

# doxaschoolbendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people



July 2019

## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Another term is about to come to an end. What a busy time it's been with ILP meetings, work experience and all of the normal day to day things.

I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the break. This break gives us all the opportunity to recharge the batteries, by having some lazy days and staying out of the cold. We will be on the home stretch to the warmer months, when school returns on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July for the first day of term 3.

A special thanks to our Tuesday Café patrons, still supporting our hospitality students on these cold and wet mornings. The students look forward to catching up with you every week. A reminder that the Café will be closed during the school holidays and reopen on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am.

Doxa's immunisation program continues with a catch up day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. If you haven't received immunisation information during the ILP meetings this term, call into the office and check with Colleen about your child's immunisation records.

Our new classroom support staff are settling in well. The feedback from the students has been positive. Most students are welcoming the extra help in the classroom.

Please remember to notify the office staff on any days that your child will be absent. There are a number of ways to contact the school, ie by calling 54428140, or text/call 0417 108 870. These are the only numbers available for parents to make contact. You can also send us a message via our Facebook page. Our page is manned from 8am til 4pm Monday to Friday.

Students will be dismissed at 12pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June for end of term. The school office will be open for the first week of the school holidays.

Due to a staff training day, students will return to school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Enjoy the winter break and stay warm and healthy.

John Russell

## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 28th June - Last day of term 2 students dismissed at 12pm

Tuesday 16th July - Students return for first day of term 3

Tuesday 16th July - Doxa Café opens

Monday 12th August - Staff training, student free day



**Ways to contact the school on 54428140 or 0417 108 870 or message us on Facebook**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

## LOU'S ROOM

Well, we are at the end of another term and what a busy one it has been! We have participated in the whole school excursion to the Footy at Marvel Stadium and watched North Melbourne defeat Richmond. Students have reviewed and set new goals in their ILP's and are working towards making some really positive social and educational changes. Thank you to all of the families who attended their meetings over the last couple of weeks, it's always really lovely to spend time talking about your wonderful young people in our community and the progress they are making towards achieving goals; we still have a couple of meetings to hold and will be in touch to organize a time soon.

In the classroom, we have been making some long awaited progress in our work in the shed with almost all students now having a clear direction for their projects. Special mention goes to Xanthe this month; her attention to detail and creative flare made Jacko feel like his welding skills were particularly inferior, Well Done Xanthe!

The small group work being completed by students during their time with Mick has been really positive this term. The girls have spent time exploring and creating works of art and the boys have explored things from ethical dilemmas, Bendigo's mining history, to how it feels to be in nature and climb or 'hug a tree'.

Lillie has been a welcome addition to our room since the beginning of term and everyone is doing a really nice job of building new positive relationships with each other and are seeking support with their classroom work too.

Some of our students have completed or are getting ready to participate in work experience at different businesses around town; I know these students have found these experiences to be positive and if your young person is one who has had a go at this, they should be congratulated for their efforts.

As we move into Term 3 there will soon be information coming home about our camp options for this year. Camps will be held in the final weeks of next term and are an opportunity for all of our young people to choose an experience based on their interests and hopefully, an opportunity to have some new, positive experiences. For those of you new to our community, please rest assured that there is no cost for our families in relation to camps.

Have a safe and happy break!

Lou & Mick

**You are enough  
just as you are.**

**MEGHAN MARKLE**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.



## BRAD'S ROOM

This term, in class we have been working on a 'Billy Cart' unit. This has included researching and designing a billy cart, then building it! The students have done everything, except getting the materials and equipment, which was sourced by Brad and Tony. We have welded the metal, attached the wheels, drilled in the seat and made a steering mechanism. Along the way we have been basing our school work around billy carts. Unfortunately we will not be able to race the billy carts, this term, due to them not quite being finished and running out of time. It has been great using different tools in the shed and learning how to do math equations on the fly with measurement and angles, it's also been great looking at and designing different carts and trying to make them look cool but still work. I'm really excited to continue working on the billy carts and racing them next term I'm sure it will be good fun flying down the hills and not crashing. -- Damian (student)



## RUTH'S ROOM

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 2. It has been a great term with the students participating in a variety of activities and classroom activities.

Students have visited Vaughan Springs, Shepparton Skate Park and Go Jumps Trampolines, Science and Discovery Centre, Bowling, Calder Park and the Movies.

During Term 2 students have attended ILP Interviews and have received reports for their first semester. They have also been working in the Shed with Scott and gathering images on designs they can make with horseshoes. We are looking forward to seeing the outcomes of their creative work using various pieces of machinery to help them design and create.

During class sessions students have completed work in Literacy and Maths competing small daily tasks as well as larger work on Australian History, Seed Germination, Conspiracy Theories, Road Safety and writing tasks on Issues Facing Youth of Today.

VET students are working hard at their courses with great results. Keep up the great work guys.



Before the break, we want to leave you with one of our students favourite quotes!

*"Life is like a camera: FOCUS on what's important, CAPTURE the good times, DEVELOP from the negatives, and if things don't work out... take another shot!"*





**JUNE PHOTOS**

Bendigo pottery, pizza for lunch, footy trip to Marvel stadium, hospitality, autumn days, morning coffee, breakfast by Tim & for Tim II Marcellin Champagnat Feast Day.





# healthy headspace Workshops

## Key Dates & Topics:

- **22/07/19** - Sleeping Well and Physical health
- **29/07/19**- Mindfulness and Relaxation
- **05/08/19**- Communicating with Confidence
- **12/08/19**- Understanding and Accepting myself
- **19/08/19**- Understanding my Anger
- **26/08/19**- Managing my Feelings



**A series of skills-based workshops designed to provide you with tools for maintaining a healthy headspace.**

**What:** FREE workshops, come to all or come to the workshops which interest you!

**When:** Sessions will run at 4pm-5pm on Monday afternoons from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July for 6 weeks! Coffee, Tea and Snacks provided.

**Where:**  
Headspace Bendigo 78-80 Pall mall

**Limited Places available: Please RSVP by phoning reception on 54345345.**



# *Doxa Café*

Will be closed  
during the school  
holidays and  
reopen at

9.30am on Tuesday

16<sup>th</sup> July.

Thanks for your continuing support 😊