

NEWSLETTER

Sept 2017

A word from our Principal

It doesn't seem long since our last newsletter but the terms have a habit of moving fast at Doxa. Only a couple of weeks until the end of term 3 and hopefully we will be in for some sunny days with a bit of extra daylight.

ILP meetings are taking place now for the juniors and next week for the seniors. This forms an important part of our planning process. Each student has the opportunity to contribute to their goals for the remainder of the year and put in place some strategies, which will be of benefit in 2018.

Our junior students have been busy raising funds for their planned trip to Tasmania in term 4. Congratulations to everyone involved. The support from our families and friends has been massive and we would especially like to thank local businesses for their donations of gifts and vouchers which contributed to our success. A list of those businesses can be found on page 4 of the newsletter. The next fundraising initiative is a dinner at the Bendigo Stadium on Thursday 12th October. Bookings can be made by contacting the school on 54428140 or the Bendigo Stadium direct on 5440 6212.

Congratulations to Angus who represented Doxa at the trap shooting competition, held recently in Echuca. Thanks to Tony for getting him there and back safely.

Recently, some of the senior students and staff visited the Werribee Zoo. The feedback from the experience was great. There is some information included in this newsletter regarding the free meningococcal vaccine. Bendigo council staff will be onsite on Monday 16th October to administer free vaccinations to students aged from 15 to 18 who return the signed consent form. More information can be found at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/menvax

The school office will be open for the first week of the school holidays. Some staff are available by contacting the Doxa School Facebook page in cases of emergency. Enjoy the break and we will catch up on Monday 9th October when school resumes for term 4.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 22nd September - End of term 3

Monday 9th October - Start of term 4

Thursday 12th October - Junior fundraiser dinner at Bendigo stadium

Thursday 26th October - Student free day - ALL staff training day.



**Thanks to the following businesses
and families for their support for our
auction and other fundraising activities.**

Polished Cleaning Bendigo

Bendigo Locksmiths

Just Trees

All Seasons Hotel Bendigo

Central Victorian Office Supplies

Home @ Bendigo Marketplace

V/Line

Golden Dragon Museum

KFC Bendigo Marketplace

Central Deborah Goldmines

Reilly's Electrical Bendigo

Percy & Percy Café

Stringers Dairy

OFRM Lawyers

Coles Bendigo

A & K Adams Water

Bendigo Day Spa & Wellness Centre

Bendigo Joss House Temple

Stringers Dairy

Bendigo Tramways

Jacinta Allan

Mychelle & Mitchell Bourke and Family

The Honeychurch family

Sue Hayman Fox

Samara Thuong

Remember to support these local businesses.

**JUNIOR GROUP FUNDRAISER FOR TRIP TO TASMANIA .
BRING ALONG A GROUP OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO
SUPPORT THE STUDENTS . CALL THE SCHOOL FOR
MORE INFO**

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A transition school embracing 19th-Century traditions

Help us raise funds for our:

TASSIE TRAVELS



Join us: Thursday, 12th October 2017

Between: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**At Bendigo Stadium
134 Marong Rd
West Bendigo**

On-site facilities: Bistro, Bar, Pokies, TAB, Keno

Bookings: Phone Doxa School (5442 8140) -or-

Bendigo Stadium Bistro 5440 6212 - (Booking Ref: 'Doxa School')

*****30% of the Main Meal price goes directly to this fundraising effort*****

Meningococcal W Secondary School Vaccine Program

1. Read the Meningococcal W Information.
 2. Complete the consent section and sign if a Yes.
 3. Remove the consent form and return it to school even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated.
- Contact your local council for more information.

Meningococcal W information

Meningococcal W

Meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria. Although meningococcal disease is uncommon, it can become very serious, very quickly. About 10 per cent of people carry meningococcal bacteria in their throat without becoming unwell. These people are known as 'carriers'. Meningococcal bacteria are passed from person to person by regular, close, prolonged household and intimate contact. Adolescents are at increased risk of meningococcal disease and more likely to spread the disease to others.

Invasive meningococcal disease occurs when these bacteria enter the blood stream to cause septicaemia (infection in the blood, also known as 'bacteraemia') or meningitis, (inflammation of the membrane covering of the brain). Death can occur in up to 10 per cent of cases. Occasionally, severe infection can also occur in the joints, throat, lungs or intestines.

There are different strains (serogroups) of meningococcal bacteria known by letters of the alphabet, including meningococcal A, B, C, W and Y. In recent years the meningococcal W strain has increased across Australia, with Victoria experiencing 48 cases in 2016, compared to 17 cases in 2015, four in 2014 and one in 2013. It is now the predominant strain in Victoria.

Meningococcal W-containing vaccine

The Meningococcal W-containing vaccine is a four-in-one combined vaccine for protection against meningococcal A, C, W, Y strains. Studies have shown that the effectiveness of the meningococcal A, C, W, Y vaccine is between 80 to 85 per cent in adolescents. Meningococcal A, C, W, Y vaccination programs have been implemented in adolescents in the UK since 2015, and recommended in the US since 2005.

The vaccine does not contain any live bacteria and cannot cause meningococcal disease. In addition to the W strain, the four-in-one vaccine will boost adolescents with the C strain they had as a baby and protect against the A and Y strains.

Possible side effects of meningococcal W vaccine

Most side effects are minor and quickly disappear. If the following reactions occur, it will be soon after vaccination.

Common side effects

- Mild temperature
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Pain, redness and swelling at the injection site
- Fainting may occur up to 30 minutes after any vaccination.

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If mild reactions do occur, the side effects can be reduced by:

- Drinking extra fluids and not over-dressing if the person has a fever
- Taking paracetamol and placing a cold, wet cloth on the sore injection site.

Extremely rare side effects

- Severe allergic reaction.

In the event of a severe allergic reaction, immediate medical attention will be provided.

If reactions are severe or persistent, or if you are worried, contact your doctor or hospital.

Pre-immunisation checklist

Before your child is immunised, tell your doctor or nurse if any of the following apply.

- Is unwell on the day of immunisation (temperature over 38.5°C)
- Has any severe allergies
- Has had a severe reaction to any vaccine
- Is pregnant.

After vaccination wait at the place of vaccination a minimum of 15 minutes.

Further information

If you require further advice or information, please contact your local council immunisation service or local doctor.

Or visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

How to complete the form

Please read the information.

Complete the form **even if the vaccine is not to be given.**

Detach the form and return it to school.

For all children/students

Please complete with the details of the child.

Then

Complete this section if you wish to have your child vaccinated.

Or

Complete this section if you do not wish to have your child vaccinated.

To receive this document in an accessible format email: Immunisation@doh.vic.gov.au

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Meningococcal W vaccine consent form

1. Read the Meningococcal W information.
2. Complete the consent section and sign if a Yes.
3. Retain the consent form and return it to school even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated.

Medicare number **1204 69793 7 9** (Number by/for child name)

Burials: **CITIZEN** First name: **ELIZA**

Postal address: **20 BLOCK STREET MELBOURNE**

Postcode: **3000** Date of birth: **18 / 10 / 2000** Female Male

School: **BLOCK HIGH SCHOOL** Class: **T1A**

Is this person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? (please tick)

No Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Name of parent/guardian or other responsible person: **MICHAEL BLOCK**

Daytime phone: **0123 4567** Home: **0408 123 456**

Email: **parentguardian@internetprovider.com**

Declaration: I am the parent or guardian of the child named above. I have read and understand the information given to me about vaccination, including the risks of not being vaccinated and the side effects of the vaccine. I understand I can discuss the risks and benefits of vaccination with my local council or doctor. I understand that consent can be withdrawn at any time before vaccination is given.

YES, I CONSENT to my child receiving the Meningococcal W vaccine at school.

The Meningococcal W-containing vaccine is a four-in-one combined vaccine for protection against meningococcal A, C, W & Y strains (one injection)

Parent/guardian's signature _____ Date: / /

OR

No, I do not consent to my child receiving the Meningococcal W vaccine at this time.

OR

No, my child has had the Meningococcal W vaccine elsewhere

Please note any pre-existing medical condition, severe allergies or previous severe reaction to vaccination.

Privacy statement: The meningococcal W vaccine program is a Victorian government funded vaccine program. Vaccines are administered by an immunisation nurse, employed by local council. Immunisation nurses, school health nurses, Victorian secondary school nurses and other health professionals are employed by local councils and are responsible for providing immunisation services to children being vaccinated within the municipal district. Local councils are committed to protecting the privacy, confidentiality and security of personal information. In accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2004 and the Health Records Act 2001.

Local councils report all unauthorised vaccinees given through school programs to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). Personal identifying details will be kept confidential. This will include both birth and residential addresses to improve children's vaccination rates. This is important to improve immunisation rates overall. Individuals will have access to their record of all vaccines received by the Australian Immunisation Register Aggregate Immunisation data may be disclosed by the Victorian government for the purpose of monitoring funding and improving the Immunisation Registry School Vaccination Program. This information does not include any individual information related to you or your child will be used or disclosed for purposes directly related to your child's immunisation, and in ways that you would reasonably expect. This may include the transfer or exchange of relevant information to your child's GP to monitor ongoing health issues or hospital or specialist treatment. The local council may provide you with information related to the school vaccine program via SMS or email. You can access your child's data by contacting the local council whose your child attends school.

Office Use only
Vaccination date _____ Nurse initials: _____ Site: L/R arm _____

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Student details

Medicare number (Number beside child's name)

Surname: _____ First name: _____

Postal address: _____

Postcode: _____ Date of birth: / / Female Male

School: _____ Class: _____

Is this person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? (please tick)

No Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Parent/guardian contact details

Name of parent/guardian or student aged 18 or over: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Vaccine consent

Declaration: I am authorised to give consent or non-consent for my child to be vaccinated. I have read and I understand the information given to me about vaccination, including the risks of not being vaccinated and the side effects of the vaccine. I understand I can discuss the risks and benefits of vaccination with my local council or doctor. I understand that consent can be withdrawn at any time before vaccination takes place.

Complete for children aged under 18 (students aged 18 and over can give their own consent)

YES, I CONSENT to my child receiving the Meningococcal W vaccine at school.

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Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: / /

OR

No, I do not consent to my child receiving the Meningococcal W vaccine at this time.

OR

No, my child has had the Meningococcal W vaccine elsewhere.

Please note any pre-existing medical condition, severe allergies or previous severe reaction to vaccination.

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Local councils report all adolescent vaccines given through school programs to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). Personal identifying details will be kept confidential. This will provide tools such as recall and reminder systems to improve adolescent vaccination rates. This is important to improve immunisation rates overall. Individuals will have access to their record of all vaccines recorded in the Australian Immunisation Register. Aggregate immunisation data may be disclosed to the Victorian government for the purpose of monitoring, funding and improving the Meningococcal W Secondary School Vaccine Program. This information does not identify any individual.

Information related to you or your child will be used or disclosed for purposes directly related to your child's immunisation, and in ways that you would reasonably expect. This may include the transfer or exchange of relevant information to your GP, to your child's GP, to another treating health service or hospital or another local council. The local council may provide you with information related to the school vaccine program via SMS or email. You can access your child's data by contacting the local council where your child attends school.

Office use only:

Vaccination date: _____

Nurse initials: _____

Site: L/R arm

