

A word from our Principal

The year is almost done for students with the Senior students finishing their studies last week and the Junior students only having three weeks left until our Awards Evening. Last week I was privileged to be able to attend the End of Year Dinner with our Senior students. I had a great night and I'm sure the students and staff who attended also enjoyed themselves.

One fantastic thing for the senior class this year was that many of them were able to successfully complete the academic component of their VCAL course, which was a great achievement for all of them. Well done.

The school is a little quieter with the seniors finished, but the junior students are keeping themselves and the staff busy with Transition meetings as well as trying to complete their class work. It is an anxious time for students with some moving from Doxa School to other things and being a little unsure about what 2017 will look like for them. There is a sense of anticipation also about taking the next step on their learning journey. There will be a number of our current students who will return to the junior program or transition to the senior program next year, so will still be a part of the Doxa community.

It was 10 years ago in July 2006 that we opened our doors to our first group of students and the recent celebrations were enjoyed by all who attended. In October this year we conducted an open afternoon, a dinner which was attended by many people associated with our school, including parents and past staff and students and we celebrated mass at St Killian's church followed by a morning tea at the school.

Our students were able to support these celebrations by helping out with catering and being guides for visitors. The students also had their own celebration day when the good people from Grill'd came to Doxa and worked with the students to provide Burgers for lunch for the whole school. The day was great fun for staff and students and the Burgers were pretty good too. Thanks to Rich and the team from Grill'd for their generous support of our school community. Part of the process was training our students in the art of putting together a Grill'd burger, 10 students took part in this activity and the guys from Grill'd were impressed with how well the students participated and learnt new skills. I'm sure many people reading this have seen photos of the event on our Facebook page.

With only a few weeks left for the school year I'd encourage students to keep working and make the end of the year a successful and enjoyable one for our community. I look forward to seeing you all at our Awards Evening on December 5th.

Regards John

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday -18th November—Junior excursion

Monday 5th December - Awards night

Friday 25th November—Junior Excursion

Friday 16th December—Ball in the Mall

Monday 5th December—Last day for Juniors



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER TERM 4

Term 4 is always an exciting and fast term and students are completing personal recount and information writing tasks, angles and measurement numeracy activities and a Solar System inquiry project. We are nearing the completion of a wonderful book unit titled *"My Place"* and will soon start our next book *"Z for Zachariah"*. Keep up the great focus and quality work Juniors!

Everyone enjoyed the 10 Year Doxa School Celebrations especially the Grill'd burgers cooking session and sampling the fantastic Grill'd burgers. Mitch and Kristy had their 2 minutes of fame starring on WIN News and Anton, Nick, Kade and Angus also developed their burger making skills. Great team effort by all!



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER TERM 4 cont.....

Malmsbury Doxa Youth Camp was enjoyed by over half of the Junior group. We enjoyed swimming in Kyneton, fish and chips, a visit to the chocolate factory, the BIG swing and archery at the camp. It was a positive experience that will be remembered always and a great opportunity for staff and students to build on relationships, have fun and enjoy our natural environment.

"It was a really nice day" **Lachlan**

"I want to go higher next time" **Keisha**

"This is fun" **Laityn**

"Trampolines!" **Bradley**



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3 ingredient spray: 15 drops of lavender oil, 3-4 Tbsp. of vanilla extract & 4-5 Tbsp. lemon juice. Put in a bottle and spray away!

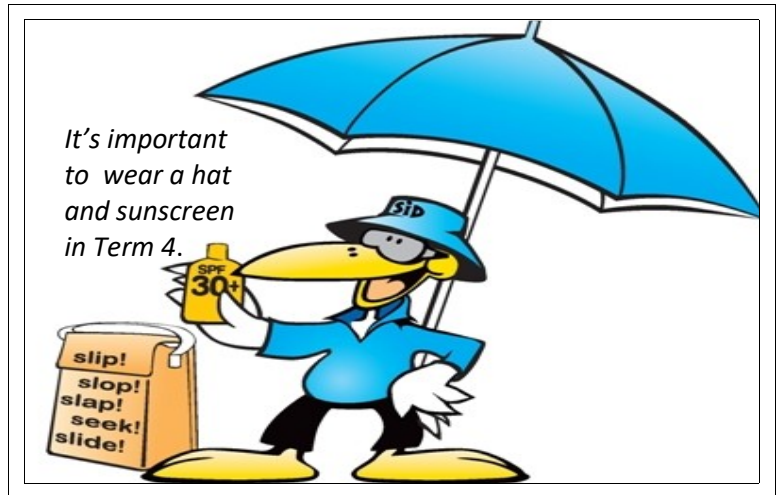


JUNIOR NEWSLETTER TERM 4 cont.....

We are well into our ILP meetings and all students and families are expected to attend their scheduled times as this is our opportunity to have a catch up and to plan for 2017. The Junior program will have a 'new look' next year and this will also be discussed with families in the interviews. As always, our door is open, and your concerns are our concerns, so please take this opportunity



STAR STUDENTS:



Zeke- for showing kindness towards others

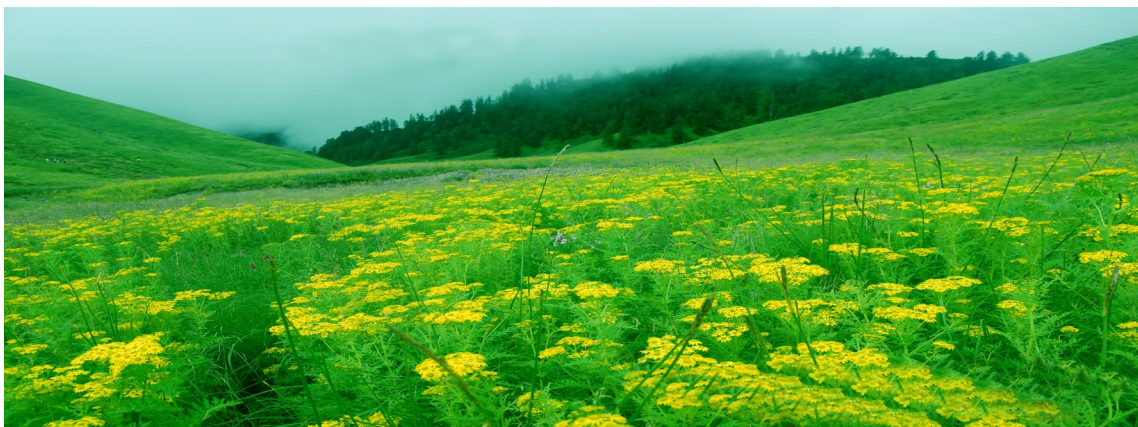
Bradley- for showing courage and participation

James- attendance and planning for the future

Mitch- for being fair and respectful towards others

Don't worry about hard times because some of the most beautiful things we have in life come from changes and mistakes. Live with no regrets because everything happens for a reason.

Take good care,



Louise, Carina, Vanessa, Tony, Nick and Christine

Senior News

Ball in the Mall

16th December 2016

Preparations for the Ball in the Mall are well underway! The Youth Action Group for disengaged young people in the Bendigo Mall has designed a committee to organize a debutante ball. Doxa School, together with the Bendigo Police, Bendigo Council, MaShere Dance Studios, Peter Anthony Menswear, Anglicare, DHHS, BDAC, and Bendigo TAFE are working together to organize this historical event. The Ball in the Mall will be the first ever debutante ball to be held in a public mall.

Earlier this week, two young men from Doxa School Bendigo, volunteered their time to model two of the suits that could be used for the ball. Zac Gittins and Zac Koutsou spent time with Leah, from Peter Anthony Menswear trying on suits and posing for photos in the Mall. These photos will be used for advertising purposes to promote the Facebook page and try to encourage some more young men to participate.

At this point, the students from Doxa, are working on getting to know the other young people in the debutante group. We have started learning our dances with Belinda from MaShere Dance Studios and having loads of fun mucking up and having a laugh.

A Facebook page will be up and running shortly, so please stay tuned for more information.



Senior News Cont.....

What a busy 2016 it has been for the Senior class! All of the Senior staff are very proud of the students and the way they conducted themselves in getting as much work done as possible before the end of their school year.

Some highlights for this year include: The trip to MSAC in Orientation Week, Melbourne Museum / Ice Skating, the Melbourne Zoo Trip. The Senior Dinner last Monday night offered our students something different and they gave staff a fantastic opportunity to get to know the students outside of the classroom. Closer to home this year we got to see students experiencing success in work experience, gaining employment (both part-time and full-time), taking calculated risks and achieving personal challenges that they set for themselves. Once again we had the opportunity to meet with families through the ILP process and were able to use these meetings to help students meet their individual goals.

Many of the current year group are transitioning on to other experiences with students moving to BSSC, employment, and other further education options.

If your child is interested in returning to Doxa senior program for 2017, please call the school for more information.

