

doxa school bendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people



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A WORD FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Well, the year is almost done. How fast these past few weeks have gone but we have managed to survive the term so far, without John who will return to us from long service leave next week. A big thank you to the students and the staff for their support while John has been away. I am sure he will come back with lots of stories to tell about his adventure.

The Sacred Heart Cathedral are holding their annual MacKillop Art Exhibition from Friday 16th November until Sunday 2nd December. This year, a couple of Doxa students have submitted work to be included in the exhibition. If you get a chance, pop in and take a look.

Our camps program is running over the next few weeks. Some students will be off to the Great Ocean Road for 2 nights and some will be heading to Canberra for 3 nights. These camps are great opportunity for everyone.

ILP meetings are taking place at the moment. Thanks to all of our parents/guardians for making the effort to attend these important meetings. Staff and students along with families get the opportunity to discuss achievements, opportunities and future pathway options.

With less than four weeks until our annual Doxa awards night on Wednesday 5th December, I would encourage students to keep working hard and make the end of the year both enjoyable and successful for everyone in our community. The Doxa staff look forward to catching up with everyone on the night. Keep an eye out on the post for your invitation.

Vanessa Brown
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 13th Nov to Thurs 15th Nov - Great Ocean Road camp
Tues 20th Nov to Fri 23rd Nov - Canberra and ACT trip
Mon 26th Nov - Report writing day - student free day
Wed 5th Dec - Last day of school
Wed 5th Dec 6.30pm - Doxa Awards Night



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

'PoPPI: Pillars of Positive Practice Implementation'

Doxa's staffing group has recently formed a smaller working party called PoPPI: Pillars of Positive Practice Implementation. This group is supported by education and behavioural consultants from the Catholic Education Office and they are currently working on the development of some new school-wide positive behaviour expectations, with the aim of eventually incorporating these across our school community in everything we do.

This process begins with the identification of a number of positive behaviour words (between 3 and 5) that would be desirable for members of our school community to display. When these words have been consolidated, the staffing group will develop ways to teach these behaviours to students and reinforce the benefits of behaving in these ways. Over time, we aim to have these expectations as the centerpiece for all of our behaviours - as students, staff, and Doxa community members.

The PoPPI group is mindful of the large role that our students and families play at Doxa, and we will be keen to communicate in the near future regarding the role of PoPPI and the development of the behaviour expectations. For any questions or more information now, please contact any members of the PoPPI group (Jac, Ky or Nick).

Stay tuned for more.'

Group C

The end of term 4 is always busy at Doxa however this year it seems to be busier than normal!

The VET program has finished for another year with students completing units in Hospitality, Hair and Beauty and Engineering. We would like to thank the VET trainers in these areas for the help and support you gave the students during the year.

For the next few weeks the Wednesday program will be altered. We will be running; coffee skills, cooking, shed and work ready/interview skills classes. The classes will run from 9 - 12 with students from B and C groups finishing then. We hope that this program will help students with VET choices and career pathways for 2019.

Ky & Jac

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

CAFE

Term 4 is well under way and the students in the Café have been working hard, building their knowledge and skills in the art of coffee making. We have recently had a star addition to the team, with Blake from the A's joining us and it has been fabulous to watch the girls sharing their skills and training him to be the next Café star. As the weather continues to improve, come and join us every Tuesday morning between 9:30 & 11:30, enjoy our sunshine and great conversation. We all look forward to seeing you soon.

LOU

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality has come to an end once again and I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate, Kade, Kristy, Lateasha, Makayla, Montana and Tiffany on completing units that will help them as they progress towards careers in the Hospitality industry.

Kristy, Lateasha and Montana particularly worked in a focused, purposeful way, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones completing a huge unit that involved completing assessment days in the kitchen at Marist College; thanks to Marist for allowing us to use their amazing facilities.

Special thanks should also be given to Amy, who on very short notice and with little preparation stepped in to be our Hospitality trainer, delivering material in an engaging, flexible and achievable way; thanks Amy, we would have been lost without you!

LOU

Group B

THE B TEAM

The students in the B groups have been working well to finish some writing samples and build their skills in calculating decimals and measurement in the past few weeks. In addition to the classroom learning, it has been great to see such high levels of engagement in the shed with Jacko and even better to hear the tales of the drift trike from Tim. Damo and Jesse have demonstrated strong teamwork skills in the shed, doing what I can only describe as 'manly stuff'.

Some students interested in trade pathways, went on a tour of the Bendigo Kangan TAFE Charleston road campus; learning about options for pathways into industries like Automotive, Building & Construction, Plumbing and Engineering. A lot of our students were able to take part in TAFE Taster sessions recently, also through Bendigo Kangan TAFE; enabling them to consider their options for participation in VET next year and beyond.

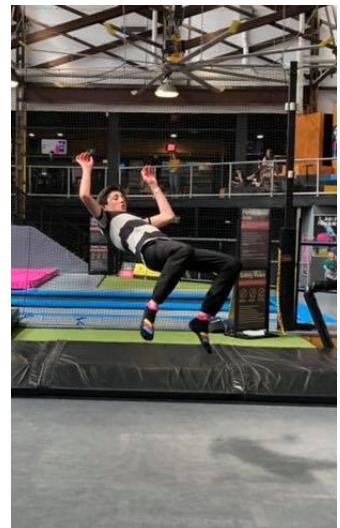
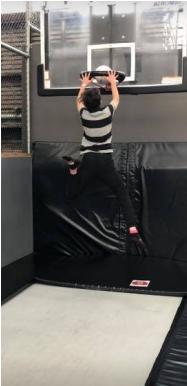
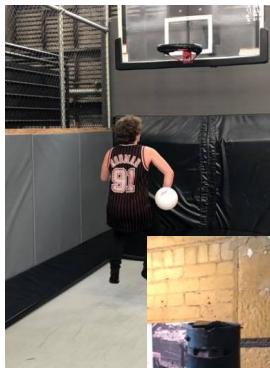
Having conversations with students about their plans for 2019 has been a great part of our days and although this can bring with it trepidation and sometimes uncertainty, it has been great to experience the maturity with which our students are able to engage in these conversations. Thanks also goes to our families for helping their young people navigate these sometimes challenging discussions.

As we move towards the end of the year, we encourage our young people to participate in the Great Ocean Road and Canberra camps coming up in a few weeks and congratulate Jesse C & Jakeb S on attending the Melbourne day trip.

LOU & NICK and JACKO & MICK

PHOTO GALLERY

DAY TRIP TO MELBOURNE



OTHER STUFF

