

# NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2015

## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We are over half way through the busy term and lots of good things have happened in our community. We had a visit from the Acquired Brain Injury support group during May and they spoke to all our students about their life experiences which was really valuable for the students and staff. We also had a visit from Reptile Encounters during term 2 which was also a big hit with staff and students.

Our senior classes have been engaged in their VET classes on Thursdays and it has been fantastic to see the work and learning being done in Engineering, Hospitality and Hair and Beauty. The Engineering project to improve our Shed is coming along nicely and I hear the Hair and Beauty group have been working well at TAFE. Our Hospitality team have also been working hard and producing food of a high quality. It's great to see the students working as a team.

On Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> we had our Family dinner and about 80 people attended. It was a great night and the staff appreciated catching up with parents and carers and other family members. The food prepared mainly by the students and staff was excellent and there was plenty of it. I think everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening I know I certainly did. Can I remind parents/carers that there is a morning tea scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> which is the Thursday of the first week of term 3. The office staff will be in touch after the holidays.

Our junior classes enjoyed a trip to Melbourne Zoo and there are some great photos on our Facebook page. We would have loved to see more students attend but those that did obviously had a great day. Thanks to the Junior team for organising the day and to Vanessa, Carina and Tony for leading the excursion.

On a sadder note we farewell Tyla Morrison, a former Doxa student, who passed away on May 4<sup>th</sup>. A number of students and staff new Tyla well and there has been sadness in our community during the past few weeks. Tyla was a beautiful girl, a loyal friend and a genuinely caring person. Our prayers and thoughts are extended to Angie and Jarrod and all of Tyla's family and friends.

Some junior students will be making the transition back to their mainstream schools at the end of the term and we will be welcoming some new students to the junior program and the beginning of term 3. We wish all of our students, past and present every success for the remainder of the year.

If you have any questions or queries that you need answered, call the school and make an appointment with myself or one of the teaching or well being staff. We wish all students and their families success for the remainder of the term.

John Russell - Principal



**Don't forget to check out the Doxa Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DoxaSchoolBendigo](http://www.facebook.com/DoxaSchoolBendigo)**  
Like our page and be kept up to date with all things happening throughout the term.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 25th - Students last day of school for term 2

### JULY

Monday 13th - Students return for term 3

Thursday 16th July - Doxa Morning Tea

### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 16th - Students last day of term 3



# WHATS GOING ON AT DOXA??

## NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR PROGRAM

Term 2 is flying by with only 4 weeks to go until holidays. Juniors have been engaged in their Individual Inquiry Units and we are looking forward to a day to showcase their talents and share a group lunch last week of term.

Daily literacy and numeracy tasks continue to improve individual levels of achievement, and personal development sessions provide valuable social skills and understandings on how to manage and control feelings, thinking and actions in an a more effective way.

The junior class had the opportunity to visit the Melbourne Zoo last week. The excursion was a fantastic outing and although student numbers were lower than expected, those that did participate had a fantastic day! Check out our Facebook page for more photos.

Congratulations to Chloe, Regan, Talisha and Shailyn on their involvement within the St Kilian's Prep room for the past month. These students were fortunate to have been apart of the St Kilian's school community in a literacy capacity with 50 preps. St Kilian's were impressed with our students' behaviour and motivation. We look forward in providing this opportunity again.

ILP and transition meetings are scheduled over the next few weeks. It's a great opportunity to catch up with parents/guardians to chat and discuss their child's future learning and pathways.

As always, if any parents is available to come in and assist with reading that would be very much appreciated.

'Variety is the spice of life'

Louise, Vanessa and Carina

## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR PROGRAM

### Employment Pathways for Senior Students

Pam Ellis from CVGT will be guest speaker for the senior students on Tuesday, June 16th at 12:00pm. Pam is coordinator of the Learn 2 Work Program. Students who gain a place in this program have paid employment one day a week in their chosen career. They also receive Certificate III training and still attend school. The benefits of this program include being able to support students as they complete their training. After twelve months of work and training, students can apply for part or full time work at one of the venues they have been working at.

We currently have two students that are working very well in the Learn 2 Work program. Jade Osborne is working in Aged Care and Tayla Roberts in Child Care.

I am hoping that other senior students will consider this pathway into employment for 2016

Peter Carr  
Vocational Program Coordinator

### Senior Camp at Malmsbury

Senior students will be attending the Doxa Foundation Camp at Malmsbury on June 17-18. Camp activities include the Giant Swing, Climbing Tower, Archery, Trampolines and the Crate Activity. This is a great opportunity for all senior students to spend some time with each other and Doxa staff while participating in some fun and challenging activities.

Peter, Ky and Paul

# WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT DOXA SCHOOL

## SENIOR CAMP - MALMSBURY



## NAIDOC Week – 5-12 July

NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people around Australia.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week, and its acronym has become the name of the week itself.

The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous community, but by government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces.

Wherever you live, taking part in NAIDOC Week is a great way to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and to build bridges between all Australians.

### **This year's theme**

The theme of this year's NAIDOC is We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect, Celebrate.

Find out more about activities in your area by going to the NAIDOC website: [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au).

Please take the opportunity to learn more about and celebrate the World's oldest living culture.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ART GALLERY THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

## Holiday Workshops

### 30 June to 9 July

Bookings essential for all workshops and payment must be made at time of booking. Workshop dates may be swapped but unfortunately no refunds are available.

### 4 – 7 YEARS

Cost \$7.50 per child per session. Accompanying adults free!

All students participating in these workshops must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Animal Portraits

This workshop starts with a viewing of Kate Bergin's painting *The Alpaca's Tea Party* and discussion about all the animals and objects that Kate has painted. Afterwards children will move to the Gallery art space and create some animal portraits from the images provided or one of their own. Using pencils and pastels this workshop will introduce children to some techniques for capturing the body and textures of animals along with skills in using pastels effectively.

**Bring a photograph of your favourite animal or pet.**

11:00am – 12:00pm Tuesday 30 June and 7 July

1:15 – 2:15pm Wednesday 1 and 8 July

#### Precious Boxes

To coincide with the new exhibition *Opulence: luxury in early Bendigo homes* opening to the public on Friday 3 July at Post Office Gallery, children will begin this workshop learning about the many different types of boxes, such as jewellery boxes, snuff boxes and music boxes that people kept in their homes in the Victorian era. Children will then have the opportunity to create their own decorative box using embossing foil, metallic pens, costume jewels and other materials that shine. To complete the box children may like to add compartments inside or create some precious items to hide.

1:15 – 2:15pm Tuesday 30 June and 7 July

11:00am – 12:00pm Wednesday 1 and 8 July

### 8 – 14 YEARS

Cost \$10.50 per child per session

#### Sculptures - wired and wrapped

To begin the workshop children will view and discuss the very popular sculpture *Conjurer III* by Benjamin Armstrong found in the gallery collection. Children will then move to the gallery art space and create their own free-standing sculpture. Like Armstrong, children will be encouraged to design their sculpture based on an exploration of the forms found in the plant world. Using wire, wool, sticks, raffia, felt and other fabrics this workshop is sure to be great fun and result in some very unique artworks.

11:00am – 12:30pm, and 1:30 – 3:00pm Thursday 2 and 9 July

### Bookings for all workshops essential

**All workshops will be held at Bendigo Art Gallery**

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