

# doxaschoolbendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people



**September 2019**

## **A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

Well, term 3 is just about to end. It doesn't seem long since our last holiday break but the terms have a habit of moving fast at Doxa. Only a couple of weeks and daylight savings will be upon us, hopefully the longer daylight hours will bring some more sunshine and warmer days.

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 have had a couple of students taking part in our work experience program. The students who have been involved return to work with positive feedback and some interesting stories but are keen to take advantage of any other opportunities that may be on offer.

If you need to contact the school during the holidays, the school office will be open during the first week only.

Please remember to check out our important dates below. They include the start and finish dates of term 4 plus other important information.

Thanks to Lou and the camp team for organising the camps and our staff who left their families behind to take our students to Warnambool and Sydney. The staff and students all returned home worn out but had a good time away.

Students will be dismissed at 12pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

We hope everyone has a safe, happy and enjoyable break and is full of energy when school resumes on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October and remember to turn your clocks forward on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> for daylight savings.

John Russell  
Principal

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term students will be dismissed at midday.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Daylight saving starts

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October - First day of term 4

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Yanac Camp

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Melbourne Theatre Excursion

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Bendigo Cup Public Holiday



**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

## RUTHS' ROOM



What a term we have had. Term 3 is always busy with a lot of extra activities for students and teachers to be a part of.

Students have been attending regular elective programs activities including Cooking, Art, Bowling, Inter-golf, Mulga Bill Park, Soccer, Cricket and many more.

Part of the term students also had the opportunity to join the Participation Program run on Friday afternoons as an opportunity for students to work with different groups of students and teachers. Some of the activities this term included Fishing at Bridgewater, the Zone for Laser Tag and Rollerblading, Movies and The Crusoe Reservoir.

We also celebrated Book week this year with the Topic of 'Reading is My Superpower' so the staff dressed as their Super Hero's and we all shared a whole school lunch of Sushi.

Our students recently participated in school camps to Warrnambool and had a wonderful time exploring the Shipwreck Coast and to Sydney where they visited many places including the Sydney Opera House and Bondi Beach.

Term four will offer more opportunities for students to participate in a range of activities and we encourage them all to "have a go".

Enjoy your holidays and stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all back in Term 4.

Ruth, Nick, Carla and Lillie

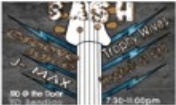



### HAVE YOU HEARD OF YO BENDIGO?



### WHAT DOES YO BENDIGO DO?

The Youth Portal, provides information on all of the services, programs, activities, events, and opportunities for young people from across the CoGB which are offered by Council, Community and Government.

### SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO GET ALONG TO

 <b>20 SEPTEMBER</b> <b>End of Term Bash</b> Come celebrate the end of term with live music at YO Bendigo! <a href="#">READ MORE</a>	 <b>24 SEPTEMBER</b> <b>Barista Workshop - Bendigo</b> Register now for Barista Training facilitated by Wicked Coffee Carts.	 <b>25 SEPTEMBER</b> <b>Barista Workshop - Heathcote</b> Register now for Barista Training facilitated by Wicked Coffee Carts.	 <b>23 OCTOBER</b> <b>Barista Workshop - Bendigo</b> Register now for Barista Training facilitated by Wicked Coffee Carts.
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## KY'S ROOM

Wow! Term 3 has been busy!!! Both Sydney and Warrnambool camps have come and gone with some great experiences and fun had by all of our students.

As we wrap up the term, we have been focusing on our personal information project about our family trees. Students have been researching their family names and finding out if they have famous ancestors. We can't wait for the final presentations and interesting stories in next term.

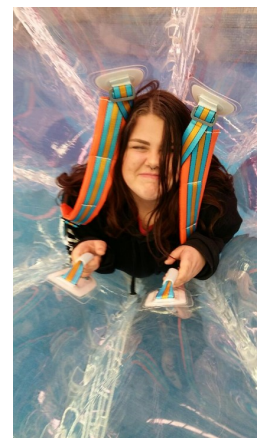
Our upcycling projects are almost done. Some students have completed their projects while others are still working through. We will be finishing all these next term and show all of our projects off with lovely pictures when they are all done.

As we start our holidays and move into term 4, Ky will be busy collating all your work to mark off what VCAL tasks have still to be completed. Hopefully when we all get back, we will be rested and ready to finish the year by working hard and preparing for 2020.

We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable break and we look forward to catching up after the holidays.

Ky, Jac and Amy T

### Fun at Bubble soccer during afternoon elective





# **WHO DOES WHAT AT DOXA**

## **John Russell - Principal**

John is the boss, the ringmaster, the guy who makes all of the decisions. He's the one who keeps the school on track and makes sure we are doing things by the book. John supports teaching staff too, so he spends some time in the classrooms. He's been Principal at Doxa since the school opened in July 2006.

## **Vanessa Brown - Deputy Principal**

Vanessa is the deputy boss, (but we call her the real boss!!) she does however keep John in line and supports the teaching staff by spending some time in the classroom. She assists John to keep the school ship shape. Vanessa has worked at Doxa for 10 years.

## **Teaching Staff**

Ky Rivett, - VCAL coordinator and VCAL classroom teacher

Lou Stobaus - one of the long time teachers, Lou has been with us for ages. Lou's has VIC curriculum and VCAL students in her class

Ruth King - students are also VIC curriculum and VCAL. Ruth came to us this year after an 11 year stint at Eaglehawk

Brad Gargiulo - his class consists of boys in years 8, 9 and 10. All things slugs and snails and puppy dog tails!

Scott Jackson - or Jacko as he is affectionately known runs our shed and maintenance program. This program allows the students to be involved in some hands on activities.

Amy Sleep - is Doxa's Hospitality Teacher. Most popular on Café days and days when we can smell the delicious aromas coming from the kitchen.

## **Wellbeing Staff**

Nick Grainger - Doxa's Child Safety Officer. Also known as Slick Danger. Due to his ability to be MIA at times. Nicks the man when it comes to getting the lowdown on all things relating to Safety for kids at school. If he doesn't know the answer, he will point you in the direction of someone who does.

Tony White, who's been at Doxa since the beginning, Jac May, Mick Turner and Carla Dullard make up the rest of the wellbeing team. These guys have a huge amount of experience and knowledge when it comes to supporting our young people. They help with the hard stuff.

## **Classroom Support**

Lillie Keogh and Amy Templeton make up the classroom support team. They assist the individual learning of the students everyday. Students that need a little of one on one support with their class work, spend some time with these ladies.

## **Administration team**

Colleen Lingard - General Office Administrator for nearly 9 years. Another one we call the boss but don't tell John. Colleen works from Tuesday to Friday

Emma Boxshall - General Office Administrator. Emma runs the show on Mondays.

Alison McLaren - Looks after the money side of things. Alison pays the bills and more importantly, the staff. Alison is the most popular staff member on payday. She also makes sure staff stick to their budget and don't over spend.

If you ever need to catch up with any of our staff, give the office a call on 54428140 and we will set up a time for you to drop in for a chat.

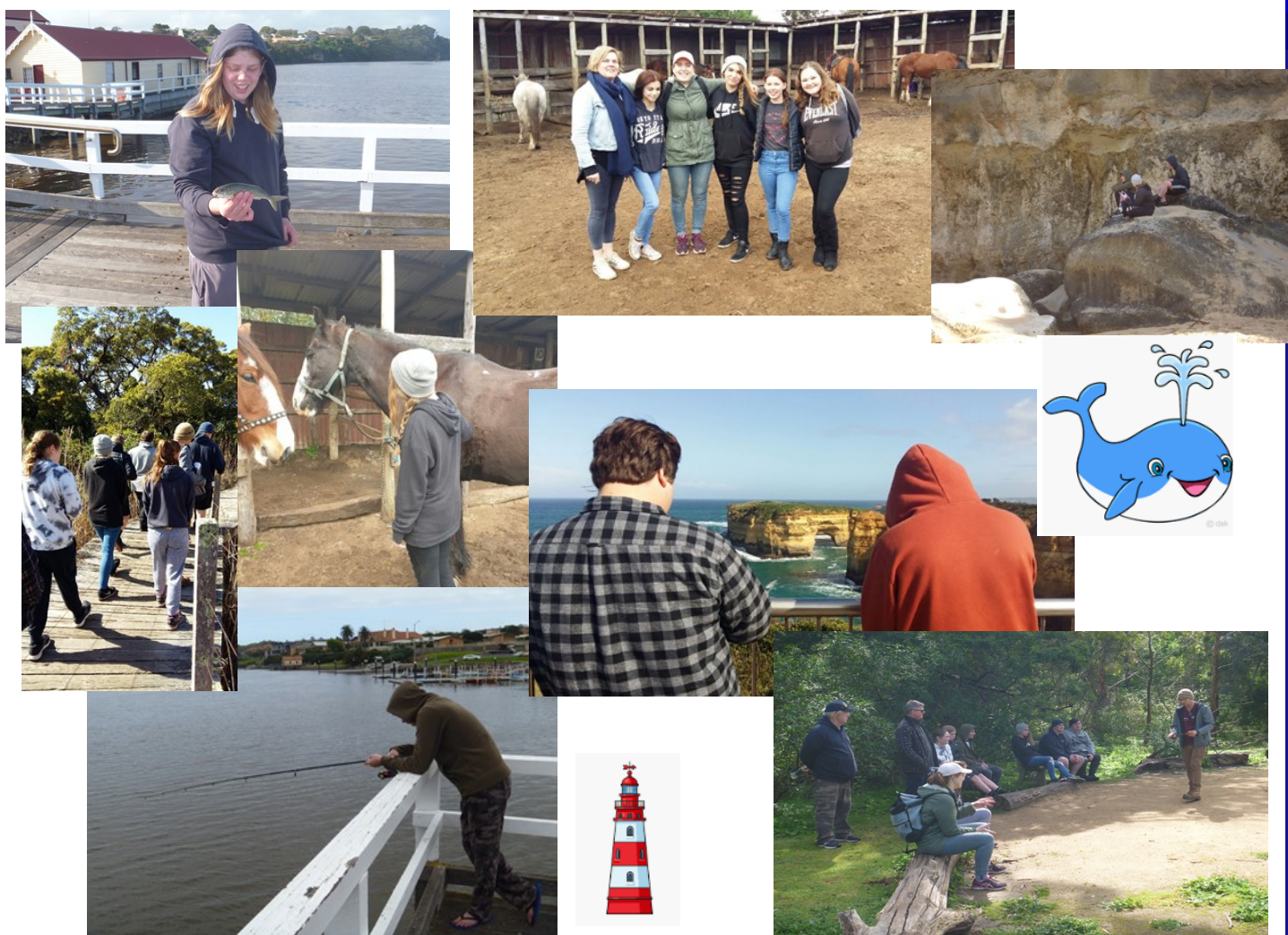
## Warrnambool Camp 3rd – 5th September

After an early morning and a long bus ride, the group arrived in Warrnambool safe and ready for adventure! On day one some enjoyed the sand between their toes while others hit up the park across the road. After a pizza dinner and many kicks of the footy (as well as many rescues of the footy from the trees), the group went on a night walk to the breakwater and were lucky enough to spot a Sting Ray amongst the waves.

Day two soon dawned and our adventure continued on a road trip along the Great Ocean Road. We saw many scenic spots, with Lock Ard Gorge being a crowd favourite. In the afternoon the group split in to two with some horse riding on trails while others tried their luck fishing off the pier. Unfortunately there weren't enough fish caught for dinner, so the group went out for a beautiful meal at Images Restaurant in town. After dinner the group were treated to the Sound and Light Show at the Martine Museum, before heading back to base for one more nights .

Before heading home on the last day, the group visited Tower Hill, said hello to snakes and koalas, and participated in an Aboriginal Culture Tour to learn the history of the volcano and learnt how to throw a Boomerang.

Another long bus ride (with many sing-a-longs) saw the group home safe again (and miraculously, each footy came back too!)





## Sydney Camp – 10th to 13th Sept

On Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 17 of our young people from across the school flew to Sydney to participate in the biggest camp Doxa has ever run; 3 nights, 4 days interstate, catching public transport and walking all the way.

Lou's keen sense of direction meant that when it was time to catch a Ferry from Circular Quay, past the Opera House and under the Bridge to Darling Harbour, we got on the Ferry that goes in the exact opposite direction... the first and very best mistake made for the whole camp! The view we all shared of the Harbour as the sunset and the city lights illuminated the night skies was better than we could've hoped.

During the second day our feet carried us a whopping 20kms, up hill and down, through the Opera House and around Darling Harbour. I think every student who was with us on this day will forever refer to the Opera House steps as 'the double scoop steps' (the prize they got for not killing me for making them go up and then down again to find the entrance).

After our tour of the Opera House, we explored the Sea-Life Aquarium and Madame Tussauds and then while some with more stamina than others explored the Maritime Museum others went back to the hotel for a rest. Nick Lowes and Liam Lonergan get the Energizer Bunny award for camp. They simply did not stop! Every chance they had to participate in something they were in, no questions asked!

That afternoon we were joined by 3 more students and a couple of staff bringing our grand total to 20 students for the camp.

Throughout day 3 we spent the morning exploring the convict history of Cockatoo Island in the Harbour, listening to escape stories, exploring the sheds and tunnels on the island and trying our hardest not to lose an eye to the nesting seagulls that were EVERYWHERE and way worse than the magpies we get here.

The afternoon of day 3 saw us head to Bondi Beach for a few hours; everyone was thrilled to meet the Bondi Rescue guy in the ATV with the megaphone who helpfully re-enforced the meaning of the big yellow dangerous current signs directly in front of our group. We were then helpfully directed to down the beach where we could have a paddle in safety between the flags.

Our final day in Sydney was a travel day for us as we made our way to the airport and as we checked in discovered they had given our previously reserved seats to others. They managed to get almost everyone on the flight, leaving Lou to have a very peaceful sleep all by herself on the next flight home.

Thank you to all of our students who participated so keenly in this experience; we genuinely hope that there were new, exciting and valuable learning experiences in it for you all.

