

More ideas and resources for TSTS theme “Survival in Our Land”

Here are some extra “starting blocks” with ideas for Photographic Essays, Computer presentations, Science games and Research Investigations related to this theme.

Bureau of Meteorology:

While waiting at the Launceston Bus Depot, I chose to kill some time at the adjacent office of the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) talking with Brendan McMahon. They have some excellent, interesting and informative brochures which may be stimulating and useful relating to the Human and Climate elements of the theme “Survival in Our Land”

Eg “Earthquake and Tsunami Awareness for Australians”

“Floods: Warning Preparedness and Safety”

“Severe Storms Facts, Warnings and Protection”

“Lightning Protection Action Guide”

“Working Outdoors- a skin cancer risk”

“Managing Animals in Disasters”

These all describe in straightforward language notable Australian examples, warning systems, “be prepared” checklists, and action to maximize survival

He discussed with me a recent Forum on Global Warming and Climate Change, organized through West Tamar Council at Exeter HS., at which he spoke along with representatives from DPIWE and the Antarctic Climate Research Centre....Science and EL’s at its best!

Brendan also does class sessions on meteorological issues and has an excellent Weather Monitoring Kit available for extended school loan. This is an excellent resource (I’ve used it at Grade 7 level) allowing a whole-class, hands-on approach (ie 4X UV meters, 4X cup anemometers, thermometers, compasses, hygrometers, rain gauge etc, along with laminated easy-to-understand directions.)

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Gould League of Victoria:

At CONSTAT there was a display of many of the “tried and true” Gould League resources, some of which are more than likely in your school somewhere. Some of the ones I bought were:.

“Wetlands Wildlife” looking at environmental conditions, flora and fauna of streams, river flats, swamps, marshes, lakes, farm dams, salt lakes, lagoons...excellent starting points for study of adaptations to specific environmental factors.

“Urban Wildlife”.... Similar publication to above

“Mallee Country Wildlife”

Swamps and Streams / Mountain Forests”

“Shellfish Survival: Caring for the Coast”

Bird lists etc..

Indeed, the Gould League have been providing resources on wildlife “survival in our land” since we were kids:

They can be contacted on: website <http://www.gould.edu.au/>

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I'm guessing there is also a wealth of other material available through DPIWE, Fire Brigade etc.....

Please share any other useful resources which you know of through this network.

Let's face it:

We are in the business of primarily teaching and learning.

"Doing competitions" such as TSTS is just an aid to inspire and encourage.

So let's share whatever we can.

Good luck.

Marg Hosford

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