

On Patrol with Community Education - October 2024

Welcome to our Term 4 School Newsletter from the Surf Life Saving NSW Community Education team!

Our mission is to equip all communities with the confidence, knowledge, resources and tools to prevent drownings & create safe, fun, welcoming & enjoyable beach side experiences.



Meet surf lifesaver Richard Mills



Richard Mills is the Club Captain of Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club and has been patrolling since 2016. His passion for ensuring families enjoy a safe, fun day at the beach is inspiring.

In addition to his role as Club Captain, Richard is a dedicated Scout Leader for the Venturers, working with older Scouts to develop their skills and foster leadership. His ability to connect with young people and instill important values is a true testament to his character.

Richard is not only a skilled patroller but also an incredible presenter for our beach safely program. His engaging style and extensive knowledge makes him a favorite among participants, helping to raise awareness about the importance of staying safe while enjoying our beautiful beaches.

RICHARD'S BEACH SAFETY TIP: "Never be afraid to say hello to a lifesaver and ask about the conditions or any hazard information on the beach!"





Big Beach Week is our popular FREE program for primary school students! This program provides teachers with valuable resources and a comprehensive guide to help them teach students directly in the

The program offers the following resources to support teachers in teaching beach & coastal safety to

- Teaching guide
 Learning resources
 Live stream (or video)

Once registered, teachers will gain full access to all learning materials, including the teaching guide

Schedule for 2024: 2nd to 6th of December.



As you explore, remember to respect the sea creatures and avoid disturbing their habitat.

Safety is essential! Keep an eye on the waves and never turn your back on the ocean. Waves can sneak up unexpectedly!

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 If you are unsure, ask before handling any creatures.
 Use a soft net and a bucket of firesh ocean water for small fish.
 Don't poke creatures with sticks to keep them safe.
 Take all rubbish and equipment away with you.

More information about marine creatures and water safety is available on our hub!



Learning Resources

If your class is unable to participate in our programs or if you are homeschooling, don't worry! We also offer a range of excellent resources that can be used for teaching students at school or kids at home anytime.

We provide resources for:

- Home learning
 Primary Teaching
 Secondary Teaching

These resources are available for:

- Primary students (ages 5-12)
 Secondary students (ages 12-18)

Check out all our resources to help plan lessons and teach your students or kids about beach and coastal safety before summer starts!





Seaweed? Shells? It's a shark's eggl Some sharks lay eggs, but not just any eggs. These strong, leathery pouches protect baby sharks as they grow inside. The egg cases have long, curty strings that help them cling to seaweed or rocks, so they don't drift away in the ocean.

When the baby shark is ready, it halches out of the case and swims off into the big blue seal Not all sharks lay eggs though - some give birth to live young instead. If you are lucky, you might even spot an empty egg washed up on the beach!





Beach & Coastal Safety Resource Hub

The beach is for everyone to enjoy. Knowing how to stay safe while at the beach is important information that you can share with your students through our programs and resources. Want to learn more? You can easily access and download a vast array of content that supports beach and coastal safety education for your students on our <u>Beach 8. Coastal Safety Resource Hub</u>

MISSED ONE OF OUR PREVIOUS SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS? No problem, you can access all the newsletters on our Hub:

Next Newsletter

Our next On Patrol Newsletter will be sent to you at the start of Term 1 2025.

Stay in the loop

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

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