



Easter Aquarium Antics

We've got so much happening this Easter at the National Aquarium of New Zealand, we'd love it if you could share these activities with your students.

It's going to be egg-ceptional with a special hunt for shark eggs and a mermaid on a mission which will keep both kids and adults entertained this upcoming holiday weekend.

Sharks are amazing in many different ways, but did you know that some species of shark can lay eggs? They can be found in many different shapes and colours, and in the past used to be referred to as '*Mermaid Purses*' due to their leathery outer shell.

This Easter bring the family along to take part in a completely different kind of egg hunt. Learn more about shark eggs, see if you can spot them around the aquarium and solve the puzzle to go in the draw to win a JAW-some prize pack.

Cost: Part of your general admission (free for Friends of Aquarium members)

When: Friday 2 April - Monday 5 April

Talking about mermaids...

We're super excited to have Mermaid Ria at the National Aquarium. She will be swimming in the Pania Reef tank over Easter to raise awareness about care and conservation of the ocean.

Visitors will be able to take part in a special question and answer session with Mermaid Ria, and we also have the option available of purchasing a special VIP ticket to have a personal meet and greet and photo with her as well.

It's going to be MERmazing!

Mermaid Swim & Talk

Watch Mermaid Ria swim and play in the Pania Reef tank, and join the Q&A session video live-streamed in the Oceanarium hall.

When: Twice a day Friday 2 April - Monday 5 April

Morning Session - **9.45am** Mermaid Swim; **10.30am** Mermaid Talk

Afternoon Session - **1.00pm** Mermaid Talk; **1.45pm** Mermaid Swim

Cost: Free with General Admission tickets

VIP Encounter

Includes a meet and greet in the education room with Mermaid Ria, plus an opportunity for parents/caregivers to take photos.

When: Twice a day 2-5 April, 10.45am-11.30am and 12pm-12.45pm

Cost: \$6.50 per person. A relevant General Admission ticket must be purchased on arrival for all entries including caregivers (except for Friends of Aquarium members). Caregivers are not required to pay the additional \$6.50 (one caregiver per child).

Registration Essential: Spaces are limited, [register today](#) to avoid disappointment.