

# doxaschoolbendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to school for term 2, with another busy term ahead.

What beautiful weather we have had but I'm sure it won't be long before the winter woollies are taken out of the wardrobe again. As we continue to keep our community as safe as we can, we remind all families to keep your child home if they are feeling unwell or have any flu symptoms.

While term one was quite disrupted at times with new students and COVID meaning we had a mixed up year last year so it has taken a while for our students to settle into the Doxa School culture. The start to this term has been more settled and I hope this continues.

If your student is expressing some concerns about school or you are aware of any issues that may impact our students and our community generally please don't hesitate to contact the office to let us know. Our goal is to always keep our students and other community members safe.

Already this term has been a busy one with students attending weekly Equine Therapy at Eddington, VET classes, electives and Fridays Participation Program along with the everyday classroom activities. There are upcoming class and school excursions and parents and carers will get information regarding these as they get closer.

Immunisations took place last week. Thanks to everyone who participated. It is great that the Bendigo Council support Doxa school families to keep up with immunisation recommendations.

Term 2 ILP meetings will be taking place from 9am to 4pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, (this will be a student free day) Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of June from 12.30pm to 4pm. ILP meetings give parents the opportunity to have input into plans to support their child throughout the year. Colleen will be in touch to organise a time suitable for you.

Last week students and staff went to the Central Deborah Gold mine for an underground tour. A great opportunity to learn about the gold rush in the 1850's and about mining in modern day Australia. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for an update and pictures.

Please see our list below for important dates and changes to our timetable. Give the office a call if you have any questions.

Last Sunday was Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all of the wonderful women out there who look after, love and support not only their kids but other kids too. We hope you all enjoy your special day.

Term 2 is always a busy term and there is a lot of learning and enjoyment that happens around our community. I hope we all stay well and make the best of our opportunities for the term.

John.

### **Important Dates to remember**

- NAPLAN testing - Tues 11th to Fri 14th May
- Careers week - Mon 17th to Fri 21st May
- Report writing day Mon 24th May - student free day
- ILP day - Monday 7th June student free day
- Queens Birthday Public Holiday - Monday 14th June
- Last day of term 2 - Friday 25th June



**Ways to contact the school on 54428140 or 0417 108 870 or message us on Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/DoxaSchoolBendigo/>

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

## BRAD'S CLASS

I cannot believe it's almost half way through the term! Things have been moving along nicely in Brad's class.

It is great to see so many students attending regularly and giving everything a go that is on offer at Doxa School. We have finished up our Asia / Australia unit learning lots about the Chinese migrant miners that lived and settled in the area of Bendigo. We were very fortunate to go to the Central Deborah Goldmine to learn about the history of gold-mining in our community.

Our students have been busy preparing cards and gifts to celebrate Mother's Day with those very special people in our lives. We hope that you were all spoilt over the weekend!

Some of our students have begun their NAPLAN testing. They have been working very hard to complete all their tests. Keep up the good work guys!

Our class will be attending a school outing towards the end of term in which we are in the final stages of organising, the students are pumped to be getting out and about. On behalf of Brad's class, we hope all the Doxa families have a safe and happy week!

Aminda, Claire & Amy

## RUTH'S CLASS

Hello and Welcome to Term 2 2021.

Your students have been working well and continuing to do their best at most things thrown their way. We have been focusing on Fractions and Decimals this term in Numeracy and Informative work in Literacy.

Students have had the opportunity to work individually with Amy T to focus on areas they want to improve on. This can be both Literacy and Numeracy if students wish and each Term we will focus on different topics as we follow our Scope and Sequence.

We have had many opportunities to explore our region in Term 1 and 2. Including Metcalf Rock Pools, Platypus Park in Axedale and Mulga Bills Playground.

We have enjoyed a couple of competitive games of bowls and it would be remiss of me not to mention Tony's wins!!

On Monday as a whole class where we headed off to Echuca where we will explore the historic Port and enjoyed a paddle steamer ride down the mighty Murray River.

In week 6 and 7 we have students undertaking their White Card training which will help with gaining employment in the construction, plumbing and electrical fields in the future. Good luck to these students.

We look forward to working with your students and look forward to meeting you all again at our ILP meetings this term.

Please contact our class phone if you need to contact us.

Mobile: 0468710119

Ruth, Tony and Amy

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## JACKO'S CLASS

It has been a busy start to term two.

As a class we have been able to explore parts of Bendigo and the surrounding area.

We have visited Marong, North Harcourt (Oak Forest), Axedale and the Central Deborah Gold Mine. Several of our class members have also had the opportunity to participate in 6 equine therapy sessions, the last 3 weeks of term 1 and the first 3 weeks of term 2 and the feedback has been very positive.

We are continuing to work on our literacy and numeracy skills and for some students this will begin to take a more industry focused look as we also begin some career exploration and pathway examination in the upcoming weeks.

Unfortunately we do not have anything from the students this time for the newsletter but watch out next edition as we hopefully have a great recipe or two to share.

Continue to be safe, kind and curious.

Jacko, Mick, Nick and Jac

## KY'S CLASS

This week saw the last week of our Equine Therapy experience. The majority of the students have learnt a lot about themselves and how they are able to just 'be' in a space. We have thoroughly enjoyed watching the students develop in their confidence with the horses.

We have also begun our True Crime unit of work, incorporating all aspects of the VCAL curriculum. Students will investigate types of crime, punishment in Australia and across the globe, and work in groups to solve crimes and practice their problem-solving skills.

Students have, for the most part, settled back into TAFE and their VET studies.

This is an important aspect of their VCAL certificate and it is important that if students miss a day of their TAFE/VET studies they provide the school with a doctor's certificate so that we can pass it on to the TAFE.

As always please let us know if you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help.

Ky, Jac and Lillie

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**Children are  
the hands by  
which we take  
hold of heaven.**

HENRY WARD BEECHER

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

