

May 2016

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the start of some winter weather in late Autumn. We have had a few staff and students struggling with the change in the weather and there have been a few away sick already this term. Could I ask parents to look after their children if they are unwell as sending them to school spreads the illness amongst the rest of the school community. It will be a busy term and a longer one and it would be great to have most of the students and staff here most of the time.

The Junior program City Camp with an overnight stay in Melbourne is coming up and various excursions for the Junior and Senior groups throughout the term. One of the events coming up this term will also be a trip to the theatre in Melbourne. This is a limited number event and open to senior and junior students, unfortunately we have limited tickets so it will be first in for this opportunity. In semester 2 we will again have a Footy trip as we did last year which was a great night.

The VET trade day program is in full swing and it's fantastic to see the senior students engaged in the Engineering and Hospitality activities. The Engineering team has built and fitted out our storage shed and done a brilliant job. Jill had the Hospitality team working on making food for an upcoming event later in the year and she was glowing in her praise of how well the students participated and the amount of work they managed to complete, well done.

Parents of Junior students will be asked to attend ILP and transition meetings in the next few weeks, and towards the end of term we will interview all students who apply to join the program in semester 2. This will include current students who may want to return to the Junior program for a second 6 months.

I hope everyone manages to stay warm as the weather cools and look forward to catching up with parents at meetings and the upcoming family dinner and parent morning tea both of which will happen later in the term

John Russell
Principal



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 09th May to Tuesday 10th May City Camp for Juniors
Monday 16th to Friday 27th May - Junior ILP/transition meetings
Monday 23rd May - Student Free Day
Thursday 26th May - Doxa Family Dinner 6pm to 7.30pm
Thursday 9th June - Doxa Morning Tea @ 10.30am



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR PROGRAM

Visit by Fr. Rob Galea

Students in the senior program were visited by Fr. Rob Galea recently. The students have been studying world religions and Fr. Rob was able to give his perspective on being a Catholic. Fr. Rob also spoke about growing up in Malta and how he came to the decision to be a priest. Fr. Rob brought his guitar and played a couple of songs for the class.

This was the third guest speaker the senior class have met with as part of their World Religions unit. They also recently visited the Great Stupa and learned about Buddhism. They also had a visit from Bill Hannah from the Gideon's Bible Association.

Trade Day News

Senior students have been busy in their trades of Hair and Beauty, Engineering and Hospitality. The Hospitality students have been particularly busy in the Doxa kitchen. They are making veggie burgers to be sold at the Festival of light at the Great Stupa on the last weekend in May. Over the next few weeks they will cook up 400-500 veggie burger patties that will be sold on the day.

Doxa Mountain Bikes

Doxa School is now the proud owner of ten mountain bikes for the MTB elective. The purchase of the bikes was made possible with support from Fosterville Gold Mine Community Grant. Bike Force Bendigo offered a set of ex hire bikes to Doxa at a very reasonable price. These bikes will allow us to enjoy the many MTB trails around the Bendigo area.



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR PROGRAM

Welcome back after the Easter break and by all accounts our Junior Room students are in good spirits. Some students will be transitioning to mainstream at the end of Term 2 and are working hard to consolidate the necessary skills to ensure success! To meet the individual needs of each student, the teaching and wellbeing team continue to tailor individual learning outcomes and personal development experiences to challenge and extend our Junior's learning and social and emotional skills.

Students have an exciting Term 2 to look forward too. City Camp on 9th & 10th May in Melbourne and permission notes will be sent home this week. Hoping to see ALL there- it is a great opportunity to build and strengthen friendships with other students and staff. NAPLAN for Year 7 and 9's- do your best! Wednesday electives and boys and girls group sessions are well supported- keep up the active level of participation.

Students are working on individual math tasks, Writer's Notebook and individual inquiry projects. Looking forward to sharing student work samples at the upcoming ILP meetings. Colleen will be calling families to schedule appointments in the near future.

Any parents able to spare some time on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning with reading please contact Carina. Any parental skills, such as music, trade or craft, please feel free to contact Colleen so we can include your contribution within the Curriculum.

Anton- for following instructions in class

Jack S- for being kind and helpful

Zeke- for taking responsibility for looking after the classroom

James- for joining the group and participating

WELL DONE JUNIORS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Take care and be kind,

Vanessa, Louise, Carina, Nick, Tony and Christine

For behind the parent, stood the school. And behind the teacher, the home".