



Kids Teaching Kids



Last week, on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th, students from years 8-11 from the River Murray Focus Group ran workshops at the Urrbrae Wetlands for Kids Teaching Kids. Mitcham, Highgate, Trinity Gardens and Colonel Light Gardens primary schools attended the two days, with over 300 students from years 2 to 5 participating in the workshops. 20 students from Glen Osmond Primary presented 4 workshops as well; bees, energy efficient housing, birds and recycling. The primary students were accompanied around the wetlands by one of the Urrbrae mentors- Sophia Hamblen, Tenelle Simons, Maddie Jones, Ali Scott, Mary Jones, Brady Carlso-Stewart or Kiahna Herbert.

There were 6 workshops altogether:

Native and Feral Fish – Clare Edgecombe, Charlee Dunning and Kira Beaubois – students learnt about the threat of feral fish to our local waterways, and how to identify feral fish from native varieties.

Aquatic Macroinvertebrates – Kyanne Townsend, Rosie Newman and Lauren Heddle – students learnt how to collect and identify macro invertebrates.

Reptiles, Amphibians and Terrestrial Invertebrates – Lachlan Blanksby, Riley Warwick, Cameron Blanksby, Max Winnen, Danielle Guy, Abbey Strange and Ella Miller – students observed and interacted with a range of native animals which inhabit wetlands and the Murray Darling Basin.

Litter – Caitlin Buchanan, Nicia Burgess and Steph Mayes – based at the trash racks, students collected the pollution that enters the wetland and learnt the amount of time different types of litter takes to breakdown.

Indigenous Australia – Lauren Reeves, Johannes Skirrow, Tess Potiki, Bess Thompson and Adam Bell -students were



involved in an interactive play about the dreamtime story of the formation of the Murray River, students then wrote their own stories using dot paintings.

Birds – Jamal Van der Borch and Sebastian Rogers – students learnt about the importance of hollows to native wildlife, then used a camera to discover what was living in the nest boxes at the Urrbrae Wetland.

After the primary schools had participated in the workshops, they were taken up to Urrbrae Trails and given a tour of the farm. Overall, the two days ran very well and the Urrbrae students and primary school students both had a great time :) Thank you to the Urrbrae students, mentors, trail guides, Mrs Breeding and especially to Abby Thomas who coordinated the whole event.

