

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Doxa School for Term 3.

We are already halfway through the term. Where is the year going? Like every year the second half of the year seems to fly away. Although we are in August the cold frosty mornings are easing up and spring is fast approaching. It won't be long before the hot weather arrives.

Thank you to all the café students who have kept the hot drinks flowing on a Tuesday morning and the students who have baked the accompanying goodies. The experience they have gained regarding café duties and customer service is very much appreciated.

We welcome Jim in classroom I who replaces Emily who is on maternity leave and Deb in the front office who replaced Colleen after her retirement. Thank you to all of the staff for their continuing wonderful work that they do in the classrooms, electives and upon excursions.

Although a short term we have a jam-packed term from beginning the term with Live History incursion on Magic and story writing to excursions to Melbourne to watch the theatre as well as attend the Melbourne Museum. There is something exciting each week from creativity for book week to learning about photography for the Bendigo show to watching the latest movies.

Enjoy the upcoming spring weather.

Teneille Smith
Acting Principal

ROOM ONE

Jim and Hayley

Hi School Community, we have said goodbye for a small period to the wonderful Emily and now welcome Jim Cowie. Jim works with the hardworking Hayley, who keeps him inline and is always up for a laugh. The students of Room I have been a great group of individuals, sharing many of their stories.



We are committed to continuous growth, participating in creating our Quality World and Pathways posters. This ongoing discovery of ourselves ensures we are well-equipped to guide us effectively. We completed the Values in Action Character Strength discovery, focusing on personal development. It highlighted our top-class values which include appreciation of beauty and excellence, as well as the vital value of humour.

The Curious Participation Program and Afternoon Elective has been a hit, featuring outings to the films, Bowling, Dungeons and Dragons, sport and photography. Photography sessions included inspiring walks around Catholic lawns and graffitied underpasses, not to forget a brief Oak Forest visit, fostering keen observation skills of plants, bugs and of course graffiti. Other inspiring activities include Pizza Making, Righteous Pups and the 'Come and Try Day' at Latrobe University where Tahlia managed to use diagnostic equipment; yep she does have a pulse!!!

ROOM TWO

Aminda and Kim

What a jam-packed first half of Term 3 for Room 2! OCHRE Maths has had us working through equations and exponents – tricky at first, but we're getting the hang of it.

We've launched into our *Once* novel study, with plenty of “wow” moments and questions about Felix's journey.

SEL has been focused on help-seeking, helping us learn how to look out for ourselves and seek support within the community.

And in between all the learning, we've been celebrating a few birthdays (and sneaking in some treats).

We cannot wait to see what the rest of the term brings!



ROOM THREE

Josh and Sarah

Term 3 is shaping up to be an exciting and enriching term for students in Room 3, with a fantastic mix of academic learning, life skills, creative experiences, and community engagement.

Our Personal and Practical (P/P) program offers a rotating schedule of hands-on activities, including tenpin bowling, community connections, and a cinema visit to see Jurassic Rebirth. These experiences help students build confidence, teamwork, and real-world social skills.

Students are also diving into creative pursuits with a viewing or study of Beetlejuice, as well as engaging in an interactive Live History session focused on the themes of magic and writing. These sessions bring history to life in a fun and meaningful way.

In the classroom, the focus in Mathematics is all about angles, with students exploring geometry through both theory and hands-on activities.

A key feature of this term is our emphasis on life skills and future readiness. Students will have the opportunity to work towards their Learner's Permit (L's), write their resumes, and complete their Safe@Work Certificate, preparing them for both further education and employment pathways.

To round it all off, students enjoy weekly recreational sessions featuring games like UNO and Footy Feud, fostering healthy competition and social connection in a relaxed setting.

Room 3 is certainly making the most of Term 3 – learning, growing, and having a lot of fun along the way!



ROOM FOUR

Ruth and Claire

It's hard to believe that its Term 3 already. We have had much to celebrate with our students including excursions, incursions, work experiences, Job opportunities, further education opportunities and the completion of VPC Units.

All students are working on their individual pathway journey to complete their VPC outcomes whether they are in Year 11 or Year 12 and are doing a tremendous amount of work to achieve this.

We will be celebrating Book Week this term as well as R U OK Day so keep an eye on the socials for information regarding these event.

As we near the end of the Term the focus for our group will be transition into our next faze including linking in with supported agencies to guide our students to enter further studies or work placement. Claire is doing a tremendous job supporting our students to link in with these agencies and we look forward to hearing lots of success stories throughout Term 4.

Keep working hard and aiming for success, only you can create your future.



Careers

Several of our students have returned from Work Experience and SWL with valuable skills, new insights, and plenty of stories to share. From offices and workshops to clinics and childcare, they have all embraced the challenge of stepping into the workforce and making a positive impression.

A huge thank you to the Goldfields LLEN, local businesses and organisations who welcomed our students, your support made these experiences possible. We're proud of the way our students represented our school and look forward to seeing how these opportunities shape their future pathways.

There is still more to come with more opportunities happening for the remainder of the year.

If anyone knows of any business who would be happy to support our students in Work Experience and/or Structured Workplace Learning, please feel free to contact me at school.

Kyleigh Rivett - Careers Advisor





100 Days of magnify

This term we have celebrated 100 days of Magnify Sandhurst at Doxa School. We have been part of the outstanding initiative that is all about supporting learning, wellbeing and engagement for everyone one. We have been building our skills in literacy, numeracy, learning in calm and supportive classrooms through entry and exit routines and celebrating the strengths and goals of every student.

Magnify Sandhurst reminds us that school can look and feel different because it focuses on Every Student, Every Teacher, Every School, Every Day. Together we are creating positive learning environments, trying our best, and helping each other grow. 100 days is just the beginning — and we are excited to keep magnifying our learning into the future.



BETTLEJUICE

Last week, a lucky group of our students had the wonderful opportunity to head down to Melbourne to see Beetlejuice the Musical live at the beautiful Regent Theatre and it was truly an experience to remember.

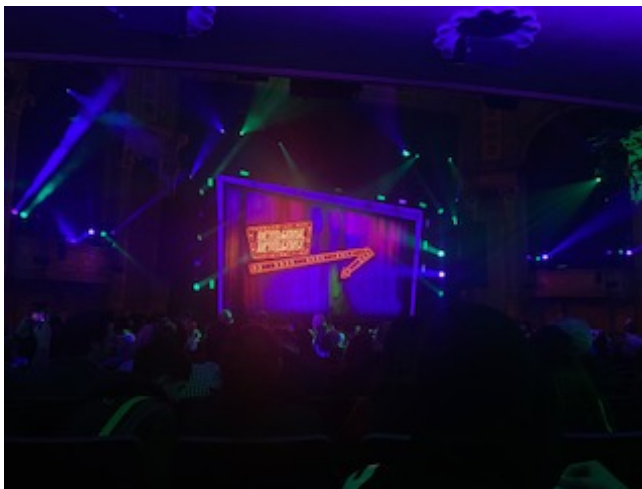
For many, it was their first time seeing a big city stage production, and it didn't disappoint. From the incredible sets and costumes to the live music and clever humour, the show had us laughing, jumping, and completely entertained from beginning to end.

We're so proud of how beautifully our students represented the school showing great manners, respect, and a real sense of fun. It was a wonderful chance for them to step outside the everyday, soak up some culture, and share in a special experience together.

A huge thank you to the staff who organised this special day. These are the moments our students will remember for years to come!



BETTLEJUICE cont'd



Spirituality Day



On August 13th staff had the pleasure of attending a Spirituality Day incorporating the whole of the Catholic Dioceses.

There were several Learning from the Mystics workshops that offered something different for all individuals.

I think the highlight for most was the Pilgrimage to the Cathedral. An absolute treat for many!

Other News

AUGUST -ILPS

20 AUGUST 2025 - IMMUNISATIONS

12 SEPTEMBER 2025 - MELBOURNE MUSEUM and LEGO

12-14 NOVEMBER - CAMP KOOKABURRA

19 SEPTEMBER 2025 LAST DAY OF TERM 3

6 OCTOBER 2025 FIRST DAY OF TERM 4



Other Reminders and Updates

CLOTHING:

A gentle reminder to all that we do require students to wear clothing that is appropriate for all school activities.

Please ensure that your child is wearing closed in toe shoes and sun smart clothing.

School hoodies and beanies will be available later in the term.

FACEBOOK:

Please join our school Facebook page to be informed and updated on message, outings, all other fun thing the school get up to.

ABSENCE:

If your child is absent from, has an appointment or needs to leave early from school please contact the office on 5442 8140 or 0417 108 870



Children's Book Week
16–23 August 2025

*BOOK AN
Adventure*



Book Week at DOXA

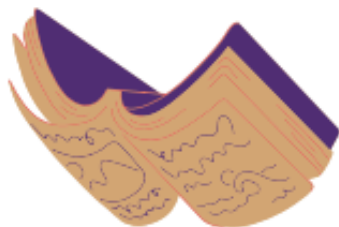
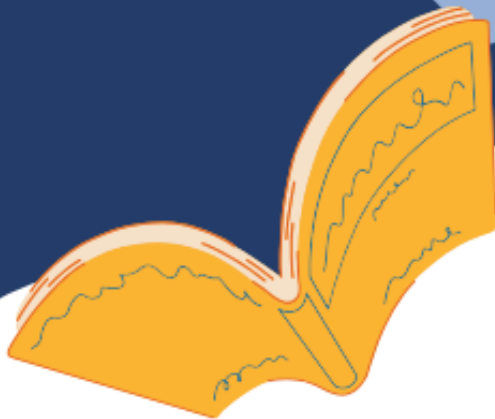
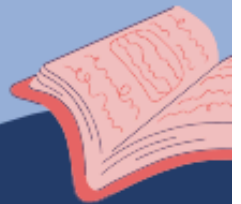
Have fun dressing up with your class
for book week!



Date: Friday 22 August

12.30pm - shared lunch

**1.30pm - dress up, prizes
and book week activities**



Book week theme for 2025:
'Book an Adventure'