### doxaschoolbendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people



June/July 2018

### A WORD FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As everyone is aware, our fearless leader, John, is away on a study tour in Chicago. With this tour just about to wrap up, John and his wife Fiona will then be enjoying a well-deserved break before his return at the start of term 3.

This term has been busy for all of us and a lot of change has been going on. Our Group C class has had Brad filling in for Paul since the beginning of June and Tony from Group A is also off on leave and returns at the start of term 3.

The café students have been extremely busy this term. Each Tuesday there has been a steady stream of patrons who have enjoyed the good coffee and great conversation. The Tuesday Cafe is giving our hospitality students the opportunity to broaden their barista knowledge along with their customer service and relationship building skills. Many thanks to our Café supporters.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the immunisation program that has been running at Doxa this year has been placed on hold. The Bendigo City Council apologise for any inconvenience but hope that they will be up and running again sometime in term 3. If your child is due for immunisation or having catch-up doses, please see your local GP or visit the Bendigo Council webpage for information on their general public immunisation days.

These cooler mornings have made it very difficult to get motivated but now that the winter solstice is past, our days will get longer and each day we are closer to the better weather.

Please remember to check out our important dates below. Our school office will be open during the first week of the holidays. You can also contact us via our Facebook page.

Enjoy the winter break, stay warm. See you all on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July for the first day of term 3.

Vanessa Brown Deputy Principal

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday 29th June - Last day of term 2 Tuesday 17th July - First day of term 3

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

### WHAT'S HADDENING AROUND THE TRADS

# If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer and the fulfillment of your autumn.

Here we are at the end of another term and half way through 2018! Our students are growing and changing so quickly and they learn so many things at a rapid rate. It's a scary thought for parents and teachers just how quickly a year goes by so we hope that all our families enjoy these holidays with their loved ones and time together. There are sure to be groans and arguments but trust that this is a special time and cherish every moment.

Ky and Scott have been putting students through their paces in literacy and numeracy over the past several weeks. Many students are nearing the completion of the 'Lousy Little Sixpence' unit of work, highlighting the injustice of stolen wages, and the fight for the rightful payment to be made to Indigenous peoples of that generation or their families. Heidi and Valda were able to share some powerful connections and thoughts on this topic- great work ladies! All students have welcomed volunteer Jason and have had meaningful discussions with him about life with a vision impairment. Well done to the entire group for their acceptance and kindness.

Students have enjoyed the morning warm up activity of 'On this Day.' promoting some rather deep discussions on significant past historical events. Damo has been working diligently on his math's unit, Matt O has been immersed in creating new raps and Laityn is a walking encyclopedia that continues to dazzle us with knowledge of obscure facts! Brock is going strong in numeracy, Isaac is steadfastly completing a variety of writing tasks and Jayde and Aaliyah are back and it's great to see their smiling faces! Bradley has taken a keen interest in the FIRE carrier program.

The FIRE Carrier Program is proudly supported by Yingadi Aboriginal Corporation as part of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry- Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education. All students are warmly invited to join this group and be part of promoting respect, fairness and inclusion for Aboriginal people.

Tim, Jessie, Liam, Bella, David, Jakeb, Monique, Tara and Brittany continue to ask for assistance as required and have helped in delivering phone books and other fundraiser activities to go towards upcoming camps. Thank you!

Shed with Scott continues to be a huge success for students and there will certainly be some amazing metal work to be viewed in the upcoming months.

Well done Jack Sheehan on securing full time work!

### WHAT'S HADDENING ADOUND THE TRADS cont.

Paul is away with his family overseas until early into term 3 and is doing well. In the mean time, Brad and Jacinta have shaken things up over the past few weeks and have really kept the 'C Team' BUSY! Students continue to complete VET/VCAL subjects as well as studies in Interview skills, job applications, Indigenous Education, team building activities, reading, real world math's and various individual project work.

Jac, Kane, Kristy, Kayla, Tanisha, Tani, Lateasha, Keisha, Tiff, Kiesha are positive role models within our school. These students have adapted to change this term, supported one another and have passed with flying colours.

The C Team continue to participate in electives, whole school project work and social and emotional learning activities week in and week out. A resilient and hard working young group of people and we look forward to watching them continue to grow into independent, kind and helpful community leaders.

School reports will be in the post soon- so keep an eye out for the Semester One 2018 report. If any questions, concerns or feedback please contact the school and staff will respond.

Over the holidays have a read! Grab a copy of 'What Do You Do With An Idea? And 'What Do You Do with a Problem' written by Kobi Yamada. Other hot reads are 'Hatchet' by Gary Paulsen and 'The Interrogation of Ashala Wolf' by Ambelin Kwaymullina.

#### "I'M BORED!"

The holidays get out there and

Visit the gallery

Go the Cinemas

Make slime

Bushwalk

Visit a market

Go on a bike ride

Draw

Do yoga

Fly a kite

Clean up your bedroom

Go on a picnic



We hope everyone enjoys the break and returns to school full of beans and ready to tackle term 3. See you all when school resumes on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

### Carina Group A

Graffitti Art with Vern



## Founders Day celebrations Marcellin Champagnat

