MEET Professor Finn.
The team at the Peter Underwood Centre decided that the The Wonder Weekly needed a mascot to promote its fun learning activities.

And what better choice could there be than a red handfish?

Afterall, the Underwood Centre recently took responsibility for a real, live red handfish of its own through the Handfish Conservation Project.

More about that in weeks to come.

Red handfish are one of the rarest fish on the planet.

They are critically endangered and currently known to exist in just two locations in Tasmania — on two small patches of rocky reef near Hobart.

Researchers, including those at the University’s Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), are working hard to prevent the species’ extinction.

The red handfish is a very shy little creature, so there may be as yet undiscovered populations in south-eastern Tasmania.

Professor Finn was drawn for us by well-known Tasmanian cartoonist John “Polly” Farmer, who has done a fantastic job capturing one of the most unusual lifeforms in the marine world.

The Wonder Weekly will be revealing lots of facts and providing activities based around the red handfish in future editions, but if you have online access and can’t wait until then, you can find out more at handfish.org.au/

Share projects inspired by The Wonder Weekly with us.
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Bring golf to the fore by designing a backyard course of your own

YOU don’t need clubs or even a golf ball to play backyard golf.

A tennis ball or a small ball of any kind and your imagination is all you require.

Golf courses are usually 18 holes, while some smaller courses are nine holes.

But your game can have as many holes as you like.

To create a hole you need a starting spot - which in golf is called a tee - and a target, which in golf is marked by a flag.

Your target could be objects that you already have in your backyard.

Clothes lines or a fence posts are good examples, or even a garden sprinkler.

An upturned bucket or pot make a great target to land the ball in.

The aim of the game is to hit the target or land the ball in the bucket or pot with as few underarm throws or rolls as you can.

Remember to count your shots.

The more you practice the lower (better) your score will become.

“Education perhaps more than anything else is a passport to a better life.” - Peter Underwood AC
Some architecture skills to draw upon

HAVE you ever wondered what your home looks like from above?
Perhaps you have found where you live on www.google.com/earth/

Have you ever seen a site plan or a floor plan of a building?
Site plans provide a birds-eye view of a property, including its boundaries, buildings, trees, and hard surfaces like driveways and paths.

House floor plans can show walls, windows, doors and other fixtures like stoves, sinks, fireplaces, toilets, showers, even household furniture.

Your challenge is to draw a site plan of where you live and/or a floor plan of your home.
If your house has two storeys you could draw one or both levels.
You will need to think about scale - a site plan could be 1:200 and a floor plan 1:100 (i.e. 1mm on the plan is equal to 100mm of the building).

It is a good idea to start with measuring the exteriors (boundaries of your land or outside walls of your house).
If you have a tape measure at home that will help, but you could just pace it out to get a rough idea.
You can try to be as accurate as possible, or just make your best guestimation of distances.
Graph paper is useful if you have some, or just rule some straight lines on a normal piece of paper to guide you.
You will need a pencil and a ruler, and you can add some colour if you want to.
You could even draw things like trees and furniture, colour them in and place them on your plan (if you don’t stick them down you can move them around).

WORD SCRAMBLER
ANANAB _______ GARPFRUTIE _______
AREP _______ DARINMAN _______
PLEPA _______ LUMP _______
TOOMAT _______ PERRYBARS _______

Crossword No.2 solution (check your answers)

Across
1. Duckling
2. Pigeon
3. Kiwi
4. Ostrich
5. Feathers
6. Green
7. Wattlebird
8. Eggs
10. Eagle
11. Albatross

Down
1. Separates Tasmania from mainland Australia - Bass ...
2. City located on the banks of the Tamar River/kanamaluka
3. Explorer who named Botany Bay - James ...
4. Spain, Italy and France all surround this sea
5. The world's longest river
6. Ocean to the west of Africa
7. Sea which separates south-east Australia and New Zealand
8. Strahan is on the shore of this Harbour
9. The Southern Ocean surrounds this continent
10. The world's largest ocean
11. The world's longest river
For an additional challenge, try producing your own crossword.