

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

What beautiful weather we have had since the beginning of autumn but I am sure it won't be long until we are all wearing our winter woollies and the dreaded flu season will be on us again. 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 have just arrived back from 3 fantastic days of camping in Halls Gap. The class have had the opportunity to bush walk, visit the local cultural center and taste some genuine bush tucker. By all accounts, it was a most enjoyable time.

The VET trade day program is in full swing and it's fantastic to see the senior students engaged in the Engineering, Hair and Beauty and Hospitality activities. The engineering team have been kitted out in uniform, including overalls, safety boots and other equipment that is required. Jill had the Hospitality team have been doing a lot of work making food, while the staff and students have been sampling their wares. Jill is glowing in her praise of how well the students are participating and the amount of work they managed to complete, well done. Hair and Beauty students have been concentrating on workplace procedures and the day to day running of a salon.

Parents of both senior and junior students will be asked to attend ILP meetings in the weeks leading up to the end of term. The office staff will be in touch with you to organise a suitable time.

I hope everyone manages to stay warm as the weather cools and look forward to catching up with parents at meetings and the upcoming morning tea on Wednesday 8th of June at 10.30am. Please see the attached invitation for details.

John Russell

Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 12th - Queens Birthday - No school

June 19th- June 20th- ILP meetings

June 28th - Family Morning Tea @ 10.30am

June 30th - Last day of Term 2

News from the Senior Program

It has been a very busy start to the term. Senior students have started to look at developing their work skills by creating resumes, learning about industries and discussing work skills options. We are also learning about Anzac Day, budgeting, volunteering, world issues, community issues as well as understanding ourselves in preparation for achieving our personal goals.

The Wednesday VET training is continuing to build momentum and students have started to expand their skills. In Engineering we are completing training in welding, grinding, cutting, measuring, marking out, teamwork, safety, and project building. The current projects are Grind rails and Fire pits.

Hospitality has been learning the art of sandwich making and they have opened the Coffee shop for business on Tuesdays. Hair and Beauty are further developing their understanding of both how to manage a workplace and techniques used in a beauty salon.

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News from the Junior Program

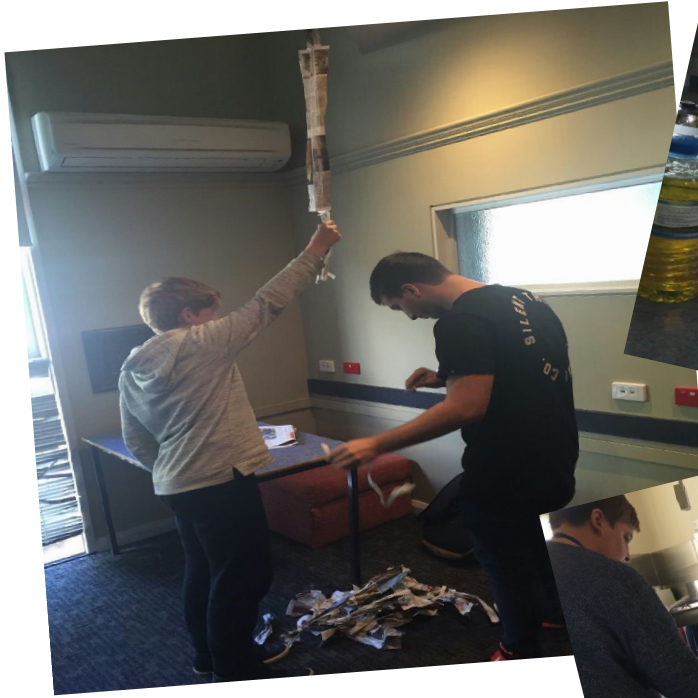
It is hard to believe that we are halfway through another term and have settled back into two classrooms again. The juniors are currently enjoying the company of Samara and Steph from TAFE, who are undergoing an 8-week student placement with us.

In the classrooms, there are some exciting fundraising ideas and plans coming together for our big term 4 camp to Tassie, we are sure our students' hard work and creativity will reap rewards.

There has been lots happening in the Junior program over the next couple of weeks. Last week we had NAPLAN testing for our year 9 students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, with an excursion to Echuca on Thursday in there too.

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Kick Starting Term Two

Our Junior Program has 'kicked' into full swing for term two with our (perhaps to be!!!) regular staff/adults versus students game of soccer. As your correspondent from the local Doxa Times observed in his match-day report:

'A willing game of soccer was played today between the Doxa Junior Program staff team and a representative student team. With the match evenly poised throughout, goals were hard to come by, with the 2-2 result indicative of a lively affair. The pace of Nick (student) on the wing combined with the passing prowess of Mason to create many

opportunities. This was complimented by Brock's enthusiasm which included one fearful shot on goal that nearly took the goalkeeper's (Nick - staff) head off. Fortunately Nick's reaction was so slow he didn't have time to stop the shot, the resulting goal drawing scores level. Special mentions also to Keisha for her pack-bursting runs, Deehjaye for his non-stop running and flair, Seth for holding the defense together, and Samara (student-teacher) for keeping things together for the staff team. When asked for a quote to describe her team's performance on the day, the staff team's coach, Lou, told this reporter that she had 'no comment', and when asked if she'd like to expand on this description added 'yes, absolutely no comment'. This reporter looks forward to more enthralling battles ahead.'



Stay tuned for more sport-based updates as the staff continue to over-estimate their own abilities and fitness, and the students try to take advantage of their elders.