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### NAVY FORMS LINK WITH SCHOOL THROUGH MATTHEW FLINDERS

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The Australian Hydrographic Service recently strengthened its link with their local community with the presentation of a framed photograph of early explorer and Naval Officer Matthew Flinders to Flinders Public School, Shellharbour.



*Photo: CAPT Rod Nairn, RAN with Flinders Public School representatives (Year 6 student Adraina Mazevski, Daniella Whitehead (P&C Vice-President), and David Lewis (Principal) after presenting the school with a framed photo of Matthew Flinders*

Coinciding with the recent NSW Education Week, CAPT Rod Nairn (Director of Hydrographic Operations & Capability) established an ongoing link between Navy and the recently opened School.

Following a brief school assembly where the school song was sang publicly for the first time, CAPT Nairn answered probing questions about Navy life-at-sea from a gathering of students who have been undertaking a maritime project. Included in the group were children from serving members of the RAN.



*Photo 2: shows CAPT Patrick Fermier (French Embassy), LT(N) Audrey Baconnais-Rosez, and Ms Nicole Podeur (French Embassy).*

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