

# NEWSLETTER

August 2016

## A word from our Principal

The school community has welcomed 11 new students to our group this semester into the Junior program and at this stage they are settling in well. We are only 4 weeks into the term but there have been plenty of events and activities already. The Junior group had an excursion to Werribee Zoo. This is an annual trip for our Junior students and we had a very good attendance and an excellent day was had. Well done to the students and to the staff and volunteers who attended for their support.

August is a busy month and can be a bit of a trial as staff and students battle runny noses and colds. Remember if your student is ill please keep them home to recover as one sick student often leads to a number of sickies if it spreads throughout the school. During August we are undertaking a Full-School Review and it's great to see some of our senior students helping with the panel presentation. They are making a short film presentation and our resident rapper Zac K is putting together some rapping gold for the panel too.

The senior students are also contributing some presentations for our end of year celebrations as well which I am looking forward to.

In October this year we are celebrating 10 years of Doxa School which is an important milestone for us. There will be an opportunity for current and past families and students, staff and many supporters of our school community since 2006 to join us to celebrate this occasion. Again the students in the senior program are preparing some presentations for this too. Thanks and well done to the staff and helpers that are supporting the students with this.

Parents and guardians will be contacted regarding Individual Learning Plan meetings if you haven't already. Senior meetings have been happening over the past couple of weeks and Junior meetings will begin this week. There is always something going on so please check below to keep up with upcoming events.

Third term can be a long one with the cold weather and niggling coughs and colds, with luck we won't be too affected and can have a successful and enjoyable term three for all in our community.

John Russell

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 20-26 Book Week

August—ILP's continue

August 31—Senior Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

September 15— Last day of term for students.



# News from the Senior Team

Term 3 is traditionally an extra busy time in the senior class as the reality sinks in that there is only fourteen weeks of school left. For some students this means extra application to get through the set tasks before results are due.

This term is traditionally the time when students focus on career pathways. Michael Coates has just completed a successful week of work experience at New Gisborne Primary School where he worked in a prep class. Michael is interested in pursuing a career in education support or teaching.

Congratulations also to Danica Chapman who has commenced working at The Good Guys. Danica is working in administration and really enjoys the work. Since commencing at Doxa this year, Danica has been focused on full time employment. She has been working one day a week at Bendigo Bank throughout the year. She also completed a most successful work experience week at Lisa Chesters Electoral Office last term.

Students seeking further education and training after Doxa will have the opportunity to visit Bendigo Senior Secondary College on Tuesday August 9th. Simon Wood the Pathways co-ordinator from BSSC will lead the tour. Later this term we will have a tour of Bendigo Kangan TAFE for any student interested in enrolling in trade courses next year.



New couches for the rec room were delivered this week. The students are very excited for this addition to their relax area.

# News from the Junior Team

We are well into to a chilly and cold Term 3! We have 10 returning Junior students and 11 new students. Together we are warming to one another and making plans to work towards creating a space that is safe, fair, responsible, kind and helpful.

Students have now enjoyed many get to know you games, some 1:1 time with our teaching and wellbeing staff members and have organised folders in order to target some individual learning goals.

Students are working hard to use appropriate language whilst at school and to learn to trust staff that there is support available each and every day. Student laptops and iPads will be ready to go soon and these will be incorporated into Wednesday rotation classes, Maths, English and Inquiry projects. There is an Australia and Indigenous Australians focus this term. This focus ties in well with the 2016 Book Week Theme: Australia! Story Country 20-26 August.

The Werribee Zoo trip was on Tuesday 2 August. It was a wonderful day out and a relaxed opportunity to get to know each other even better.

Keep up the great work in greeting Colleen, Josephine and Emma in our office.

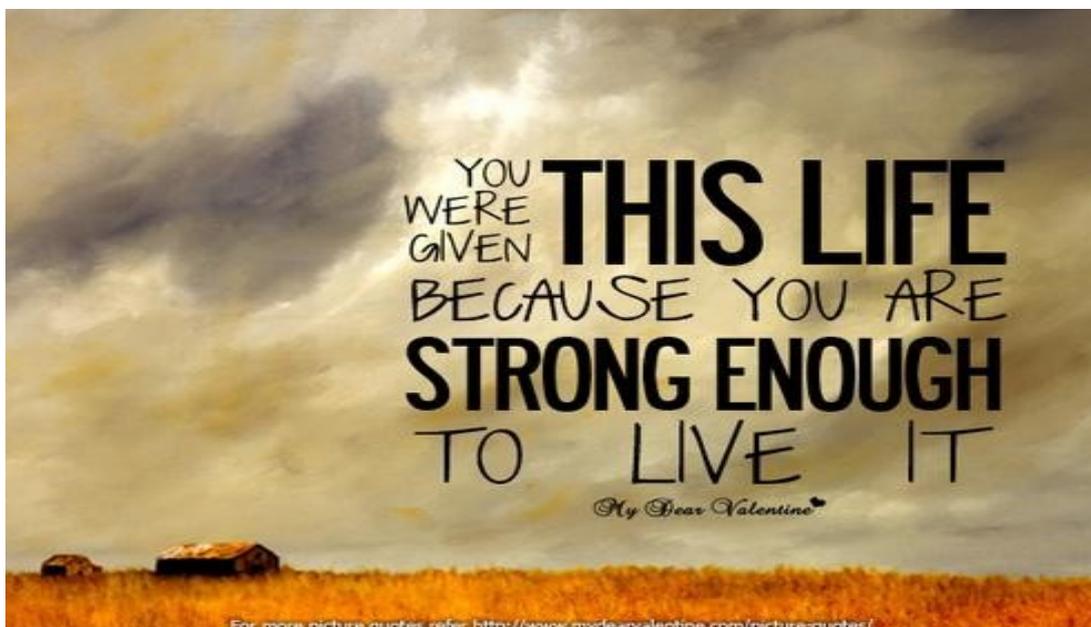
## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Kristy- for her maturity and understanding when faced with diversity.

Deehjaye- for his positive attitude and efforts to settle in at Doxa.

Anton- for being kind and helpful to others during maths.

Caleb- for asking for help when required and for his organizational skills.



## **Child Safe Standards**

As part of our continued commitment to the Victorian Government's Child Safe Standards, Doxa School Bendigo will be publishing our Staff Code of Conduct on our website and displaying copies around the school. Please take some time to read it when you are able to. This is something all staff take seriously and we will be working to make sure our actions match the commitment described in this document.

We have also put together some information for the Senior Students, related to their obligations for helping to keep others safe as an adult, which will be delivered to them as part of the curriculum during the remainder of the year.

Please also remember to get in touch with us if you'd like any further information about the Child Safe Standards. John (Principal) or Nick (Wellbeing) would be more than happy to talk about how they have started to impact our school community and the changes we have made to meet our obligations as a school.

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