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# PHYTO-PLANKTON!



## national science week 2021

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#### A NEW WAY TO HEAR THE OCEAN

Science podcasters, tech business owners and Sunshine Coast parents Dr Jamie Coull and Dr Lachlan McKinna are keen to share their love of the ocean and teeny-tiny marine algae for National Science Week 2021 with season 2 of their kids' oceanography podcast series: *Actually, it's Phytoplankton!*

"This year on the podcast we're exploring Planet Ocean with six oceanography lessons for kids, teachers and families", says teacher and podcast presenter Jamie.

With episodes that explore marine food webs, Earth's carbon cycle, ocean acidification, the physics of light in water, arts in science, and DIY experiments, tuning in to *Actually, it's Phytoplankton! Planet Ocean* is the perfect COVIDSafe way to get involved with National Science Week. There are free digital resource packs for every episode, and an Oculus Quest 2 Virtual Reality System and the VR game Ocean Rift to be won!

"We're joined every episode by oceanography experts from around the world including folks from NASA and the Australian Institute of Marine Science, as well as many others", says ocean scientist Lachlan.

*Actually, it's Phytoplankton! Planet Ocean* is presented by Go2Qurious (education brand of Go2Q Remote Sensing) and supported by a National Science Week Grant from the Australian Commonwealth Government. Season 2 episodes will be available to stream and download from August 14 at <https://www.go2qurious.com/podcast>

National Science Week is Australia's annual opportunity to meet scientists, discuss the hot topics, do science and celebrate its cultural and economic impact on society. In 2021, National Science Week events will be held online and right throughout Australia with everything including science festivals, music and comedy shows, expert panel discussions, interactive displays, open days and online activities. The festival is proudly supported by the Australian Government; partners CSIRO, the Australian Science Teachers Association and the ABC; and media sponsor *Cosmos*.

National Science Week 2021 will run from 14-22 August. Event details can be found at [www.scienceweek.net.au](http://www.scienceweek.net.au)

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