

# NEWSLETTER

March 2014

## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The term is quickly rushing to an end and it has been a pretty good one for the staff and students. There has been a lot going on (as usual) and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the Easter Holidays.

The Senior group have just returned from a 3 day camp at Feathertop Chalet in Harrietville, part of Victoria's high country. The students took part in a range of outdoor activities including archery, mountain biking, mini golf and bush walking. I am sure the staff and students had a most enjoyable time. (photo's included in this issue and on the Doxa School Facebook page).

At the end of this term we say good bye to Kylie Heasley who has been part of the Student Support team for 2 years. Kylie is heading to Launceston for a 'tree change' and I suspect a very cold winter. We wish her good luck in her new adventure. A new Student Support person will take over Kylie's role at the beginning of term 2.

A big thanks to all of the parents/guardians for attending the ILP meetings held in the past couple of weeks. These meetings help with important planning for you and your child for the remainder of their time at Doxa. Please remember you can contact Doxa staff at any time if you have any questions regarding your child.

Next term we will be another busy one for everyone. On Thursday 22nd May all students and their families will be invited to attend our family pizza night held at the school from 5.30pm to 7pm. I encourage all families to attend this social function and meet with staff and other families in an informal setting. More information will be sent home early in term 2.

On behalf of the staff I wish all our families a safe and happy Easter and school holiday break and look forward to catching up with everyone at the start of 2nd term.

John Russell  
Principal

Don't forget to check us out on the Doxa School Bendigo Facebook page  
at [www.facebook.com/DoxaSchoolBendigo](http://www.facebook.com/DoxaSchoolBendigo)



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 3rd April - last day of term 1  
Friday 18th to Monday 21st April - Easter  
Tuesday 22nd April - Start of term 2  
Friday 25th April - Anzac Day Public Holiday  
Tuesday 20th May - Family Pizza night  
Tuesday 27th May - Student Free Day



## **National Schools Chaplaincy & Student Welfare Program**

NSCSWP – Doxa School has been fortunate in receiving funding to support our Student Support team through the National Schools Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP).

This has allowed us to employ Jacinta Quin a qualified member of our Student Support Team for extra hours to add to and enhance our student welfare services.

Jacinta's role involves her planning and participating in a range of Personal Development programs to support our students. She also works individually with students to help them manage personal issues to support them emotionally, socially and academically.

The NSCSW Program is a welcomed initiative that has enhanced and expanded the support we are able to provide for students in our school community.

If you require more information regarding the NSCWP, please contact the school office.

**Kids Help Line**  
Free call 1800 55 1800

**Parent Line 13 22 89**  
**8am-12am Monday to Friday**

## **CentaCare Bendigo Counselling Services**

### **FAMILY EDUCATION SERVICES GUIDE**

The Family Education Services (FES) at CentaCare Sandhurst delivers a number of workshops and programs that provide education, support and information to parents, carers and the community. We recognize families are diverse and ever-changing and can be challenging to those within and around them.

Our groups cover a wide range of topics relating to parenting and family relationships. We offer both single session workshops and longer programs that run over a number of weeks. Attending a group can be a very positive experience. It can provide an opportunity to talk to those with similar issues,

learn more about your areas of interest, and develop new and existing skills - all in a supportive environment.

Groups are run throughout the region and can be tailored to meet your specific needs. Costs vary so please ask on enquiry.

### ***Parenting and Family Relationship Workshops and Programs:***

Parenting  
Toddlers and Preschoolers  
Primary School Children  
Adolescence  
Couples  
For Dads  
Step and Blended Families  
Separation  
Professional Development

If you require more information on programs available through CentaCare, give them a call on 5438 1300

## **School Immunisation Program**

Thanks to all who have opted to participate in the Council's immunisation program. Students who have returned signed consent forms will take part in the program during second term.

# Photos from Senior Camp - Feathertop Chalet



BENDIGO  
EASTER  
FESTIVAL

18 - 21 APRIL 2014



**INSIDE THE BRICK -  
BENDIGO LEGO  
FAN EXPO -  
EASTER WEEKEND**



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OF BENDIGO INC.

**ANNUAL  
EASTER  
BOOK  
SALE**

**Easter Friday-Sunday 9am - 5pm  
Easter Monday 9am - 1pm**  
1000's of books, magazines,  
records, CDs and DVDs.  
To suit all tastes.



**ABSOLUTE  
BARGAIN PRICES.**

YMCA - Tom Tweed Stadium,  
Mundy Street, Bendigo

**WHAT:** Rediscover the magic of building and join us for the *Inside The Brick LEGO Fan Expo*

**WHEN:** 18th, 19th and 20th of April 2014

**VENUE:** The Capital - Bendigo's Performing Arts Centre - 50 View Street Bendigo

**CONTACT DETAILS:** [events@insidethebrick.com](mailto:events@insidethebrick.com)

Our exhibition has staggered entry sessions to avoid over-crowding in the venue and to give everyone a chance to see the displays. Be sure to arrive within 30 minutes of your session time. If you miss your session entry time, we will arrange entry as soon as is convenient.

**Full Details and Bookings:**

<http://www.insidethebrick.com/upcoming-events>



# CARNIVAL CENTRAL — DON'T MISS THE ACTION

**Good Friday, Easter Saturday and  
Easter Sunday 18-20 April**

Tom Flood Sports Centre, Park Road, 10am – 10pm daily

Just up the road from the activities in Rosalind Park and Dai Gum San Chinese Precincts is all the excitement of the carnival rides. There are so many reasons to make your way to the carnival – the treats, games-of-skill and of course, the twists, turns and thrills of the rides. Entry to the carnival area is free so you can measure up the rides before you take the plunge.

## FIREWORKS DISPLAY

**Good Friday**

Tom Floods Sports Centre Oval 8pm

Good Friday night a magnificent fireworks display will erupt over the Tom Flood Sports Centre thanks to the Victorian Showmen's Guild.



**THE VICTORIAN  
SHOWMEN'S  
GUILD**

Coupon opportunity  
from members of  
The Victorian Showmen's  
Guild offering:

# RIDES RIDES RIDES

## BUY ONE RIDE & OBTAIN ONE FREE

**AT THE 2014 BENDIGO EASTER FESTIVAL**

- Valid on Friday 18 April, only
- Between the times of 10.00am to 6.00pm only.
- Redeemable from Guild member's ride operators, only.

**THIS COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE RIDE TICKET BOX ATTENDANT TO RECEIVE THIS SPECIAL OFFER.**