

# doxaschoolbendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Here we are half way through the year and like most, I too am looking forward to the term break. It has been another busy term full of fun and challenging learning experiences. The last day of term 2 is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and students will be dismissed at 1pm. It will be great to have the opportunity to stay in bed on those cold winter mornings!

There seems to be some nasty bugs going around which have affected both staff, students and our families. Please remember to keep your child home if they are unwell. This helps us to minimise the spreading of illnesses throughout our Doxa community.

Next week, our ILP meetings will take place. Due to meetings on Tuesday 6th June and Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, there will be no classes. Students are only required to attend on these days for their scheduled ILP meeting. If you haven't already booked a time with your child's classroom teacher and well being support person, please call the office on 54428140 to book.

We welcome a new staff member this week. Colleen Marchant (another one!) will be taking over the Business Management role. I know you will join me in welcoming Colleen to our safe, kind and curious community.

While next term sees Len Watson our Deputy Principal and Tony White from the wellbeing support team return from long service leave, Colleen from the front office, will be going on LSL where she will be travelling around the country throughout the term. Colleen's term replacement is yet to be appointed.

Please remember to notify the office on 54428140 or 0417 108 870 when your child is absent or arriving late or leaving early.

To keep up with everything that goes on at Doxa School, remember to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DoxaSchoolBendigo>

Do all things with kindness.

Vanessa Brown - Principal



### **Important Dates to remember**

Tues 6th June - Student free due to ILP meetings

Fri 9th June - Student free due to ILP meetings

Thurs 15th June - Whole School morning tea 11am to 12pm

Fri 23rd June Last day of term - students dismissed at 1pm

**Ways to contact the school on 54428140 or 0417 108 870 or message us on Facebook**  
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

## AMINDA'S CLASS

This semester the students in Aminda and Carla's class have been busy learning during the cool days here in Bendigo. We have been building up our knowledge of phonics as well as building on our vocabulary by learning new and unfamiliar words. We have been preparing to write some information reports and reading a range of interest based texts. Our class has also been learning about the relationship between fractions and decimals, as well as consolidating our understanding of units of measurement.

In effort to be more sustainable and to identify the impact of our classes' wastage, we have been collecting water bottle lids to see how many plastic bottles we have disposed of for the year. The students have been building on their knowledge of physical science, learning about the laws of motion as well as simple and compound machines.

There has been a lot of great learning happening in our class, we cannot believe we are over half way for the term!

Aminda & Carla

## EMILY'S CLASS

This Term we have been lucky to have Amy, Nick and Ky in our classroom across the week, we enjoy having different faces in the room and we are also looking forward to having Tony back with us in Term 3.

We have had some really fun "safe, kind and curious afternoons" across the term - heading out to Heathcote, seeing the "Australiana" exhibition at the art gallery and having lots of fun at school. During the term, students had the opportunity to choose between some great excursions - traveling to Melbourne to see the Goddess: Power, Glamour, Rebellion Exhibition at ACMI and some playing Dungeons and Dragons locally at Guf Games in Bendigo. But we definitely have a great time cooking at school, we've made lots - focaccias, sandwiches, muffins, pizzas and rocky road!

We've been learning lots about life skills this term, focusing on financial numeracy - all things reading bills, working out change and budgeting. In Literacy, we have been discussing advertising and persuasive techniques, along with discussing issues current in our world at the moment such as "what it means to be Australian", social media and self care in a busy world.

Students have worked very hard this term, both working towards their VPC, skill building and completing many of their individual goals - we are so proud of them.

Emily & Nick

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## 'RUTH'S CLASS

Hi and welcome to our second newsletter for the term. Students have been completing tasks in the classroom covering both Vic Curriculum and VPC outcomes. These will be discussed further at your students ILP meetings as well as in their Semester 1 reports which will be available at the end of the term.

Some of our students recently had the opportunity to attend the "Tomorrow Bound" Excursion to Red Energy Stadium where they met with Universities, TAFE institutions, Support Agencies and various work industries such as Mining, Army, Police and Paramedics.

The students gained valuable information about work and where they would like to pursue further studies in a supported environment and brought back lots of goodies in their show bags!!

Students were lucky to visit McCulloch's and Bendigo Truss Plant to gain further knowledge of what is available in the Bendigo area around different trades. We encourage students to take up opportunities when they present themselves to help gauge their interests in their pathway options once they leave school.

Students will be learning about road safety over the coming fortnight to prepare for a trip to the Melbourne Museum on the 14<sup>th</sup> June where students will attend the Road To Zero Exhibition.

We look forward to seeing everyone at their ILP meetings next week.

Ruth and Jacinta

## JACKO'S CLASS

This term in class we have continued to work through our literacy and numeracy with both enthusiasm and sarcasm. We have had a focus on informed discussion which has led to some lively debates, and our financial numeracy where we have gained fake employment.

We have now begun to work through being an adult with money, tax, expenses and choices. Claire has delivered some of the best SEL'S (Social & Emotional Learning) lessons to our class over the last few weeks and every one has learnt a lot about themselves and each other, great work Claire.

Our class is also making the most out of afternoon activities and have had a number of active and passive experiences and more to come.

Thanks everyone for being an active member of our class,

We are looking forward to catching up with our families at next weeks ILP meetings.

Jacko & Claire

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

