understand the



## Upcoming programs

*Lifesaver @ my school (Kindy to Year 6)* - 45-90 minute incursion with a lifesaver at school, in the classroom and on the playground.

*Race to the Flags (Year 7-9)* - 45 minute FREE virtual: In this interactive session, participants will compete against each other in groups as they learn about and explore our core FLAGS messaging through a series of games and team activities.

*Lifesaver for a Day (Year 10-12)* - 45 minute FREE virtual: In this interactive session, students will engage in in-depth discussions with their peers and a lifesaver

shore, the ocean and the animals that live within. [FIND OUT MORE](#) as they work in teams through a series of case studies throughout an exploration of a day in the life of a lifesaver.

## You're invited!

To find out more and to register for our current programs please use the below links:

- Beach to Bush 2021: <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/beach-to-bush>
- Creatures Big & Small: <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/online-beach-safety-education>
- Ocean Myth Busters: <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/online-beach-safety-education>

## FAQs

**Are all of our sessions free?** Yes, the majority of our sessions are provided free of charge.

**When is our next newsletter available?** Our newsletter will be sent to you at the start of every term plus we will add an extra one during the summer season.

**How can teachers run a beach and ocean safety activity?** Sporting Schools is an Australian Government initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sports. All programs are provided free to children and their families to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

**How do you register for programs?** Its easy, simply send us an email at [community@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:community@surflifesaving.com.au)

## Stay in the loop

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: <https://bit.ly/SLSNSWNewsletter>

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

## Contact Us

If you'd like to know more about any of the items in this edition of *On Patrol with Community Education*, please contact:

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