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On Patrol with Community Education

About us

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

Our motto in 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

"My name is Grace Seaglove, and I am a volunteer lifesaver at Freshwater SLSC on the Sydney Northern Beaches. I joined my first surf club back in U6 as a nipper and have loved the organization ever since.

When you're down at the beach, the lifesavers in red and yellow always love it when you stop by the patrol tent for a chat. If you ever have any questions about where the safest place is to swim, what the surf is like, or what the blue squishy looking creatures are on the shoreline, we're always happy to answer. If you would like to become a lifesaver yourself, we encourage you to ask us about it too."

What's new

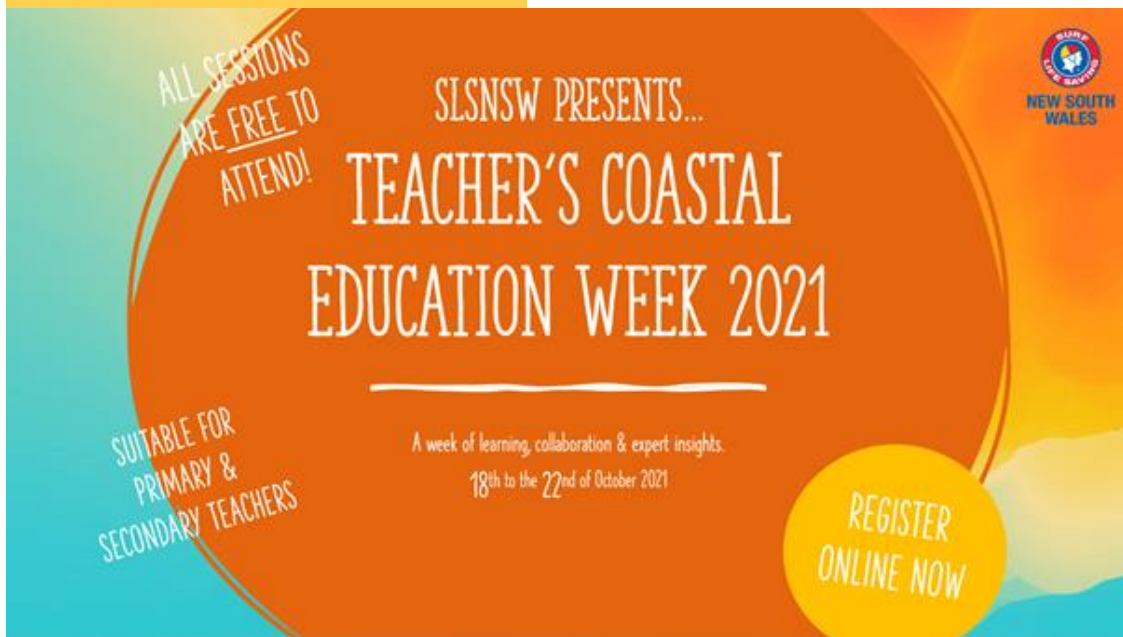
Our brand new Beach and Coastal Safety Resource Hub has launched!

The Hub is designed to create a fun, engaging and interactive space to learn about beach and coastal safety. We have included a full 3 week beach and coastal safety education curriculum linked unit outlines,



along with programs and resources specifically for Primary and Secondary students.

Check it out! [Beach & Coastal Safety Resources & Programs: Stay Safe at the Beach \(beachsafetyhub.org.au\)](https://beachsafetyhub.org.au)



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.

- 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 and future of drone technology
- Coastal Safety and Surf Survival Certificates – learn how your school can get involved
- Mental health and basic emergency care training
- Coastal risk safety
- Q&A session with our female and youth lifesavers
- A tour of our brand new school programs and resources

We have now opened up registrations for specific programs for **SECONDARY** students

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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 lifesavers share their beach, coastal and waterways skills and knowledge for “bush” students through our interactive, engaging one-hour FREE presentations. [Beach to Bush: bringing the beach to your school with our lifesavers \(beachsafetyhub.org.au\)](https://beachsafetyhub.org.au)

COMING SOON - An invitation to all NSW schools to participate in National Water Safety Day

The Australian Government along with peak water safety groups have declared 1st December as National Water safety Day to encourage us all to make water safety a priority.

We are planning a special themed day of activities and resources that all NSW schools will be invited to participate in. Our 'Red and Yellow Day' will engage kids and communities to raise awareness of beach and coastal safety and to swim between the flags.

More information on this will be coming soon! [National Water Safety Day 2021 - program of events for schools \(beachsafetyhub.org.au\)](https://beachsafetyhub.org.au)



Current programs



Upcoming 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 shore, the ocean and the animals that live within. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

Primary

Lifesaver @ my school (Kindy to Year 6) - 45-90 minute incursion with a lifesaver at school, in the classroom and on the playground. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

Secondary

Race to the Flags (Year 7-9) - 45 minute FREE virtual: In this stage based session, students will compete in groups with their classmates as they problem solve real life lifesaving scenarios. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

Lifesaver for a Day (Year 10-12) - 45 minute FREE virtual: Your students will have the opportunity to problem solve and discuss real lifesaving scenarios. [FIND OUT MORE](#)



Get Creative!

Looking for fun, interesting and educational beach and ocean themed activities for kids? Have a look at what we are putting together...

- Create a jellyfish in a bottle with Noah [learn more](#)
- Beach fun with the Minions [learn more](#)
- Take your children on a narrated journey with Annie when she goes on holiday to the beach [learn more](#)

FAQs

Where can you find more information about resources for primary and secondary students?

Our recently launched [Beach & Coastal Safety Hub](#) is full of lots of beach and ocean safety resources for teachers and students.

Primary students: review our available programs and submit an expression of interest for a session here:

[Primary Schools Beach & Ocean Safety Programs \(beachsafetyhub.org.au\)](#).

Secondary students: review our available programs and submit an expression of interest for a session here:

[Secondary Schools - Beach Safety Hub](#)

Are all of our sessions free?

Yes, the majority of our sessions are provided free of charge.

Where can you learn more about beach and ocean safety?

Check out some helpful information and advice on how to stay safe when you visit the beach: [Beach & Ocean Safety - be prepared before you head to the beach \(beachsafetyhub.org.au\)](#)

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.

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/SLNSWNewsletter>

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

Contact Us

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