



Media Release

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“Well now you know...”

“Well now you know” chimed in the year four students of Donvale Primary School as Edgar’s Mission humane education officer Meg Streiff delivered a thought provoking lesson on making informed and compassionate choices. As part of their “Joining the dots” program, Meg, sanctuary founder Pam Ahern along with ambassador animals Timmy Lamb (although he really is a sheep), Willow the gentle rooster and Ryan the cheeky baby goat, children were encouraged to think about facts, personal choices and the everyday actions they make.

“The aim of our program is to encourage critical thinking” said Pam Ahern. “By empowering children with knowledge and age appropriate facts we hope to foster children’s reverence of life, steering them to a path of compassionate and conscious living. There is no doubt we live in troubled times, it then is so important that children are aware of social justice and are provided with the tools necessary to become conscientious decision makers of tomorrow”

With teaching complete it was “ohs” and “ahs” aplenty as little hands sunk deep into Timmy’s wool, fondled the feathers of the obliging rooster Willow and explored the tiny horns of baby Ryan. So now the children can really say they know what it feels like to be a farm animal.

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“If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others... why wouldn’t we?”