



# Bush Telegraph

#3 Happenings from the Rainforest — June 2020

## We have a Green light

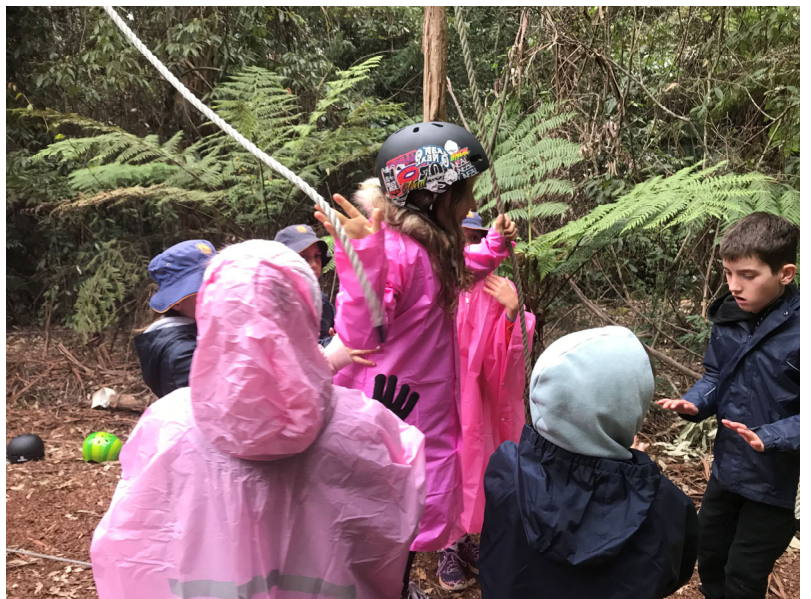
The COVID 19 pandemic has presented many challenges for education. Teachers and students alike have had to adjust to remote online teaching and learning. We have missed you!

Fortunately as the restrictions ease, Environmental Education Centres have been given a green light to visit schools and deliver programs. By term 3 we also hope to be able to conduct residential camps on site. All COVID 19 hygiene protocols will be strictly adhered to.

## Nature Play

Cascade EEC has a new Nature Play Area and outdoor classroom. This will be utilised during free-play and during our programmed activities.

Providing a safe and dynamic space to explore nature fosters; collaboration, imagination, deep learning and is loads of fun.



**FUN FACTS:** The horned dung beetle (*Onthophagus taurus*) is the strongest animal in the world. It can lift up to 1141 times its own body weight, which is the equivalent of a human lifting 2 fully loaded semi trailer trucks!!

## New to the Family

We nearly have two new additions to our family here at Cascade. Meet our inland carpet python (*Morelia bredli*). It is a desert cousin of our long term resident, Twilight. You can see their similarities and differences that make each uniquely adapted to their environment.

We have also adopted a young cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*). She cannot wait to meet you!



## Native bees and insect hotels.

In Term 1 we participated in the installation of a native bee hive at Raleigh PS, thanks to [100hives in 100schools](https://www.100hivesin100schools.org.au/) project, initiated by Little Star bee sanctuary.

Little Star bee sanctuary believe that native bees are key to the future of agricultural and environmental sustainability. Monitoring and looking after native bees is an excellent way to protect native habitats. Contact us if you are interested in participating.

## Youth Environment Council—This Term

Thank you to the students who came to the YEC renewable energy workshop in Term 1. Students designed, created and built their own wind turbine. These turbines were tested to measure how much power they produced. The students collaborated, solved problems and adjusted their designs to improve their results. A great example of scientific investigation in action. Cascade EEC will be hosting a YEC workshop in week 10 of this term on Wednesday 1st of July. See the attached YEC flyer. this term it's all about our connections with the natural world.



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