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# Kids and Water National Newsletter

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## DON'T FORGET THE TEACHER RESOURCE BOOKS

After initially using the Kids and Water books as a reading program, teachers are delighted by the activities in the Teacher Resource books.



### FOR EXAMPLE

The fatal food relay is a game where two teams act as dolphins and race to bags full of fatal or good food cards.

If the dolphins eat a fatal food card they have to 'die' by moaning and groaning. After the game, students have to discuss the types of fatal food on sea creatures.

If your school would like a free school in-service turn to page 3, then give us a call at our new address below.



## PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS

After 14 years at Milbong Tce, we have moved to Unit 4/19 Villiers Drive Currumbin. However we would like all correspondence to:

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## NEW WEB PAGE RESOURCES FOR 2002

As a result of all those evaluation forms you sent in, (thank you, thank you...), we have now designed a web site to support the project and made three of the level readers into big books.

### 24 WEB PAGES OF ACTIVITIES

- [www.wetpaper.com.au/poster](http://www.wetpaper.com.au/poster)
- Topics include:
  - Leafy Sea Dragon
  - Colourful Biscuit Star
  - Christmas Tree Worms
  - Golden Coral
  - Fiddler Crab
  - Volute Shells
  - Rock Pool Fish
  - Spanish Dancer Nudibranch
  - Bulk Carrier
  - Personal Water Craft
  - Cruising Yachts
  - The Endeavour
  - Power Boats
  - Harbour Ferry
  - Row Boat
  - Rescue Boat
  - Marine Ecotourism
  - Sydney Harbour
  - Ranger and Dolphin
  - Tourist Resorts
  - Cooking Barramundi
  - Wineglass Bay
  - Aquarium Tunnel
  - Stinger Danger Sign

### EXAMPLE FROM WEB PAGE

How do sea anemones get their food?

As a class, do this fun drama activity to discover how a sea anemone catches its food. Using an old sheet, cut any number of 'X's' in the sheet. Have half the students get under the sheet and pop a hand through the 'X'. (Use chairs to hold up other parts of the sheet and the students can crouch underneath)

Have each student wear a yellow glove to look like the golden anemone. The other half of the class can lightly throw or drop "food" (such as small biscuits or lollies) onto the sheet for the golden anemones to "feed". If they catch some food they get to eat it!

Discuss how they can not move and the food must pass their way to survive. How might this affect where they choose to live?



## 24 NEW POSTERS MATCH WEB PAGES

Production of our first poster series is complete with students being able to get heaps more information about the single ideas on the poster.

For example the bulk carrier poster has web links to ships in real time, what the crew are doing and where the ship is going.

The web pages also have picture chat activities. One person discusses this with a buddy whilst the buddy listens then they swap roles

For example:

Buddy one -

These anemones all live very close to each other. How might that help them to survive?

Buddy two - Do you think they have any bones in their body?

The poster sets are available separately or as part of the level 3 extension kit.

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## MARINE KIDS CLUB

In July 2000, the Australian Marine Environment Protection Association (AUSMEPA) launched a national Kids Marine Club. This is a voluntary organisation, whose goals are to inspire students of all ages to engage in activities that will protect the world's ocean from pollution.

The clubs aims were to:

- Encourage school involvement and interest in the marine environment and its conservation by creating opportunities for school and community links with a focus on environment with Australia's Coast Care program
- Introduces children to the world of ships and marine industries
- Concentrates on a wide variety of marine conservation and fun activities such as awareness of the marine environment, practical conservation, exchange through the AUSMEPA website, recognition of achievements, providing leadership opportunities, creating noncompetitive activities.

### WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU JOIN

- 16 page activity book
- Club poster
- Certificates
- Set of full colour posters
- Reward packs for members

### HOW TO JOIN

Please contact:

Kimberly Foster  
AUSMEPA National Office  
GPO Box 2595 Brisbane 4001  
Telephone: 07 3404 3967  
MEMBERSHIP IS FREE  
[www.ausmepa.org.au](http://www.ausmepa.org.au)



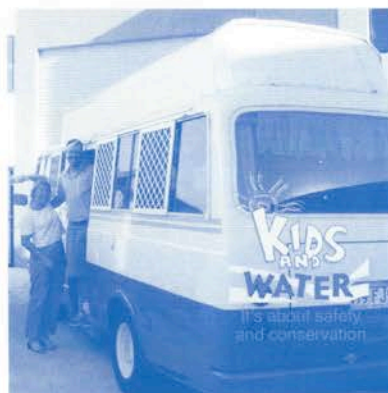
AUSMEPA Flag raising ceremony

## KIDS AND WATER HITS THE ROAD FOR 12 MONTHS

Sales rep Mark will hit the road in August this year for a national promotional tour of schools interested in learning more about the program.

He plans to be away for about 12 months making contact with teacher librarians from around Australia. Mark will contact your school first to set up an appointment to show you the program materials, find out about free resources that other government agencies have in your state and hear about how what other teachers are doing with Kids and Water materials.

**CALL MARK FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON:  
0412 444 019**



The bus

### PROPOSED DATES

#### 2002

August to September - New South Wales  
Oct - Nov - Victoria

#### 2003

Feb - March - South Australia  
April - May - Western Australia  
June - July - Northern Territory  
Aug - Sept - Queensland

### PREVIEW PACKS

The object of the visit is to provide you with enough resources and information about the program to show your teachers. States with school boat safety or fishing education programs may also drop in to see if they can help out your school with resources such as free posters, web sites, brochures or classroom activities.



National Sales Rep  
Mark

## FREE BOAT SAFE EDUCATION SCHOOL PACKS

ANZSBEG has free safety education packs for schools.

For example in Tasmania, there is a free kit available with teachers resources and worksheets.

The kit can be downloaded from:

<http://www.mast.tas.gov.au/>

Go to the schools section that has the Sammy the Seal icon.

For another great website with downloadable worksheets try:

[www.anzsbeg.org.au](http://www.anzsbeg.org.au)

You can then click on the Kids and Boats Icon and download worksheets on boating rules, weather, rules of the road. In all there are 16 worksheets.

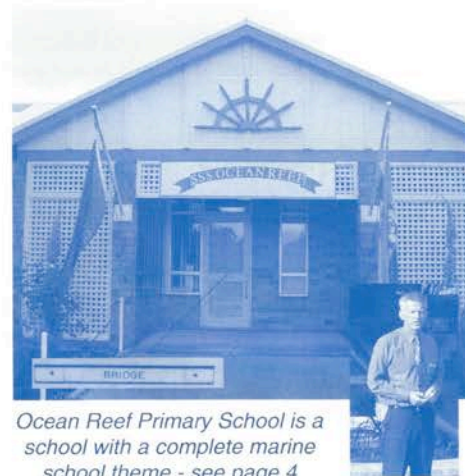
For hard copies of brochures and information for your transport school unit try the following numbers.

Queensland Transport	(07) 3404 3098
NSW WaterWays	(02) 9563 8605
ACT	(02) 6279 5740
VIC Marine Safety	(03) 9655 3399
SA Transport	(08) 8343 2975
WA Transport	(08) 9216 8253
NT Transport	(08) 8999 5253
TAS Marine and Safety	(03) 6233 8911

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Education Group



Ocean Reef Primary School is a  
school with a complete marine  
school theme - see page 4



## IS THERE A SCHOOL NEAR YOU?

### IN-SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We will run a free in-service for your school and pay for our own travel if you can get together with a few other schools and help us with billeting and car travel here and there.

In-service involves going through the Level 1-4 activities with your teachers to match your school marine program.

Ways to coordinate your curriculum in the school and matching your state outcomes with our activities can also be done.

### WHAT TO DO

Ask your school Principal to talk about your school Kids and Water program with other schools. Then give Bob a call to see if we can make plans for an in-service 2002-2004.

### SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS

- Torquay Principal Gayle Baker organised six schools from Hervey Bay in Queensland to share school resources developed on the local area and complete some of the activities from the resource books. Gail is at: [the.principal@torquayss.qld.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@torquayss.qld.edu.au)
- Max Kosovich at Yakamia SS, Albany, Western Australia organised teacher relief for a full day's inservice
- Evans River Primary School in New South Wales has a complete program from Yr1-Yr12

## TOTAL SCHOOLS NOW EXCEED 1500

Ocean Rescue 2000 identified in their final report that less than 5% of schools nationally were studying the sea.

Since the launch of Kids and Water in October 2000, this has risen to 20% with over 1500 schools adopting a school marine reading program.

There is a long way to go yet, but with the continued \$34.6 million support by the Commonwealth Government for primary schools to buy Australian Readers published in Australia, this should rise to about 50% by 2004.



Check out SSS Ocean Reef at:

[www.schools.ash.org.au/orps/](http://www.schools.ash.org.au/orps/)

## MATERIALS CAN BE BOUGHT AS SINGLE ITEMS

You can buy from 1 reader or tape to 100 copies of any one item.

The readers are on a discount scale and if you buy over 60 - take advantage of our 40% discount off \$7.70.

Big books, poster sets and teacher resource books are \$33 with the felt background, tapes and food chain sets very reasonably priced.

You can call us for a individual item form.

### 100% PRODUCT GUARANTEE

If you are not 100% happy we will gladly refund your money and send you a post paid return slip and please, if you find any defects, give us a call for an instant replacement.

## FREE REWARD PACK FOR ORDERS OVER \$299

The reward packs contain over 130 items including: 16 page AUSMEPA booklet, 60 merit stickers for great work, 60 Conservation and Safety certificates, 30 slogan stickers for class discussion, Beach thrower, Pencil case and pencils, 2 computer web site wuppies, 2 rulers for measuring marine life, Key ring and stick it notes, Seaweed and conservation posters, Government information packs and brochures. (Free items subject to availability)

## OUTCOMES NOW AVAILABLE

Thanks to Tim Ryan and Bob Winters outcomes are now available for Qld, Vic and WA. The national outcomes are still available in the books. The best way to get the outcomes is to look at the Wet Paper web site at:

[www.wetpaper.com.au/kids&water](http://www.wetpaper.com.au/kids&water)

(use the non flash version and then select outcomes from the side menu bar)

Hard copy versions are available - just give Bob or Paula a call on (07) 5525 6122



## CONFERENCES

Kids and Water displays are at most major conferences involving marine teachers. Next is in Brisbane at the Australian Association of Environmental Educators AAEE national conference July 2-6.

## THE DATES FOR SEAWEEK 2003

Seaweed, run by the Marine Educators Society of Australasia ([mesa.edu.au](http://mesa.edu.au)), is an excellent time to use Kids and Water materials.

Seaweed 2003 will celebrate 15 years and Primary Schools by far have played the biggest role. From street marches to beach cleanups, seaweed has become a permanent part of the Australian Primary School calendar. The dates for Seaweed 2003 are:

Sunday 9th - Sunday 16th March 2003

All the information about Seaweed can be found at the MESA web site:

[mesa.edu.au](http://mesa.edu.au)



## KIDS AND WATER — MUCH MORE THAN A READING PROGRAM

Kids and Water is a national marine education program that focuses on:

- Multi-literacy in marine safety and conservation for levels 1-4 of the national curriculum
- Innovative Marine Activities in Key Learning Areas - Science, Technology, The Arts, Mathematics, English
- Setting up a national Primary network of those who teachers teach about the sea.

To achieve these aims the program:

- Printed 100,000 readers in marine education for primary schools (see brochure enclosed)
- Developed an extension program involving posters, the internet and a national marine kids club (AUSMEPA)
- Established a 2 year national marine tour of Australian Schools
- Put in place an opportunity for primary school teachers who do units of work on the sea to share ideas in national workshops.



## WHO RUNS THE PROGRAM?

Kids and Water is run by a small family publishing company on the Gold Coast trading under the name - Wet Paper (*the ink is barely dry before it is used*). Bob and Paula Moffatt head the company and rep Mark is on the road in the Kids and Water van. Consultants from TM Designs, Barbara Jensen and Tim Ryan help with product and web page design.

Gould League of Victoria members Jim Grant, Bob Winters and Anna Cooke played a vital role in the whole project. Jim came up with many of the original titles. Bob and Anna chipped in with some truly innovative and amazing activities and readers.

ANZSBEG - the Australian and New Zealand Safe Education Boating Group want to see boating education into the Australian School curriculum and will back up the program with school visits and events such as the Marine Safety Days where boating safety and equipment can be bought to schools.

All in all the three partners have spent about \$400,000 in getting the program going with 100,000 of the readers selling out in just over 12 months. The nice part of the program is that all funds raised go back into developing extra resources and sponsorship for marine associations to help run events such as Seaweed and school In-service programs without having to bother the Education Department for funding.

### IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROGRAM AS A RESULT OF YOUR COMMENTS

Since we visit schools now on a regular basis, the following comments will be incorporated into new products:

- Activities on the back of posters that relief teachers can easily do at short notice and with minimal equipment
- Big books for the entire series
- A level 4 game board to review childrens comprehension
- In-service with other schools
- A web page that gives teachers access to other school workprograms
- Readings recovery levels
- A web page for students with information on the marine animals in the books
- Certificates without printed outcomes on the back.

So please send us your comments as we would love to incorporate them into our program.



Max Kosovich, Teacher Librarian of Yakamia Primary School in Albany WA, organised a full day in-service for staff to go through the resources he had bought for the school

## VISIT TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### YAKAMIA STATE SCHOOL

In May this year Bob flew to Perth and then Albany to help Yakamia State School with a day in-service. With frequent flyer points billeting, staff covering other classes and 2 teacher relief days supplied by the Principal, teachers who intended to use the materials had the opportunity to go through all the possible activities for their Year level. There was also a small opportunity to go through some of the outcome statements for WA and in the near future, Bob hopes to complete the outcome statements for WA.

### SSS OCEAN REEF

Thanks to the hospitality of Laurie Adams and Troy Easter from Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Bob was able to visit SS Ocean Reef Primary school and meet with school staff. This school has a total marine theme complete with Bridge (Admin), Galley (Canteen) and 4 teaching blocks - Port, Starboard ... School song is based on "Anchors Away" and classrooms know as cabins and greetings ... ahoy Mr Moffatt ... ahoy Cabin 2 were a memorable feature of the school and teachers provided some great feedback on the program.

### RICHMOND PRIMARY

More great feedback came from Max Sneddon from Richmond Primary. Max is the only teacher to use the program in his school and was able to take advantage of many of the activities in the Level 3 and 4 resource books. He runs a great canoeing program as part of his marine units.

Thank you WA for your hospitality.

### MARINE EDUCATION BOATSHED WORKSHOPS

A small but dedicated group of teachers turned up to the workshops run at the boatshed in Fremantle.

It was a good opportunity to go through all the resources with the boatshed staff and a complete set of resources is now available.

#### CONTACT DETAILS ARE:

Laurie Adams  
Marine Education Boatshed  
cnr Pier St and riverside Drive  
East Fremantle  
Telephone: (08) 9339 7851

Laurie is starting a Primary school marine program with planned school visits and would be keen to hear from interested schools.

## OUR CONTACT DETAILS

Paula, Mark or Bob Moffatt

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