

July 2015

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome to semester 2 of 2015 and a special welcome to the 12 new families who have joined our community this month. Although the term is only three weeks old it seems to have been going a lot longer, I guess it has been busy. In our Junior program we have a number of new students who are all trying to find their feet. They are getting to know the staff and their school mates new and old and this takes time. They are also getting used to the routine of our community which will be very different from their previous school. All in all our new students are settling in well and will hopefully make the best of the opportunity they have for the next six months. I'm sure we will see them all make some positive steps towards being the best they can be.

Our senior students have settled back into their routine and Thursday trade days have seen some great things happening. It was fantastic to see our Hospitality students work so hard on the morning of our Parents' Morning Tea. The morning tea was a great success with 17 families represented as we enjoyed good coffee and food all supplied and served by the students. Thanks to the kids and also Jill and Peter who work with them every week in Hospitality. A big thanks to the families who completed our SRC survey. We promise when we have our next family morning tea in term 4 I won't have any questionnaires to fill in.

Junior students enjoyed a great excursion to Echuca during orientation week and the staff that attended also enjoyed their day. We have a number of things coming up this term including work experience for the senior students, enterprise projects and our elective program. It's August already so there aren't many school weeks left for the senior students, I'm sure if they put the effort in they can achieve their goals for 2015.

A reminder to students and their families of some basic Doxa rules

- If your child is ill or going to be absent for the day, please text the school on 0417 108 870 before 10.30am.
 - The Junior program commences at 9am.
 - Senior students commence at 9.15am
- All students are required to be at school prior to commencement of their class*
- School finishes at 3pm Monday to Thursday and for Juniors, 1pm Fridays
 - Students are expected to keep their area clean and tidy and are reminded to place their rubbish in the bins situated around the school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please call the school on 5442 8140 to schedule an appointment with myself, a class teacher or a well being staff member.

Thank you to

John Russell
Principal

Don't forget to check us out on the Doxa School Bendigo Facebook page
at www.facebook.com/DoxaSchoolBendigo

Like our page and be kept up to date with all things happening throughout the term.
Also, it's a great way to communicate.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 10 to Thursday 20th Aug—Junior ILP meetings
Wednesday 16th September - students last day of term



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

News from the Junior Team

Term 3: such an exciting 8 weeks to go and already our new Juniors have attended the Echuca excursion along with the rest of their classes.

All students are making new friendships and are settling in to the Doxa community. Louise, Carina, Vanessa and Tony have been delighted with the Junior group's attitude and motivation to challenge personal and academic goals.

Individual Learning Plans and Behaviour Management Plans have commenced to further assist our young adults towards new found choices and change. Electives are providing further opportunity to inspire learning and social skills.

We have a fantastic group of students and we are looking forward to supporting our kids to achieve success in meeting personal literacy, numeracy and social behavioural goals. Our junior students have many talents and gifts and Term 3 will certainly be an active and colourful time for us all.

As always, any parents able to come in and listen to reading are welcome any morning between 9:30-10:30am. We are fortunate to have volunteer Kerry assisting students further with their reading skills and strategies.

Super Star Student Awards:

Brody for excellence in research on the country of Spain.

Kara and Ruby for welcoming new students.

Tyler for his 'have a go' positive attitude.

Kiesha for always doing her best.

Keep warm!

News from the Senior team

Semester three has gotten off to a flying start with us welcoming three new students, Steven, Talisha and Shailyn. We are loving having them in the room and are inspired by their work ethic, creativity and energy.

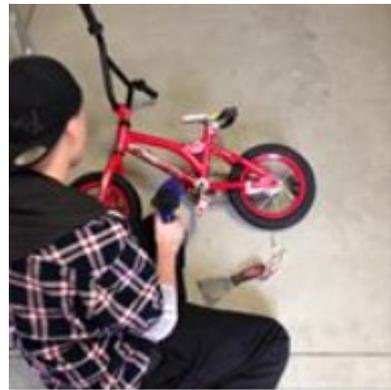
We have also started our major piece of work for the semester with the students starting their own mini business, we will be donating some of the profits from their businesses to charity with the remainder being used for a senior group activity at the end of the year.

The trade courses are going very well with the majority of students being engaged in their program. It is important to remember that this program is an important part of the students VCAL studies. Students are also working towards completing their level 2 first aid, another skill which well regarded by employers, a bonus for those looking to join the workforce in the near future.

Drinks on the House

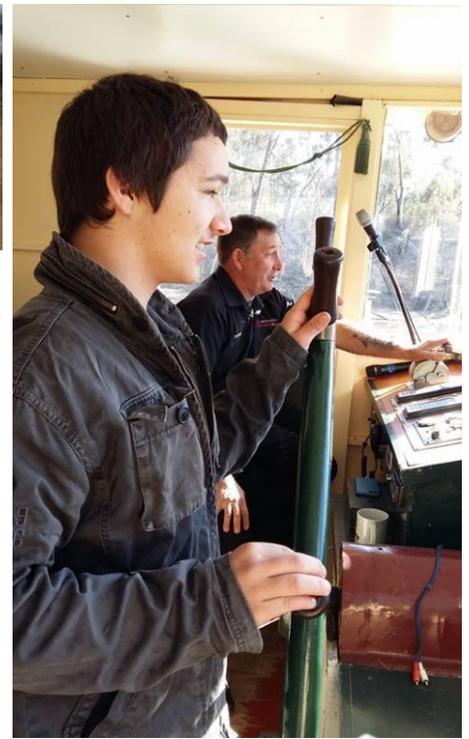
Hospitality students have commenced a new unit, Prepare and Serve Non-alcoholic Beverages, as part of their hospitality training. They have researched mocktail recipes and produced some outstanding creations. Naturally having to then drink their mocktails was a popular part of the session.

Pete, Ky, Paul & Jac.



WHAT THE DOXA TEAM HAS BEEN UP TOO...





STUDENTS (AND COULD THAT BE JOHN OUR PRINCIPAL) HAVING A GOOD TIME AT BENDIGO MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS

SOME FUN DURING ORIENTATION WEEK AT ECHUCA.

