

# Sea-life lessons for kids

**Children from Maroubra Bay Public**  
learn what lies beneath the sea.

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Schoolchildren from Maroubra Bay Public School watched in awe as award-winning underwater film-maker George Evatt described the fascinating abundance of marine life in a special presentation last week.

The Coogee-based film-maker uses his wealth of knowledge and hours of amazing underwater footage to show children what lies beneath the sea on the east coast of Australia.

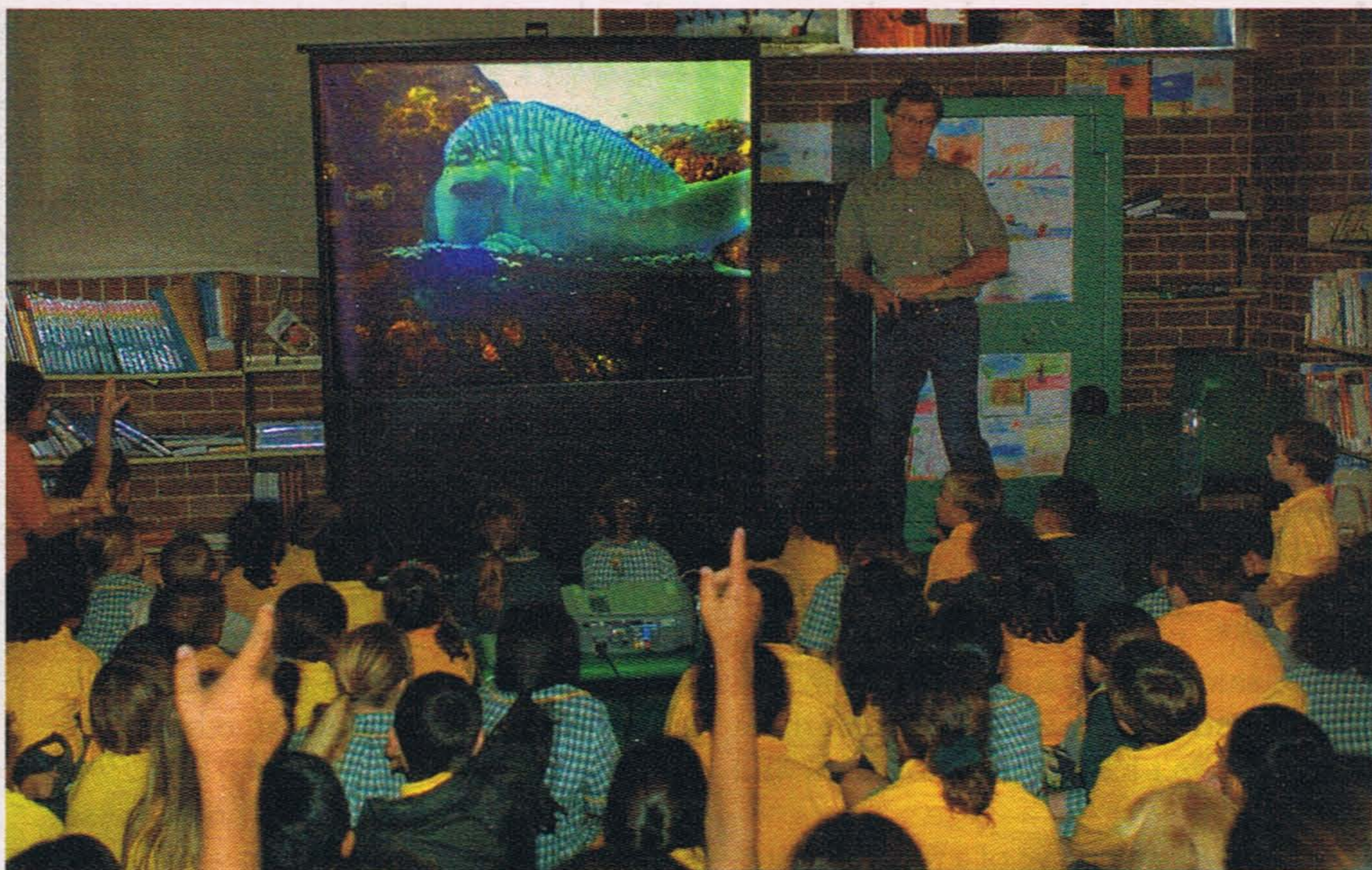
The hour-long presentation involved Mr Evatt screening some of his incredible footage and answering the children's questions.

All the children were very excited and eager to fire questions at the film-maker, said Andrew Fielding, principal of Maroubra Bay Public School.

"It was a great show," Mr Fielding said.

"He obviously had a great deal of experience and gave the kids a detailed analysis without being boring.

"It was also very 'hands on' and he passed around all sorts of exhibits like seahorses, shells and crab shells – the kids had a great



**George Evatt** talks to the children at Maroubra Bay Public School.

Photo: Craig Wilson

time and he kept them very entertained." Mr Evatt said he was constantly surprised at how much knowledge children have.

"It's just amazing really," he said.

"The kids at Maroubra, particularly, know a lot about the sea because they are literally a stone's throw away from Sydney's only grey nurse shark population."

Mr Evatt also shared some important

information about pollution, and revealed that it took six weeks for an apple core to disintegrate in the sea, while an aluminium can took an astounding 200 years.

It is important to educate children about things such as pollution, he said. "The future of the ocean is in the hands of our children, and if you can educate children, hopefully they can protect it in the future."

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