

# doxaschoolbendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people



**October 2017.**

## **A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

What a busy couple of weeks it's been at Doxa School, since the start of term 4. Only 1 week to go for the VCAL students. After that, it will be pretty quiet around here until the end of the year.

Junior students have just returned from their amazing trip to Tasmania. What a great opportunity it has been for them. Congratulations to the junior team, including staff, students and their families for getting on board with the fundraising activities to ensure the 4 day camp was a great success. Our Facebook page has shared a lot of photos of the student's activities while they have been away. A big thank you to the local businesses that supported us with our fundraising too. Thanks also to the families who allowed us to take their children on this interstate trip. Hopefully it's the first of many.

It's Ball in the Mall time again. Last Friday we had a group of Doxa students and staff involved in this wonderful event made possible by the dedication of some local organisations and individuals. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for some photos of the event.

At the moment Doxa has a few Latrobe University and Bendigo Tafe students completing placement with us. Some are studying education, while others are enrolled in social work and community services. These students are fitting in with us and getting to know how our school operates differently from the others. These guys have been a great help in every area of the school, I know the administration staff really appreciate them.

ILP meetings, transition and interviews for 2018 will be taking place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov for 2 weeks. The office staff will be in touch soon to arrange a time suitable for you and your child.

From Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, I will be on leave for a couple of weeks. During my absence Vanessa, our deputy, will be looking after things until I return.

With less than 5 weeks of the school year left I'd encourage students to keep working hard and make the end of our year both enjoyable and successful for everyone in our community.

I look forward to catching up with you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec for our annual Doxa awards night. Each student and their family will receive an invitation in the coming weeks.

John Russell

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 6.30pm - Senior student dinner  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Bendigo Cup public holiday  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Last day for senior students  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day for junior students  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm to 7.30pm - Doxa Awards night

**Ways to contact the school on 54428140 or 0417 108 870 or message us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DoxaSchoolBendigo/>**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

## JUNIOR TEAM

It's hard to believe that we are well and truly into our final term for 2017. Students continue to demonstrate growth in areas of literacy and numeracy relating to our inquiry projects on Australian Indigenous and Convict history, Is plastic that fantastic? Boomerang Bags and International Foods and Cultures. Students are participating in a variety of speaking and listening tasks as well as a strong emphasis on developing personal understandings of how to control behaviour and take a 'Meta moment'.

Many students are now fully involved in the transition process. These means students are considering and building their knowledge of what other educational settings for 2018 can offer. Naturally, there are some nervous moments in regard to this matter and families are encouraged to keep in touch with us if they have any concerns or wonderings. We are here to support students throughout their transition.

Over half of the Junior students experienced the **Tassie Camp** and discovered some truly amazing qualities about themselves and their peers. We would like to congratulate these outstanding young people in taking safe risks, demonstrating appropriate behaviours and living up to our school rules of "Being Responsible. Being safe. Being Fair and Being Kind and Helpful." There are simply too many highlights to mention, however the students' attention and involvement in the Port Arthur Historic tours, Hastings Cave and Thermal Springs tours and Cataract Gorge adventure were proud moments to share for both staff and students. We do encourage families to talk with their child about their experience and we are open to feedback on ways we could improve this camp for future Junior students. A huge thank you to the families for trusting us with their precious children and allowing us to take them away for four days. (see page 4 for some pictures from Tassie)



### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Brock-** for showing kindness to others on camp.

**Keisha-** for showing responsible decision making on camp.

**Nick-** for being helpful on camp.

Well done to everyone for their commitment in building and maintaining relationships within our community. The levels of tolerance and acceptance of the diversity within our program continues to improve and we are on track to end our year on a real positive.

***Never walk away from someone who deserves help...***

***Your hand is God's hand for that person.***

Vanessa, Lou, Carina, Brad, Tony, Nick and Jake.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## SENIOR TEAM

Wow, it has been a busy few weeks in the lead up to the senior students last day this Thursday 2nd Nov!

Term 4 has seen some Senior students out on Work Placement and excitingly, 2 of those have managed to secure full time or part time work from these experiences. We have also been working hard with the students to finish the year strongly academically with many of our students achieving or surpassing their 2017 academic goals.

Making sure we balance the work with some fun, we took a group of students Ice skating last week, had students participate in the Ball in the Mall, lots of staff and students attended the Senior dinner at Cloggs (Monday) and on Tuesday, we are heading to the Zone for a day of Go-Carts, Laser tag and Inline Skating.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Awards night on the 4th of December to help us celebrate our student successes.

### Structured Work Placement:

Throughout the year ten students have completed a work placement in the Bendigo area. Placements have included Electrician, Tyre Fitter, Hospitality, Small Engines Mechanic, Aged Care and Stable Hand. Between them the students have completed over 400 hours of work in industry. Many students have returned from work placement with excellent reports from their employers.

Work placements give our students firsthand experience in industry. This can assist the students in making some career or further education choices. Congratulations to all students who completed a work placement in 2

Ky, Pete, Paul, Jacko, Jac & Mick

## OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF



A shout out to Josephine, who manages the schools finances. Josephine celebrated a special birthday this past week. We all hope you enjoyed your day Josie.



## HOW TO FIND OUT WHATS HAPPENING AT DOXA SCHOOL

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- Drop in to 118 Hargreaves St, Bendigo
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# PHOTO GALLERY

## Tasmania

