

October 2015

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We have only been going a few weeks this term but it has been a busy one so far. Last week some of our senior students attended the Canoeing camp with students from MCP in Shepparton and Borinya in Wangaratta. The reports coming back were that the students and staff enjoyed their day on the water though getting the bus started to come home was a challenge.

This week the Junior students head to the Doxa Camp at Malmsbury for an overnight stay with some horse riding in Daylesford included on Monday. This is a fun camp with some fantastic challenge activities and it's great to see a good number of students who have chosen to come.

Families will have been contacted by Colleen to organise a time for ILP/Transition meetings. It is important that parents and guardians are part of these discussions so they can support their students while at Doxa School as well as the pathway that suits them in the next stage after Doxa. We know that our young peoples' success hinges on support from both the school and the family. It is exciting for many of our students in both programs to be transitioning to the next stage of their journey and we will do what we can to continue to encourage and support them.

The Senior program has some changes coming for 2016 that will cater for a couple of new pathways to employment and learning for a wider range of student needs. Our senior students will be finishing up in a couple of weeks with a celebration dinner on November the 9th and then finishing on the 12th.

Don't forget to put December the 8th in your calendars as the date of our annual awards evening that will be held in the De Campo room in the building next door to Doxa School. This is a great night and celebrates our students' achievements for 2015. Families from first and second semester are invited to attend and we'd love to see you here. I look forward to seeing as many of you here for the evening.

Thanks, and enjoy the last couple of months of 2015 and the build up to Christmas.

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

Junior Camp Malmsbury - Monday 2nd to Tuesday 3rd November

ILP Meetings - Monday 2nd to Friday 20th November

Senior Dinner - Monday 9th November

Senior Last Day - Thursday 12th November

Junior Last Day - Monday 7th December

Doxa Awards Night - Monday 7th December



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

News from the Junior team

Term 4 is underway and Junior students are completing a variety of literacy, numeracy, science and current affair tasks. The group have settled back into school life with mostly success.

Ruby is researching DE Bono's 6 Thinking Hats and Jake is preparing for Work Experience. Some students are preparing for transition and ILP Meetings are fast approaching. The ILP meetings are always a fantastic opportunity to stay connected with the school and home and we look forward to catching up with you again.

As a whole group, we are commencing preparations for a Trivia Day- so stay tuned for the date and hope to see all families on the day.

Electives have had high attendance and active participation. Personal Development workshops and Boys and Girls Groups remain a meaningful and purposeful social and emotional experience for all students.

Camp at Malmsbury Doxa Camp is on the 2 & 3 November. This is a wonderful opportunity to try new things with friends.

STAR STUDENTS:

Jamarly- for having a go and effective listening skills

Kayla- for making positive choices

Jack- for being fair

Erica- for commitment and excellent attitude

Kara- for excellence in personal development

Lou, Carina, Vanessa & Kerry.

News from the Senior Team

With Students taking part in both the Melbourne and Canoe Trips, the completion of their Certificate II First Aid Training and other guest speakers, term four has definitely been a very busy end to the year.

We have been working with your students on their pathways for 2016, these will of course come up in ILP's over the next few weeks with students transitioning to other schools, other programs and employment.

Next year we are excited to be undergoing some more growth within the Senior Program. Of course the VCAL program will still be there, however we are also expanding on the Learn2Work program that we piloted this year, and piloting a new 'Steps to Work' group that is for those students who believe that they want to transition into the workforce. If you know of anyone who may be interested in these programs please direct them to the attached flyer.

An invitation has been given to the students for the Senior Dinner, which is happening at Cloggs Bendigo on Monday the 9th of November from 6.30pm – 9pm. This is a fantastic opportunity of all of us to come together to celebrate the achievements of 2015 and enjoy each others company.

The last day of Senior classes for 2015 will be Thursday November 12. After that time the staff are still available to help with transition for 2016. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any concerns about your child's pathway for next year.

Ky, Pete & Paul

Doxa Senior Program 2016

The Doxa Senior program will consist of 3 options – Limited spaces in each option
Students must be 15 on January 1 2016

Option 1 - VCAL

The mainstay of the Doxa Senior Program. Our VCAL is foundation level where students are supported with their academic as well as their Social and Emotional learning. This program will be running 4 days a week, Mon – Thurs.

Option 2 - Steps to Work

A 6 month program for students who are focused on getting employment. This program will look at the general requirements for work and necessary behaviours to gain and maintain employment.

**AN IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT OF THIS SUBJECT IS PARTICIPATION IN WORK EXPERIENCE
AND/OR VOLUNTEERING**

Students will have a flexible program involving at least 1 day of work placement.

The academic side of the program is based on the VCAL WRS outcomes, enabling students to transfer to the full VCAL program if required.

Option 3 - Learn2Work

For students who are currently enrolled in the CVGT Learn2Work Program. Doxa will support these students with 1 day a week assistance/ support for their Certificate III studies and enroll them in either a Certificate II subject or VCAL area.

Students will be required to attend 2 days a week, 1 day of paid work placement and 1 day at Doxa for their Certificate III classes.

VET Skills Sets

These are offered to all students both on and off the Doxa campus, both as a part of the VCAL requirements and to compliment the students employability skills training and interest areas. The VET Skills Sets for 2016 will be:

- **Engineering,**
- **Hospitality and**
- **Hair and Beauty**

Any Queries please contact:

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Senior Students will participating in this program on Wednesday, November 4th

KEYS PLEASE

What could be more rewarding than supervising your son or daughter on their learner permit so they can become a safer driver?

Many parents might add "and what could be more challenging?"

Do you remember your own learning to drive experience?

This week at school, your son or daughter will be taking part in a VicRoads Keys Please session. Whether or not they already have their Ls, this session tells them everything they need to know about making the most of the learner driver period.

Parents and carers have an important role in helping their young people develop the skills and attitudes they need to become safer drivers. You should feel like a sports coach (not a driving instructor) and there are two resources to help you.

The VicRoads Learner Kit given to all successful learner permit applicants contains the booklet Guide for Supervising Drivers that is essential reading – make sure you ask your son or daughter to pass it on! The second resource is the online Lessons from the Road resource.

Lessons from the Road features eight videos. The videos showcase the emotions and real life issues in learning to drive. They help you work through the four stages required to help learners achieve their goals. Lessons from the Road is easy to use and can be accessed on the VicRoads website at vicroads.vic.gov.au and search "Lessons from the Road".

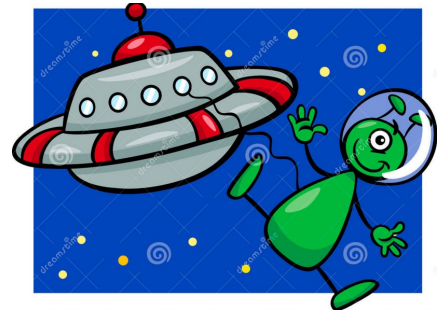
When your student attends the Keys Please session they will be encouraged to discuss the information they have received and to watch Lessons from the Road at home with you.

Please ask them about the Keys Please session and make sure that you watch the videos together. It won't take long and it will help you through the process of learning to drive as well as information for keeping new solo drivers safe.

Research shows that learners who gain experience with parents have about 20% lower crash and traffic offence rates once they are licensed than learners who only take professional lessons. Research also shows that on average learners who gain an average of 120 hours of supervised on-road experience in all conditions have a 30% lower risk of crashing after getting a licence. VicRoads strongly recommends watching Lessons from the Road. Helping your son or daughter to be a safer driver is the one Rewards Program you can't afford to miss out on!



Literacy program - Junior Group



Just in time for Halloween.....

Fear of the Dark - a story by Anonymous

Last winter I was driving towards Darwin in the Australian outback. I was driving past the burnt down Min-Min hotel hoping to get to the next town by morning. All of a sudden, bump, scrape, I had run over something that had given me a flat tyre. I started to freak out, I'm alone; no-body is around. It's dead out here... and dark. I know nothing about cars! I sit by my car hoping to see somebody driving towards me from the distance. Out of nowhere there was hope. I saw a light but I wasn't too sure if it was coming from the road or the paddock, I go towards the light hoping, just hoping that it was somebody to help me.

I'm feeling so anxious, I'm not sure if these people are going to help me... or hurt me. What if it isn't even a person? It could be something supernatural', I've been reading about it all, my whole family is into that kind of stuff.

I turn around and start to walk back to my car to lock myself in! Then I think oh my god, there's someone behind me. I'm in a panic! I just want to get to my car, so I start running as fast as I possibly can. I can't get the key in the lock I'm shaking too much with fear. I think to myself why would I lock my door out here, why would I get out of my car in the middle of nowhere and check out an unknown light?

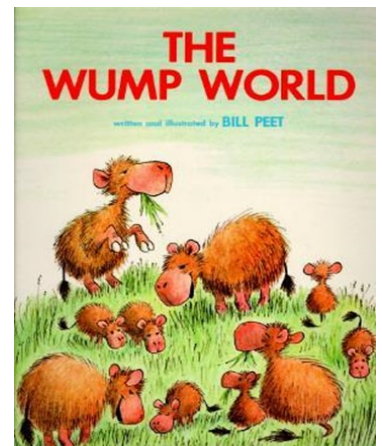
Finally I get into my car and lock the doors. I get the courage to look out my car window to see the hovering light. It's brighter but it's not moving, it's just staying there in the paddock... seeming to stare at me.

I woke up to another light and it was the dawn. I know I'm safe now. I look out just in time to see the light in the paddock disappear.

Book review of The Wump World by Bill Peet

Erica Gittins

The Wump world was perfect for the Wumps, who were the only creatures living there. It was mostly grassy meadows and clumps of leafy green trees with a few rivers and lakes. The reader thinks the Wump world is a wonderful place. Bill Peet tells us that the Wumps have no enemies and have nothing to worry about, however they rely upon the land and rivers for food and water.



Things change when invaders called Pollutians arrive and take over the planet, destroying everything good in Wump world. The Wumps are scared and are forced to live in underground caverns. Meanwhile the Pollutians have polluted the environment and they need to move onto another planet to live (and destroy)

After hearing the silence the Pollutians have left behind the Wumps slowly investigate the damage to their world. They find a small plant growing through a crack in the concrete representing new life.



Senior Canoe Camp
Murray River



WHAT THE DOXA TEAM HAS BEEN UP



Girls Group Special
Lunch

