

# doxaschoolbendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people



**September 2018.**

## **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 week until the end of term 3 and hopefully we will be in for some sunny days with a bit of extra daylight.

Our ILP meetings have taken place over the past month and I want to thank everyone for attending these meetings as they form an important part of the Doxa program.

This term, we say goodbye to Paul Dickeson our VCAL teacher. Paul has been with us since the start of 2012 and we wish him and his family the best with his new adventure.

Mick Turner will be returning from leave at the start of term 4 just in time help Jacko get the class ship shape for the remainder of the year.

I will be on leave for the first five weeks of term 4. Vanessa, along with the support of the rest of the team, will be looking after things in my absence. I will catch up with everyone and surely have some great stories to tell, when I return to work on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

The school office will be open during the first week of the holidays.

Please remember to check out our important dates below. They include the start and finish dates of term 4 plus important information about our up and coming camp dates and destinations. Students will be dismissed at 12pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

We hope everyone enjoys the break and is full of energy when school resumes on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

John Russell

Principal

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Last day of term 3 - Friday 21st September

School resumes for term 4 - Tuesday 9th October

Great Ocean Rd excursion - Tues 13th to Thurs 15th Nov

Canberra excursion- Tues 20th to Fri 23rd Nov



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

## A TEAM

Term 3 is nearly over and we would just like to take a moment to reflect on the good that has come out of this term. It is so pleasing to see many of our 'A Team' boys increase their contact hours and re-engage in learning and community. This is a success worthy of celebration! Pat yourself on the back and be proud of each little step you have made forward.

Thank you to families and carers for attending the ILP meetings. It was great to see all families attend and valuable for students to be apart of these meetings as they affirm the importance of unity between school and home. Students now have direction for 2019.

Well done to those students who have completed narrative writing samples and the always popular International Food Court inquiry unit. Many students have also completed number, measurement and graph tasks in an outdoor classroom setting and in Shed elective. Students have recently completed social and emotional learning activities that focused on gender identity and the importance of positive self-talk and turning away from negative self-talk. Camp notes will be out soon and we will continue to work with students to get them 'camp ready'.

We wish Dante Ross all the very best from here on at Marist College Bendigo. Dante has been an integral part of the A Team group and we wish him happy days at his new school for Term 4.

It is worthy to mention that Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September will be Footy Colours Day and students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to raise much needed funds for cancer research.

## ★Star Students★

**Jordan Goss: Being Fair & Responsible**  
**Brandon Rice-Purden: Being Kind and Helpful**  
**Dante Ross: Being Safe**

Happy and safe holidays to you all

**Brad, Carina and Tony**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## Term 3 VET Hospitality Report

As Term 3 comes to a close, the Hospitality students have been finishing off their Basic Methods of Cookery unit. They have worked towards this unit for 8 weeks, cooking and presenting beautiful dishes using steaming, poaching, braising, baking, stewing, deep-frying & grilling.

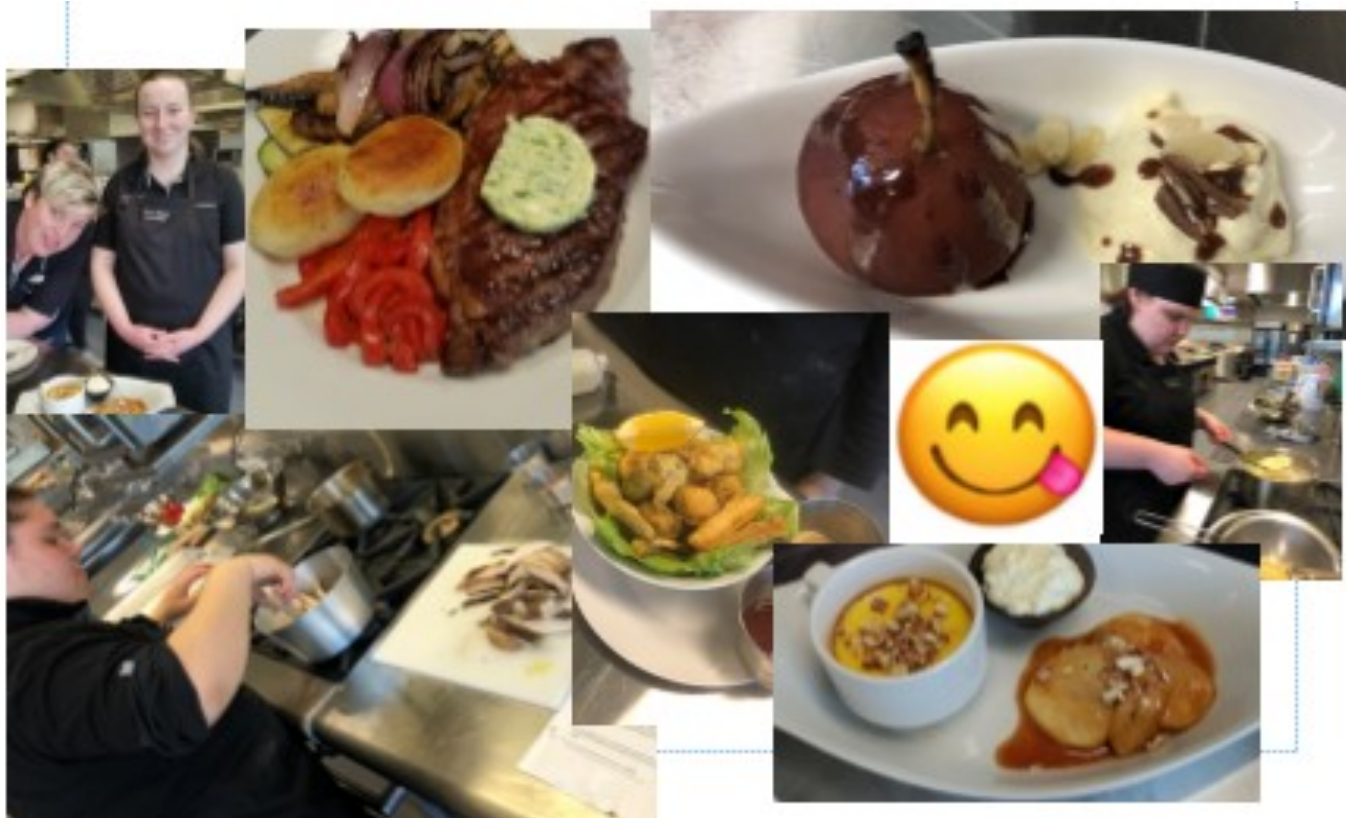
Over 2 weeks, students spent Hospitality days at Marist College Bendigo, who kindly allowed us to use their kitchen for our assessment days. Students had to plan their time in the kitchen and work to industry standards to cook and present dishes within set timeframes. On their first day in the kitchen we cooked Mushroom Spaetzle, Steamed chicken and Vegetables, Rice Pilaf and Tempura Vegetables. On their second assessment day, they were much more comfortable in the kitchen and made Steak with Mediterranean Vegetables and Potatoes, Baked Egg Custard with stewed apples, vanilla cream and toffee almonds and Poached Pears with almonds and chocolate sauce.

In the week after the assessment days, students went to a local food venue to eat dishes similar to those they had cooked during their assessment and were able to discuss some of the challenges cooking all of these dishes at once would have presented in a commercial environment and the methods of cookery used for the dishes ordered.

All of the Hospitality students should be very proud of their accomplishments over the term, meeting the requirements for the units in a way that enabled genuine learning and provided great experience in commercial kitchens.

We wish all our families a happy and safe terms break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to finish the year strongly in term 4.

**Amy & Lou**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## THE B'S GROUP

The B's have had a really positive term 3, we have welcomed new students and said goodbye to some that are moving on to other things. Students are working on a unit about Conspiracy theories where they are investigating persuasive language.

In the lead up to the camps next term, we encourage parents and carers to be talking to their child about the positives of a camp experience. The camps are currently being planned with the students input so we are sure that the excitement will build, as well as encourage questions and concerns. If your child has any negative thoughts, please contact the school so as we can work together to overcome any fears.

In shed, the students have been working on a variety of projects and gaining skills and confidence in this area. This will continue next term and Scott has some great projects lined up.

At the start of term 4, Ky will be moving in to the C Group to replace Paul. Lou will be taking over the role of class teacher for the B Group with the support of Nick. Mick returns from leave to his support role in the B+ group with Scott. Students are aware of the changes and a transition will be happening until the end of this term.

Enjoy the break,  
The B team

### STAFF PROFILE

#### Alison Maclaren

#### Business Manager



We welcomed Alison Maclaren, our new Business Manager, in our last newsletter.

Here's a little bit more about Alison her experience, interests and why she enjoys being a part of the Doxa team.

Alison is a qualified Chartered Accountant, having worked previously as a Finance Manager and Auditor as well as a stint as a restaurant owner, a Naval Officer, and various other positions from greyhound training to fruit picking. Alison is also a keen disability support worker.

Alison loves travel, yoga and is a self confessed adrenaline junkie who loves nothing more than getting outdoors on weekends with her family. Alison lives near Castlemaine with a collection of animals including horses, dogs, cats, guinea pigs, chickens, ducks, and a large assortment of tropical fish.

Alison enjoys being part of the Doxa team because it's great to be part of somewhere that helps young people to realise that anyone can achieve their goals and dreams no matter how big. Just go for it and never give up! Just ask Alison. She says, "It's not where you've come from that matters, but how far. Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% what you can do about it".



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## GROUP C

It has been an amazing term three, we have had so many exciting things happen and many personal successes for our students. A number of students are in the final stages of completing their final work for their VCAL Intermediate course as well as a number of students who have almost finished their Foundation VCAL subjects.

In our VET engineering students have been making practical and decorative art works out of steel both new and recycled, even horse shoes and springs have been up-cycled. They have also been developing their machining skills on the lathe.

Hair and Beauty has had 90% attendance as they have moved through all of the styles and techniques of Blow drying.

Camp preparation has begun and students have been involved in both deciding and planning for the camp that they want to go to. They are choosing from the Melbourne day trip, The Melbourne night Trip, Great Ocean Road and Canberra.

Very exciting and busy times for all.

Our Doxa Cafe has been as busy as ever and we have made both great friendships and great profits with our regular and faithful customers.

The Cafe students also ran a Father's Day cafe at St Killian's that was a huge success. Well done ladies.



# WHAT'S GOING ON AT DOXA SCHOOL

