



De Mazenod Family
Education Network

De Mazenod Family Education Network in partnership with GoGreen Student Voice

Welcome to our third edition of our newsletter

The De Mazenod Family Education Network newsletter provides affiliated schools the opportunity to share their stories and projects and to access resources and ideas from social enterprises and corporates.

The DMFEN is a member of the Laudato Si Action Platform. This provides representation at online meetings and facilitates dissemination of latest information including updates about Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation published last October focussing on "Care for the Poor and the Earth – Laudate Deum."

OPPORTUNITIES, ACTIONS AND IDEAS!

Featuring in this newsletter is a link to the keynote address at our 2023 GoGreen Student Voice Sustainability Summit by Dr Trevor Innes from Timberlink Australia. His role as General Manager of Technical and Sustainability provided an insight into the industry of transforming sustainably grown plantation pine into timber products. He also addressed the vast array of career opportunities for young people.

Dr Trevor Innes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPZxQAI9od0>

There are many opportunities for young people to access programmes and experiences in the field of Sustainability and STEAM. Chibby Anyadoro from Mazenod College in Victoria has been invited to attend CASE Ocean School managed by Actura Australia. This programme is designed to gain greater understanding of the oceans and the fact that they sustain all life on Earth. The Senior Programme in 2024 engages with universities, marine science institutes and private enterprises. The 12-day adventure takes Chibby to Sydney, Townsville and Cairns.

Another supporter of our GoGreen Student Voice programmes is Mr Antoine Jaja, author of Jack the Super Prawn series. We have been invited to the Jack the Super Prawn "Pollution Solution Students Conference Day" hosted by St John XXIII Catholic College Stanhope Gardens NSW. Further information about the event and other useful resources feature in this newsletter.

Schools in Victoria are discovering ways to effectively recycle and supported selected charities. The Container Deposit Scheme was introduced late last year. Students from St Eugene College in Burpengary QLD featured at our summit last year explaining and inspiring others with their programme – The Bin Chickens.

The money raised at St Eugene's supports Rosies. Rosies Victoria will be the recipients of the recycling programme at Mazenod Vic.

We are looking for projects and actions to share with other schools. Please do not hesitate to send a report on what is happening and if you can include a video link or podcast, even better. We would love to have it feature in our newsletters.

Dates to remember:

Thursday March 14 2024:

The Crucial Role of Church Leaders
in Ecological Conversion

Thursday April 4 2024:

Practical Tools to Implement Laudate Deum

Thursday April 11:

Catholic Social Teaching
and Ecological Economics

JACK THE SUPER PRAWN: 'POLLUTION SOLUTION STUDENTS CONFERENCE DAY' V1.8.

Message of Awareness

Dear fellow human beings. May we all stand together in solidarity in the name of peace and love to share this message of awareness.

The Treaty Council Worldwide is an Indigenous organisation that is designed to engage and empower indigenous and non-indigenous people to share, create, live, learn, honour and grow together in harmony as one human race for the present and future generations to come.

Introduction

Dr Tom Cresswell - Is an Environmental Scientist at ANSTO. ANSTO proudly supports Jack the Super Prawn's great cause to engage and empower children to care for and protect our precious environment that all living creatures share.

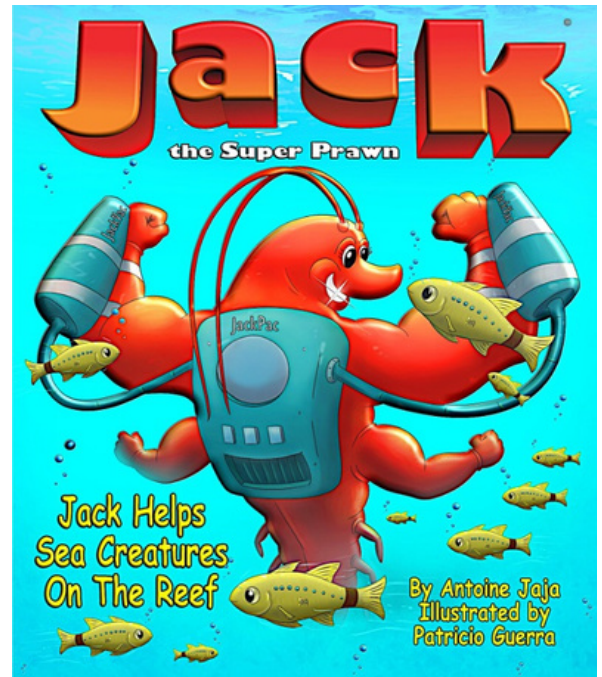
The creator and author of Jack the Super Prawn and ANSTO have joined forces to find a solution to plastic pollution. They need us to stop littering, reuse, reduce, recycle and use plastic alternatives. If you do use single-use plastic items, please place them in the right bins, at home, school, parks, beaches and public places.

We need to stop plastic pollution on land before it makes its way into the waterways, ultimately ending up in our oceans harming marine life and natural habitats. It is important for all children and adults to take action and do the right thing to protect all life on Earth for generations to come.

Together, we can make a difference.

Dr Jennie Mallela - Is a Marine Biologist at the Australian National University (ANU) who has spent two decades researching marine pollution on coral reefs around the world. The ANU proudly supports this new and unique concept design entitled, Jack the Super Prawn 'Pollution Solution Students Conference Day' for Australian Primary Schools. It is a compelling concept design that allows students to be engaged and empowered to find a pollution solution by working together in harmony.

Creating awareness of the impact of all types of pollution that humans have caused begins with education.



New Immersion Experience Design for Primary Schools in Australia

For the first time in Australia, the creator and author of Jack the Super Prawn, Mr Antoine Jaja, has co-created a new concept that encourages students to be engaged and empowered to find a pollution solution through fun learning while working together productively in harmony. This concept is entitled, Jack the Super Prawn 'Pollution Solution Students Conference Day.'

In late 2023, this creative and unique design was presented to the Assistant Principal, Mr Anthony Matthews, of St John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens, Sydney, NSW, Australia. Mr Anthony Matthews, a passionate educator who firmly believes in learning which connects and encourages students to be the very best person they can be for self and others, inspired his school to become the first Catholic School in Australia to collaborate.

The co-evolution of this conference is exciting. Students will be challenged to work towards a solution for the current pollution and environmental challenges in their local context. The students will be immersed in to a design thinking challenge led by educators and partners with expertise in the field to create a pollution solution. The overarching outcome is to empower young people to make decisions and take actions that contribute to creating a sustainable society and ecosystem.

**FOR MORE DETAILS, BOOKINGS, AUTOGRAPHS AND TEACHING PACKAGES
VISIT THE JACK THE SUPER PRAWN WEBSITE
WEBSITE: [HTTP://JACKTHESUPERPRAWN.COM/](http://jackthesuperprawn.com/)**

SOME OF THE ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTING OUR SUSTAINABILITY TEAMS IN OUR SCHOOLS.

LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM

If you would like to know more about the Laudato Si Action Platform use the following link.

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>



TIMBERLINK

www.timberlinkaustralia.com.au

Timberlink’s core business is sustainability. As well as Dr Trevor Innes featuring at the 2023 GoGreen Student Voice Sustainability Summit they are investigating ways to provide ongoing support with potential tours and career information. The notion of schools touring their projects in the future has been encouraged.

<https://timberlinkaustralia.com.au/sustainability/>

SUSTAINABILITY PATHWAYS
More on some of our Partners...

Environmental Sustainability Education

<https://www.sustainabilitypathways.com.au>

Through a range of audits, workshops and consulting, Kirsty can help to create a stronger sustainability culture by delivering environmental engagement programs for workplaces and community which influence sustainable behaviour change and operational practices. Kirsty’s encouragement style invites schools to recognise what they are doing and challenges them to make small but effective steps to be more sustainable.



CATHOLIC EARTHCARE

<https://www.caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/>

Catholic Earthcare designs programs to support Parishes, Schools and Families achieve the 7 Laudato Si’ goals and work towards an Integral Ecology. Social justice activities and programs are an integral part of Catholic Schools, so it is understandable that the DMF Education Network has signed up to be a member of the Laudato Si Action Team.

THE WASTE NETWORK

<https://www.thewastenetwork.com.au>

The Waste Network mission to reduce waste and recycle is extensive. They are directly involved with the Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria. Reduce It is building connections with organizations and schools to optimise the benefits of the programme.



CERES

Community Environment Park

www.ceres.org.au

The CERES School of Nature and Climate offers education programs in response to the climate and ecological crisis. Programs are offered to all ages and skill levels, including nature playgroups, school excursions, workshops, professional learning, and accredited courses.

AGL - ENERGY

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<https://www.agl.com.au/campaigns/join-the-change>

AGL has the largest portfolio of renewable generation and storage on the ASX 200. The change in direction with new goals and programmes will provide great insight into an area that is the focus of households and businesses.



SOME GALLERY LINKS FROM THE GOGREEN STUDENT VOICE SUMMIT

Visy: *Recycling* – <https://www.visy.com/services/education-and-resources>

Cool Australia: *Factsheet* – <https://www.coolaustralia.org/activity/energy-factsheet/>

Zoos Victoria: *Our Climate is Changing* – <https://protect-au.mimecast.com>

Team Seas: *Mr Beast* – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cV2gBU6hKfY&t=158s>

Iona College Video: *Sustainability* – <https://youtu.be/Y7BNShrU7S4>

Careers in Sustainability: – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-KZvH06IOs>

What does a career in Sustainability look like? – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmplx8xh8xc>

Artificial Intelligence and The Great Barrier Reef: – <https://blog.google/intl/en-au/company-news/outreach...>

If you have links or articles that you would like to feature in our next newsletter please contact tcoghlan@omi.com.au.