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WHALE COAST CONSERVATION PROJECT / January 2016 Holiday Programme

WCC presented two days of summer holiday programme for children aged 5-10 in January 2016. On the first day children collected their own specimens from the ocean, beach area and estuary at Grotto Beach and afterwards observed the creatures under microscopes. They collected sand hoppers, phytoplankton and zoo-plankton to examine.



Small organisms from fallen trees in the Milkwood forest adjacent to the beach also had the children excited as they used headlamps to examine creatures in the deep dark forest.



Microscopes can unlock a tiny world for tiny tots.



On the second day the children collected Shark Egg Cases and had a lesson on shark identification and nutrition. The children spotted three egg cases on the beach, which they identified as belonging to Dark Shyshark and Leopard Shyshark.



The children were also very fortunate to observe Hermit crabs in their natural habitats. The downside of the morning's activities was that they found and collect litter and dog faeces strewn around on our beautiful beach. We collected about 15 kg of waste, much to the dismay of our young nature lovers.

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