



Porci's Ocean patrol

Series 1: Episode 5 – Facts for Students

Hooded Plover

- Hooded Plovers have a nickname of 'hoodies' because of their black hood.
- Hooded Plovers are a shy bird that lives on the beach, and they are endangered, meaning there are not many of them left.
- Their chicks are as small as a 50c piece.
- Their breeding season is between August and March.
- The Hooded Plovers lay their eggs in the dry sand at the base of the dunes as their eggs blend in with the sand, helping them to hide from predators such as foxes and bigger birds.
- As the eggs blend into the sand, this means humans and dogs can't see them, and they may accidentally disturb or crush their eggs.
- If the chicks spend too much time hiding, they won't be able to find enough food to survive.
- There may be signs and fences on the beach to help protect the Hooded Plovers, remember to steer clear if we see them!
- We can help by keeping dogs on their leash, stay away from their areas and give our Hoodie friends some space to raise their chicks!

Sea Country – Kurna Words

- Nakudla means Shark in Kurna. Sharks are like the guardians of our seas.
- Tarnipaiya is Crab. You might see these guys scuttling around the shores.
- Duddley Moodlah, that's Pufferfish. They might look cute, but those spines can pack a punch.
- Magil-yaro is Seadragon. They're like underwater dragons cruising through the ocean.

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- Pando yerlo means Seagrass. It's like the lush carpet of the sea, where lots of sea creatures like to call home.
- Kuya means Fish. We've got so many different kinds swimming around.
- Marilanna, that's a Mullet. They're like the speedsters of the ocean, zipping all around.
- Kawarpa is a native Water Rat. They're the furry swimmers of the waterways.
- Narkirra, is a Platypus. They're like little marvels of nature.
- Maku means Cloud. Sometimes the sea meets the sky in the form of clouds.
- Ngayirda means Sky. It's like a big, open ocean above us.
- Wirltu is the Southern Cross, a constellation that guides us.
- Tirntu is the Sun. The big golden orb that brings light to our Sea Country.
- Kauwi is Water. The lifeblood of our Sea Country.

Food Scraps

- You can put your left-over food scraps in your green lidded bin. Look at your food scraps and think "was this once a living thing or has it grown?" If yes, then it can go in your green bin for kerb side collection.
- You can put more than just your food scraps in the green bin, you can also put weeds, leaves, nail clippings, hair, and even greasy pizza boxes!
- Once the bin is collected the scraps head to a composting party, breaking down in about 8-10 weeks. Once cleaned up, this compost grows our food on farms.
- You can create your own compost heap or worm farm at home in your backyard. Toss in those scraps, let nature do its thing, and voilà – you've got nutrient-rich fertiliser for you garden!
- Even eggshells and lawn clippings can go in the green bin and compost, and don't forget you can use them as mulch in your garden too.