

NEWSLETTER

March 2015

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. First week back, all students had the opportunity to take part in the orientation program. The junior class tried their hand at surfing and the senior students had a day out at the Geelong water park. Orientation days give staff and students the time to get to know one another, form new friendships and find out a bit more about what's in store for the remainder of the semester. See over the page for some photos.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Anthony White. Whitey has been part of the junior teaching team for just over 3 years. Both staff and students will miss his quirky sense of humour and we wish him, Anna, his wife and their son Teddy all the best for the future.

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 any time if you have any questions regarding your child.

Next term is set to be another busy one for all at Doxa. Senior students will resume their VET training after the holidays and look into work experience opportunities that may become available during the rest of the year. The senior class will be also be attending the Doxa Camp at Malmsbury. Our annual family dinner is planned for Tuesday 19th May. All students and their families are invited to attend. More info will be sent home closer to the date.

We are currently working on a student planner for home. It's a way to help keep students and families up to date with what's happening each week throughout the term. This should be mailed home during the holidays.

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

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 15th April - students return for the start of term 2
Tuesday 21st April - Senior student tour of Loddon Prison
Tuesday 19th May - Family Dinner @ Doxa school
Wednesday 17th to Thursday 18th June - Senior camp Malmsbury
Thursday 25th June - Last day of term 2



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR PROGRAM

The Senior group has had a fantastic start to the year with most ILP's now being completed and the students are, for the most part, on track with their learning.

Next term is shaping up to be a busy one. We will hit the ground running with VET classes recommencing in the first week back and our first excursion, to Loddon Prison, happening in week 2. Students will also undertake First Aid training in term two.

Work experience is a big part of the schooling for terms two, three and four in the senior program, early in the term students will be exploring where they would like to do work experience, looking at possible pathways this will bring. If you know of a workplace where it may be possible for your student to do work experience let Peter know.

We hope everyone has a safe break and we look forward to seeing everyone on the 15th.

Kyleigh, Peter and Paul



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR PROGRAM

Students in the Junior program have had a busy start to the year. The students have been learning about community and cooperation and the importance of forming good relationships. Earlier in the term, teams took part in a competition to design and build something using mini hay bales (these were made from stacks of biscuits). The winning entry was from Ruby, Jayden and Ash. The competition was fierce and of course there can only be one winner. Congratulations to all who participated.

Thanks to all parents and carers who have attended their child's ILP in the past couple of weeks. It has been great to get to know the families of the new students and to catch up with those who have students that have continued with us again this year. If you haven't been able to make it to your appointment, please call the office to reschedule.

As most people are now aware, Whitey will be leaving us at the end of the term.

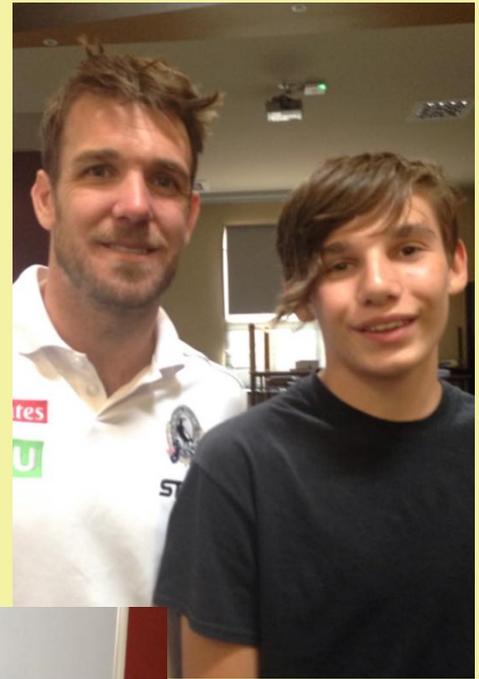
We wish him and his family every success for the future. Next term, Vanessa, Louise and Carina will share the teaching duties for the junior program.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Easter break and we look forward to catching up with everyone after the holidays.

Louise, Carina, Whitey & Vanessa.



Photos from Collingwood FC visit



WHAT'S ON IN BENDIGO OVER EASTER

DAI GUM SAN CHINESE PRECINCT

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

Three Chinese craft workshops for children aged 5-12yrs.
 10am – Scratch Dragon, 1pm Decorate hand drums
 3pm Dragon Puppets
 Cost \$10, booking essential ph: 5441 5044
 Golden Dragon Museum, 1 - 11 Bridge St, Bendigo

The Bendigo Chinese Association in 2015 is celebrating 100 years in Bridge Street and is proud to present:



CHINESE SPRING FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY
11AM - 1PM**

Immerse yourself in a range of contemporary and traditional dance, sounds and displays. The exploding sounds of Chinese instruments and fire crackers will excite even the youngest viewer.



AWAKENING OF THE DRAGON

SATURDAY 2PM - 4PM

The Awakening of the Dragon is unique and renowned worldwide. Visiting lion teams and dancers use this opportunity to display their most intricate and symbolic dances. An annual event running for over a century, highlights the 'Donation dance', performed by the Bendigo Chinese Association where the money is raised and donated annually to Bendigo Health. The event closes with the spectacle of the 100,000 firecrackers - to ensure the imperial dragon is awoken.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

FREE ALL AGES MUSIC EVENT FREEZA

THURSDAY 5PM - 9PM, ROSALIND PARK

Mic Up Productions (Bendigo FFreeZA) and Headspace Bendigo present a free, fully supervised all ages music event on Easter Thursday. Drug, alcohol and smoke free.

Program:
 Headline: Bonjah
 1st Support: Jakubi
 2nd Support: My Echo
 Plus local support acts



FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Rosalind Park comes alive and will be sure to offer something for every member of the family to enjoy! **Wild Action** is the Zoo that comes to you! Learn about our country's amazing animals and why we need to conserve them.

Bubble Muffin Kids Cooking Club is exciting, educational and above all explosive fun! This show promises to entertain and fascinate children in a most unique way, whilst teaching valuable healthy eating, cooking and lifestyle lessons.

Do you have a budding artist in your house?

Paint Pot People will supply a selection of Easter stencils and paints – you supply the creativity!

Plus so much more:

- African drumming
- Stiltwalkers and roving entertainment
- Interactive workshops featuring magic and puppets
- Storytelling Tree
- Farmer Darryl's Animal Farm
- Car displays
- Wacky Wombats and Rockin Rabbits stage shows
- Mr Balloon Man
- TableTennis Come and Try
- Fusion Family Activities
- CFA Amusement and Fire Truck Rides
- Twilight Movie
- Hidden Creatures



Check the daily schedules in this program or visit www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au for performance and activity times as they vary across each day.

FUN ZONE

MCCRAE ST CARPARK, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY 10AM-5PM, SATURDAY 10AM - 9.30PM

The newest festival zone will offer action packed fun for all ages. The mobile **laser tag** offers a challenging environment for players to test out their skills, with options for team and individual game formats. Test your stamina, agility and reactions as two spinning booms try to knock you off your podium in **Meltdown**. Who will be the last one standing in this 8 player action game. **Archery Tag** is a specially designed safe 'shooting range' using safety arrows with soft foam tips to try and hit four hovering targets. A **giant inflatable slide** and **5 in 1 Looney Tunes Jumping Castle** round out this great program of activities.

