



On Patrol with Community Education

## **About Us**

Welcome to our **Term 3 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 surf lifesaver Michael!

Hi! My name is **Michael Bonnici**. I am a member of Wanda SLSC on the Cronulla Beaches and have been patrolling for 11 years. I love spending time with my friends and helping the community and having fun on the jet skis, inflatable rescue boats and rescue boards when I am on patrol. I am extremely passionate about helping others and my local community to prevent drownings.

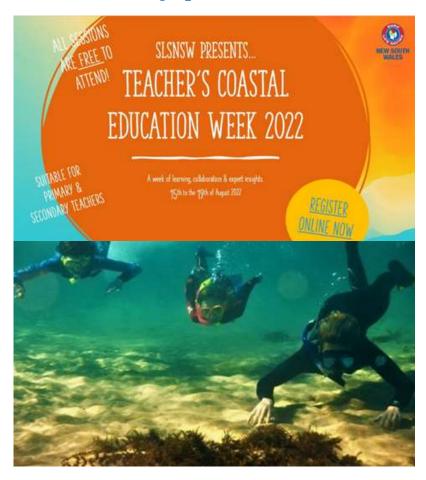
My safety tip is to always do research before swimming anywhere, be it rivers, creeks, beaches or lakes. Understand what the risks might be, where help is located and what you should be taking such as sunscreen, extra food and water. When I head out with my mates, we always communicate with each other when and where we are going for a swim also, so don't forget to always have the conversation.

### Have a question for our lifesavers? - Beach Safety Hub

Do you or your students have any questions you would like to ask our surf lifesavers? Submit them <a href="here">here</a> and we'll get back to you with an answer,



# What's Coming Up?



# 15-19<sup>th</sup> August 2022: TEACHERS COASTAL EDUCATION WEEK 2022

This year we are focusing on **sustainability & coastal environment** with key expert speakers, livestreams and virtual tours including:

- Ocean Plastic Pollution
- · Aquarium & research facility tour
- Ocean Climate Change
- Marine Ecosystems
- Underwater Photography
- Impacts from microplastics livestream
- Free resources & and activity sheets

All sessions are FREE, aligned with the NSW curriculum and online so there is no need to leave your classroom! You will be able to access and download the content at any time during the week giving you the flexibility to view and learn at a time that works for you.

Learn More & Register





7<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November: BEACH TO BUSH 2022

Our dedicated surf lifesavers love visiting your primary schools to share their safety tips for beach, ocean & waterways. Our FREE 45-60 minute program is open to all primary students in rural and remote NSW (non-coastal).

Do your students know what to do if they get in trouble in the water? Do they know where they should always swim when they go to the beach? Can they tell us where they swim in their area and how they can be safe when swimming at their favourite water hole? They will learn this and much more in our interactive, fun and educational program.

Learn More About This Program & Register





## 28<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December: BIG BEACH WEEK 2022

We're promoting safety around water to make sure your students are prepared for summer. Teachers and schools will have access to a range of FREE activity sheets along with a full teachers guide. We've lots of competition prizes for your students to participate in and FREE resources for registered schools.

What will your students learn?

- Roles and responsibilities of lifesavers
- Waterways and water safety
- Beach & Coastal Safety
- Marine creatures
- Sun safety

To Receive Access to These Great Resources Please Register Your School



### What's New?



# Take a look behind the scenes of our VIRTUAL REALITY DRONE FLIGHT SIMULATION!

Our simulation provides an opportunity to experience the coastline from a unique perspective. At ground level it can be hard to see and understand hazards, but from above you can obtain a whole new view, helping to better understand why safety on the coast is so vital.

Check out our Beach & Coastal Safety Resource Hub to see how you can use this in your classroom, how we have aligned it to Secondary STEM, some information on drone technology and suggested questions for your students.

Learn How You Can Use This in Your Classroom

#### **BEACH LIFE CHALLENGE GAME**

We are extremely excited to be launching our on-line game in August! This is such a great opportunity for your students to learn about the beach, ocean, inland waters and explore environments while in the classroom or at home.

Created specifically for primary students with all questions aligned with the NSW curriculum





#### MISSED ONE OF OUR PREVIOUS SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTERS?** No problem, you can access all the newsletters on our Hub:

**NSW Teachers School Newsletter** 

### **Next Newsletter**

Our next *On Patrol Newsletter* will be sent to you at the start of Term 4 2022.

### 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/SLSNSWNewsletter">https://bit.ly/SLSNSWNewsletter</a>

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

### **Contact Us**

### Want to know more?

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