

THE EMPIRE



THRIVING JELLYFISH

INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION PACK

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for registering to be a part of Thriving Jellyfish!

We are so excited to see your creations hanging in The Empire, Church Theatre during the Thrive Festival.

Did you know that the collective noun of jellyfish is a 'smack'? We hope your class has a blast creating a 'smack' of their own.



DID YOU KNOW?

The collective noun of a group of jellyfish is called a 'smack'

TIMELINES AND KEY DATES

Register to participate by 2 June



Judging from 10 September



Photo and presentation to winner 12pm on Thursday 25 September



2 JUNE

8 SEPT

10 SEPT

17 SEPT

25 SEPT

25-28 SEPT



Deliver your completed jellyfish to The Empire by 3pm, 8 September



Announcement of winner 17 September



On display 25-28 September 2025 at Thrive Festival



YOUR TASK

Create colourful jellyfish with your class that can be hung as part of a combined school's exhibition in The Empire, Church Theatre.



The use of recycled/repurposed materials is encouraged. Any method of crafting is acceptable, see some fun examples on this page to inspire you! Your class can all use the same method or mix it up!

You can use the real thing as inspiration or get a little creative and interpretive – anatomical correctness will not be a judging criteria. No matter what method you use, please remember that the jellyfish will be hung. Please make sure there is a string attached to the top of your creations so we can tie them to a net. The overall individual length of the creations should not exceed 150cm.



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DELIVERING YOUR JELLYFISH

Please deliver your class 'smack' in a box or bag clearly labelled with your school name and teacher contact name. Print and submit the form at the end of this pack with your 'smack'.

JUDGING

To be eligible for judging and be in the running for the main prize, return your class set of jellyfish by **3pm Monday 8 September**. A panel of judges made up of the city's most creative people will judge which group is the winner based on

- Creativity
- Uniqueness of materials utilised
- Overall impact of your class 'smack'

PRIZE

The winning class group will be notified by **17 September 2025**. The winning class receives:

- 2 tickets per student and teacher (up to 70 tickets for the class) to attend *Dr Hubble's Bubbles* on **Thursday 25 September 2025 at 11am** (prize value \$1750)
- Certificate presentation and photo opportunity at Thrive Festival, 12pm Thursday 25 September.

CURRICULUM LINKAGES

Link this activity to AC9AVA for your grade (1-6) - use visual conventions, visual arts processes and materials to create artworks that communicate ideas perspectives and/or meaning.

For Preps, link to science through AC9SFI03 – identifying common features of familiar groups of animals, such as fish, birds or reptiles.



Deliver your class 'smack'
in a box or bag



Return jellyfish creations
by **MON 8 SEP**



Prize is tickets to
Dr Hubble's Bubbles



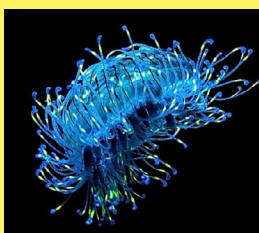
INSPIRATION

There are more than 2000 different types of species of jellyfish and scientists suspect there are more out there to be discovered!

To give you some inspiration, we have picked out 4 species we think are super cool:

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FLOWER HAT JELLY – OLINDIAS FORMOSUS

This stunning fluorescent jelly has a translucent bell with dark, opaque pinstripes. Lustrous, multicolored, fluorescent-tipped tentacles trail from its bell, while others are coiled up close to their bodies, making them appear short. Flower hat jellies are nocturnal and remain on or close to the sea bottom during the day.



IRUKANDJI JELLYFISH – SMALL BUT DEADLY

The Irukandji jellyfish are any of several similar, extremely venomous species of rare box jellyfish. With a very small adult size of about a cubic centimetre they are both one of the smallest and one of the most venomous jellyfish in the world. They inhabit the northern marine waters of Australia.



WHITE SPOTTED JELLYFISH – PHYLLORHIZA PUNCTATA

The White-spotted Jellyfish is easily recognised by the large, semi-transparent, rounded bell covered in regularly spaced, white dots. The trailing tentacles also end in whitened spots. This large and spectacular jellyfish is common during the summer months in New South Wales coastal waters and estuaries, including Sydney Harbour.



ATOLLA JELLYFISH

Atolla jellyfish, or crown jelly, could be considered the royalty of their gelatinous family. All six Atolla species are distinguished by a deep groove running through their bell, giving the impression of a transparent crown. Atolla are also bioluminescent, and give off flashes of blue light—a color that is visible in the deep ocean—possibly to attract or dazzle its prey.

TO FIND OUT MORE:

Click [HERE](#) for some fascinating facts about jellyfish to help you get creative!

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SMACK DELIVERY FORM

Please fill out this form, print and deliver with your ‘smack’ to
The Empire Ticket Office, 56 Neil St by **3pm Monday 8 September 2025.**

NAME OF SCHOOL

NAME OF TEACHER

NAME OF CLASS/S ENTERED

NUMBER OF JELLYFISH SUBMITTED

NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTIVITY

WOULD YOU LIKE FOR YOUR JELLYFISH TO BE RETURNED AFTER THE PROJECT?

YES

NO

IS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SCHOOL AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY 25 SEP AT 12PM FOR A PRESENTATION?

YES

NO

PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT THE METHOD AND MATERIALS YOU USED TO MAKE YOUR JELLYFISH SMACK: