



## From the Co-ordinator

What an incredible term to start our 2017 year! The Haven have welcomed aboard eight new students for 2017 from various schools around the Central Coast to participate in our program. We have also successfully reintegrated eleven into mainstream schooling. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing their stories of their progress. There have been several exciting programs offered to students to explore this term: Project Based Learning, Mindfulness Program, RAGE Program, Photographic Workshop and the development of our Chicken Coop. Some of these programs provide the opportunity to connect with our community. Thanks to Sue Lewis, the Photographic Workshop was an experience that she organised where our students could learn fundamental photographic skills and publish their work to be displayed at the 5 Lands Walk later this year. Michael has instilled much excitement working diligently submitting funding applications and approval along with designing and building a chicken coup for students to access on school grounds. Michael has a passion for sustainability and shares his knowledge with our students and staff regularly. I would also like to pass on a huge 'Thank You' to those who provided a donation towards the Chicken Coup fund; it was greatly appreciated!

Sonya Robinson

Acting Co-ordinator

## Water Sports

Haven students were involved in many water activities this term. These activities included surfing, snorkelling and Kayaking.

The students went surfing at both Umina and Avoca Beach. They learned the fundamentals of surfing and had the opportunity to be out among the waves. The equipment and instructors was thanks to Central Coast Surf Academy.

As part of the newly implemented Inquiry Learning Program, Haven students were able to go snorkelling at Putty Beach. The water was warm with very calm conditions. Each student was equipped with a set of snorkels and explored the rock shelves at Putty Beach. They saw an abundance of lifeforms under the sea. Furthermore, the Haven students went kayaking up Patonga Creek. They went fishing, caught yabbies and watched the thousands of little crabs marching their way up the little sand island. One student was lucky enough to catch a fish. However, due to its size, it was given a kiss and released back in the creek.

These three activities were very enjoyable by all in attendance.

Staff v's Students!!!

## Chicken Coop Construction Begins!



## Friday Surfing





## Fishing Excursion – 20.3.17

The day began by heading to Terrigal Lagoon to put our homemade mullet traps in. Once they were set, we walked over to the bend at Terrigal and started using the 'stinky' nets to try to catch worms for bait. We had no luck getting worms but the kids got to see a lot of them poking their heads out of the ground.

We then went back over to the mullet traps and they were full! The kids were so excited and everyone wanted to catch them and put them into the bucket. We grabbed our bag of prawns and packet of worms, along now with our live potti mullet we headed over to Ettalong Point.

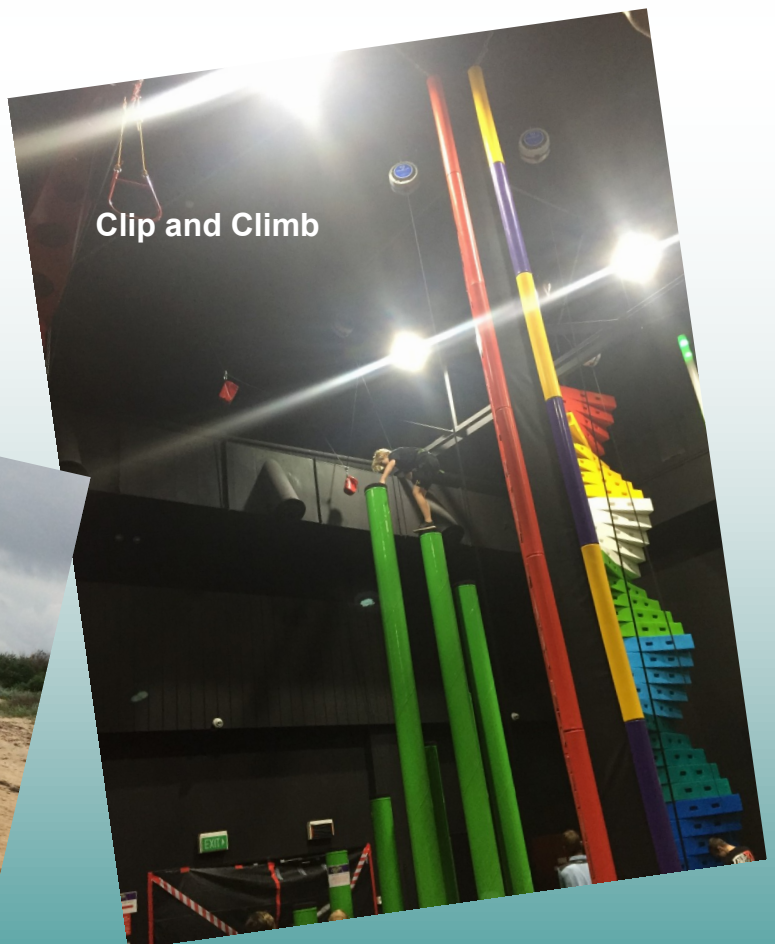
The tide was perfect and all kids had a fantastic time! Many different species of fish were captured including bream, whiting, flounder, snapper and flathead. Most of the fish were released back and the kids were happy that they survived and swam away.

Students had a great day, especially Tristan D who caught a 48cm bream, which was the biggest fish he had ever caught. Billy C ended up with a nice flathead 52cm. Olivia got a flounder and Josh F took home a whiting (30cm). Jake C got a double hook up with some nice snapper but was happy to put them back.

Shannon Joyes



How good is fishing!!!



Clip and Climb



This is what learning should be like:-)





Planting the winter crop!



### Stephanie Alexander - Kitchen to Garden

This term two staff participated in a professional development in the Kitchen to Garden workshop held at Bondi Beach Public School. The day was designed to educate staff on ways that they could incorporate garden activities into the curriculum and how to then use that produce in the kitchen to provide healthy meals for the students. The day reinforced what we already do and gave us huge pool of resources and connections that we can use to engage our students in garden activities and getting them involved in healthy food preparation. The organisation was that impressed with what we do they are going to run a feature article on The Haven Education Centre in their next newsletter that goes out to likeminded Kitchen to Garden schools all over Australia. Next term I look forward to completing the construction of our very own Chicken Coop and being able to care for these chickens and hopefully get some fresh eggs in return that we can use in our breakfast club. A big thanks to our community for supporting the project in particular, **St Edwards College, Mitre 10 Kincumber, Kincumber Pet Produce, Bunnings West Gosford and the parents of our students** that donated money and materials in support of this project.

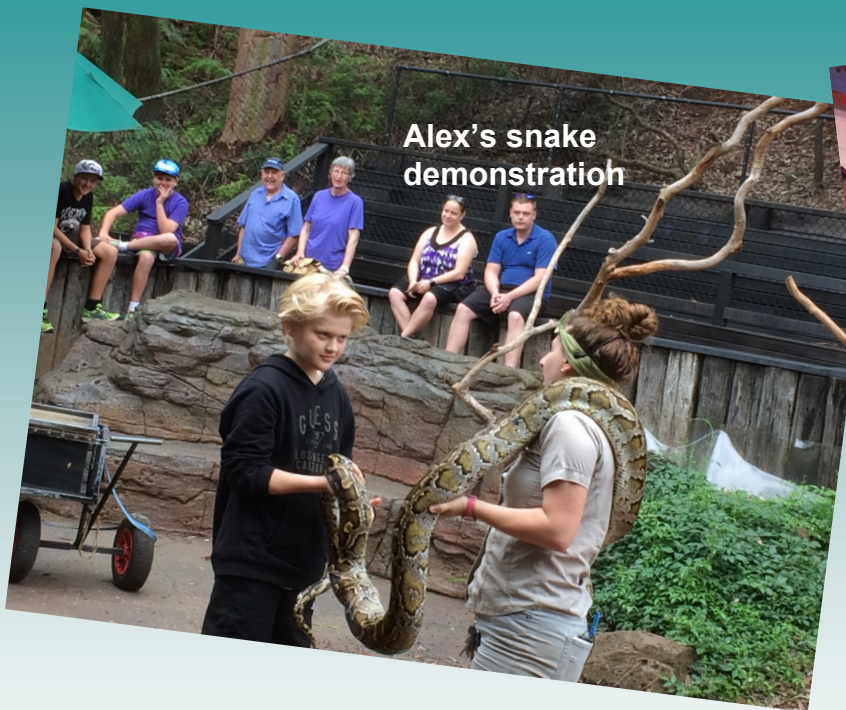


This is my kind of class-work!



End of summer harvest





## Reptile Park

After our project based learning got students interested in the mini beasts that live around us, we ventured up to the Reptile Park to further their study in a more practical way. After leaving early from school, students were greeted to the funnel web spiders at the park being milked. It was fascinating watching the process and given the number of funnel webs being found in the local area it was important that the students were made aware of the dangers and how to avoid getting bitten. The students were able to interact with kangaroo and emu on the excursion which became a highlight for some (The student that lost his lunch to an emu probably won't agree that it was a highlight!). The students learnt a lot on the day and I am sure that they will take this knowledge into their own backyards and local parks next time they are out and interacting with our amazing natural environment.





## Reports From the Students

*On Monday we went fishing at Ettalong beach. We caught quite a few fish, some were even big enough to take home. Some of the fish we caught were whiting/flathead/brim and snapper. We used mullet/worms and prawns for bait.*



*On Friday the haven went to the aquasplash. We all had a great time. As soon as we got there we got headbands and life jackets. When everyone was ready we all jumped in the water, everyone slipping and sliding. There was slides, volley ball, climbing and much more. Teachers got involved as well.*

*On Friday the 10/2/17. The students went surfing at Umina beach. There were two instructors. Their names were Chloe and Sophie. They were pretty good instructors they gave us a quick demo which we were glad about it being short because it was very hot. The waves were small but lots of fun. The water was nice and refreshing.*

On the 1/3/2017 I interviewed a student from the Haven. He said the best thing to do at the haven is the Friday activities. He has been at the haven for 18 months and he his favourite time was when the school went to Bubble Soccer. He wants to be a mechanic when he leaves the Haven.

On the 23/2/2017 I interviewed one of the students from the Haven. He said when he leaves the Haven he wants to learn how **not** to get into fights. One of his goals was that he wants to learn more than he does now. His favourite thing to do on Fridays is when the Haven goes surfing at the beach. He said the best thing about the Haven is we get to go in the gym and that we get to cook. He has been at this school for over one month.

## **Interviews with: *The Haven Kids***

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**What do you like best about The Haven?**

The teachers are nice

**How long have you been at The Haven?**

I have been at The Haven for a year

**What has been your favourite Friday activity so far?**

Reptile Park

**What has your experience been like at The Haven so far?**

Pretty good

**What do you want to do when you leave The Haven?**

Go back to Tumbi

**What are some of your goals?**

Learning

**What could be better at The Haven?**

If they had a saxophone

On the 23/2/17 I interviewed a student from the Haven. They thought the best thing about the school was the teachers. He had ben at the Haven for 5 weeks. His favourite Friday activity was surfing. He said that his experience had been very good. When he leaves the Haven he wants to go to main stream school. He said his goals were to get back to main stream school. He also said that to make the haven better it would need a swimming pool.





Freedom under the water:-)



Paddling up the creek...



Being mindful...



Strength or technique??



Underwater photo shoot



Pumping Yabbies, watch out for the nippers!